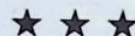


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## Lady Small Haven

Plans have just been put on display of a new 46 bed Nursing Home at **Lady Small Haven**. The Haven, as it is affectionately known, is located at Benowa on the Gold Coast in Queensland, just inland from Surfers Paradise.

The Haven had its beginning in the mind of the late **Sir Bruce Small**. He desired to have something which would honour his wife, **Lady Lillian Small**. Sir Bruce Small, one time Mayor of the Gold Coast and also a member in the State Parliament, looked around for someone to fulfil his dream.

He had been impressed with the dynamic development of aged care work by the **Churches of Christ in Queensland** and gave them the 10 acre site on which the Retirement Village now stands.

In 1977 the first stage of the new Retirement Village was opened which consisted of a white rambling structure that gives a sense of privacy to every room. Its rambling nature gives interesting vistas from each window. Along with the first stage 50 bed hostel were built 6 resident funded units for independent living.

At present a second major stage is being developed — an additional 36 self-contained units. This new unit development called "Les Maisons" has a distinctly French flavour with cast aluminium railings and in the centre a Gazebo on top of which will be a red rooster wind cock. The whole is to be set in heavily landscaped gardens and as well there is a good provision of lock-up garages.

These units, available on a resident funded basis, have two bedrooms, kitchen, laundry, bathroom and a spacious lounge dining room. The units are available from \$37,000. A recent announcement of an impending shortage of units on the Gold Coast will mean that the new units will help to meet the demand. Plans are also being drawn up for a further stage of resident funded units. On-going care is also available because nearby is the **Golden Age Retirement Village** with its Nursing Home.

Now with the prospect of Government funding for a Nursing Home on the Lady Small Haven campus on-going care will soon be available on the spot.



Lady Small at Lady Small Haven

The new Nursing Home is designed on a two corridor model with services in the centre and will feature some concepts that were seen by the architect, **Don Cranston** when he accompanied **Don Stewart**, the Director of the Churches of Christ Social Service Department on a recent overseas study tour to see what was being done in aged care. The activities hall and the landscaped internal courtyards as well as the hospice unit are some of the outstanding features.

Accelerating the development of the Haven still more has been the indication by the Commonwealth Government that it will provide subsidy for the building of 20 studio units as well. These units, 14 lower floor and 6 second floor (with ground level access) will blend delightfully into the whole setting. The studio units are bed-sitter units and will help with the provision of a variety of types of accommodation to meet the varying needs of people.

**Don Stewart**, Director of the Churches of Christ Social Service Department said that when Sir Bruce Small's dream was complete there would be a delightful retirement village providing for the needs of aged people. The total cost is expected to be in excess of \$4 million.

## Second Protestant Church opened in Peking

A second Protestant church has been opened in Peking, the New China News Agency reported recently at the close of a congress of the Protestant Churches' Patriotic Committee held in Peking.

The Government recently announced that all religious buildings will be returned to their churches, except those now used as factories or schools.

A second Catholic church was opened in Peking just before Christmas last year. — Chinese Around the World.

## Bibles to Eastern Europe

A total of 352,000 Bibles were distributed in Eastern Europe last year. This figure is almost double that of 1979 and represents a growing demand for the word of God in the communist bloc countries. This achievement was only made possible through a contribution of \$665,300 by the **United Bible Societies**.

**Czechoslovakia** recorded the most spectacular increase with Bible distribution up from 21,000 in 1979 to 131,000 in 1980. The publication of the new interconfessional translation of the Czech Bible and an import of 65,000 Bibles into Slovakia were the major factors behind the rise. Also, the Roman Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia recently received permission to print 100,000 copies of the new interconfessional Czech Bible.

For the first time the UBS was able to help the **Bulgarian Orthodox Church** by supplying enough paper to print 30,000 Bibles. Scripture distribution continued in other Eastern Europe countries with a consistent increase in **Poland**.

## Bible Verses on Milk Cartons

**G. Gustafsson**, Professor of Sociology of Religion in Lund, predicts that Sweden will be completely secularised in 20 years. He states that less Christian education is being given in schools and that Swedish society is ignoring Christian activities. The Church (95% Lutheran) has documented a drop in the number of people taking part in its activities. Some church leaders have proposed two ways to increase church effectiveness and knowledge of the Bible: 1) close half of the churches to free pastors for evangelization, and 2) put Bible verses on milk cartons which go to every home.

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# ON MY MIND

The Church is Bigger than I am  
— or Anybody Else I Know

Ed. W. Roffey.

Ed Roffey graduated from the College of the Bible in 1941 and Melbourne University 1949 serving in the Y.M.C.A. (R.A.A.F.) and churches in W.A. (short term), Victoria and NSW between those years. He was part-time honorary lecturer at the Woolwich Bible College for 15 years and became Head Teacher of English for the N.S.W. Department of Technical Education before his return to pastoral ministry at Lane Cove. In Victoria he later ministered at Ivanhoe and Blackburn and honorarily as Federal Conference Secretary. Since 1974 he is Secretary of the S.A. Conference and currently is also a Vice-President of World Convention of Churches of Christ.

The importance of the individual? Yes, of course. We have needed that emphasis which has been made both for better and for worse in the past few decades.

A number of years ago I had a hurt in church work and particularly about some of the aspects associated with the way it happened. It is all but forgotten and certainly the details are. For me the experience became healthy and has, I am quite sure, contributed to some growth.

## The Church is Bigger than Me!

I thank God to-day that when I was at the rather natural point of fighting back there came to me with clarity and conviction the thought — "The Church is bigger than me!"

Amongst the early sermons I could turn up, if they did not go with the first lot ever to be burned a few years ago, I could find a different emphasis. I remember sermons where I was at pains to apologise for the church and to contrast its frailties with its Lord. It took me a long time to say that I love the church in spite of all its human imperfections. A polar star for me now is "Christ loved the church and gave himself for it."

Before I could come to this underlying philosophy I had first to discover and experience in theology and fellowship the whole church of God. An absolute loyalty to a fragmentation of the church can shrink the soul.

## I Love the Church

I love the church in all of its manifestations. There is no church that does not have its base in worshipping, witnessing, serving communities. But not all the New Testament language about the church and its mission in the world can be identified with one congregation in one time in one place.

In my present work there arise from time to time, issues about which we need to agonise and seek to know the Will of God, I do not pretend to overcome all the problems or to have a hot line which can be used to say "This is the will of God in this situation". And I am extremely suspicious about the validity of such claims others may make. But my heart bleeds when individuals in self aggrandisement, self justification, self delusion or self defence in reaction to hurts cannot say "The church is bigger than I am." This is the road to health both for the individual and the community.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation evermore. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20,21. NEB.)

## Tubingen

### Don Stewart

Tubingen is a beautiful south German town 40 minutes by train from the home of Mercedes Benz in Stuttgart. Building restoration is revealing the beauty of the old town. Its narrow cobbled winding streets, its castle and its hills all set delightfully beside the Neckar River make it a very interesting place for any tourist.

### A University Town

But Tubingen — shortly to celebrate its 900th birthday — is important for another reason. It is a university town which has played an important part for centuries in the theological thinking of the church.

My visit to Tubingen was specifically to spend some time with the members of the **Christian Congregation** and to understand something more of the work of the "Institute for the study of Christian Origins" located at Wilhelmstrasse 100.

### Our American churches and Tubingen

The Christian Congregation and the Institute are the result of work by some members of our American churches through the **European Evangelistic Society** in Aurora, Illinois.

Perhaps no country has produced such a volume of theological writing that has had an impact around the world as has Germany. Volumes from the pens of German theologians can be found on bookshelves of almost every minister of religion in Australia and almost any other country around the world.

The Institute, designed to promote Christian theological thinking at a scholarly level is in a strategic position to influence thinking in the theological world. Leading German and British theologians have visited the Institute and to a greater or lesser degree have been influenced by the positions presented by the Institute.

### The Christlichen Gemeinde

The "Christlichen Gemeinde" or Christian Congregation exists beside the Institute as a warm living example of the practical application of New Testament Christianity. In this way they are able to back up the work of the Institute. The congregation have their own minister, **Werner Hausen** who was formerly a minister of the Evangelical Church of Germany (the State Church) and was educated in the Evangelical Faculty of the University of Tubingen.

### Other Christian Work as well

Not only is the involvement of the congregation important theologically but as well, two members of the congregation, **Arthur and Brigitta Thomas** (Arthur is an American who has settled in Germany) have been working with the residential care of children and have been involved in developing new concepts for this work which is being spread to other parts of Germany as well.

This Churches of Christ venture in ministry could well prove to be one of the most important moves made this century because of the possibility of disseminating those concepts that made us a people.

## Ordination at District Sunday in New Zealand



John Fulford, Allan Moore, Philip Langford and Max Jeffries ordaining David Prestidge to the ministry.

### Progress at Lower Blue Mountains

As from Sunday April 19 a communion service is to be held each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. at the **Community Hall, Browett Park, Home St, Faulconbridge**. Services will continue as usual at **Blaxland**.

The church is anxious to contact people living in the area and would appreciate details of such people. This could be done by contacting **Ken Mason** at 74 Boorea St, Blaxland, N.S.W. 2774 or by phoning (047) 39 4325.

### Alcohol Excise

The Australian Hotel Association is campaigning to fight forecast excise increases on beers and spirits. People for Alcohol Concern and Education (S.A.) are vigorously opposing this campaign.

Firstly, alcohol is a drug, 'Australia's major drug of abuse.' (Senate Report 1977). Its use causes a wide variety of health and social problems to both the user and the community.

World authorities agree the best way governments can lower alcohol consumption is to increase the excise duty. Australians consume on average 1000 glasses of beer yearly for each man, woman, and child. That is three glasses per day per person. That is not moderate drinking.

We believe the alcohol industry should be a no growth industry in view of the social and health problems its use causes.

We support the idea of taxing beer and wines according to their alcoholic content. This would make low alcohol beers cheaper and more competitive to higher strength beers.

World studies reveal excise collected is only a fifth of health and social costs caused by alcohol intake. We believe the half million dollar campaign by the A.H.A. would be better spent into a research program to look at the cost benefit analysis of alcohol.

— John Williams — Executive Officer

A highlight of the **District Fellowship Sunday** at **Nelson (N.Z.)** on March 8 was the ordination of **David Prestidge**. David is the new minister at **Takaka** and **Bainham** churches. He recently qualified at the **College of the Bible** in Melbourne where he has been studying for four years. He and his wife **Barbara** and children **Deborah, Janette, Craig** and **Andrew** went from the **Motueka** church to Australia.

A total of 540 from all of the 10 churches of the district attended the gathering which was held in the large **Trafalgar Centre**.

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# SA

**GAWLER** (R. L. Oke). Harvest festival goods forwarded to St George's Rest Home ... E.W.F. had Helen Ragless, Rotary exchange student to Japan, to speak ... Training class being conducted ... S.S. picnic held on Wasleys Oval.

**PORT LINCOLN** Surge of new decisions and rededications. Four Home Caring Fellowship groups have commenced ... A.G.M. held. Dedication service held for Elders, Deacons, B.S. teachers and auxiliary leaders ... Kindergarten children took part in family service.

**NARACOORTE** (Ron Holmes). Carol and Hayden Francis farewelled prior to taking up ministry at Murgon, Qld ... B.S. and church held beach picnic at Kingston ... Women joined in Women's World Day of Prayer ... Harvest Thanksgiving service thank offering given to Aborigines Mission ... Youth group held weekend camp at Wellington and took part in evening service ... C.W.F. lunch heard of work of Overseas Committee women from Adelaide. Bordertown also invited ... Cliff Jones spoke at midweek meeting on work among Aborigines.

**STRATHALBYN** (Herb Prime). "The New Connexions" group of 50 Y.P. featured at S.D.C. rally. Dr Joe Lindsoe speaker at both meetings ... Eight Y.P. received into membership ... Young adults took evening services at Strathalbyn and Milang ... Two leaders and Grades 5-7 children led evening service ... Harvest Thanksgiving goods taken to St Georges Rest Home.

# VIC

**BELMONT** (B. K. Ryall). Puppet group production for Christmas. A follow up production for Easter is underway ... Four home Bible study groups operating ... Team of 15 visitors involved in Undershepherd Plan ... All age Christian Education night held as a Family Fun Night ... Square dance run by cricket teams ... Weekly newsheet now called "Community Contact" and being posted to 200 families ... Dr Tony Hall selected for a Rotary study exchange to U.S.A. for six weeks.

**ECHUCA** (A. Symes). Barbecue night held at John and Gail Middleton's farm ... Northern District Conf. had speakers Keith and Frances Pitt, Yarrawonga ... Men's Fellowship held rally. Speaker Greg Deuble, Shepparton ... 13 hour prayer vigil held ... Play group now meeting twice weekly.

**DANDENONG** (W. J. Edwards). Minister returned to preaching. Farewells to Peter Rama Rau who concluded six months interim ministry and also to Lucille and Paul Nicholas who have gone to Bangkok for three years ... Harvest thanksgiving proceeds to C.O.B. ... Deeper Life Mission conducted by Bill Marshall ... Bruce and Sandra Anderson returned to Roeburne, W.A. ... C.W.F.

visited Oakleigh Guest Home and took service ... Sympathy to Wynne Brough on death of father ... Teacher Dedication service held ... Explorers held father and son camp.

**RINGWOOD** (S. and K. Ludgater). Kerygma Bible Study Course commenced ... Minister invited to attend Asian Christian Conf. in Bangalore in May as Aust. C. of C. rep. ... Tennis club fair raised \$1,620 ... Family camp at Rosebud ... Special youth night featured Covenant Players ... "Getting to Know You Better" house parties held throughout March ... Focus on the family series held in conjunction with Community Centre ... Ringwood Inter-church Council held Sunday afternoon service ... Recent speakers - Ron McLean, Doug Goins, Lance Fisher and Ian Webber.

**BERWICK** (D. McLeod, N. Bunch). Six weeks of fellowship teas followed by elective studies in Discipleship, Christian Family, Ephesians and Children's Study ... Children's Choir participated in evening service on story of Moses ... Two baptisms ... Special project department launched to make chapel debt free ... Sugar and Salt presented musical at Red Hill ... John Marshall, Sugar and Salt and ministers led service on beach at Cowes for 1,500 Rotarians ... Elderlies (Keenagers) day trip to Philip Island.

**HORSHAM** (Wally Gibney). George Napper, Home Director of International Christian Fellowship, spoke at all services ... Y.A.M.S. met regularly ... C.W.E.F. had Carole Meyer speak on her stay in Nepal ... Ladies attended Women's

World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army ... Ladies travelled to Ararat to hear Helen Banks, President C.W.F.

# QLD

**ACACIA RIDGE** (V. G. Boettcher, M. J. Gibson, Julie Smith). Girls' Brigade and S.S. have increased enrolments ... 100 present at Girls' Brigade parade ... Youth exchange with Kingaroy ... Youth conduct evening service on first Sunday of each month ... Visiting speakers recently: Noel Newton - Southport, Keith Bricknell - Bible Society and Miss Aileen Draney - missionary P.N.G. accompanied by Mrs Grace Waterman and Mrs Win Beale. Mr Bricknell screened film after fellowship tea ... Chapel piano overhauled ... Letter drop of 1,000 planned for Easter.

# NSW

**PENDLE HILL** (Ron Bassett). A.G.M. again decided to hold Temple Day appeal first Sunday in November. Plans for outreach of S.S. into Greystanes area underway with Ed DeRidder as Super ... An E.W.F. commenced and regular cricket and soccer parades are planned ... Working bee for church grounds ... Ron Hewitt presented trophies at cricket parade.

## PARTNERSHIP IN INDONESIA WORKERS NEEDED

On behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ, the Federal Overseas Mission Board continues to financially support the Institute Oikumen Indonesia in its leadership training programs.

With the approval of Federal Conference the Board now wishes to extend its involvement in Indonesia by sending two married couples who will work in partnership with the American Churches of Christ/Christian churches in establishing a program for the training of Indonesian pastors.

The board, therefore, is seeking applications from Bible College graduates with initiative and leadership qualities and a gift for Bible teaching to minister in Indonesia.

If you have the required qualifications and after prayerful consideration would like to make further enquiries or offer for missionary service in Indonesia, please write to:

**Ron McLean, Executive Director,**

**Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board,  
P.O. Box 320,  
Unley, South Aust. 5061:**

# NT

**DARWIN** (P. DeWildt). Number of families spent night in cyclone shelter in the wake of cyclone Max. No damage done ... Church land cleared in anticipation of building commencement ... Asian woman baptised ... S.S. and Explorers growing ... Five teach R.I. to 250 children at Malak Primary School opposite church land ... Church responded to National Call to Prayer with half day of prayer in half hour slots ... Six neighbourhood Bible studies including a lunchtime study in Admiralty House.

# OLD

**IPSWICH** (B. A. Rice, C. O'Dempsey). "Amazing Grace" Crusade conducted by Bill Gaunson concluded with thanksgiving dinner attended by 210. 28 made decisions during crusade with a further 10 making re-dedications. Excellent co-operation within church contributed towards success.

# WO

**ARMADALE, KELMSCOTT** (D. Nelson). Grant Ramsey, Jack Bond and Ralph Mitchell preached during January ... Attendances increasing ... New building nears completion. Official opening end of April ... Six baptisms conducted in the pool at the home of W. Jefferies ... Ralph and Irene Mitchell, W.E.C., preparing to return to Indonesia after six months furlough ... Deacons held program retreat at Kum-Ba-Yah ... Number of men supporting work of the Christian Businessmen's Committee in local area ... Increased numbers in Y.P. group ... Prayer breakfasts regular function in members' homes.

**SOUTH PERTH** (K. Denton, B. Eagles). Five day missionary convention with J. K. Bond and R. Mitchell resulted in 19 commitments for full-time service and faith-promise pledges of \$39,856 ... Midweek meeting now transformed into Christian Training Centre with five groups in various parts of complex under different teachers. Attendances averaging over 100 ... Church saddened by death of Phil Byers ... Ministers involved in promotion of Explo '81 ... Eight made decisions in March ... Family camp at Serpentine March 27-29. Leroy Randall, Scarborough, led on Prayer.

**RIVERVALE** (B. Thygesen). Bus ministry commenced for all auxiliaries ... S.S. numbers increasing ... Youth group camp at Toodyay ... Men had overnight fishing trip to Coogee Beach ... Ladies outreach dinner catered for 58 ... Coffee and counselling now provided at Op Shop ... 12 attended C.W.C. at Orange Grove ... Telephone prayer chain now operating ... Three commitments and one re-dedication ... Three K.Y.B.

groups now meeting ... Four training for Explo '81 leadership.

**MANDURAH** (Martin Suter). New manse opened by incoming Conf. Pres. Robert Taylor. Mandurah Ministers Fraternal involved in opening service. Fellowship in manse followed service ... Weekly men's meetings for Bible study and fellowship operating this year ... Scripture classes taken in three primary schools by members of fraternal and their assistants.

# VIC

**GLEN WAVERLEY** (R.B. Elbourne, K.R. Milne). Half-yearly business meeting followed church luncheon ... Ian Tippet guest preacher and led Church Growth Seminar on Brotherhood Day of Prayer followed by chain of prayer in hourly sessions during afternoon ... Basketball No. 1 ladies premiers in A grade ... Junior Good Companions spent weekend at Monbulk ... "Youth Yak" held regularly for C.Y.F. ... Montclair Manor dinner dance held.

**PRESTON, EAST PRESTON** (J. Manallack, C. Jones). 180 attended morning service on 70th anniversary. Ron Brooker guest speaker. 160 stayed for luncheon and 85 present at historical presentation in afternoon ... Youth group went on Land Rover weekend with Eric Best ... C.W.F. heard Ross Heathcote on miniature roses.

**SUNSHINE** (F.B. Alcorn, G. Payne). Guest speakers — Ron Willis, R.B.M.U., Peter Rullman, Boat ministry Indonesia, Maidstone Camera Club ... Youth group letter dropped 2000 homes in Glengala ... Church picnic at Brimbank Park after morning worship ... Dave Watt speaker at C.M.F. tea ... Women's World Day of Prayer held in chapel ... B.S. saved 10,000 stamps and sent to Bible Society with \$100 ... Geoff Payne welcomed as student minister ... Elaine West on Candidates Course with W.E.C. in Sydney ... Literature stand started with books and cards for sale ... Verna Cordy elected to board ... St Albans Uniting held baptism in chapel ... B.S. teachers led in commissioning prayer during worship ... C.W.A.F. street stall raised \$230.

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World C.W.F. was officially inaugurated at a special meeting of 3,000 women at the World Churches of Christ Convention at Toronto in 1955.

Its purpose is to "provide a channel through which all women members of Churches of Christ may be joined in fellowship, and by prayer, study and service may make a contribution to the extension of the Kingdom of God."

### REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs Freida Reid, Jamaica, is President, Mrs Marjory Blampied N.Z. is Vice-President, and Mrs Fran Craddock, U.S.A. is Secretary. Argentina, Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Jamaica, Mexico, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, United States, and the Republic of Zaire have appointed representatives, and India, Japan, Philippines, and Thailand have Ecumenical representatives.

### NEWSLETTER

A World C.W.F. Newsletter is circulated twice a year, each group receiving a copy. Short biographies of Officers and Representatives are given, and women's activities in various countries are reported. In the December issue, monthly Prayer Topics with brief reading and prayer for private or group devotions, are printed. The 1981 theme for these is "Using our Hands in God's Service", written by Mary Barr of Great Britain, and could be used for a brief "spot" at each meeting. A Birthday program prepared by women of one country appears in the June issue, and can be used in groups or Church service.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Groups in each country contribute \$2 a year to W.C.W.F. This contribution goes to U.S. to defray the cost of the Newsletters and to the local Travel Fund for the Representative's expenses to World Convention. At the Honolulu Convention we were asked to raise our contribution from \$1 which we had been giving for 25 years.

### "SECOND MILE" GIVING

is the World C.W.F. Project which lasts from one Convention to the next. The Project for 1980-1984 is "Land and Food for the Caribbean." This project, developed by the Caribbean Council of Churches, aims to bring back into production idle lands owned by the Church and will ensure that small farmers have use of adequate land for food for their own use and for export.

### PRAYER SPOT

We are asked to share in daily Prayer for our sisters, throughout the world, in W.C.W.F. Prayer Spot at 9 a.m.

Alice Saunders. W.C.W.F. Representative.

# Today's women

## Think about It

PSALM. 37:7. "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him" . . . wait patiently for Him to WORK, and to answer prayer. We hinder God's action when we are too impatient. . . we tend to agitate and butt in. "WAIT PATIENTLY."

## Sing-a-long

If you have a "Sing-a-long" here are some tips for the song leader.

1. Be thoroughly familiar with the words and music of the hymns to be sung.
2. Confer with the pianist or organist before the meeting, to ensure she is familiar with the music.
3. Start on time, and conclude within the time allotted to you.
4. SMILE! Assume a comfortable, upright, relaxed posture. If you find you become breathless while conducting, take a deep breath before speaking. A moment's pause is preferable to breathless talking.
5. Remember you are the song leader, and not the speaker!
6. Use conventional conducting patterns. The audience and accompanist are looking to you to lead, so be definite about commencing a verse or a line, and concluding it.
7. Give any instructions clearly, and repeat them, e.g. "Those on this side will sing the second verse, and those on that side will sing the third verse. We will all sing the first and fourth verses . . . This side will sing verse two, and that side will sing verse three."
8. Select hymns with varying "moods" to add colour, but keep this part of the program bright. This session sets the tone for the meeting to follow.

June Younger, Tas.



## Calvary

Were you there at Calvary when they crucified the Lord?

Did you stand there in silence at the thorns and cruel sword?

Did you cry with the women, or watch the soldiers dice?

Did you scoff with the crowd at the Man Jesus Christ?

Did you go with the Marys when the grass was wet with dew?

Or deny with the disciples the Friend they loved and knew?

The tomb is now empty; we're free, and we're forgiven;

Go tell the world then that Jesus Christ is risen.

Pat Kerr. A.C.T.

## VICTORIA

The Resource and Development Committee of the Vic-Tas. C.W.F. are pleased to announce the release of four Bible Studies, compiled and written by George Warren, Ian Tippett and Jeff Deuble of the M.E.D. Department.



## "God created all things good"

For 15 years oil painting has been my hobby. It has enabled me to befriend many more people outside the Church Family than would otherwise have been possible.

### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

Living in Sunraysia and Tasmania has given me a vast amount of subject matter. The greatest beauty lies off the beaten track. Many have been the breathtaking views enjoyed, as with family and friends I have ventured off the known path and clamboured up to a rocky summit. Some of the blessings God gives are found after we have followed His leading "off the beaten track" and been adventurous in Christian living and witness.

### COLOUR MIXING

is always a fascination. The use of only primary colours would be dull and uninteresting for landscaping. It is in the blending of these colours that there comes adventure, endless surprises, even mystery. When I began to paint, I endeavoured to highlight brilliant sunshine without the use of shadow. I found this could not be done. The stronger the sunlight, the deeper the shadow. Life is always an intermixture of happiness and sorrow, joy and pain, sunshine and shadow.

### THE UNKNOWN

From studying the work of painting masters I have discovered that paintings which move us, are those which leave something to the imagination. God works that way. He sees fit not to tell us everything. There is benefit in the unknown, it adds to the depth and richness of life.

The ability to transpose onto canvas what is seen with the eye is an ability which grows with constant use. The end result always leaves me very humble, for the beauty of God's world can never be copied or captured. If the paintings I create enable others to know more surely that "God created all things good," then I am content.

Glenys Hamilton, Tas.

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M. Bismire.

# MUSTARD SEEDS

BY ALAN AUSTIN

Larry had never done well at the country primary school he attended. So Tech. was, understandably, something of an ordeal. With a lot of effort he managed to scrape through to form three. Here, except for Sheet Metalwork and Phys Ed, he was just not keeping up.

Fortunately a friend was able to arrange an apprenticeship in Melbourne which was ideal . . . Until the boss had an accident and the business closed.

In Larry's trade there were around 15 young men seeking apprenticeships for every vacancy and, well, without Third Form the chances were not good . . . Even with a pretty good reference.

Larry, now sixteen, gave up on the apprenticeship idea. He'd do anything. And in fact did get a job for a while under the SYETP scheme. After four months, however, when the Government subsidy expired, Larry was no longer cheap labour and was laid off.

Still, he now had two good references, so attacked the task of tracking down a vacancy — any vacancy — with enthusiasm . . . Well, with as much enthusiasm as a twice-retrenched, semi-literate 16-year-old without Form Three can be expected to have.

After several months and countless knockbacks, Larry considered going home. But the job situation was even worse there. Besides, his parents had never hidden the fact that he was something of a disappointment to them, and they didn't get on too well with each other either.

There was nothing for it but to stay in the city, front at the CES every week and hope for the best. In a year's time, he'd remind himself, when he turned 18 things would improve. His benefit would go up from less than half the poverty line to almost two thirds!

Fortunately he had learnt something of the art of frugality at home and was

just able, by sharing a room with two mates from the footy club, to get by on the dole. A meal once a week with an aunt helped a lot.

He was also lucky in that his parents, though not able to support him at all, didn't need him to help them. And he's fortunate to be pretty handy with both feet so, in the winter at least, could derive some self-worth on the half back flank.

Most mercifully of all, Larry has not succumbed to the temptations of petty crime, alcohol or drugs. Yet.

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In Australia there are now literally tens of thousands of teenagers in situations similar to Larry's: some a little better, many much worse. Each year sees greater hardship, as living costs rise but the dole stays the same.

With unemployment benefits for under-18s jammed at \$36 per week since 1975 (13 percent of average earnings), surely our Government, so proud of its commitment to "the human dimension of the issues involved," could consider a modest rise.

Instead, the Government of this lucky, affluent, country is considering removing it altogether. Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs Mr Viner has suggested this may "increase opportunities available for under-18 year olds in education, training and employment." (The Age, 22 January 1981)

Mr Viner is arguing, in effect, that if the "option of unemployment benefits" is removed, teenagers will have to accept either "the option of getting a job or of continuing in training which will be helpful to them." If they can't do either, then that, presumably, is the parents' worry, not the Government's.



The problem, however, with this proposal is that our society today has neither jobs nor educational places for more than a small handful of the 50,000 or so under-18s on the dole.

Questions that must be answered are:

1. Where are the jobs for which these young people need better training?

2. Where are the tens of thousands of extra places in schools and colleges going to come from? A letter to *The Age* (16 Feb. 1981) instanced one college which could accept only 200 out of 600 qualified applicants for a tertiary orientation course.

3. What about those for whom staying on at school would be even more confidence-sapping than existing on the dole; or who leave because of family poverty?

4. What about school-leavers who leave home because of family breakdown or to chase jobs elsewhere?

5. Why, with over 400,000 people out of work do we continue to blame this massive social problem on the victims? The whole point of the present review, according to Mr Viner, is "to serve young people . . . by educating them to a stage at which they are qualified and motivated to find rewarding work".

By implication, the problem is that they are not educated or not motivated. That, in the majority of cases, is simply and demonstrably not true.

By all means improve our education system. And certainly let's encourage those who can provide for their under eighteens to do so, remembering that many families can't.

The advice to a national leader in Proverbs 31 reflects God's consistent message to those in authority: "Speak up for the people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. Speak for them and be a righteous judge. Protect the rights of the poor and the needy."

As this is written, the decision is still pending. There's still time for representations to be made to our members of Parliament.

English Expression was Larry's worst subject. So Larry won't be writing to Canberra. Someone else will have to speak up for him.

## JASON'S HOUSE

THERE MAY BE HARDSHIPS ON THE DOLE, LUKE, BUT REMEMBER, "THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST AND THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST..."

YEAH... TROUGH I'D BE QUITE HAPPY PERSONALLY...

...TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE BOTH WAYS...!



# JULY 18

July 18 is the date for 'The Special Outreach Issue of "The Australian Christian" being paid for by Christian Projects Limited, for the use of Churches for the outreach programs into the community.

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Churches are invited to write to us immediately stating their requirements and indicating to us how they propose to use them in their outreach programs to their immediate communities.

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## Break Down the Barriers

The Bible Society is making a positive contribution to the aims of the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP). A number of items have been produced to focus on the theme adopted by the IYDP Council, "Break Down the Barriers".

A full size poster reinforces this theme by visualising a person in a wheel chair confronted by a barrier of steps. The poster is supported by a leaflet which explains the various Scripture Selections produced for people with different disabilities. These materials include Braille Bibles, cassettes, large print and simplified Scriptures. They are expensive to produce and are heavily subsidised by the Bible Society.

Two Scripture Selections called "Why Me?" and "Trust Me" have been published to speak to the immediate needs of someone who has suffered a disability.

The Bible Society has also produced an audio visual called "Breaking Down the Barriers". The story of a blind girl and her relationships with other people underlines the objectives of this year.

# OPEN FORUM

Correspondents are requested to say only what is true, kind, necessary and Christian, and to say it in no more than 150 words.

## HOW AND WHY MR KUNG?

To the Editor,

I appreciated Alan Matheson's article ("A.C." March 21) "What Matters . . .?" for several reasons. Firstly, Alan points to the relative innocence — (I would suggest immaturity) — of our Brotherhood, as it has yet to face the imperative questions Kung discusses: Who are our leaders to be? What authority should they have? What place should the individual dissenter have? I have my own fairly firm views on these questions, but of course cannot enter into them in this context.

What I would say is that Hans Kung, from what I know of his beliefs and conduct, is a false leader. His statements — "It is not important what kind of Christology you have. What matters is belief in Jesus Christ" — are more than unhelpful. How, Mr Kung, and why, should we have a belief in a figure, the study of whose nature and status is "not important"? To know everything about Jesus Christ is impossible, but to affirm the possibility of a firm knowledge of him, to believe that he has revealed himself to mankind so that we may know God, is of utter importance. This is not a point of human arrogance, but of God's power of revelation.

— Lyn McCredden (Nth Fitzroy, Vic.)

## GLEN S. BROWN

To the Editor,

On March 26, 1981, Chaplain Glen Brown completed an 18 year ministry as a Chaplain with the RAAF. He served at Tottenham Vic., Woamera and Edinburgh, SA, East Sale, Vic., Darwin NT and at Amberley Qld. Back of all names of Bases are people to whom he ministered. During his Darwin posting of four years, Cyclone Tracy occurred on Christmas 1974. He and his wife, Hilda, gave themselves unstintingly to assist airmen particularly in repairing and re-roofing married quarters.

One Commanding Officer once described him. "He has a quiet pleasant manner behind a somewhat craggy exterior. A very solid old hand who understands people and their problems in the Service and works hard and effectively without fuss. He is interesting and easy to talk to; puts his wealth of experience to good use, and is always helpful and co-operative."

Having reached RAAF retirement age, Glen is to continue his ministry of service to and for people. He shortly takes up appointment as Associate Director of Churches of Christ in Vic.-Tas. Department of Community Care, and then on the retirement of the current Director — Fred Cambridge within 12-18 months he is to become Director.

— Geoff Crossman (Principal Air Chaplain).

## LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

### TAMPERING WITH GOD'S WORD (2 Cor. 4:2)

To the Editor,

The discussion was on homosexuality. John Fleming knows his Bible and quoted, "A homosexual shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." So that ended the discussion and we went on with something else. When I got home I looked up my concordance and sure enough he was right. Then I found myself looking up all of the others who are excluded from the Kingdom.

First there were the rich. Jesus said that they could no more get into the Kingdom than a camel could get through a needle's eye. I knew that it wasn't that bad for the poor rich people. I had heard of a gate in the Walls of Jerusalem called the "Needle's Eye Gate" that was hard for camels to squeeze through. And I had heard that the Aramaic words for cord and camel were the same and Jesus meant pushing a cord into the eye of a fairly big needle. I checked with our minister and he says there was never any such gate or word for cord.

It's strange isn't it that no one will tamper with the Word to help some poor old puffer into the Kingdom, but we'll fiddle with it to any extent to get the rich in (after all we need their offerings!).

I was feeling pretty smug, not being wealthy. Then I remembered that by Third World standards I am filthy rich. This disturbed me, but I went on with my research. I found that fornicators, pornographers, pervers, idolators, sorcerers, drunks and revellers cannot inherit the Kingdom, and fair enough too!

I should have stopped there. But I went on and discovered some more categories of people who are excluded. They are those who hate any one else, who dispute and quarrel, who get jealous or angry, who are selfish, and who complain, and those who criticise and envy other people. So it looks as though not one of us can inherit the Kingdom of God.

The exercise depressed me. Then I heard the wife quietly humming "Amazing Grace". For the first time I understood the bit about, "and saved a wretch like me."

Yours hopefully,  
TERTIUS

A Short Story **Angela**  
(or "Little Tentacles of Love")

**Graham Warne**

The baptism of Angela, at Wingham (N.S.W.) church was no ordinary affair! Rather, it was the culmination of many years of faithful caring and praying on the part of Wingham members. The real story began many years before.

**Angela Madeley**

When we were serving the Lord at **Banmatmat**, in Vanuatu, we were quite pleasantly surprised to receive letters from a young lass of 8 years called Angela Madeley. Despite her youth, she corresponded regularly with us, sending us news and photos of herself. The puzzle to us, however was how she came to have our name, for her address was an unusual place called Yarras. We had never heard of it, were unable to locate it on any map, and were quite sure that there was no Church of Christ there! From the postcode, we determined that it must be somewhere on the N.S.W. North Coast. We eventually proved to be correct!

**The Name Madeley Appeared**

Our term at Vanuatu came to an end, and we were led to minister with the churches of **Taroe** and Wingham. In order to get to know our new flock, we requested that all members complete an information sheet on themselves. It was more or less routine, but we were quite surprised to find that one very conscientious member not only gave us information about herself, but of her whole family as well! She was a grandmother, and had listed the names of all her children, married and all! There, to our amazement, appeared the name Madeley! Did she have a granddaughter called Angela? Yes indeed! Where was she now? We discovered that Angela had moved from Yarras to Garah, a sheep station some 40 km. north of Moree, in northern N.S.W. A more isolated and remote location could hardly be found anywhere.

**They Did Not Forget Angela**

However, our "Mrs Mac" and the church at Wingham did not forget Angela! They ensured that Angela was provided with Sunday School lessons, wherever she went. So, year after year, she had been supplied with materials. What a tremendous thrill it was for us all to receive a letter from Angela, now 15 years old, asking how she may receive Christ, and become a Christian. Furthermore, in the same letter stating that she would like to become a missionary!

**Grandma off to Garah**

Our indomitable octogenarian, Mrs Mac., immediately drove to Newcastle, some 200 kms, and caught a train to Moree, to visit Angela and counsel her! Not only that, she returned with Angela the following week, with the request that she be baptised in Wingham church! So on that Sunday evening was the thrilling climax of many years of faithful caring and nurturing of one of God's most isolated children.

It was a particular thrill to be able to meet Angela personally for the first time, and have the privilege of conducting her baptism. The baptismal service was one of real rejoicing, and many visitors present were quite overawed at the way God had worked in her life.

A Grandmother with a deep concern that her children come to know the Lord; a little church reaching out to an isolated pupil with "little tentacles of love"; and a young lass, with only the Bible as her guide comes to know the Lord!

**Casinos in the news again**

Casinos have hit the headlines again. The casino row in Victoria has seen the Liberal Party in Parliament digging its toes in against the desire of the Premier and Liberal Party leaders to clear the way for a Convention Centre and Casino. Now the Liberal leaders have encouraged Mr Hamer to have another go. A further complication was a split between Mr Hamer and Mr Smith, one of his leading ministers, on the issue. Both want a casino, but differed in ways and means of getting it. The split is healed but government credibility over the whole issue is dented.

**And now Queensland**

We hear now that Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen plans to beat Victoria to the post in attracting the lucrative trade in gambling tourists, and is encouraging the setting up of two or more casinos in the Sunshine State. Joh usually gets what he wants, so no doubt we will see casinos on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts.

**Churches of Christ and Casinos**

The recent Federal Conference of Churches of Christ resolved ... "That this Conference expresses concern at the continuing approaches to Federal and State and Territorial governments to expand gambling opportunities in the community. In particular, it urges governments to resist pressure to introduce or to provide additional casinos. Conference considers that more than adequate gambling facilities presently exist and any expansion of these activities through casinos will have further significant social consequences, e.g. impact on family life, debt structure, and the incidence of crime, drugs and prostitution in the community. Conference resolves that this expression of concern be drawn to the attention of the responsible ministers in the Federal, State and Territories governments."

**The Response from the Governments**

The Secretary of Federal Conference has made available to us the various replies to the Federal Conference resolution above. They are listed.

Federal Government: views noted and Minister for A.C.T. informed.

N.S.W. Government: views noted and will be borne well in mind.

Tasmanian Government: will be drawn to Premier's attention.

Northern Territory Government: Resolution noted.

W.A. Government: Government has no plans for introducing this form of gambling.

S.A. Government: Strongly opposes the introduction of both casinos and poker machines and congratulates the Conference on its stand.

Queensland Government: Resolution noted by Mr Bjelke-Petersen.

Victorian Government: No Reply.

**The Churches and Casinos**

In Victoria the churches have expressed themselves strongly against the casino proposal, and it is politicians in the

eastern suburbs where the churches are strongest who have so far been able to block a casino in Victoria. But protests and resolutions are not enough in the long run to swing public opinion, and thus the politicians against the establishment of gambling facilities of one kind or another. What are needed are concrete facts, convincingly presented.

The resolution above, passed at the last Federal Conference infers that the setting up of casinos has a bad effect on family life and the debt structure. It further infers that the incidence of crime, drugs and prostitution increases with casinos. All of this may very well be true. If there is substantial evidence of this it should be made public. Such evidence will sway the public much more than what are called in the press "protests by the wowsler element."

There is a casino in Hobart and there is one in Darwin. Surely the churches should be in a position to make an in-depth social survey to see if their claims can be backed by significant evidence. Most of us who are Christians are non-gamblers for distinctively Christian reasons, such as our stewardship and our freedom from cupidity. But we cannot expect a non-christian world to understand, let alone accept our standards. Only authentic, hard-headed facts concerning social damage from casinos in particular, here in Australia, will impress the public and their elected representatives. If the churches cannot or will not get these facts and publicise them widely they should hold their peace. — (Editor).

**Bill Glass Crusades**

**Albury-Wodonga and Goulburn Valley** Crusades for Christ with American Evangelist **Bill Glass** continue to be blessed.

The whirlwind visit of 15 days, culminating some months of preparation, resulted in over 450 people responding. Accompanied by **Bill Michael**, compere song leader and soloist, and **Bob Anderson**, musician, from America also assisting the team were local artists **Paul Thomas** of Sydney and **Vickie Watt** of Maitland. The Crusades were directed by **Ivor Jones**, N.S.W. Director of Campaigners for Christ.

A feature of the Crusades was the oneness of Christians from all the mainline denominations.

Another feature of both Crusades was the number of adults who responded. Families have been reconciled.

Immediately following the Crusade proper, a seven-week follow up program commenced. The Crusades do not officially finish until the conclusion of the follow up program during which time the inquirer is taken through the material and linked to the local church.

Interviewed on local T.V. and Radio stations and by the local press, the evangelist received very good media coverage. Schools were reached both by the evangelist and **Paul Thomas** and **Vickie Watt**.

— Worldwide Photos Ltd.

## Tribute to Geon Chae — Korea

— R.S.A. McLean

The Overseas Mission Board has received the sad news of the death of Mrs Geon Chae of the Korean Churches of Christ.

Mrs Chae visited Australia with her husband Dr Yoon Kwon Chae in July/August 1972. This was the first personal contact we had with representatives from our sister churches in Korea. The visit of the Chae's inspired the Australian churches to actively share as partners in their many and varied ministries, particularly the care of children. Geon Chae was a lovely, gracious Christian lady and her love for the Lord was an inspiration.

She stayed in our home for several days and four years later when George Mathieson and I visited Korea she returned the hospitality. We were overwhelmed by her kindness and were deeply inspired by her love and compassion for the Korean people particularly destitute children.

On behalf of the Australian Churches of Christ we send our deepest sympathy and uphold in prayer Dr Chae and the children in the Geon Christian Children's Home in their sorrow which we share with them.

Dr Chae in advising us of the passing of his wife wrote,

"Dear Mr McLean,

I am afraid that I have a sad news. My dear wife, Geon passed away. She had a stroke and massive brain hemorrhage. She fell on the Saturday night of February 28, she lost consciousness almost immediately after she was taken to the hospital, lived in the hospital for four days, but died in the evening of March 4. She is buried on the hill of Geon Christian Children's Home. She lived a full life. She was born in 1936 and born spiritually in her high school years. Her family was a strict Buddhistic family, and she suffered much persecution. She starved through High School, but kept her faith and advanced into a Bible College. My wife and I met in the church and we were engaged through five years of my study in the United States. We married in 1961 and we have been busy together in the Bible College, orphanage, correspondence school, churches and what not. She contributed her house when we started



Mrs Geon Chae with children at Geon Christian Children's Home, Seoul, Korea.

the Bible College and she sold her wedding ring when we needed to build some class rooms. Her work among the orphans was just marvellous. She gathered the homeless children from the streets and started to take care of them in our already crowded house (we were living in a rented two room house then). Many of them were starving, almost naked and almost frozen to death. She slept with them, played with them, and she loved them. They grew up and now some are preachers, teachers and social workers. Last February 5 was our 20th wedding anniversary.

I really do not know how to keep on living and working without my best friend, partner, advisor and a wife! Our children have been crying so much that I don't know how to stop them... they are crying that they are orphans twice.

She cared for and took care of everyone around... Even in her last breath, she worried about my health.

Please pray for me and these children. In Christ, (Signed) Yoon Kwon Chae.

## New Chaplain for Community Care Homes

The Department of Community Care appointed a chaplain to Christian Guest Home, Emmaus and Churches of Christ Nursing Home on February 2, 1978. W. W. Saunders O.B.E. has occupied that position until he retired on March 31, 1981.

On Wednesday April 1, 1981 a Service of Commissioning was held at "Emmaus", Murrumbidgee. The service was under the leadership of F. M. Cambridge, Director of the Department. W. W. Saunders, the retiring chaplain, read the lesson.

The Director invited Reg. Hillbrich to the appointment and then presented him to the Chairman of the Department, Principal Air Chaplain G. J. Crossman, who

commissioned the new chaplain and introduced him to the residents and staff.

Directors of nursing, a representative of residents and patients together with departmental representatives extended the "hand of welcome and fellowship" to Mr and Mrs Hillbrich. The chaplain graciously responded to the welcome and presented a challenging message.

During the service appreciation was extended to the retiring chaplain, W. W. Saunders and his wife for their ministry to the homes during the last three years.

Mrs L. E. McIvor, a resident at Emmaus, provided the musical accompaniment for the occasion.

At "Fred Cambridge House," Northcote, W. T. Atkin, M.B.E. faithfully serves as chaplain.

## Project Madang Fair

— Dr Keith Crowley

On March 21, 1981, six months planning and effort culminated when 27 metropolitan and country churches pooled their talents and resources in a partnership enterprise. This took place at a Giant Fair held at the Marion (S.A.) premises and grounds, the proceeds of which, amounting to over \$7,000, have been given to the Federal Overseas Mission Board for use on the Madang Project.

The Fair was opened officially by C. L. Fitzgerald, Chairman, Federal Overseas Mission Board, and it was an excellent day. 1,600 people attended throughout the day, and the occasion was a real Brotherhood function. Various churches accepted responsibility for particular stalls, as follows: Cake (Croydon), Produce (Flinders Park/Torrensville), Devonshire Tea (Marion), Arts and Crafts (Marion), Garden (Forestville), Novelties and Aprons (Blackwood), Children's Clothing etc. (Noarlunga Centre), Trash and Treasure (Unley/Fullarton), Jar and Bottle (Edwardstown), Books (Cowandilla), Cool Drinks (Col. Light Gardens), Apple Products (Lenswood), B.B.Q. (Balaclava).

In addition, a Fashion Parade of frocks made from Indian fabrics in India by Indians was organised and presented by Mrs Edda Thomas, and R. Skewes (Cheltenham) was fully employed providing rides for the children on his miniature train.

Other churches who contributed goods for various stalls included Murray Bridge, Hampstead Gardens, Brooklyn Park, Brighton, Maylands, Aldgate Valley, Elizabeth, Queenstown, Henley Beach, Kensington Park, Cheltenham, Gookwa and Victor Harbour.

The whole operation was one of happy enthusiastic co-operation by stronger churches in S.A. working in partnership, in the New Testament tradition, to help younger and weaker churches in Papua New Guinea.

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# BOOKS TO READ

## HE IS THERE AND HE IS NOT SILENT

by Francis Schaeffer (Hodder and Stoughton) \$2.95

This is a paper back of one of the more recent books of Francis Schaeffer of L'Abri. Its message is summarised in a parable at the end of the book. A party of climbers in the Swiss Alps are on the shoulder of a peak when the fog sets in and the mountain begins to freeze them to death. A climber finds himself on the edge of a cliff. There may be a ledge a few feet down or the drop may be thousands of feet. He is assured by the guide that if there is a ledge he would be sheltered enough to survive the night. To drop over would be a blind leap of faith. But a voice comes through the fog saying, "You cannot see me, but I know these mountains. If you drop over the cliff you will fall onto a ledge and survive." The climbers ask him questions and check his credentials, seeking assurance. Satisfied, they jump. This faith is not the blind leap of faith into the unknown, but a leap made because "one is there and he is not silent."

The book looks at the major philosophies of the modern world in the light of the Christian philosophy of a God who is there and speaks. Those who have studied a little philosophy will find it fairly easy reading. Others will need to work at it, probably involving two readings. But it is worth it.

## KNEE EXERCISES

Compiled by William J. Krutza (Baker) \$3.50

An excellent collection of 12 articles on prayer. These articles were nearly all published in magazines or as chapters of books. Each chapter has a series of discussion questions following it which makes this excellent for a discussion group and as each chapter is only about 10 pages in length they are not too long for group study. This book contained some of the best and most practical and realistic discussion on prayer that I have read. Thoroughly recommended.

## I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH

by David Watson (Hodder and Stoughton)

Part of the 'I Believe' series this book looks at the topic of the church. David Watson first looks at the church as people see it and as Christ sees it. The second section looks at the nature of the church. Here such topics as the kingdom of God, the people of God, the body of Christ and the bride of God are examined. David Watson then looks at the life of the church and examines such areas as worship, preaching, sacraments and leadership. He is concerned that we look at the Biblical understanding of the church and how this will refreshen our understanding and image of the church. David Watson comes from within renewal movement in the Anglican church and this emphasis comes through in this book.

## CREATIVE SILENCE

by Denis Duncan (Arthur James)

An exploration of the 'inner silence'. Here the author looks at Christian meditation and the way that this brings a person closer to the Holy Spirit. He calls for more silence in the spiritual life of the Christian. This then leads to a section on the fruits of the Spirit as they should be exhibited in the Christian. These fruits should be more visible because of the closer relationship with the Holy Spirit. There is an appendix giving a variety of meditations that an individual or group could use.

## GOOD MORNING LORD

Devotions for Men

by Lloyd Matteson (Baker) \$2.70

Devotions for Athletes

by LeRoy Patterson (Baker) \$2.95

Two collections of devotions based on a verse or two of scripture. These are part of a series for various groups of people. Each devotion includes a prayer and the books have about 30-40 devotions in each volume. Typically American especially in the athletics book.

## THE FIGHT

by John White (I.V.P.) \$4.95

An excellent clearly written book on the Christian life. He sees the Christian life in terms of a fight as the Christian struggles to continue in the joy of knowing what it means now that we have the knowledge that God loves us and has forgiven us. Starting from the new status before God John White looks at such topics as prayer, faith, changed relationships, guidance, holiness and deliverance as well as the power of the Evil One against us. Excellent material for new Christians and for old Christians to read again.

## MARRIAGE AS EQUAL PARTNERSHIP

by Dwight Hervey Small (Baker) \$3.50

A very good discussion of the marital roles of husband and wife based on the Biblical material. This book looks at the conflict between mutual servanthood and obedience. This discussion is based on the Ephesians 5:21-23 passage as well as Paul's other statements concerning male-female relationships in the new church.

This is one of the most balanced and informative discussions on this issue I have read. The author looks at other contemporary writers on this issue and brings out both their good points and the problems with their arguments. Recommended.

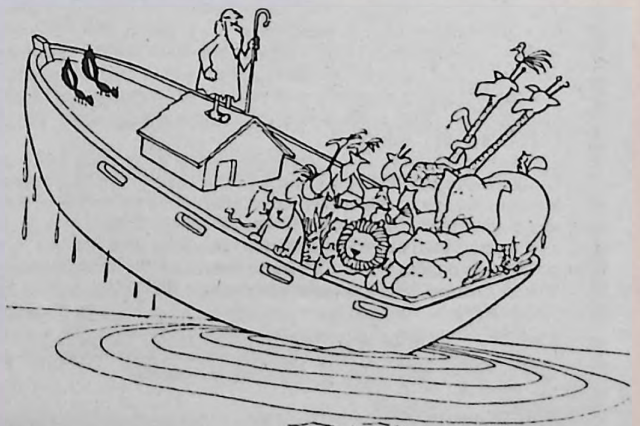
## THE PERFECT SHEPHERD

by John J. Davis (Baker) \$5.95

A study of the 23rd Psalm. The book consists of a series of chapters on each verse of this beloved Psalm along with introductions. Also helping in the presentation are a series of black and white photos that illustrate points that the author is making. Each verse is examined for both its message and application. Obviously the author has spent long periods of time with shepherds in the Middle East and this gives new insights to this familiar Psalm.

The two latest papers published by the Zadok Centre, 13 Edgar St., Ainslie, A.C.T. 2602 are very interesting. "The Australian Male: A Roadblock to Revival" by Dr Dean Drayton looks at the anti-church attitude of Australian males and some ways that we can reach these men. The second paper by Paul Mercer is an examination of the various models that could be used in looking at our aid to developing nations. This paper is titled "Australia and the Third World — A Christian Perspective". Both papers are very penetrating and thought provoking.

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.



# HAPPENINGS

The Melbourne City Mission's Central Administration has moved into a Uniting Church at 472 Nicholson St., North Fitzroy. Their present location is to be used for their hospice program which will be starting next month.

Jim Wallis, a founder of the Sojourners Fellowship, an ecumenical Christian community in inner-city Washington, D.C., U.S.A., is on a visit to Australia April 23-May 24.

The Tear Fund, an evangelical caring and relief organisation, is moving its national office in late May. The new office will be in what was previously the Christian education centre of the Hawthorn Presbyterian Church in Victoria.

Three new films on the situation of Aboriginal Australians are available from the A.C.C. The films are to assist churches to take up the challenge of the current national education program on Aboriginal Land Rights. The films are "On Sacred Ground", "Words and Deeds" and "A Matter of Identity".

A Sydney Anglican layman, Warwick Olson, has been elected International Chairman of African Enterprise, a

Christian organisation which has field offices in Kenya, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda, and support offices in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, West Germany and the United States.

The Church of North India has voted to approve the ordination of women to the ministry.

According to Billy Graham the phrase "born again" should be abandoned because it has become a cliché. He will now urge people to be "born from above".

Nepal's largest ever church crowd gathered last October. More than 1000 believers from six churches plus curious non-Christians, met for a joint worship service at the Kathmandu Rotary Club.

A missionary couple posted to Kabul, Afghanistan by the Finnish Lutheran Evangelical People's Mission were murdered in their bed on New Year's Eve by an unknown assailant. Their two children were unharmed.

An average of more than 3700 refugees a day fled from Afghanistan to Pakistan during February. The total number of refugees now

in Pakistan is 1.6 million. This number is expected to rise to 2 million by the middle of the year when the expected Spring offensive within Afghanistan gets underway.

At a recent aviation week Air Rally in New Zealand M.A.F. entered two planes. One crew won first prize and the other crew a special prize as they were doing so well (in first two places) until forced to divert because of bad weather.

Drought along the Thai-Burma border has left the local Karen tribal people without crops. World Vision will provide an emergency shipment of \$7000 worth of rice. The supply is expected to last about six months.

The need in famine stricken Karamoja, Uganda, is still critical. To meet the desperate need, World Vision has increased its aid to northern Uganda to \$200,000. The program, run in conjunction with the Anglican Church, now includes emergency feeding and an airlift of millet seed. The disaster is being prolonged because there is no seed to plant for future crops.

Catholic aid organisations sent \$118.2 million to fund 442 emergency and development programs in 94 countries during 1980.

Lilian Block, 72, editor-in-chief of the Religious News Service for 22 years died on March 21. R.N.S. is the principal source of religious news in the USA for most of the main religious publications and many daily newspapers.

The W.C.C. has issued an appeal for over \$1 million for the reconstruction of churches in Northern Vietnam. This follows a request from the General Evangelical Church of Vietnam for material and aid to reconstruct 20 churches.

A series of America for Jesus rallies to be held in the U.S.A. commencing in March. These are expected to climax with a second Washington for Jesus gathering in April next year.

Built at a cost of some \$10 million and paid for by Asian members, the first Asian temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been dedicated in Tokyo. The Tokyo temple is the first established by that church in a "non-Christian" nation.

# diary

- NATIONAL**  
 April 17, Good Friday.  
 May 24-30 Christian Literature Week.  
 28-June 7, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.  
 31 Asia Sunday.  
**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**  
 May 3, Christian Education Day.  
 9-16 Explo '81.  
**VICTORIA**  
 April 30-May 3 State Conference.  
 May 4-7 Ministers' Seminar.  
 8-24 May Vacation Camps.  
 10-16 Young People's Camp.  
 June 6, Department of Christian Union — Moth Ball.  
 6, Explorer Bushcraft Day.  
 7, Annual Offering — Department of Christian Union.  
 9, C.W.F. Welfare Day.  
 15, Social Event.  
 27, Young Adult Cabaret.

## Worship Seminar

The church at North Essendon (Vic.) assembled at 9.30 a.m. instead of the usual 11 o'clock. For an hour they asked themselves, "What is worship?" They looked at the place of the Lord's Supper in worship and the responsibility of both leader and worshippers. They saw the ways in which worship involves the two way rhythm of the worshippers' response (on the one hand) to the God who gives himself to receptive people (on the other hand). While they were doing this they were creating some parts of a subsequent worship service at 11.

A break for tea and fellowship at 10.30 preceded the worship service. The whole service was an exposition of what worship is, as the scriptures were related to the various aspects of it. Worshippers were reminded of ways in which singing, participation, reading, praying, listening and communion all provided opportunities for the voice of God to be heard, his presence felt, and his grace marvelled at, and opportunities for worshippers to respond to him their whole lives.

Lunch followed the service. After lunch until 3 p.m. there was a training workshop for readers and communion presidents.

All this was how one church sought to make the weekly corporate worship experience a valid and positive offering to God and at the same time an enriching experience for the congregation.

## OUR COMPETITION

"Youthleader" is published by The Joint Board of Christian Education. This is an excellent magazine especially designed for those involved in leadership in youth ministry areas of the church and for those involved in understanding issues in this area. Each of the four issues a year covers a theme in the general articles e.g. the first issue this year looks at relationships. There are a variety of articles that look at the issue from several viewpoints. As well there are four regular sections on camping, media, resources and program ideas that can be filed and are excellent source materials. Recommended to anyone in the youth area "Youthleader" costs \$8.00 for one year (4 issues) from The Joint Board of Christian Education, 5th floor, 177 Collins St., Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

"Buried History" is the newsletter of the Australian Institute of Archaeology which is published quarterly and costs \$5.00 a year. It can be obtained from 174 Collins St., Melbourne, Vic. 3000. This newsletter outlines some of the recent discoveries in archaeology that relate to the biblical material. This is at a basic level but it does give information to fuller sources for those with a real interest in this area of study.

Another publication of The Joint Board of Christian Education is "On the Move". This is also published quarterly and costs \$8.00 per annum from the above address. "On The Move" looks at issues and ideas in the areas of Christian Education and church worship. There are often suggestions for celebrating the special events on the church calendar well ahead of those events. Also information on using the Christian Life Curriculum more effectively in churches is included.

## BACK TO THE BOATS

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Peter said, "I'm going fishing."  
The others said, "We're going too!"

I have heard sermons that accused Peter and his friends of running away, and Jesus catching up with them to return them to the work of the Kingdom. The preachers usually suggested that the congregation on the run from responsibility should wake up and get back to their church work.

I do not believe that the preachers were right. I believe that the disciples went back to work because it was better than sitting round twiddling their thumbs and wondering what was going to happen next. And it was back at work that Jesus came to them. I believe this because he seems to come to me more often when I am busy on the job than when I stop and go looking for some cloistered experience of him.

### What Should They Do?

Jesus had appeared to the disciples twice. Mary had seen him. The two from Emmaus had come running to tell of their meeting with him. What should the disciples do now was the question. Every creaking board made them turn and look. Every moving shadow made them think it was he. Then Peter led them to do the only practical thing to do. "I'm going back to the boats," he said. They said, "So are we." And there it was that Jesus met them, at their work amongst the boats and the tackle and the fish.

### "Antagonistic Pots and Pans"

A busy housewife found him in her work. She had read, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Being something of a poet she wrote . . .

"I wrestle, how I wrestle through the hours.  
Nay, not with principalities and powers —  
Dark spiritual foes of God's and man's —  
But with antagonistic pots and pans;  
With footmarks in the hall,  
With smears upon the wall,  
With doubtful ears and small unwashed hands,  
And with baby's innumerable demands."

Then she sat for a while and remembered the risen Christ who was there to give strength and inner serenity while it was all going on. And she wrote further . . .

With leisured feet and idle hands I sat,  
I foolish, fussy, blind as any bat  
Stopped to listen and to learn, and lo  
My thousand tasks were done and better so."

### "Here from the World we Turn"!!

Fanny Crosby wrote the hymn, "Here from the world we turn, Jesus to seek." Fanny was one who certainly experienced the living Christ in her daily work, but her words can give us the wrong idea. He comes to us in the world from which Fanny would have us turn. It is in the world of work that he lives with us and works in us and with us and through us. When we turn from the world for a while to worship as the gathered church it is not to seek him, for he comes with us. The reality of his presence with the gathered community makes it easier to be aware of him in the world. Our experience of him in the world makes our communion with him in bread and wine more real.

### The House of the Lord

We talk of the church building as the Lord's house and expect to find him there. But life is going to be drab for six days a week if that is where we leave him until next Sunday. Every house is a house of the Lord for those who receive him into home and life. We call it the Lord's table, and so it is. But every table round which members of the family of God eat and drink is a table of the Lord, for he is there. We do not sing action choruses or wear badges that point to him "above the bright blue sky" for he is present with us and in us, as he promised (John 14:18-23; 15:5,6).

### "On a Day Like This"

Another housewife in the days before there were "all mod. cons." was also a poet of sorts and wrote . . .

"Sometimes when everything goes wrong;  
When nights are short and days are long;  
When washdays bring so dull a sky  
That not a single thing will dry;  
And when the kitchen chimney smokes  
And when there's nought so queer as folks;  
When friends deplore my faded youth  
And when the baby cuts a tooth;  
While John, the baby last but one  
Clings round my skirts till day is done,  
And fat, good tempered Jane is glum,  
And butcher's man forgets to come;  
Sometimes, I say, on days like this  
I get a sudden gleam of bliss.  
Not on some sunny days of ease  
He'll come . . . but on a day like this.

— (Editor)

# OBITUARY

Typed statements of not more than 250 words, recognising the work and witness of God's faithful servants are welcomed. They should be submitted promptly.

## BLUNDELL, Mrs Amy

(18.3.81). Amy was a kind and gentle person who had a concern for others. She bore much suffering and weakness with a remarkable patience and a cheerful spirit. She usually found something bright and encouraging in each situation. Amy was born in Adelaide 74 years ago. All of her business life was spent working with News Ltd., becoming secretary to the Advertising Manager. There she met her husband Bruce and they were married in 1940 by the late Wilf Nankivell in the Park St. church. For 41 years they had a devoted relationship. 28 years ago Amy was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis. She became considerably handicapped, the last 18 months being spent in hospitals and during the past few weeks she suffered two strokes. She came into membership of the Park St. church in June 1921. Amy was treasurer of both women's groups — for 20 years with the evening group and nine with the afternoon group. These positions were relinquished when her health began to fall. In these days of failing health her husband was constantly by her side. To him we express our deep sympathy.

— I. J. C.

## FOLLETT, William Alexander.

(4.2.81). When, in the Cheltenham chapel in January 1919, S. H. Mudge baptised the 12-year-old Bill Follett, there began a life of unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ. In 1928 he married Lois Roberts, of Mentone, and for 53 years their united Christian witness was an inspiration to the Cheltenham church and the community. Their home was blessed with four daughters, Coral (Mrs Prossor, Shepparton); Aileen (Mrs Field, Inverloch); Jennifer (Mrs Sheppard, Cheltenham) and Marion (Mrs Mundy, Swanpool). Bill and Lois rejoiced in 16 grand-children and 6 great-grand-children. At a Thanksgiving service in the Cheltenham church the writer delivered a eulogy calling to mind Bill Follett's life of impressive Christian service. Bill had been a Sunday School Treasurer for many years; a foundation member of the Tennis Club; a leader of the Boys' club (K.S.P.), a loyal member of the I.O. of Rechabites, and a deacon and Property Officer of the church. In addition to positions which he himself held he was a constant and self-effacing supporter of his wife in the many and varied offices which she held in the church and the community. Theirs was a happy and affective partnership. As true Christians, this couple were always willing supporters of every good cause in the Cheltenham-Heatherton district. Bill was a member, sometime President, and one-time Trustee in several community committees established for the expansion and development of the Heatherton area. He was a strong-minded person with clear convictions and high principles. He loved the church, her worship, her fellowship and her Lord. His loyalty, generosity and practical Christianity endeared him to those who were encouraged and inspired by his example. The congregation at Cheltenham

honours his memory and expresses its loving sympathy to his widow, her daughters and all the members of his family. A. E. White conducted the service of interment at at the Old Cheltenham Cemetery.

— Stanton Wilson.

## STUBBS, Florence

(25. 3. 81) Nine months ago Florence Stubbs suffered a stroke and was admitted to the Warracknabeal Hospital where she remained in a coma until her death. At the age of 10 Florence made her decision and was baptised at the Brim Chapel. For 65 years she was a faithful and loyal member of the church meeting in Brim, Melbourne and in later years in Warracknabeal. For years she taught as a Sunday School Teacher and held office in the C.W.F. where she remained active until her stroke. A private funeral service at the graveside was conducted by Jack Chivell. On the following Sunday a memorial service was conducted by Mr Marshall. She was a woman who loved the church, the Brotherhood and above all her saviour. To her daughter, Mrs Betty Liddle, and her family, the church expressed sympathy and christian love.

— R. Will Marshall

## VINCENT, Miss Marjory

(18.3.81). Miss Vincent never looked for prominence or waited for thanks. She was with us for almost 87 years. Her early years were spent in West Terrace and then later at Glenelg and still later at Victor Harbour. Returning to Adelaide in 1936 the family took up residence in Unley. She spent much of her life in caring for her family. Her younger brother Jim died last year and then she decided to enter the Portrush Road Rest Home. Her life came to a sudden and unexpected end on March 18. Along with other members of her family she was in membership at Grote St., Glenelg, Victor Park and finally at Unley. She was a good woman and a fine Christian example.

— I. J. C.

**Ready! Go!**



Chelsea (Vic.) leader W. Ackery coaches the Intermediate team during the Explorer Swimming Sports held at Nunawading on Friday night, March 13.

A crowd of nearly 500, represented 15 clubs from Melbourne and metropolitan churches, for this annual event of the Vic/Tas Dept. M.E.D.

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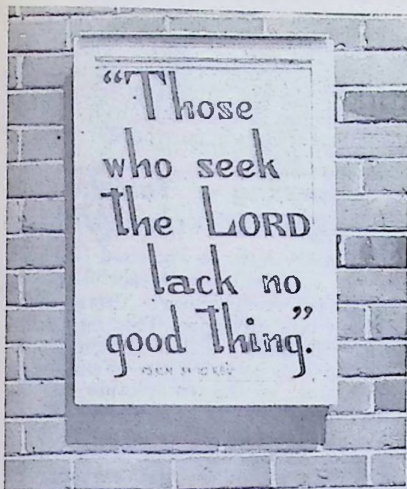
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## Queen's Badge Award



Left to right: — Mark Balke, Jonathan and David Shepherd.

After four years work, Mark, Jonathan and David have reason to be proud, having achieved the highest award attainable in Boys' Brigade, "The Queens Badge." They are members of 4th Toowoomba B.B.Coy. The Governor of Queensland, Sir James Ramsy presented the Badges at Government House.

This is not the ultimate in their lives — their aim is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom among boys and young men. For those who work in the ranks of Boys Brigade, it gives joy and satisfaction to see boys and young men make a commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ.

### Prayers for Chinese Christians

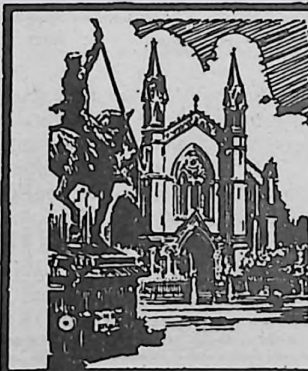
The Sunday before Pentecost Sunday (this year May 31) is observed by Christians in the Asian region as ASIA SUNDAY. This year churches are invited to participate in special prayers for the church in China on Asia Sunday. They are invited to

— thank God for the faithfulness of fellow Christians in China and for the new atmosphere of religious freedom in which

they may witness and worship;

— pray for gift of understanding and humility so that we can learn from them;  
— commit the church in China and the people of China to the God who revealed himself to all people in the healing and saving work of our Lord Jesus.

Prayers are also asked for the Annual Meeting of the Christian Conference of Asia in Bangalore from May 18-28.



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## Helping the Handicapped — Barry Jenkins (Ootacamund, India)

I had not set out, early in 1981, to find some handicapped people! They were easy enough to find! They lie, dismembered and blind, sometimes naked, across the pathways, forcing pedestrians to walk around them. Sometimes they come to the door and we give them bread. Sometimes we chase them (particularly one woman) off the church compound as they disrupt our fellowship after church services.

Naturally we try to see these people as Christ saw them. We try to greet them and smile at our fellow human beings. But we have heard so many stories about beggars with their children at university or owning land and houses!!

One blind man begs opposite the church — he is a Christian and gives generous handfuls of small coins into the offering.

In 1978 a local flash flood wiped out 68 houses in a village. Union Church in Ootacamund is seeking to follow up a relief program where Christians around the world helped by rebuilding a new housing colony, with a community development program.

A young man, Joshua Dhanabalan (Balu) has been appointed as Community Development Officer. In one of his first surveys of the village he discovered two young three year old boys paralysed from the waist as a result of polio. We thought that we would show our Christian concern by finding (and funding) some rehabilitation for them knowing that otherwise they would be beggars. The families had known for some time that the boys were polio victims but had been told medical treatment was beyond their resources as they were poor Harijan labourers.

We found a third polio victim; also three years old — this time a girl from a Christian home nearer to Ooty. Since there has been a polio outbreak and no immunisations had been given, Balu set about searching for the Health Authorities to conduct a community immunisation program. Problem No. 1. The vaccine has to be kept frozen. We offered to provide a taxi and ice-packs.

**Problem No. 2.** There was no vaccine available. We offered to get it — from overseas if necessary. **Problem No. 3.** The local Health Officers explain the immunisation is useless. The reason? There has been an outbreak of polio in Madras city this year. 50 children (they were the lucky ones) have died already. Most of these children had been given the oral vaccine (which, it is now revealed, had not been stored in frozen state as is required!)

Abandoning the preventative program for the time being, Balu set about taking the three children to our nearest Rehabilitation Centre in Coimbatore. The families all agreed to come. The day before the journey (three hours by bus) one family ran off taking their boy to another village. At the hospital the girl was advised to have a small operation to facilitate the calipers which are needed. The grandmother heard the word "operation" and also ran off, returning home. The waiting list in the Government Hospital for calipers or surgery is several months.

We have now found a private hospital in Coimbatore which will see these polio victims immediately and we are proceeding with all haste to get the three children to receive some treatment as soon as possible. We have also heard that a Physiotherapist may be available in our area which is nothing short of a miracle too). COCOA (Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Aid) will help with some of the expenses involved — which may be considerable and certainly they will need treatment for 10 - 15 years.

If we can help these three children, what is the next move? Their friends still have not had any immunisation against polio. There is an eight year old deaf girl in the village receiving no treatment or

education. For that matter, very few of the children are at school. The Community Development Officer wants to set up a drainage and sanitation scheme for the village too. And when we have helped this village there will only be 300 more to go in our district.

### Opening of Tarralla Christian Retirement Village

On Sunday April 26 The Hon. Norman Lacey M.L.A. will declare the Tarralla Christian Retirement Village at Croydon officially open. This important event in the history of the Croydon church brings to a close two years of planning, culminating in the completion of the village buildings and grounds.

The people at Croydon now look forward to the establishment of the village community as an integral part of the church's total program.

A modern brick hall and adjacent car park together with utility rooms will also be recognised in the ceremony.

The Croydon church extends a welcome to all friends and interested persons to attend the opening which commences at 2.30 p.m. The Village Manager, Stan Lacey will be present to answer enquiries, or can be contacted on (03) 723 2027.

### New Language — New Antennas.

On the west end of the island of Java, Indonesia, live 23 million Sundanese (Moslem people). For the first time, from March 1981, FEBC will broadcast on a regular basis to these people in their own Sundanese language.

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## Good News for Australian Holiday-Makers

Scripture Union's Australian chairman, Professor Keith Watson commented: "This summer we have noticed a great openness to the Gospel by holiday-makers of all ages. We have been encouraged to see people become Christians at our camps and missions."

There were three major elements to this holiday program — 95 camps for children and teenagers, 20 Theos missions to young people and 125 CSSM children's and family missions at beaches, country resorts and suburban centres.

Staff and committees recruited 5,000 Christian volunteers from a wide range of churches and walks of life. These teams trained and prepared throughout the year.

### Familyfest

The beach programs included the popular mix of games, craft activities, puppets, stunts, competitions, family sausage sizzles, miming and dramatic storytelling. Most teams prepared special activities for the parents while their children were happily occupied. Here, team members noticed a warm interest in finding out about the Christian faith. At the **Hopetoun Familyfest (WA)** led by CSSM veterans John and Moyra Prince one mum said: "These children are so fortunate. I've never heard Christianity so clearly and simply explained. Its helped me to understand for myself."

At **Mayfield, near Launceston (Tas)** a large team set up in the housing estate and secured the help of Peter Gray, the circus mime-artist who toured Australia for Scripture Union in 1979. The children learnt circus skills and presented a "Big Top" performance of their own. The theme "Life's Circus" provided ample scope for helping children, teenagers and their parents to probe life's meaning.

Three "Holiday Happenings" staffed mainly by non-working mothers were held in the suburbs of **Canberra**. At **Bright** in the Victorian Alps, a new CSSM program was launched with a team combining CSSM volunteers and local Christians.

### Theos Team Faces Tension

It is generally agreed that youth workers need to be flexible and alert to

the prevailing moods. This was especially the case at **Portland** in Victoria where the prospect of a huge Alcoa development brings a combination of tension, anger and optimism in the town. Theos workers at Portland (where incidentally the SU Theos arm first began 13 years ago) are predicting the need for a large investment in Christian youth work there in the next few years.

### Wide Range of Camps

There are two flying camps jointly sponsored by SU and MAF, raft expeditions, river trips and bush walks, camps for white and aboriginal children in the **Warburton Ranges** and **Alice Springs**, farm camps, a couple of family camps for single parent families, water-sport camps and adventure-based camps of all kinds.

### Bibles Behind "The Curtain"

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**LEACH (HARMAN)** Dallas and Cheryl praise God for the arrival of Amanda Kim, 3,090 grams on 2nd April.

### ENGAGEMENTS

**BANNON - BURY.** Lynne and Peter together with their parents, Irene and Stan Bannon of East Keilor and Beverley and Norm Bury of Westall, are very happy to announce their engagement.

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### DIAMOND WEDDING

**ANNEAR-LITTLE.** The family of Bruce and Katie are so happy to be able to congratulate their parents on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their wedding celebrated on 27th April, 1921, at the Margaret Street Church of Christ, Launceston, by the late Mr P. R. Baker. Present address: 94 High Street, Launceston.

### DEATHS

**FLOWER** Perc. Called home March 27, 1981. Loved brother of Em. Fond uncle of Allan, Vin, Arthur and Geoffrey. In God's care.

**PIEPER** Alexander, late of 30 Dunns Terrace, Scarborough, Q'land. Passed away on 30th March, 1981. Loved husband of Alma, Father, Father-in-law and Grandfather of Eila and Stan Dromow, Maurie and Deidre Pieper, Juan and Alan Hillford and families. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

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**BOX HILL (S. Downie).** Harvest Festival held ... Minister chaplain on Sitmar cruise ... Film "Deceived" screened ... Senior Christian Fellowship participated in gospel service. Jim Wright speaker ... C.W.A.F. visited Ripponlea, had Missionary Committee speaker and also slides of Vera Clare ... Y.P.C.E. had speaker Dean Phelan, psychologist ... Men's Bible study group commenced ... Guest artists — Marie Gauder, Ichthus, Julie and Robyn Wigney, Alan Peake, Eliz. and Kevin Baxter and Gary and Yvonne Bradley ... Gordon Stirling recent speaker.

**BENDIGO (G. Wegner).** Church preparing for ministration with Gordon Stirling ... Church camp held at Lake Eppalock ... Mr Stilwell recent speaker. Showing slides of missionary work in N.G. ... Central and Northern Dist. Conf. held at Echuca ... Church extends sympathy to Mrs Ratcliffe and Mr Beckwith on recent deaths ... L. Melburg new student minister.

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FRIDAY MAY 1

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### MARRIAGES

● Robyn Lee to Ian Waters, Belmont, Vic.  
● Beth Champness to Paul Ellsmore, Kaniva, Vic.

### DEATHS

● Phil Byers, South Perth, W.A. ● Mrs Alice Moyle, Sunshine, Vic. ● Mrs Beckworth, Bendigo, Vic.  
● Mrs Amy Blundell, Miss Vincent, Unley, S.A.  
● Mrs Florence Schefferle, Manifold Heights, Vic.  
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### Care of the Aged

Australia's relative isolation from the rest of the world and the fact that various theorists have been presenting their theories about what is best for the care of the aged, raised questions about what was in fact working successfully for the care of aged people.

With that in mind the Queensland Social Service Department, assisted by Ansvar Insurance Company and Merrin & Cranston, Architects, sent two of us, Don Cranston and myself, to see what was happening in Aged Care around the world. Mr Cranston's task was to specifically examine the architectural concepts and features and mine was to examine the philosophies, policies and directions in which the care of the aged was moving.

### Diakonisches Werk

The tour took us firstly to Germany where the Diakonisches Werk a subsidiary of the Evangelical Church of Germany (Lutheran) were able to direct us to a number of examples of their aged care. Diakonisches Werk is a very large organisation caring for 796,553 people in 21,563 institutions and programs with a full-time staff of 215,000.

One aspect of their work that was different were the Collegium Augustinum. These consist of 15 very large institutions of 500-700 persons. The one we saw at Stuttgart had 720 people with an average age of 80 years. It consisted of 3 blocks with 16 storeys each.

### In the Augustinum

The aspect of care that was interesting in the Augustinum was that when people went into a self-contained apartment care was then provided at the level that was needed up to and including full nursing care in their apartment. This removed the need for change when there was change in

condition of health and meant that at any stage only that level of care that was needed was supplied.

— Don E. Stewart,  
(Director, Queensland Social  
Service Department)

### Split Levels of Care in Australia

This care needs to be contrasted with the situation in Australia where three levels of care are provided with distinct care levels at each stage. Self-contained units where one must care for oneself, providing ones own meals. The second level of care, hostel care, provides three meals per day for people who are able to still basically care for themselves. Nursing Homes are for those who need that level of care. The problem with this arrangement is the lack of transition provisions under our Commonwealth legislation from one level to the other.

### Amenities Pooled

One other aspect was that the number of persons in the establishment meant that a greater range of amenities suitable for aged persons was able to be provided, including Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Craft rooms, swimming pool.

While there are problems of cost for this form of on-going care the need remains for greater provision in Australia for overlapping of the levels of Aged Care.

## Jay Bacik Returning to Australia

Jay Bacik, our first "Australian Christian Scholar" under the Christian Projects Limited fund, has been in the U.S.A. doing radio work for the Christian Churches in the Minneapolis area. Having completed his assignment he and his wife Pat are due to return to Sydney early in May after a motoring holiday in the States. Jay and Pat will be ministering in the Sydney area and details of their projected service will be announced later.

### Youth Conference in Melbourne

The House of the Gentle Bunyip will be holding its second annual Youth for Mission and Evangelism Conference in Melbourne from May 11-16, 1981.

The theme of "Living Biblically — Why Me?" will be taken up by the major speaker, Jim Wallis. Jim is the Editor of Sojourners Magazine, a founder of Sojourners Fellowship and a leader in the radical evangelical movement in the U.S.A. Prominent Australian leaders such as Rev Dr Athol Gill, Rev Terry Falla, John Smith, Morris Stuart and Rev. Alan Marr will also take part. The Conference will cover the areas of Discipleship, Christian Community, Social and Political Imperatives of the Gospel, Biblical Economics and Worship.

For further information, contact:- Gavin Mountjoy, YME Co-ordinator, House of the Gentle Bunyip, P.O. Box 82, Clifton Hill 3068. Telephone: (03) 489 4274 (work), 419 4858 (home).

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## 1000th Resident in Queensland's Care

Fairhaven, Maryborough, Queensland, was the scene for a presentation to Mrs Will who took up residence in the 1,000th place provided by Churches of Christ in Queensland. She moved into a new two bedroom self-contained unit on the Fairhaven campus. Don. E. Stewart in making the presentation of an inscribed silver tray said that the church's desire was to assist in meeting the needs of people as it had opportunity and to meet that need in the best way that it could.

What makes the provision of the 1,000th accommodation place a remarkable achievement is that the church only has an active membership of 4,000 in Queensland. In this the church has also shunned the use of gambling methods in fund-raising.

The provision of accommodation began in 1950 when the late C. R. Burdeu made a first donation of 10/- towards the establishment of a home for aged people. In 1950 the first home, providing accommodation for 8 people was opened.

Now the Churches of Christ in Queensland operates homes and villages for the aged and homes for children in 18 widely dispersed regions of Queensland, extending from Mackay in North Queensland to Southport on the Gold Coast. They have followed a decentralisation policy that has been able to incorporate the strengths of strong

central organisation and a strong participation by local churches in the facility in the local church area.

An outstanding feature of the development has been the flow of ideas and participation in development by many local churches.

The Social Service Department is endeavouring to provide accommodation and other facilities of the highest possible standard and in 1980 sent its Director and Architect — with the assistance of their insurers, Ansvar Insurance Ltd. — to Europe and the United States to see the directions in which aged care and children's work were moving there.

Mr Stewart said that while he had looked at many of the most forward looking projects in Europe and U.S.A. he felt that what his Department was offering was of a care level that was equal with the best he saw. This did not mean that there were some new directions to pursue. He said that he felt that the restrictiveness of present Federal Government legislation worked against the provision of better and more appropriate care. What was needed was far more overlap of care between Independent Living, Hostel Care and Nursing Home Care. The fact that these levels of care were handled by the Health Department and the Department of Social Security made it almost impossible to bring about some changes.



Mrs Will in unit at Fairhaven Maryborough

The Churches of Christ Social Service Department has sought to provide a wide variety of accommodation opportunities for the elderly. Gleneagles is 95 self-contained units in a development of twin towers of 11 and 15 storeys on the bank of the Brisbane River close to Fortitude Valley; Bribie Island Retirement Village on the other hand have a broad open campus with self-contained units and a 30 bed Hostel with a 30 bed Nursing Home to be built in 1983 in a situation close to the beach and the Bongaree township on Bribie Island. The largest village is Golden Retirement Village at Southport on the Gold Coast, is noted for its spacious gardens and is a regular winner of the Institutions Section of the Gold Coast Garden Competition. G.A.R.V. as it is known provides rental, endowment and resident funded units as well as Hostel and Nursing Home facilities. It is part of present policy of the Department to provide these three levels of care at each village location.

Over the next three years it is planning too open two new Nursing Homes, over 60 self-contained units and another 20 Hostel rooms.

However, with the provision of the 1,000th place it is worth reflecting that the original dollar has grown to something in excess of \$16 million.



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## How You Can Help!

The Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society was founded in 1959 through the initiative of men like Clive Burdeu and Wilkie Thomson who were keen to preserve our past. These men were aware of the value of collecting historical records and interpreting their meaning for the present.

History is of benefit to us all. History can give us a sense rootedness and inform us on where we've come from. It is concerned with stories of courage and heroism — with dedicated and God-intoxicated lives. We can learn from the successes and failures of the pioneers and we are able to analyze their work and attitudes in the context of their times. We are constantly working on our identity and for this we need, among other things, an historical perspective that is informed and accurate.

To make certain that there is adequate material for those who are willing to give the time to research aspects of our history it is essential that records of the past be preserved. It is important that minutes and published material be kept in a safe place. Another type of record that few think of preserving are personal reminiscences that are so often lost through our becoming too old to remember or through death. If you are brimming over with precious memories put them down on paper, or, if it is easier, talk them into a cassette recorder from a few notes. You may have a friend who can type them up for you, or you can send the tape to the Society.

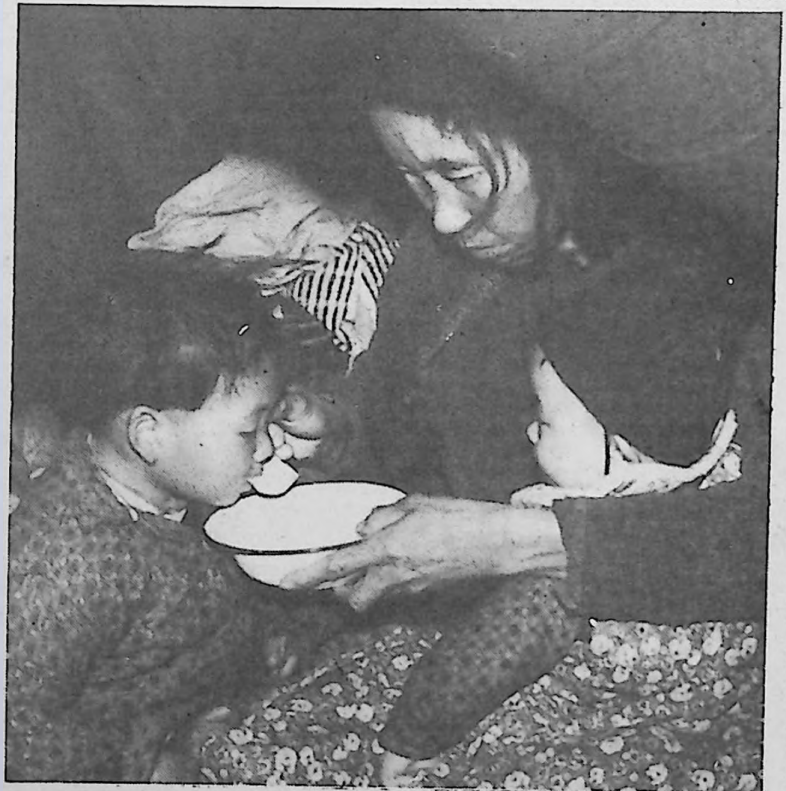
After being voted in as new Editor of the *Historical Digest* I wrote away to a number of people whom I asked to prepare articles for inclusion in the *Digest*. Among those to whom I wrote was Mrs Wendy Way who is keen to research the lives and approaches of early itinerant evangelists. This period is one of the most exciting in our history and it is important that we learn all we can about it. From around the turn of the century to 1930 our membership doubled. Itinerant preachers were among those responsible for this growth. You may be able to help Wendy with her research and thus make a contribution towards a better understanding of why it was we grew. Wendy would like to hear from those of you who could help her in any way with personal reminiscences. A list, by no means exhaustive, which I made out for her included D. A. Ewers, Thomas Bagley, R. J. Clow, P. J. Pond, S. H. Griffiths, Thomas Hagger, A. R. Benn, H. D. Smith, Stephen Cheek, J. Colburne, H. G. Harwood, G. B. Moyses, T. J. Gore, J. W. Webb, A. W. Conner, P. H. Leng, Gilbert Chandler, J. E. Thomas, G. T. Walden, P. A. Dickson, R. C. Gilmore, M. W. Green, A. E. Illingworth, H. J. Horsell, Milner Black, G. T. Fitzgerald, Carl Fischer, W. Jinks, W. J. Way, A. J. Fischer, T. H. Bates, H. J. Banks, W. L. Ewers, J. Wiltshire, E. C. Hinrichsen. If you could help with information on any of these, or others that I have not mentioned, would you please contact the Secretary of the Society, Mrs Freda Morris, at 27 Albert St., East Malvern, Vic., 3145, or ring (03) 211 2982. — Graeme Chapman

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# Ambrosia

by Chris Ambrose

## The Technological Revolution

Last weekend Gordon Stirling and I attended the Australian religious Press Association annual conference. Apart from talking to other editors and reporters about the problems and joys of the religious press we were challenged. The main area of challenge was in the area of the technological revolution.

We were asked how much information we were giving our readers about the tremendous strides in this area. The problems (and these are potentially high) also need to be aired so that we as individuals and churches can be aware of them and help to meet needs that will be expressed in the future.

The main new development in this area is currently operating in the UK. There it is called Prestal. The Videotex computer system is basically a modified television set that is connected via the telephone to immense computerized data banks. The modification for the TV is a key pad like a pocket calculator which the user can use to call up the information which is displayed in the TV screen.

The advantages of the system are great. There would be a vastly increased amount of information available to the individual. It has been calculated that 46% of America's gross national production is the result of the production and distribution of information. It would be possible to do all buying at home without going to shops. The variety of goods available would be greater and more information on them would be available.

Allied with this would be the personal uses the system could be used for. Many office jobs could be achieved via this terminal in the home. Many activities such as household budgets and finances could be carried out on the system.

Allied with the benefits, many of which I have not mentioned, are some factors that should greatly disturb us. One of the major

problems will be an increasing sense of loneliness. Many people will no longer have to leave their homes for shopping or other tasks. They will slowly lose contact with other humans. We as Christians believe in the worth of each individual. God allowed his son to die for each person. The church needs to be ready to help people who could well lose the ability to relate in a personal way with other people. We also need to share the message that we know a friend who can be present (and is present) at any time.

Another worrying factor is the question of who will control what information is stored on the computer banks. Is this to be limited and who does the limiting? We as Christians should be concerned about the moral standards of some of the material. Much of the video equipment sold today is aimed at the soft and hard core pornographic market. Other areas of concern would be on the slanting of information as a totalitarian regime does to "re-educate" the people to their viewpoint.

Secrecy of personal information is a concern. The largest area of crime today is computer and white collar fraud much of which goes undetected. That which is detected is not well publicised. How safe would personal records be and how would this be monitored?

Finally many people will through the technological revolution probably have more leisure time (possibly working a 35 hour month). We as Christians will need to help people sort out their priorities so they can wisely use their time. We will need to look at our own use of time and also our understanding of work. Others will overwork and we will need to help them cope with their situation.

We as individuals and as churches need to look at what is happening with the technological revolution and to start planning now as to how to minister given the changing situation.

# THE LAST WORD

The best way of knowing God is to frequent the company of his friends.

—St. Teresa

One development in church affairs I find to be unique; What used to be plain "church bazaars" is now "boutique."

—Marie D. Boehringer

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All day the children had been pestiferous and their mother was at the end of her rope. Finally she screamed at them in utter frustration, "Get upstairs to bed this very instant!"

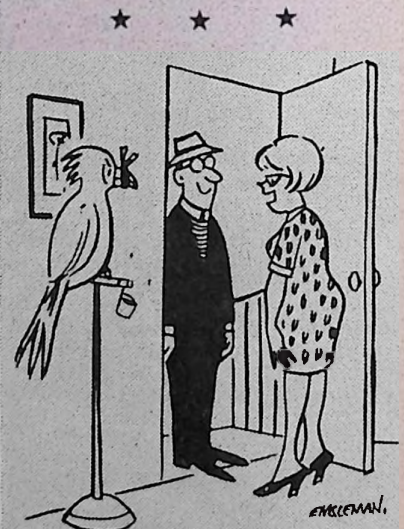
"This time we'd better do it," one of them said. "She's on the countdown, ready to blast off."

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Used car dealer, driving up a hill: "This is the opportunity of your lifetime."

Customer: "Yes, I can hear it knocking."

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"Oh, I like the scenery around here," observed the vacationer. "But the people are so strange."

"Well, yes, that's so," replied the local farmer. "One good thing though — most of the strange ones go home by February."



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