

IN THIS ISSUE

CHRISTIAN
UNION



CREMATION
SHOCK



C. of C.
AND BAPTISTS



THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

Vol. 83 No. 7 May 9, 1981

Registered for posting as a newspaper — Category A

NATIONAL JOURNAL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

Prince Charles receives copy of Best Seller

Australians to Share with Asian Church

Keith Ludgater, minister of the Ringwood church in Victoria, and Phil Webber, minister of the Happy Valley church in South Australia have been selected as delegates to the Christian Conference of Asia 7th Assembly which will be held in Bangalore India May 18-28.

Keith is the Churches of Christ delegate who will take to the Conference his background of mission work for 15 years with our church in Vanuatu, experience in local church ministry and an active involvement in Brotherhood and inter-church activities in Victoria.

His concern for the wider mission and vision of the church is expressed by his work for the Overseas Missions Board, the Federal Board of Christian Education and the Department of Christian Union. The conference will enable Keith to hear and experience the spiritual richness and deep concerns of the Asian church.

Phil Webber has been selected as a Youth delegate and represents the Australian Council of Churches. This is the first time that Churches of Christ have been asked to nominate a young person to represent the youth of the Australian churches. Phil's ability and experience as a youth leader, theological student and minister have prepared him to make a worthwhile contribution and to create opportunities for sharing his experiences in his future ministry.

The Assembly theme "Living in Christ with people" promises to challenge all participants to new dimensions of Christian discipleship.

Christian Delegation from China visits Hong Kong

An eight-member official delegation of the Chinese Protestant Church has ended a three-week visit to Hong Kong — the first of such visits in 32 years since the Communists took over mainland China.

The main purpose of the visit was to attend a four-day China Consultation organised by the Christian Conference of Asia.

The delegates also visited local churches, seminaries and para-church organisations.



Mary Hughes, National Youth Officer Bible Society, making presentation to Prince Charles. Mary is from the Cheltenham (Vic.) church. Her father Douglas is the Secretary of the Vic.-Tas. Overseas Missions Committee.

His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, visited the Australian Headquarters of the Bible Society, in Canberra, on Monday, April 13. The Society's National Youth Officer, Mary Hughes, presented the Prince with a specially bound and inscribed copy of the 750,000 Good News Bible circulated in Australia.

The Good News Bible is generally recognised as the greatest book publishing event in Australia's history. Since its release just over four years ago, one in 20 Australians has purchased a copy of this modern language translation of the Bible. Worldwide sales of the Good News Bible are in excess of 10 million copies.

THE AUSTRALIAN
CHRISTIAN

Vol. 83
No. 7

May 9
1981

ISSUE
May 23
June 1

DEADLINE
May 13
May 27

EDITOR: G. R. STIRLING

SUB-EDITOR

MANAGER: C. R. AMBROSE

ADDRESS FOR ALL
CORRESPONDENCE
P.O. BOX 101,
ESSENDON NORTH, VIC. 3041.
Telephone: (03) 379 1219
After hours (03) 337 8349

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENTS

VIC., TAS., N.S.W.

P.O. Box 101,
Essendon North, Vic. 3041.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

52 Holland St.,
Wembley, W.A. 6014

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Churches of Christ Centre,
104 Grote St.,
Adelaide, S.A. 5000.

QUEENSLAND

4 Joywood St.,
Wellers Hill, Qld., 4121.

A.C.T.

22 Ferdinand Place,
Campbell, A.C.T. 2601.

**WHY MISS OUT!!!
SUBSCRIBE NOW !!!**

See coupon on back page

**PLEASE ADVISE
CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

ADVERTISING RATES

DISPLAYED
\$2.70 PER COLUMN CENTIMETRE :
(or \$6.75 per col. inch)

CLASSIFIED
10c each word

(Minimum charge \$2.50)

ON MY MIND

OUR TOP PRIORITY Ron Elbourne

Ron Elbourne has just completed a year as President of the Vic.-Tas. Conference. For 10 years he has ministered with the Glen Waverley church, after ministries in Victoria and N.S.W. He is well known in the City of Waverley for his weekly "Parson's Pitch" column in the Waverley Gazette. A poll found that this column was the most popular amongst readers.

One Mission

The church has many tasks but only one mission. This is the thought which exercises my mind. I believe Emil Brunner is right when he declared: "The church exists by mission as fire does by burning." No burning — no fire. No mission — no church.

In Australia, our churches are in the vanguard of the church growth movement. The visit of Win Arn a few years ago stimulated us in developing effective evangelism. We became convinced that it is God's will that his lost children be found and that his church should grow.

Growing Churches

As I have moved among our churches in Victoria and Tasmania it is evident that those churches which are growing take seriously the great commission of our Lord. They are working continually on church growth principles. Effective evangelism is the top priority in their thinking, praying and planning. The whole congregation is aware of the goals set and are involved in achieving those goals.

There are a number of indications that in Australia the church stands on the threshold of unprecedented growth.

There is a new mood of optimism and positive faith abroad, a recovery of confidence from the disastrous 'sixties'. Growing in the eighties is more than a slogan. I am convinced that it will be a reality for those churches alert enough to seize opportunities; courageous enough to venture in faith; loving enough to accept people as they are; visionary enough to take risks and creative enough to be flexible.

Evangelism Top Priority

Our Lord once prayed "May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me." If Churches of Christ focus on the great commission and become united in their endeavours for effective evangelism, then this prayer will be answered as people are led to personal faith in Christ.

If we fail to fulfil the mission of the church then the consequences are catastrophic. The church could wither and die. Jessie Bader once said: "The church is always just one generation from extinction." The counter-balance to that terrible possibility is for the church to recover evangelism as her primary mission. I am convinced that evangelism stimulates pastoral care, Christian education, worship and all the other tasks of the church. However, the reverse order does not necessarily follow.

Unless evangelism is the top priority these other activities can become a smoke screen for failing to fulfil our mission. One writer comments with discernment: "Too many ministers have become keepers of an aquarium instead of fishers of men — and often they are just swiping each other's fish."

The church has many tasks but only one mission. The challenge for Churches of Christ in the eighties is to tackle that mission.

The Alcohol Question in Stockholm

Ansvar Insurance Company who played an important part in making possible our study tour of Europe, U.K. and U.S.A. have their headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden. The impression gained in Australia of Sweden made us wonder how an anti-alcoholic organisation could arise there.

It was therefore of value to be able to see something of how the alcohol problem arose and what measures were being taken to deal with it.

The alcohol problem in Sweden had reached such a proportion that it had become a national disaster. (I've read that phrase in the Senate Committees report on alcohol problems in Australia). The long cold boring winters and the hectic short summers were said to have played their part in the increasing problem.

The Swedish Council for information and other drugs (CAN) is a centre which collects information about alcohol and its problems and is a centre involved in combating alcohol. From one of their reports I was to learn that in terms of the consumption of alcohol per head of population Australia ranks 12th while Sweden ranks 29th. France ranks first with the largest consumption.

The Swedish Parliament has a strong anti-alcohol lobby and a number of members of Parliament who actively support the anti-alcohol position. Quite a deal of progress has been made in combating the problem in both Sweden and Norway. All licensed restaurants in Sweden must include non-alcoholic wines and other drinks on their menu by law and they must carry stocks of non-alcoholic drinks.

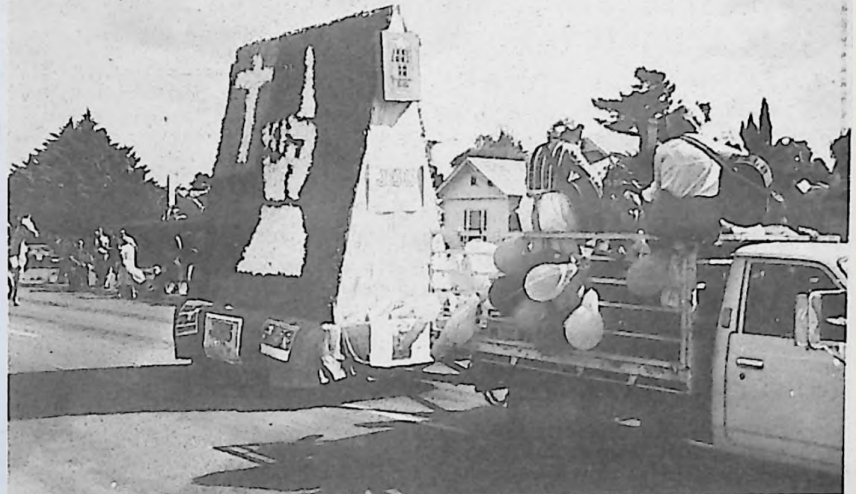
Ansvar is an Insurance Company that seeks to show people that there is a better way than the use of alcohol. It must be realised, however, that Ansvar in Sweden is not predominantly supported by churches but by people of the community. The Swedish State Church does not take an anti-alcoholic position.

One of the very interesting places we visited was the "Lewi Pethrus Foundation" run by the Pentecostal Church of Sweden. At "Nalenpalatset," a former dance hall converted into a centre for alcoholics in Stockholm, we were shown the results of a University study into the effectiveness of their program. The University found that they had an 84% success rate. Success was gauged in terms of alcoholics who were out of work now working, broken families now back together, and all abstaining from drinking.

One of the major factors in being accepted into this Nalen programme was a "desire to know God." Without that desire people were not accepted into the programme. This bore out for me the fact that the greatest social service work we can ever do is to introduce people to Jesus Christ who can change lives.

— Don. E. Stewart.

God Bless Kaniva



Combined Churches float for Kaniva Centenary

— Photo courtesy of Kananiva Times

The Centenary celebrations for Kaniva were held on March 20-26, 1981. It was a memorable time for all with approximately 4,000 people present.

A feature of the celebrations was the strong involvement by the churches. On the Saturday a street procession was held with 60 floats taking part. Midget Explorers from the Kaniva church featured outdoor activities on their float. The Combined Churches and Bible Society Float (pictured) depicted the familiar "One Way Jesus" symbol. The Bible Society donated scripture leaflets and booklet "Jesus", which were distributed during the procession by the ministers including Miss Pam Bowers. Bright singing with guitar accompaniment combined with period costumes made the float an outstanding one.

Sunday services were a highlight. Featured were Miss Ruth Tozer with her children's talk, the Choir and Men's Choir, Miss Pam Bowers and her challenging message, M. T. Lawrie who spoke on "Down Memory Lane" and slides of past events in the church life. The church was overflowing for the morning service followed by a luncheon where many renewed old friendships and relived past times.

Crowds met at the Show Ground for the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon to hear Principal Emeritus Lyall Williams' address of "Live Creatively and Balance Rights and Responsibilities".

Congratulations to Mrs Bess Crouch, one of our members, for winning the Centenary Song Competition.

Vietnamese Congregations Combine R. S. A. McLean

On Sunday, April 12, the two evangelical Vietnamese congregations which formerly met at the Cowandilla Church of Christ and the Alberton Baptist Church, met for the first time as a combined congregation at the Austral-Asia Church in Kent Town, South Australia.

Prior to the service which commenced at 11.30 a.m. a Bible Study class was conducted. It was my privilege to give the address at this first worship service of the newly formed fellowship which was attended by 38 adults. While the Vietnamese were meeting in a large hall of the former Kent Town Methodist Church, the Austral-Asian Church worshipped in another part of the complex, and the children of both groups gathered in yet another building for Sunday School.

Following the worship service about 250 people from the Vietnamese fellowship and the Austral-Asia Church gathered for a well prepared Chinese meal.

Leaders of the Austral-Asia Church (mainly Chinese) advised that they had

been ministering to the the Chinese Vietnamese and were eager to extend their ministry to help the "Vietnamese — Vietnamese" in their physical and spiritual needs. At the same time they recognised the autonomy of the Vietnamese fellowship, but were willing to assist as requested.

The merging together of the two Vietnamese Evangelical congregations and their association with the large well established Austral-Asia Church should help considerably in promoting church growth among the Vietnamese people.

The Home Mission Department is providing a subsidy for Miss Hoang, a Vietnamese student at the Bible College of South Australia who has been actively involved as an interpreter and in pastoral care of Vietnamese people with Ron Saunders, minister of the Cowandilla church.

Through its policy of ethnic evangelism, the Department will support the establishment of a Vietnamese Church, and will continue to explore possibilities as they are presented.

CHRISTIAN UNION SUNDAY

A Quotation from

THOMAS CAMPBELL

"It is to us a pleasing consideration that all the Churches of Christ which mutually acknowledge each other as such, are not only one in great doctrines of faith and holiness; but are also materially agreed as to the positive ordinances of gospel institutions; so that our differences at most are about things in which the Kingdom of God does not consist; that is, in matters of private opinion or human innovation."

Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council

By a decision of Federal Conference in October, 1980, Australia is now a full member of the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council. The purpose of this council is to encourage and enable Churches of Christ Disciples of Christ people around the world to participate more effectively in the quest for Christian Unity. The council was set up by decision of a meeting held in Kingston, Jamaica in October, 1979. As reported previously, Australian Churches of Christ were represented at this meeting by Mr and Mrs J. Somerville of Western Australia and Dr and Mrs T. Banks of Victoria.

D.E.C.C. is administered by an Advisory Committee of 3, together with representatives of each of the member countries. Dr Paul Crowe (General Secretary) and Mrs Hazel Byfield and Lucas Torres make up the advisory committee. Dr Trevor Banks has been appointed Australian representative. It is expected that most of the business of the council will be conducted by correspondence, with a minimum of meetings. A meeting of the Council will be held in July in Anaheim (U.S.A.) prior to the General Assembly of Disciples of Christ; and it is expected that a proxy delegate will represent Australia at this meeting.

D.E.C.C. offers a forum for member churches to share their activities in interchurch matters. When available, the statement on discussions between Uniting Church in Australia and Churches of Christ will be shared among member churches, through the Council. Already papers on the first conference in Jamaica have been distributed, as have papers on discussions between Disciples of Christ (U.S.A.) and the Vatican Ecumenical Council.



Churches of Christ are Talking with the Uniting Church in Australia

Areas of mutual interest to the Uniting Church and Churches of Christ are being talked around by a small group of five people from each church in regular meetings. Topics currently being shared are **Baptism and Ministry**.

To date four meetings have been held and ideas and contents of the papers presented are currently being prepared for presentation to the Churches of Christ Federal Department of Christian Union and the Uniting Church in Australia's Ecumenical Affairs Commission. The response of these two bodies will determine the future directions of the talks.

The participants believe that the meetings should continue and see three possibilities. The first possibility is that we can continue to share and talk around areas of mutual interest and isolate our agreements and disagreements and possible implications for our churches. This is what we have been doing to date and we could continue in this way.

The second possibility is to talk together about the suggestions for local churches to work together in a united way as contained in the document from the Australian Council of Churches titled "Covenanting for Unity Proposals". A number of suggestions will require considerable thought and action if we are to take the document seriously and work toward its vision.

The third possibility, and one which we cannot act on and will not act on unless directed by Federal Conference, is to explore possible discussions about union with the Uniting Church. Our talking to date has not been with the intention of discovering insights about each other and our beliefs as churches.

The heritage of Churches of Christ demands that we talk with other Christians, providing that such sharing is an honest seeking for truth as revealed in Scripture. In this way the Spirit will lead us to know and experience the will of God in these matters.

**JUNE 6TH
VIC-TAS, S.A.**

Sandra Wilson and Interchurch Involvement

Sandra Wilson is the new Associate Secretary of N.S.W. Committee of the Australian Council of Churches. After three years of training at College of the Bible she has transferred back to her home town of Sydney to take up her appointment. In her work she hopes to lead people in churches throughout N.S.W. to think about wider issues beyond their local situation.

Sandra trained as a primary school teacher at Wollongong Teachers' College and then taught for three years in Sydney. Next she went to work in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. While teaching in Broome, her class included children of the Malay, Chinese and Japanese workers on the pearl luggers. Her ecumenical interest developed at this time. "It seemed silly to let the barriers of denominationalism block fellowship within a small community," Sandra has said.

On returning to N.S.W., Sandra worked in Albury with the Department of Youth and Community Services. While here she was impressed with the active social witness of Albury church. This led to her entering Glen Iris where she has been studying for her Bachelor of Theology degree. "I wanted to increase my theological education" Sandra says "so that I might fit work and faith into the one job."

While at Glen Iris, Sandra had a useful student ministry at Harcourt, where she not only showed her abilities, but helped build bridges between denominations in that rural community.

With the experience described, Sandra is well fitted for her new job. She is one of many people from Churches of Christ who have and still are making a very positive contribution to greater understanding between different denominations.



Where is the Church? — Alan Matheson

In London the press is full of the way the Queen and the Prime Minister have appointed the new Bishop of London. The Parliament, while I was there a day or so ago, was busy debating which edition of the prayer book should be used by congregations.

In Geneva it has just been announced that the Pope will be visiting a host of international organisations, including the World Council of Churches.

In Asia and the Pacific, in a few weeks, member churches of those regional councils will be meeting to reflect on their ministry.

But is this the church in all its fullness? For many Christians it is.

But for an increasing number of Christians around the world these expressions of the church have little meaning. For these Christians, their commitment is to groups and committees that go under a variety of names including the 'grassroots communities', 'Church basic communities' and 'Christian grassroots communities.'

In Brazil, there are some 40,000; in Honduras 4,000; in a single diocese in Guatemala 300; in the Netherlands 1,200 people from 40 groups met recently in their first national congress; 350 from 81 communities came together in France; and in Italy a monthly bulletin (in English) is published giving details of the life and ministry of these communities (write c/o the Italian Ecumenical News Agency, via Firenze 38, 00184 Rome, Italia).

Renewal

But how do you describe a Christian grassroot community? The one I know best is in the north of Italy. But to describe that, will give few clues as to a community in France or Guatemala.

The significance of these communities is not just in their life and activities as Christian communities or 'churches', but in their whole life as communities of people, including the social, economic, cultural and political aspects.

The nature, origin and situation of each of them is different. Some are informally organised, some are open parishes, some have just begun, some have existed for years, some stay within their denomination, others see little meaning in maintaining those ties, some are Catholic, some are Protestant, some reject such labels.

Visiting the Latin America communities, you would find:

- the majority are rural
- most are co-ordinated by lay people

Australian Christians wanted

Mark Dunn the minister at the Mount Clear church is anxious to complete his file of "Australian Christians." He is missing 1976 (Volume 79) Issue No. 1 (January) and No. 19 (November) and 1979 (Volume 81) Issues No. 9 (May) and No. 14 (August).

Mark has available double copies of certain back issues to 1976 which he has available for those interested in completing their collection. His address is 737 Geelong Rd., Canadian, Vic. 3350.



Celebration

- most are among the poor, a few among the middle class and practically none in the rich suburbs
- much time is spent studying scripture, in prayer and helping one another.
- many are socially and politically committed; the stress, however, is upon increasing peoples' awareness leading them to make their own political commitment.

If you asked members of these communities what their priorities are, they would refer to

- the building up of a living church, rather than a multiplication of material structures
- the vital participation of the people and the disappearances of masses of passive Christians
- the training of leaders.

For Christians who now find these communities giving meaning to their faith, they would see the community as representing:

- not a movement but the church itself
- not a method of building up the church, it is the church itself
- not a miraculous recipe for all the ills of

society and the church; it is the church renewing itself

- it is not utopia, it is a sign of the Kingdom
- it is not a protest group, although its life is a protest against the mediocrity of many
- it is not closed but open to dialogue with all
- it is not a special group for special people; it is the church committed to the ordinary man, to the poor and to those who suffer injustice.

Dangerous

For some it appears harmless to say that these communities are the church. For others "it is precisely because it is the Church that it is a very dangerous thing, because the Church is dangerous; it is a revolutionary leaven in history, reconstructing the world with Christ's values and standards."

And for us as Churches of Christ? How do we see ourselves? A movement — no longer! Unlike most other places in the world, the genius which brought our churches into being has long been lost in Australia. A brotherhood — can we still continue to use such terms?

Dangerous? Revolutionary?

STAFF VACANCY

STANWELL TOPS — CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTRE.

A vacancy exists for a Christian couple who have a desire to serve the Lord in the field of Christian camping. A willingness to become part of the existing team of staff helping in such areas as supervision of camps, cleaning, kitchen, maintenance of grounds and buildings is essential.

For further information and enquiries please ring — Bill Impey on (042) 94 1430 or write to Post Office Box 55, Helensburgh. 2508.

There is no limit

— Clive I. Ward

This is a series of stories about people whom God has used.

In the issue of the **Australian Christian** dated March 7, 1981, I read these words — "The Trustees of the **Austral Charitable Trust** take pleasure in announcing that the first distribution has been made out of profits earned by the Trust". The article went on to announce that \$12,000 had been distributed to Churches of Christ Departments. I recalled the story of how many years ago a small group of men had a vision which resulted in the establishment of the **Austral Printing and Publishing Company**. This company served the Brotherhood — The Austral Graded Lessons for use in Sunday Schools, the printing of the Australian Christian, the production of numerous pamphlets which gave emphasis to the purpose and plea of our movement were only a part of the contribution. A few years ago the Directors, because of changing circumstances considered the viability of continuing the activities of the Company and commence the Austral Charitable Trust, the income of which will assist the work of our Brotherhood for years to come.

On Wednesday April 1, 1981, **Mr Campbell Edwards** and **Norm Arnett** visited the Vic.-Tas. Brotherhood Centre and presented to the Conference President, **Ron Elbourne** a cheque for \$40,000 on behalf of the **Campbell Edwards Trust**. This was \$8,000 more than they had presented in 1980. It must be nearly 30 years ago that I attended a meeting at the **Oakleigh** church with the late **B. J. Combridge**. We were representing the then Department of Home Missions. We met with representative of the **Oakleigh** church, and two groups of our people, one from **Chadstone** and the other from **Glen Waverley**. We met to consider the establishment of two new churches and the provision of buildings. The late **R. T. Morris**, then Chairman of the **Campbell Edwards Trust** undertook on behalf of the Trustee to finance the construction of the two buildings for these young churches. The gifts the Trustees have made since that time would fill many pages and the total would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It would require a large volume to set out those things which have been made possible because of the stewardship of the late **Mr Campbell Edwards** and the capacity and faithfulness of those who have served as Trustees. In our Overseas Mission fields, in our Aborigines work, the **Campbell Edwards House** at the College of the Bible, in our homes and hospitals for the aged, in our youth campsites, in numerous projects the Trustees have underwritten, in the ministries that they have assisted the Department of Mission, Education and Development to subsidize — in all these areas and many others, there is evidence of the contribution of the **Campbell Edwards Trust**. Who can measure the number of lives which have been changed because the Trust have made it possible. It was the leadership of

R. P. Morris which resulted in the Trust making an annual contribution to the Victorian Tasmanian Conference for distribution on the basis of the Brotherhood formula so that all Departments shared. We are grateful to **Mr Campbell Edwards**, Chairman, and his fellow Trustees for continuing this procedure.

Let us turn our thoughts to another group of men who had a vision. The Trustees of the **Christian Building Trust** and the **Christian Projects Ltd.** These Trusts have recently provided travel expenses for ministers in four States of Australia to attend Seminars conducted in those States by **Dr. Ray Stedman** and his team from the Peninsular Bible Church in Palo Alto, California, U.S.A. You may have read in the last issue of the Australian Christian the advertisement calling for application for the 1982 **Australian Christian Scholarship**. The funds, namely \$2,250 to provide this scholarship are provided by these Trusts.

You may have reached the conclusion that I am pre-occupied with Trusts and large finance. This is not true. Let me relate another story. Last November I was asked to visit a friend in hospital. He was dying of cancer and time was short. He explained to me that he and his wife had purchased a property a few years before. Their idea was that the property was eventually to be passed over to the Brotherhood. He wanted me to record his wishes in the matter, and with the help of his wife and his solicitor, this was done. He knew that his church at **Ascot Vale** would miss his weekly offering. He had been an inspiration to them all during the time he worshipped with them. He determined that for the first five years after his death, half of the income from the property or its proceeds is to go to **Ascot Vale** church. Yes, I visited this man, I prayed with him, I prayed that God would give him the courage to face whatever the future might bring. I even thought that I was ministering to him. How wrong I was. **Mac McCann** ministered to me. Many in the future who never knew him will have reason to be grateful for his sense of Christian stewardship.

I titled this article — "There is no limit". Yes there is no limit to what God can do in the lives of those who will allow Him to use them and their abilities and their possessions in the cause of the Brotherhood to which we belong.

BIRTH RATE FALLING

A report by an independent study group under the chairmanship of former Chancellor **Willy Brandt** says that fertility is declining in the Third World and that population growth is decreasing.

During the last decade, China has reduced its birthrate from 2.3% to little more than 1% and aims at zero population growth by the year 2000.

Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica have cut their birth rates by about one-third in the past 20 years. Similar reductions are noted in Hong Kong, Singapore and the Republic of Korea.

Golda Bader Dies

Golda Elam Bader, wife of **Dr Jesse M. Bader**, deceased long-time general secretary of the **World Convention of Churches of Christ** and secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, died in her sleep Saturday, February 21, at **Cedar Rapids, Iowa**.

Born in Kansas, Mrs Bader was a graduate of **Drake University** and had done graduate study at **The Sorbonne** in Paris and the **University of Mexico**. She was a world-wide traveller along with her husband, visiting our churches in numerous continents and attending various ecumenical and denominational gatherings.

As an ordained minister of the **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, **Golda Bader** served two congregations as an associate pastor. She authored the book, "I Married A Minister," in 1942.

Active in many religious concerns, Mrs Bader had served as Chairman of the **Ministers' Wives Association** of **New York City**, Chairman of the **Women's Division** of the **National Conference of Christians and Jews**, Board member of the **American Bible Society** and the **National Evangelistic Association**. For many years she served on the **Protestant Motion Picture Council** and was active on the **Japan International Christian University Foundation** as well as the **United Church Women**. She was also a member of the **P.E.O. Sisterhood**.

Memorial services were held at **First Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa** on Wednesday, February 25 with **Dr Allan W. Lee**, General Secretary of the **World Convention** and **Dr David P. Polk**, Pastor, officiating.

PHENOMENAL INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR BIBLES

Orders up to the end of November, 1980 show a fantastic increase worldwide in the demand for Bibles in vernacular languages — especially in Africa. The amount of capital needed to pay for the production of these orders has gone up with a jump too.

Bible Society Scripture supplies for Africa are usually supplied from London. In 1979 orders were received for 718,000 Bibles. By the end of November, 1980 firm orders were received for one and a half million and a further very large order from **Nigeria** is expected.

NEW TESTAMENTS

Orders for vernacular New Testaments have risen from just over 100,000 in 1979 to nearly 500,000 in 1980.

The **Australian General Secretary** of the **Bible Society**, the Reverend **James R. Payne**, who is also Chairman of the **United Bible Societies World Executive Committee**, said 'Of course these Bibles and New Testaments will be sold though usually at heavily subsidized prices. But first more money has to be invested in paper, printing and binding to cope with this vast increase in production. More working capital is required now if thousands of people are not to be deprived of urgently needed Scriptures'.

CREMATION SHOCK

ARTHUR PIGDON

The funeral was over,
Her friends returned home.
The letter arrived when she was alone.
It gave her a shock, a moment of fear,
What are your wishes? His ashes are here.
You can have them sealed in a casket small
And placed in a niche in a garden wall
With a brass nameplate and date.
Or if your heart does not recoil
With a sense of total loss,
We can sprinkle them on the garden soil
Without a mark or cross.

The question shattered her memories
As she grasped its full import,
A casket of ashes is all that remains
Of the man I loved she thought.
He was so strong and vital,
So full of the wonder of living,
He was a person, a man, a human being.
He loved and cared,
He talked and shared.
His eyes saw the beauty in the flowers he grew,
His ears were attuned to the music he knew.
His hand was skilled for work and sport,
His voice was vibrant with life and thought.
This was the man that I knew,
Vital, alive and true.

She struggled in vain to keep back a tear
As she read the words, "His ashes are here."

I've never thought so deeply before
About the meaning of life.
I've never had to till now you see
Because I've been his wife.
But the minister said his life would go on
Beyond the change called death;
It wasn't the end of everything
When he drew his final breath.
Hadn't the Lord when he lived our life

And submitted to death to save,
Given new hope to such as us
When he came back from the grave?

"I am the resurrection and the life,
He that believeth in me
Though he were dead, yet shall he live"
Were words that helped me to see.
"I am alive for evermore
And have the keys of death and the grave".
Words like these were my only hope;
They helped to make me brave.

I turned to the Bible to see what it said
And I found a new thought when I opened and read,
"The dust returns to the earth as it was
And the spirit returns to God."
The DUST and the SPIRIT;
So here was a clue,
My man was not one, my man was two,
Yet two into one so closely bound
Neither I, nor my friends, the secret had found.
Now the truth glimpsed I at last, though dim,
The body was his but his spirit was him.
His body was a worn out garment of flesh
That to the flames was thrown,
But he lives on in the presence of Christ
With a body no mortal has known.
This is God's promise and this I believe,
It is stated in his word.
To regard a casket of ashes as man
Is really quite absurd.

"What are your wishes?", the letter said,
It seems unimportant now:
To scatter or to keep — neither make me weep
Or bring furrows to my brow.
His ashes I'll group with his suit and his shoes,
They're just part of the clothes he wore.
The spirit that is him lives on with Christ
And will live forever more.

Passover Musical at Berwick

The lights dimmed and a young grade 6 child in a rooster's costume picked up a hand microphone and began to sing. For the next 45 minutes before 300 people, a small group of children, between the ages of 8 and 14, thrilled their audience with a beautiful rendition of the Passover musical "And His Fleece was As White As Snow". Through the eyes of a rooster, a donkey and a sacrificial lamb the story of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the agony of Gethsemane, the trauma of Peter's denial, the terror of the Crucifixion and the glory of the resurrection was portrayed. The 15 children harmonised together as the story unfolded with song and verse.

Many expressed surprise at the professional quality of the children's performance but Norval Bunch, minister in charge of music at the Berwick Regional church summed it up:

"These children have shown a keenness and dedication to the task of producing this wonderful musical. To them the story has great meaning. They have discovered a valuable lesson, that to work for the Lord can be hard work, but rewarding. It's a lesson that will be carried on into later life".

An interesting sidelight was that the two adult prompters did not have to prompt once.

Appreciation from Hariba Waghmode

Hariba Waghmode, Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Christ in Western India, expresses sincere appreciation to all who have upheld him in prayer during his recent illness and to those who have written to him. It is not possible for Hariba to reply personally to each one and he has requested that his appreciation be expressed through the Australian Christian.

Soviet Baptist Leader Sentenced

Pyotr Rumachik, the Vice-President of the unregistered Baptist Council of Churches in the USSR, has been sentenced to 5 years strict regime labour camp. According to the Friedensstimme Mission in West Germany, Rumachik was tried on March 21. 49-year-old Rumachik has already spent 12 of the last 20 years in prisons and labour camps. After release from his last 3 year term in 1977, Rumachik was able to spend only 1 year living with his family before he was forced to go into hiding.

Friedensstimme also reports the arrest of four Baptists in Omsk Region, Siberia on March 21 and the commencement of the trial of three others in Makinsk, Kazakhstan, on March 24.

— Keston College

ALBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST

524 DAVID STREET, ALBURY
FAMILY CHURCH, SUNDAYS 9.45
a.m.

Minister: Bob Aldred (060)
25 4508

Office (060) 21 4047

YOU CAN KEEP ON CARING

... Through your will

Remember the
Department of Community Care
Correct wording can save duty

Write to

**The Director,
Dept. of Community Care
52 LaTrobe St., Melb. 3000**

You are the Church
reaching out
To the Community

Welfare Work

Homes for the Aged

Chaplains to Hospitals and Industry

Phone 662 1411 (03)

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.

IMPRESSED BY TERTIUS

To the Editor,

"I Thought You'd Never Come" (Tertius, "A.C." 4/4/81) impressed me very much, portraying so truly the distress of a particular group in our society.

Personally I have been wonderfully supported by family and friends, but maybe, even because of this supportive love, I am deeply aware of the need of these grieving people referred to in the Tertius letter. Those who with teledexes full of the phone numbers of their friends, wait, hoping that they will come unbidden.

I wonder how many others were touched and perhaps even moved to action, for I was disappointed to find that many to whom I mentioned the letter had not bothered to read it or had not remembered it!

— Olive McCann (Ascot Vale, Vic.)

SACRED SITES

To the Editor,

A friend of a friend (a geologist) has discovered that a rich reef of gold runs through his neighbour's property in Victoria's "golden triangle". This friend of a friend plans to stake a claim. Doesn't foresee any problems in bulldozing his neighbour's house into the ground. After all, his neighbour is a Roman Catholic — not a Christian!

Another friend of a friend is in town planning. Wants to build a new freeway. Trouble is, the local Jewish Synagogue stands in the way. No problem. Jews aren't Christians, so he'll bulldoze the Synagogue!

But wait; one small problem does exist. Where to get a bulldozer. Perhaps someone could put them in touch with R. D. Clark. Doesn't he hire out bulldozers for the destruction of non-Christian sites? ("A.C." 4.4.81).

I can't remember Christ who preached to the Samaritan woman calling for the levelling of Mt Gezirim. I can't remember the Apostle Paul, missionary to the Gentiles, advocating the destruction of the Parthenon. Because I recall both having a lot to say about love. I love Roman Catholics and Jews. I love Aborigines. I even love R. D. Clark, and I'm praying for him.

— David Allen (Boronia, Vic.)

TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS

To the Editor,

"Moves to further limit imports of textiles and clothing from Third World countries emphasise the claim that 1.6 million jobs are threatened in the textile industries of the EEC. However, wages paid to textile workers in Britain make that country a cheap-labour nation." (News item, "A.C." 4.4.81).

Incredible to find such "news comment" in our church magazine.

"Force 150 on the Richter Scale"! Such was the power of the seismic shock that brought me to a standstill on reading this pointless piece of nonsense!

It has obviously been lifted bodily from some more-detailed context (which may have tried to prove its assertions) but in our magazine, without figures, without reasoning, and without supporting facts (also without acknowledgement of its origin), it stands, Mr Editor, as a paltry piece of 'loaded' propaganda. It is not news, it is simply unreasoned opinion, and a most

unworthy sneer. Britain is not a "cheap-labour" nation, even though the wages there might be lower than those in Australia.

(I'm not about to cancel my subscription to the A.C.!!)

— David McCrone (Boronia, Vic.)

(Sorry for our racist lapse! We were sorry both for British workers and poor Third World people — Ed.)

NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

To The Editor,

I note in a recent issue of "The Christian" an article on non-alcoholic beverages in restaurants. You stated in that article that you would be pleased to publish the names of any interstate suppliers of such beverages.

The Hotel Canberra in Brisbane has been in the forefront of the promotion of non-alcoholic drinks including wines, beers and cocktails both within Queensland and other parts of Australia. The Hotel's Grape and Cider Tavern boasts Australia's best range of such drinks and a copy of our current list is available.

— John Sheriff (Box 852, Brisbane, Qld.)

Another Veteran "Christian" reader

Mrs Lydia Stabe has been a reader of "The Australian Christian" for 75 years. She is a member of the Zillmere (Q.) church where the Stabes were pioneers over 100 years ago.

We regret to learn that she is in the Brisbane General Hospital having suffered a stroke.

Lydia Stabe was a devoted Christian worker all her life as organist, Sunday School teacher, and visitor. Although unable to read the "A.C." at the moment her family are confident that she will be again one of our longest readers.

Senior Citizens Work in Nelson, N.Z.

Nelson, N.Z., is a favourite retirement area and so they have a higher than average number of Senior Citizens. For some years, at the Rutherford St. church they have had some involvement with the older folk in the community through well attended Senior Citizen Services held periodically on Sunday afternoons, and the support of the various Senior Groups.

As a further involvement they have engaged Fred Rees, a former minister, on a part-time basis, as Senior Citizens' Minister. Fred works along with their full-time minister David Osborn. Before his health broke, making it necessary for him to resign, he had a great interest in the needs of the older folk and was greatly involved in that area.

Fred was involved in a part-time ministry for seven months in Motueka last year and with the improvement in health he is now able to embark on this new ministry. With 230 on the active roll it is interesting to note that 98 are over 60 years with no less than 31 aged over 75.

One World Week 1981

September 20-27 is the week set aside in Australian churches for One World Week in 1981. This week is a program of education and action to raise awareness about issues of justice, peace and human development in churches and communities throughout Australia. The National Committee has decided to focus the program on the theme "Discovering Our Place in One World."

The theme for this year has encouraged a focus on issues such as land rights, tourism, Australia in the Asia/Pacific region, disarmament and Australia's role as a member of the Commonwealth.

Information about the One World Week is available from Greg Thompson who is national secretary of the One World Week at Australian Council of Churches, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

To the Editor,

I have always been intrigued by the brass eagles used as lecterns in Anglican churches. The idea must be that read Word takes wings and flies off into the world in the lives and words of the hearers. It's a wonderful idea, but I suppose it doesn't happen nearly as often as it should.

When we were on holiday we worshipped in an Anglican church. They had a beautiful brass eagle. I was attracted by something on one of the wings, but was too far away to see what it was. After the service I saw that it was a small microphone. It seemed out of place, but a concession to this electronic age, where we must all be deaf, and the voices of the clergy softer, and extraneous noises louder. Yet perhaps it was not so out of place. The eagle is the ancient symbol of spreading the Word to the world, and now the microphone is the modern symbol of broadcasting news and information.

It was just one more reminder to timid people like me that God has arranged things in such a way that news and information about him are to be spread by those who first hear it in church, become turned on by it and then broadcast it to others.

Yours hesitantly,
TERTIUS

"Dirty and Smelly . . . but Beautiful"

The story of John is related by his friend Anne Wilcox, administrator of the Sydney City Mission Swanton Lodge, a refuge for homeless people. It first appeared in "Missionbeat" the Mission's 118th Annual Report.

I can tell you for instance about my friend John, who died in a city lane recently. It's very difficult to know how John started out. He was an unskilled worker. He'd never been married. His family background was lost over the years; we could never really get anything out of him.

Brain Damaged

When we first met John, he'd been drinking metho straight for ten years and he was pretty hopelessly brain damaged and very rarely sober.

You could always tell exactly how many bottles of metho he had on him, by the way his shoulders stooped. If he leaned to the left he had a bottle in his left pocket. If he stood fairly straight he probably had a bottle in each pocket.

He slept out most of the time. He certainly didn't take great care of himself. You could smell him before you could see him. We used to nag him about having a daily shower.

His table manners were atrocious and it took us about two years before he built up a relationship of trust with us.

Eventually just before he died he had got to the stage where he came in every day for his meals and he ate properly with utensils.

He also came to us when he was sick and he didn't swear anymore. Now this man used to swear so much. We'd heard all the words before, but we hadn't heard the combinations. It was very inventive.

After about two years we'd built up this relationship with him and from trusting one or two people he trusted all of us.

Died in a City Lane

I would count him as one of our successes. This sounds strange, because he didn't change his lifestyle. He drank just as much, but he knew that some people cared for him.

As a matter of fact just before he died he gave me his bank book to keep, which is a great measure of trust.

One of the last things he said was "you people must really love me."

Kampuchean Good News

According to the United Nations Children's Fund, Kampuchea has had a good food harvest and dramatic improvements are noticeable throughout the country. The rice crop is double last year's; however the 700,000 tonnes will not meet the need of Kampuchea.

UNICEF reports that since the fall of the Khmer Rouge Regime, 1,000 health clinics have opened and about 1,000,000 children are attending primary school.

Large numbers of the refugees on the Thai-Kampuchean border have returned home.

Food is getting to the hungry much quicker because of the upgrading of the transport system.

Editorial

The Unity for which Jesus Prayed

I can remember when it was heresy in Churches of Christ to say that the unity for which Christ prayed was just a spiritual unity and not a visible and organic union of all Christians into one church. If someone did suggest that Jesus only meant a spiritual and not a visible unity, he was suspected of having only recently come from the Brethren or from the Baptists, and of not yet having caught up with "our position". But now the concept of spiritual unity rather than organic union has become more wide spread among us, probably because of our contact with some of our fellow evangelicals who are more concerned with "separation" than with union.

John Seventeen

So we should be having another long look at John 17 and asking ourselves what sort of unity Jesus was really praying for.

Verses 20 and 21 make it clear that it was a prayer for the unity of Christians in all ages, including the last 20 years of the 20th Century.

That The World Should Know

Verses 21 and 23 indicate that whatever unity Jesus had in mind it would be visible enough for the world to see it so clearly that it would be evidence enough to convince them that God had sent Christ.

Today there is spiritual unity amongst the churches greater than there has been for 400 years. But the present visible divisions in the body of Christ are still confusing the world of people who seem blissfully unaware of this unity of the spirit. How can they believe that there is unity when all that we represent to them is that we are

Lowannas in Concert

This year's concert by the ladies choir "Lowanna Singers" will be held at Blackman Hall, State College of Victoria, Auburn Road, Hawthorn, on Friday and Saturday April 24 and 25 at 8 p.m.

The concert is presented under the auspices of "Music 81" and proceeds will aid "C.I.K.A." (Cancer in Kids Association). Tickets will be available at the door or can be reserved by telephoning Pat Hilbick (03) 93 6686.

divided? Meanwhile our wasteful divisions are multiplying overheads and diminishing the effectiveness of personnel and resources for the church's mission to the world.

As God and Christ are One

Verses 21 and 22 refer to the unity for which Christ prayed as being as close a unity as that which existed between himself and the Father. One cannot imagine a closer union than that. If Jesus was praying for a spiritual unity amongst Christians he must have meant it to be very deep and significant.

One can only assume then that Christians with that spirit of unity would be wanting to worship and to work together in the closest possible fellowship, which inevitably would lead to some form of organic union, even if it were unity in diversity.

Made Perfect in One

Verse 21 describes the unity for which Christ prayed as being the result of the one-ness of Christians with him. Verse 23 is a prayer that Christians will be so Christ-filled that their unity will be complete, so complete in fact that the world would marvel and believe.

So obviously the unity that Jesus prayed for was a deep and significant unity of the spirit, expressed outwardly in a union of Christians together in the Body of Christ, visible enough to make a shattering impact upon an unbelieving world.

Not a Matter of Choice

It is not a matter of choice whether one supports the idea of an intangible inner unity of the spirit or the idea of a visible union of the whole Body of Christ. Jesus Christ prayed for both.

The concert will comprise a varied program of music with a mini-musical production during the second half. Guest artists include Don Smibert (Baritone), Rob Smith (Tenor), and Norman Hocking.

The "Lowanna Singers" have presented many concerts throughout Melbourne and interstate. It will be the second occasion that they have performed at the State College.

People Overseas

Papua New Guinea

The Annual Meeting of our work in Papua New Guinea was held at **Bunapas** at the end of April.

Aileen Draney expected to return from furlough in time to participate in the discussions. **Ron McLean** Executive Director Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board, leading Bible studies as well as meeting indigenous leaders and missionaries.

India

It is anticipated that **Dorothy Geyer** will, by the time this is published, be on her way to recovery after surgery at **Wadia Hospital, Pune, India**.

Dorothy (Dooky) Holstein has been granted a two year extension by the government to continue her ministry at the hospital in **Chinchpada**. This hospital is a partner in the Evangelical Hospital Association (E.H.A.) and has an urgent need for a doctor to give 6-12 months service. An Australian medico would be excellent.

Vanuatu

Jenny Marshall has now settled back into teaching at **Ranwadi High School** and has been granted a work permit until the end of this year.

Sister Margaret Aggar went to the **Ndúi Ndúi Hospital** as a volunteer for 3-6 months in October 1979. Something happened! Margaret decided to stay to continue her work at the hospital. At the end of April she plans to conclude her medical work and return to Sydney. We are grateful for her ministry in Vanuatu.

There is an urgent need for a nursing sister (male or female) as a permanent replacement. Can you help?

Cecil Robinson dies

We have received a message from **Launceston** that **Cecil Robinson** died from a stroke. He has been retired for some years, but had significant ministries in **Victoria** and **Western Australia** and later at **Launceston** and **Ulverstone (Tas.)**. He has served the Brotherhood in many capacities. He is survived by his wife **Emily** and two sons and their families.



TASMANIA CHURCHES of CHRIST CENTRE BICHENO

Resting-Swimming-Hiking-Photography.

Accommodation is available in four semi-self-contained flats. Each flat will accommodate six people.

One fully self-contained flat to accommodate eight people.

Caravans, tent sites and tennis court available.

Contact the Managers, Bicheno, Tas.
7215. Phone (STD 003) 75 1247.

Mission to South Africa's Toughest Area

A 10-day mission in one of South Africa's toughest areas, the dormitory suburbs of **Elsie's River** and **Bishop Lavis**, with a quarter of a million people, has been undertaken by a team of **African Enterprise** evangelists. The team of eight evangelists is being led by **Michael Cassidy**.

Elsie's River, the centre of tragic riots last year, has been described as the real hotspot in South Africa, a notoriety which is backed by its criminal statistics.

The people in these suburbs on the **Cape flats** had undergone a tremendous sociological upheaval from the centre of the city. The area was originally a rural habitation, which had become a slum area and had then been chosen by the Government for a housing scheme. The **Elsie's River** area had an incredibly high crime rate. It was in that context that the churches had seen the need for the gospel of Jesus. 15 denominations had come together, determined that the entire area should be evangelised.

The churches involved in the mission comprised the mainline denominations (Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian), the Dutch Reformed Church, the Pentecostal Churches, and one or two traditional churches like the Calvinist Church and the Rhenish Church, which began missionary work in that area hundreds of years ago and was still active.

The mission was planned to suit the

people and the geography of the area. Four church venues were chosen, partly because transport was not readily available and having regard to distances and to the crime rate. Together the churches had a capacity of just over 3500 people each evening. There was an evangelist at each venue, and they moved from venue to venue so that each night of the mission there were four proclamation points with the mission ending in a combined meeting in the sports stadium in the centre of the area on the Sunday (April 12).

Apart from the night meetings there were home meetings of the tea and coffee type. The mission was also invited to the eight high schools, with an enrolment of about 1300 to 1400 each. That was regarded as really thrilling because the students have a major influence in the area. Opportunity was also taken to meet with teachers. The impact was on between 15,000 to 16,000 people a day.

Because of the feeling of hopelessness in the area, the theme chosen for the mission was "Jesus Christ the hope for". Some subjects taken were "Jesus Christ the hope for South Africa" as the mission was related to the total situation; "Jesus Christ the hope for marriage", which was really pertinent because of the high rates of divorce, illegitimacy and alcoholism; "Jesus Christ for youth" because of that specific problem; and "Jesus Christ for you personally".

Famine hits 5 Million

There are no crops. The cattle are dead and the people are in rags. That's the description that **World Vision** field staff report from the southern provinces of **Ethiopia**. The latest tragedy results from a two year drought.

World Vision has announced that it is setting up an emergency program which will cost about \$2,800,000. Once again this year we are asking Australians to join a famine so that **World Vision** can raise the funds necessary to assist in the fight against hunger in **Ethiopia**.

The **World Vision 40 Hour Famine** will begin 8 p.m. Friday, June 19 and conclude noon Sunday, June 21.

"Thousands of people have been reduced to a state of destitution in **Ethiopia**. The lucky ones have a few rags around their bodies to ward off the cold **Ethiopian** nights. Many, however, have to go around naked. This causes cultural

difficulties for the women. There are no crops for food, or to sell and buy clothing.

Funds raised in the **World Vision 40 Hour Famine** will assist with this huge relief program. Australians are being asked to fast for 40 hours. Friends and family will sponsor them for every hour they go without food.

The massive famine has scarred the lives of 5,000,000 people. Blankets, clothes, wheat, high protein supplement skim milk and sugar are being airlifted into the crisis area. The **World Vision 40 Hour Famine** will assist in setting up a medical base and mobile clinic and provide a small medical team.

While many **Ethiopians** are forced to exist on tree roots and leaves, **Australians** fasting in the 40 Hour Famine can enjoy tea, coffee, fruit juice and barley sugar.

People wishing to join the Famine can ring **World Vision** on (03) 690 2166.



Swanston St. Church

333 SWANSTON ST.
In the heart of Melbourne
Opposite Public Library

MAY 17th 9.15 A.M. & 11.00 A.M.
Guest Preacher: Neville Cooper (Australian
Director of O.M.F.)

7.00 P.M. "The Lie That Backfires".
MAY 24th 9.15 A.M. & 11.00 A.M.
Expository Series in I Timothy
7.00 P.M.

Gleanings From Joshua

Ministry Team: Allan Webb, Bruce Morton,
Ray Haverfield



CARRY ME HOME

Kinderkrist (Move MS 3023) \$8.99

This record or cassette is easy listening, middle of the road gospel music by Adelaide group Kinderkrist. The words and music go well together. Three interesting tracks include the song "Two together" written for Robin Mann's brother probably at his wedding. The song "Carry Him Home" was written about the funeral of a friend. The other song that caught my attention was "Daddy I Love You" a prayer to God based along the lines of the Lord's Prayer. The music is very listenable. The words are very explicit in their Christian understanding. A good album or cassette for soft rock gospel music fans. If not available through Christian bookshops it can be obtained from Move Records, P.O. Box 266, Carlton South, Vic. 3053.

BOOKS TO READ

GET ME GOING, LORD

by Graham W. Hardy (Hodder and Stoughton) \$3.95

Attempts at prayer in two segments. The first is a series of prayers under the title Prayers — Mostly Impatient. These are designed for times of crisis and loneliness and for comfort of the individual as they turn to the source of help, God. The second section Patient Prayers are designed for those in hospital or facing illness.

These are truly pastoral prayers of simplicity and yet moving. They would be a great help to many people in whatever situation they find themselves. The author is a Uniting Church minister in N.S.W. where he was Moderator in 1980/81. Graham Hardy is also well known for his broadcasts on 2CH.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND JESUS CHRIST

by Jakob Jocz (Baker) \$10.50

A revised edition of a book first published in 1949. This book examines the relationship of Jesus and the Jewish faith at his time. The author then in detail looks at the relationship of the church to the Jews over history and then at the relationship that the Jewish faith had with Jesus not only at the time but through history. The final chapter is an examination of the attitudes of Judaism and Christianity to various theological issues. A well researched book (the notes and bibliography cover over 100 pages out of 430 pages) which is best suited to the reader with a good knowledge of the history of the Jewish faith and the various schools within Judaism.

GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH

by Nancy A. Hardesty (Baker Book House) \$13.50

Short biographies of over 25 women who have influenced the Christian church of their day. Many of these women were leaders of the church in their day in evangelism and church life. I had not heard of very many of them at all and this book is an attempt to show the influence that women have been on the church down through the ages. Many of the later women mentioned were American and it is a pity that women of influence in other parts of the world were not included. Each

chapter is only about five pages in length and very easy reading. Information for further reading on most of the women is given at the end of the book.

A HISTORY OF ISRAEL: From Conquest to Exile

by John J. Davis and John C. Whitcomb (Baker Books). \$13.25

A survey of the history of Israel which follows the text of the books of the Bible from Joshua to 11 Chronicles. This is a fairly basic examination of the history commenting in turn on a group of chapters of each book. One annoying factor was the constant attacking of modern scholarship. Some of the criticism is valid but I questioned other points the authors had made. For the serious scholar this book is too basic and there are other better non-scholarly historical surveys.

INERRANCY AND COMMON SENSE

edited by Roger R. Nicole and J. Ramsey Michaels (Baker Book House) \$8.25

Eight essays on the topic of inerrancy from members of the faculty at the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the U.S.A. This is a very hot issue in America at present and this volume argues that inerrancy of Scripture is both a biblical doctrine and the historic position of the church. Because each essay is by a different author and on different areas within the whole issue it means that there is a varying standard in the essays. The most interesting articles were "The Nature of Inerrancy" by J. Ramsey Michaels and "Inerrancy and Textual Criticism" by Roger Nicole.

CALVIN AND THE REFORMATION

edited by William Park Armstrong (Baker)

A reprint of a 1909 symposium of studies on the theological thought and importance of John Calvin. There are four essays contained in his volume under the titles 'Calvin and Common Grace', 'Calvin's Doctrine of the Knowledge of God', 'Calvin: Epigone or Creator?' and 'The Reformation and Natural Law'.

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.**



"It always happens like this after an earthquake."

HAPPENINGS

In Sydney 2CH the radio station owned by the Council of Churches in N.S.W. is once again the most popular station.

April 24 marks the 150th anniversary of the first Baptist service in Australia in Sydney.

79% of Australians believe in God according to a recent Gallop Poll. However 54% have not attended church for more than a year. 36% do not believe that there is any life beyond the grave.

The Bible Society has placed over \$750 worth of Bibles and children's storybooks in the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney at the initiative of the Anglican chaplain there.

A Christian heavy metal rock group "100% Proof" reached to final of the British Battle of the Sounds.

Ambassadors for Christ will be holding their International Conference on the Gold Coast from May 10-23, 1982.

The abuse of barbiturates, pain killers and tranquilisers is a major health problem in N.S.W. schools according to the Australian Federal Police Drug Unit.

47% of Americans regularly tune into religious programs. By contrast only 41% attend church services.

Church attendance in England is higher for the first time in years. Recent figures show 11% of adults attend church.

Mrs Joan Anderson is the first woman and the first lay person to be chosen to head the National Christian Council of New Zealand in its 40 year history. Mrs Anderson is a former moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

The Protestant church in Mexico now accounts for 3.5% of the population up from 1.86% in 1970.

Denmark has the highest suicide rate in the Western world followed by Finland and Sweden. The Danish suicide rate is 26 per 100,000 of population.

The Indian government has decided against evicting all missions agencies from tribal areas, but will follow a case-by-case approach.

The president of Ghana has been asked to fast for 40 days and ask God's forgiveness so that the nation can regain its lost image. President Hilla Limann has been asked not only to abstain from food, but also sex, alcohol and smoking for the 40 days.

For the first time a woman has been elected as head of the Baptist Church in Puerto Rico. Rev. Yamina Apolinaris, minister of the Baptist Church in Bayamon, was elected as President.

In Spain recently the Catholic Church made its first financial contribution to a project of the Spanish Evangelical Church.

The aim of the United Nations Development Program is clean water and sanitation for the whole world by 1990. The UN will launch its massive program this year. It is an ambitious project because two billion people still don't have safe drinking water or adequate sanitation.

More than 1/3 of New Zealanders attend church regularly according to a recent poll. This result surprised most observers.

A Council of Evangelical Christians has been formed in Yugoslavia. 100 people, including 50 pastors, met to bring the co-operative organisation into being. The council represents most of the countries Protestant denominations.

Tent villages along the Pakistani-Afghan border continue to increase. The United Nations says that the refugee population has jumped another 142,000 to 1,500,000. This is one of the biggest programs in a single country ever undertaken by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees. It expects that its 1981 budget will exceed \$50,000,000.

Villagers in Yazd, Iran, including two mullahs, have signed a petition pleading with Anglican missionaries Dr John and Audrey Coleman to return to the medical mission they were running before their arrest and their freedom last month.

Pope John Paul II is to visit the World Council of Churches on June 5. The only previous papal visit was in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

Urgent requests from Iranian Christians resulted in 50,000 copies of the Living N.T. being airlifted to Tehran.

INNER SPRINGS

ALL THINGS TO ENJOY

One Autumn Day I spent an hour
Just sitting in the morning sun
I drank in all the beauty there
Declaring summer's work was done.

Such a pastime might be considered as idleness by some. But I do not apologize for it. I confess I am not one with those who believe that to live one must spend every working hour rushing from place to place. Despite what man may do to the contrary, God still fills the earth with all the riches of his creative powers, and loveliness abounds everywhere. And he has placed me in its midst. Therefore I would consider it the height of ignorance were I to be indifferent to his handiwork.

After all who is there among us who does not thrill with joy to praise of our creative efforts, however humble they might be? Is God to be regarded differently? "He has given us richly all things to enjoy". (1 Tim). Then let us enjoy them. Nothing will be lost. Instead we shall have gained a respite for our weary spirits, and a conscious awareness of the one who can enable us to meet the busy hours with serenity.

Though God in seven days
The World and all its ways
Once for His own delight did fashion truly,
Yet every man alive
Must through his senses five create it newly.

No beauty dwells on earth
Till eyes do give it birth;
No rock, no stone, till e Lord's touch
living concreteness;
Fragrance till breath be near;
Music till listening ear
Draw forth its sweetness.

Florence Rosier

Palm Sunday at Aldgate Valley

The Aldgate Valley Church celebrated Palm Sunday with a procession when Jesus rode in on a donkey to the excitement of the palm waving Sunday School scholars and church members.

When the congregation finished singing the first hymn, Jamie Dow and Heather Smart, senior members of the Sunday School told the congregation 'He is coming, let us welcome him'. Then the congregation went outside and stood with the Sunday School and welcomed Jesus waving palm branches. Many were traditionally dressed for the celebration.

Chris Bateman took the part of Jesus. Smallone, the donkey, was led by its owner Philip Crooks.

The minister of the church is James Dow, and Trevor Ellis is Sunday School Superintendent.

— John Williams

Musical at Berwick

The Berwick Regional church has arranged for the Sydnal Baptist Gospel Theatre to present the musical "Hosea" at the Pakenham High School Hall. This will be held on Saturday May 30 at 7.45 p.m.

The musical is based on the Old Testament prophet Hosea. It tells of the problems related to the unfaithfulness of Hosea's wife.

Tickets are available from Mrs Joan McCraw, 14 Margaret St., Berwick or phone (03) 707 2686 or Mrs E. Irwin on (03) 707 2570.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND BAPTISTS (1)

Page 13

We were asked to answer the letter of an inquirer wanting to know the difference between Baptists and Churches of Christ. On reflection we thought that our reply might be of interest to our readers. We will devote this PAGE 13 and the two subsequent PAGES to the rather long answer that we provided.

Our Reply

Dear Charles,

I will endeavour as fairly as I can to put before you what I believe are the differences between Baptists and Churches of Christ.

But first of all let me say that Baptists and Churches of Christ have very many more similarities than differences between them. They hold in common all of the great doctrines of the Christian faith, according to the scriptures. Both believe in the authority of the scriptures as the sole guide for the faith and life of the church.

Also the differences between Churches of Christ and Baptists are often differences in emphasis rather than fundamental differences in doctrine.

No Creeds

Neither Baptists nor Churches of Christ have written creeds, both believing that the New Testament is a sufficient guide for the church's faith and order. So it is not possible to pick up and compare respective credal documents of the two bodies. Both claim to be following New Testament precedents. However there are of course some differences, and I will try to outline some of the main ones under the following headings:

- The Sacraments
- Ministry And Church Government
- The Doctrine Of The church

The Sacraments

Both Churches of Christ and Baptists have preferred to use the word "ordinance" rather than "sacrament", for baptism and the Lord's supper as their observance was the command of the Lord himself.

The Lord's Supper

Baptists usually celebrate communion monthly although there is no fixed rule about this. Churches of Christ believe that they are following apostolic precedent in observing the Lord's supper every Sunday as the central part of the worship of the church family. They have quoted Acts 20:7 which refers to the church at Troas "meeting on the first day of the week to break bread." Perhaps frequent and regular communion as central to corporate worship is best supported by the obvious importance attached to it by the early church (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

The normal practice of Baptists is that the ordained minister presides at the Lord's table, although in the absence of an ordained minister other competent people may do so. Churches of Christ are strongly opposed to the leadership of communion being reserved for a "clergy class". Their belief in the priesthood of believers (1 Peter 2:5,9) and in the ministry of the whole people of God, according to their gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Romans 12:6-8), leads them to appointing to preside at the table those who are competent to do so in an edifying manner.

Baptism

Churches of Christ and Baptists believe that baptism is the immersion of repentant believers (Acts 2:38; Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:3,4).

Baptists believe that baptism is an act of obedience following the gift of salvation, but not related to it. Their strong conviction that salvation is by faith alone, and that baptism is a "work", leads them to this position.

Churches of Christ believe that while salvation is God's action of grace and love, and cannot be earned by "works", nevertheless the scriptures themselves relate baptism to salvation (John 3:5; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

The External Act Does Not Save

Churches of Christ do not believe that the mere act of being immersed in water saves. God saves by his grace. But they do believe that the intention of scripture is that baptism should be the way in which a person responds in faith to God's saving action.

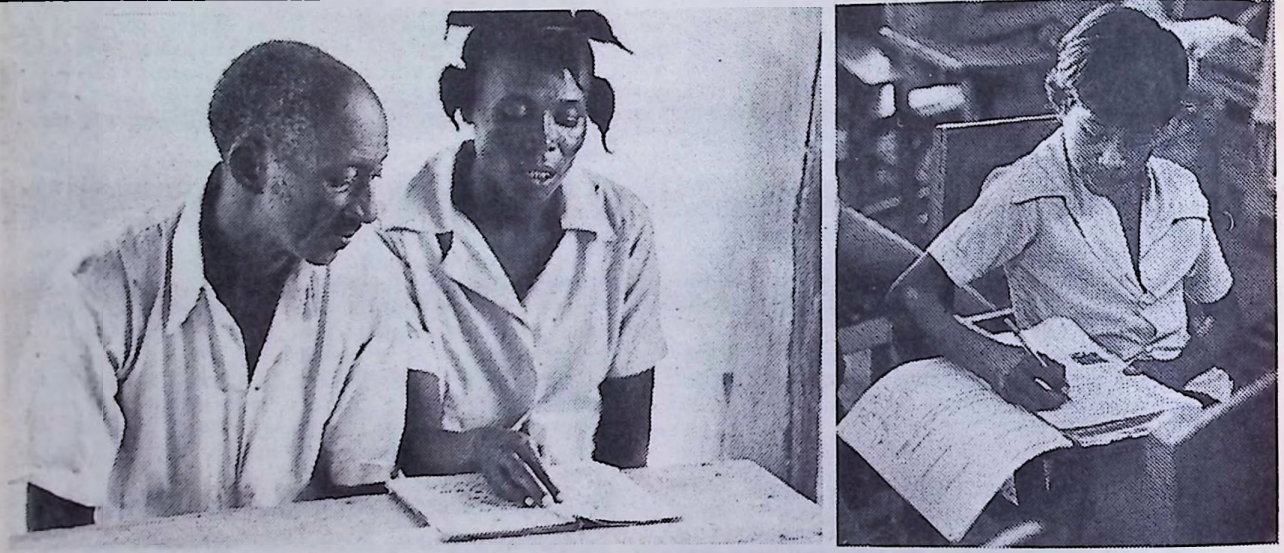
Churches of Christ take seriously Paul's symbolism concerning baptism in Romans 6:3-8, where baptism is said to dramatise one's death to and burial of the past, through the forgiveness of God, and one's resurrection to new life in Christ. Baptism thus witnesses to God's saving act, and thus is linked closely with it.

Obviously God's saving act is able to take place when it is evident that one is willing for a death and burial of the past to take place and by faith is willing to receive God's gift of new life in Christ. It is not the external act that saves, but the scriptures do put together both the external act and what it symbolises, and Churches of Christ believe that they should do the same.

Baptism And The Scriptures

Churches of Christ would not consider as being unsaved, those who have actually died with Christ to the old life and risen with him to God's gift of new life, but whose baptism has not been in accordance with what Churches of Christ believe is the New Testament practice and intention. But they urge all Christians to look again at the scriptures without preconceptions and prejudice, with a view to discerning what the Bible really does teach concerning baptism, its subjects, its method and its intention.

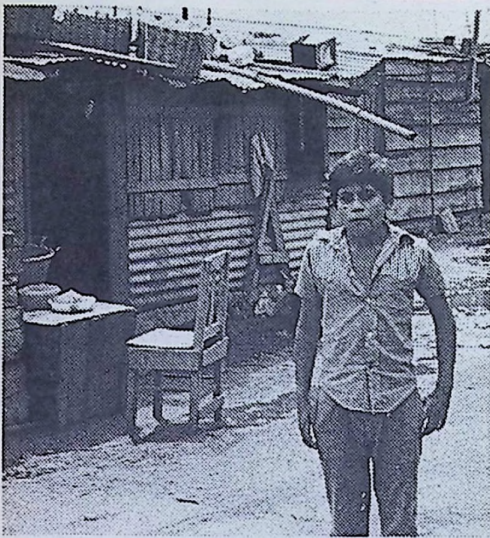
JESUS' COMMISSION:



To preach the Good News to the poor



To proclaim liberty to the captives . . .



To set free the oppressed,
 To announce the year when the Lord
 will save his people.

Jesus' Commission: World Vision's Mission

OF ANY ALTERATION

World Vision is a team of people who share the mission of Jesus. We are concerned with the poor, refugees and children. With the poor we seek to give them hope through self-reliance. With refugees we seek to give them dignity through compassion. With children we seek to give them a future through the development of their potential.

In all these areas of concern World Vision has one aim, ministering to the need of people to make each of them a whole person. While our work has grown in breadth we care for each individual, each community and its environment.

World Vision is growing but so are the world's problems. We are able to do a lot because you care. We need **you**. Please fill in the coupon and send it to us. Ask for details about any of our projects. We look forward to hearing from you.

Registered Office: World Vision of Australia, 29 Coventry St., South Melbourne, Vic.


**WORLD VISION
 OF AUSTRALIA**
 BOX 9944, GPO, MELBOURNE, 3001
 PHONE: (03) 699 8522

Please send me more information about:

- Childcare Project Partners
- Somalian Refugee project
- World Vision International Clubs for women
- I would like more information about _____
- I'd like to make a \$ _____ donation to _____

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____ P75.102

I would like to pay by Bankcard

4	9	6								
---	---	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Signed _____

GIFTS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Funerals are for the Living

Alan Male

(Honorary Director Queensland D.C.E.)

It was a mortician's full-page advertisement with the title "Funerals are for the Living" in an inflight magazine of an American airline, that jolted me wide awake on that long journey across the United States of America.

I'd never thought of it that way before, but **Funerals are for the living.** Theologically and physically, there's nothing that can be done for the person, being remembered, so the remembrance service is for those attending.

Understanding Death and Grieving

Having reached that conclusion, I thought of ways to enhance our understanding of death, dying and grieving.

The church at Ipswich conducted a series of public meetings with guest speakers — an undertaker, minister of religion, solicitor, and doctor, all speaking from their various vocational standpoints.

Kedron church Men's Group visited an undertaker's parlor and learned first hand about embalming and coffin making.

Some Churches Help

Some churches have a funeral scheme to avoid all the problems of payments for funerals. The interest on, hopefully, the long-term investment, keeps pace with inflation and the elderly can rest easily knowing that the financial details are covered.

Some churches have details of the person's wishes, as far as Bible readings and hymns they prefer to be used.

These aspects of the one sure certainty in life seem to me to be realistic ventures of understanding and facing up to death.

Funeral Courtesies

During the service, the officiating minister should mention the deceased's full name and then refer to him or her by the first name or affectionate name.

In the "personal word" there is ample opportunity for words of comfort and inspiration for the bereaved and associates who are attending.

After the service, join the line to speak briefly to the chief mourners.

State your name and tell briefly of your association with the deceased.

For the Living

In consultation with the bereaved, I produce a folder of an extract of the service to be sent out, instead of the traditional black bordered card. These become very precious to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

I applaud the idea of donations to worthy causes in lieu of flowers. A recent donation to "Camp Cal" youth camp,



Inside of Wattle Park Chapel after the fire on March 12.

furnished a unit in memory of a 19-year-old.

Where flowers are sent, the bereaved nominates the nursing home they are sent to and recently one such home wrote a "Thank you" note to the chief mourner.

Funerals are for the living!
(From Brisbane "Courier Mail" 26.3.81).

More Outlets for Non-Alcoholic Drinks

Here are some more places where non-alcoholic wines and beers are available.

The Australian Beverage Company, 120 1/2 Underwood St., Paddington, N.S.W. (Phone (02) 33 4035, 33 4055).

Non-Al Cellars, Palmer Arcade, 938 Whitehorse Rd., Box Hill, 3128.

Zingiberi Cellars, 91a Boronia Rd., Boronia, 3155.

Silvanvale, Lilydale Market, Lilydale. Dry Dock Cellars, 111 Fairy St., Warrnambool, 3280.

Bendigo Trading Co-Op, Williamson St., Bendigo, 3550.

Waterwagon Wines, 158 High St., Shepparton, 3630.

Maryvale Wines, 98 Hotham St., Traralgon, 3844.

Sovereign City Caterers, 314 Drummond St., Sth Ballarat, 3350.

Mission Calls for increased Unemployment Benefits

In a special report to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare enquiring into homeless youth, the Sydney City Mission called for an increase in the payment of benefits to unemployed young people participating in Employment Training Programs.

An increase in the payment to young people taking part in Employment Training Programs in addition to Unemployment Benefits is overdue and would:

1. Increase interest and motivation in training programs.
2. Assist young people to meet financial commitments whilst equipping themselves for a job.

Present unemployment benefits of \$36 per week for 16 and 17-year-olds and the adult range up to \$51.45 per week are totally inadequate for young people who are homeless. They are unable to obtain lodging and board for this amount of money and still be able to participate in life, at a reasonable standard of living. Most have no financial backing or support at all.



Hobart on Radio

The Hobart church will be featured on Community Hymn Singing on A.B.C. radio on Sunday May 17. The program will be broadcast at 6.30 p.m. on the Radio 1 and 3 stations around Australia.

Management Training for Church Leaders

World Vision has a training arm entitled Marc Australia. It supplies free of charge to church leaders a Management News Letter called "GRID".

Marc Australia is running a series of Management Seminars throughout Australia under the theme "The Time You Need", with special reference to managing time, personally and as churches and agencies, in the best interests of the Kingdom of God.

Details of the programs and registration forms, and application forms for Grid are available from World Vision, Box 399C, Melbourne, 3001.

The following are dates and places of the seminars.

1981: June 5-7 Sydney.

July 13-15: Adelaide.

September 25-27: Hobart.

October 16-18: Victorian country centre.

November 6-8: Brisbane.

1982: March 30-April 2: Launceston.

June 4-6: South Australian country centre.

July 12-14: Melbourne.

September 24-26: Alice Springs.

October 15-17: West Australian country centre.

November 5-7: Queensland country centre.

Outback Children's Bible Hideaway

The children at Coober Pedy in the outback of South Australia, have their very own dugout and secret tunnel as a headquarters for their Bible club.

Mrs Judy Sparrow has a concern that the aboriginal and white children of the opal town have the opportunity to learn to pray, understand the Bible and to enjoy all sorts of games and craft activities. She set up her "Adventurers Club" linked to Scripture Union's network of SUPACLUBS in South Australia. ("SUPA" stands for Scripture Union Primary Age). The children have nicknamed their Bible cave "Sparrow's Nest" and eagerly gather after school each week for Judy's program and cool drinks.

On the last weekend of March, local Christians got together to send Judy to Adelaide for a get-together for leaders of all Scripture Union's "SUPACLUBS" in the state.

Scripture Union's State Director Norm Bennett regards these clubs as a significant form of outreach and nurture. He said, "Children need to know that Jesus cares about them in the pressures that they feel even at primary school. This is also the natural lead up to involvement by the children in our ISCF outreach at secondary schools."

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.

ALLAMBY, Alice

(30.3.1981). Alice Allamby died quietly at Emmaus at the age of 91 years after a life spent in active and dedicated service to her Lord. She joined the Lygon St. church in 1901 during the ministry of W. C. Morro. She attended as a teenager the Bible class under the direction of Mrs Morro and was in attendance until she and her family came to the Parkdale church in 1923. She associated herself with all aspects of the church life, started and administered the Young Worshipers League which thrived for many years under her direction. She was a stalwart of the church, participating in the visitation of members and the sick where she would encourage with some small gift and a cheerful word. She used her car extensively for church work, played a major role in the establishment of a Sunday School at East Parkdale and was a major, consistent and substantial benefactor of the church in many ways. She was secretary of the tennis club and played into her 70's. She gave support to Christian Projects Ltd. the concept of which originated at Parkdale in 1945. In her early days, Alice started a knitting manufacturers firm which later came to the city and then in a modified form continued at Parkdale for some years. In her later years she was active in real estate and had a small agency. She was an astute business woman but all with the objective of assisting the work of her Lord. All associated with her will miss her guidance and kindly direction. We will remember her always as a vital and dynamic force for good and one we were proud to know.

— Stan Gilmore.

BATES, Daisy Violet. (17.3.1981). Mrs Bates was born in Essex, England on the last day of 1887. She died at the Emmaus Home. She came to Australia in 1909 and in 1912 was married in Newtown, N.S.W. She gave birth to three girls (May, Jean and Thelma) and four sons (Bert, Roy, Jack and Keith) and at her death was grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 18. The family moved to Victoria in 1924 and resided at Coburg. In 1967 Mrs Bates was widowed and for a few years she lived with her daughter May (Mrs Wes Jenkins) and in 1970 she entered Emmaus Home. In 1940 she was baptised in the Coburg church. She was a loyal disciple, regular in attendance, fully supported C.W.F. and exercised a faithful stewardship. Mrs

Bates was a devoted mother. By her attitudes and conduct Mrs Bates contributed to happiness and unity in Emmaus. She delighted in occupational therapy that home finances might be assisted. She supported fully the chaplaincy work and services of the writer.

— W. W. Saunders.

BROWN, Mrs Elizabeth.

(8.1.81). The church at Williamstown suffered the loss of an outstanding member when Mrs Elizabeth Brown died. Mrs Brown was born in Williamstown 76 years ago. Her parents David and Emma Chandler were members of the Williamstown church, and so it was natural for Mrs Brown to attend church with the other children in the family. It was at the age of 11 that she committed her life to Christ, at a tent mission held in Williamstown and was baptised into the church. In 1927 she married George Richard Brown who predeceased her in 1966. They had one child Yvonne (Mrs Y. Reid) who was much loved and greatly spoilt. When Yvonne married Malcolm and had two children, Fiona and Gillian, a grandmother couldn't have been prouder. Mrs Brown was a dedicated Christian and a keen worker in the church. Her many activities included being chaplain for the Phi Beta group, Sunday school teacher, choir member and an active member in the women's groups.

BURRISS, Harry Charles. (30.3.1981). Mr Burriess was in his 85th year when he died having come to Australie from England in 1912. Residing in Victoria he married Violet Hutton in December 1919 and they rejoiced in three daughters, Minnie, Nell and Nancy. Mr and Mrs Burriess celebrated their diamond wedding in 1979. They became the proud grandparents of 10 and great-grandparents of 11. For many years Mr Burriess was antagonistic to religion but he came under the influence of A. W. Stephenson, then ministering at Parkdale, and he made his commitment. Thereafter he was a diligent fellow labourer with Christ. He served as Sunday school teacher, Christian Endeavour leader, deacon, elder, prayer meeting leader, president and church secretary. He also preached occasionally.

He used his gifts at Mooroolbark, Murrumbidgee and Mornington Baptist churches and at Moreland, Parkdale, Tootgarook and Carnegie Churches of Christ. He was regularly active in the work of Melbourne City Mission amongst needy men and ministering to prisoners in Pentridge and other goals leading a number to new life in Christ. He always maintained the highest standards of morality and integrity. He was a faithful and loving husband and a devoted and wise father. Later in life his eyesight failed and over the last few months he suffered much ill health. He is mourned by his wife and family and many friends.

— W. W. Saunders.

MADDERN, Walter John:

(8.4.81). Walter Maddern passed away suddenly at Strathalbyn aged 60. He was born at Kaniva and lived and worked on the farm with his Uncle Harold and Aunt Rene Maddern. He was baptised at Serviceton in 1940. In 1941 he joined the 19th Machine Gun Regiment and was at Darwin during the bomb raid. In July, 1944 he married Emma Dinning at Bordertown and then lived on a farm at Serviceton where five children were born to them — Kevin, Don, Glenda, Ray and Jennifer, all but Don being married. It was a very happy marriage and family, Walter being a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. At Serviceton church he was S.S. teacher and secretary and church officer. He sold the farm in 1958 and moved to a dairy at Strathalbyn and recently moved to a new home nearer town. At the church he held offices of deacon and treasurer and was a familiar figure at the door welcoming people. Walter was greatly respected and loved by all, and always ready to help where there was a need. Services in the church and at the graveside were conducted by Merv. Lawrie and Herb. Prime, respectively. A large gathering paid tribute.

— M. T. Lawrie.

**PLEASE ADVISE US
OF ANY ALTERATION
IN YOUR ADDRESS**



**CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP
ASSOCIATION**

(Inc.) Est 1935

The Silent Service in our churches
IT BEGAN in the New Testament
(Acts 2:44-45).
IT BEGAN in Victorian Churches of
Christ in 1935.

IT CONTINUES to serve Need today.
IT IS CO-OPERATION for the Good
of All.

YOU MAY BECOME A MEMBER.
See your Church Agent, or contact
Churches of Christ

Department of Community Care
52 La Trobe Street,
Melbourne. 3000 Phone (03) 662 1411

CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT LIVING



**GREENWAY'S
RETIREMENT VILLAGE**

330-356 FRANKSTON-
DANDENONG ROAD,
SEAFORD SOUTH, 3198

1 & 2 B.R. Villas

Motel Type Hostel Suites

Open weekdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Waiting List Now Open

Phone Ron Marshman on 786 8679
or (059) 78 8284 A.H.

Les Lawlor says ...

I stand behind every Lawlor Pest Control job personally — all types of buildings — anywhere
Everything unconditionally guaranteed! Weeds —
birds on roofs — Argentine and all other ants —
"White Ants" — Borers — Carpet Pests — Lawn
Pests, in fact any pest that grows, walks or flies.

LAWLORS PTY. LTD.

THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE

STH. AUSTRALIA: 6-10 Henley St., Torrensville
Phone 43 9636



Orebro

— Don E. Stewart.

Located in the central area of Sweden is the historic city of Orebro. It was in the cathedral there that Napoleon's Field Marshall Bernadotte was crowned king of Sweden at the invitation of the Swedish people. The present king of Sweden is a descendant.

Orebro was interesting to us for another reason. In Europe and especially in Sweden it is the Municipal Council which is responsible for provision of the welfare needs of the city. This means that the local people have an important say in the provision of the welfare needs of each area.

A number of approaches being made to welfare situations in this city impressed us.

The first was "Focus" a set of apartments for severely disabled people. These apartments enabled disabled people to live their own lives in specially designed units that enabled them to perform most of the functions for independent living.

Cupboards were designed so they could be raised or lowered to any convenient height, lifting machines were installed for personal operation. Staff were available but only came when summoned. High shelves were of glass so that the disabled person could see from below what was on the shelf.

Distributed among the disabled persons units were a number of units for non-disabled people. The idea was to give a

sense of normality to the apartment block.

Not far away was "Brolyckan" providing hostel care for aged persons. The hostel organisation gave hostel residents much greater control over their lives. Four staff were provided for each 30 hostel residents. Staff worked as a team with the residents in the upkeep of rooms, dining rooms and lounges and together made decisions about the activities in which they would be involved. The staff were merely there to assist. During the evenings a small night staff was available.

Theorists have put forward many ideas about the need to integrate children with aged people. In Denmark we looked at several projects where this had been attempted by placing child minding centres beside the aged persons home. We did not see any that had been successful — in fact, the aged persons avoided the children.

At "Brolyckan" the problem was tackled differently. Places for 12 children were found. Their parents would leave the children at the aged persons home on their way to work in the morning and pick them up on their way home in the evening. The home provided three rooms for the children: kitchen-dining room, lounge and bedroom. The children played in the home amongst the guests but could use the three room home as they wished. The home delivered the children to school and collected them after school. Because

they were the same children, relationships developed between the children and the guests.

A third interesting aspect at "Brolyckan" was the integration that the home achieved with the community. What we would call an adult education program was conducted in "Brolyckan" and the people came from the community to do languages, current affairs, pottery, woodwork, painting and other subjects and handcrafts. The guests in the home were welcome to join in or just watch, or they could just sit and talk to those involved in the class. Of course, there were some guests who felt that their home was being invaded by strangers. But the overall effect seemed to be positive.

Vietnam's Aid

World Vision has sent emergency aid into the Red River Delta of Vietnam. A shipment of medicines, clothing and writing materials has gone to local hospitals which are attempting to care for victims of last year's typhoon and flooding. Severe flooding continued in the central provinces of Vietnam throughout December disrupting the lives of thousands of people.

World Vision has called on the Australian Government to send humanitarian aid to the people of Vietnam. The agency believes that Australia must put humanitarian aid before international politics.

Will Their Anchor Hold In The Storms Of Life

when the clouds unfold their winds of strife.....



Now small children of the 3rd World are being buffeted by storms of disease, famine, war and poverty. Only children with sound Christian foundations and some financial security will have an anchor to keep them "Steadfast and sure while the billows roll".

You can provide a child with just the anchor he needs. By sponsoring him for \$16 a month you will give Christian training, education, food, clothing, shelter and basic medical care. This will immediately change "your child's" life. His body will begin to grow normally and healthily through regular food. His mind will be liberated from the hopeless despair poverty produces and his ability to think and learn will markedly improve. His spirit may be transformed through the Christian influence you will make possible.

Respond out of Christian love to "your" needy child today by mailing the coupon below.

- I will sponsor a boy girl any child at \$16 a month.
- Enclosed is my cheque of \$..... for months.
- I cannot sponsor but I enclose \$..... to help needy children.
- Please send me more information about sponsorship.

Rev., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Organization,
Address.....
.....
..... State.....
Postcode.....

Compassion
An evangelical child development mission dedicated to building Christ into destitute children's lives and helping them reach their full potential.

P.O. Box 81, Islington, (Newcastle) N.S.W. 2296.

AC281

NSW TAS

THORNLEIGH (Paul Cameron). Dr Keith Farmer, Principal N.S.W. College, guest speaker whilst Paul Cameron speaker at Gilgandra ... First family evening service held. Brigades shared in service ... Miss Muriel Pickworth, Sudan United Mission, speaker at gospel service.

VIC

WARRAGUL (Peter Broadbent). Mr and Mrs A. Derbyshire celebrated 50th wedding anniversary. Unfortunately Mrs Derbyshire in hospital ... C.W.A.F. street stall raised \$180 towards Aboriginal parcel ... Annual meeting held.

MANIFOLD HEIGHTS (P. A. Pitts). Harvest Festival held on farm. Gifts sent to Salvation Army Kardinia Homes ... Night of prayer held ... C.W.F. speakers Dianne Cooper, W.B.T., and Mr and Mrs Lance Fisher, Aboriginal work ... C.W.E.F. held display and sale of lace made by women in India ... Introduction of community awareness emphasis in evening services. Eric Dixon from Y.F.C. crisis centre and Hugh Walpole spoke on work as welfare officer at Bethany ... Speakers have been Steve Stevens, F.O.L., and Rev. Murray Chambers, National co-ordinator of C.E. ... After church luncheon workshop held on church's aims ... Seven involved in teaching R.E. ... First baptism held in new building ... Annual meeting followed tea table fellowship ... Combined churches in Geelong held picnic after morning worship ... Y.A.F. surprised Dale Mountjoy with "This is your Life".

SWAN HILL (J. A. Capron) Junior boys and girls club increasing in numbers ... Family outing to Dahl's property ... Annual meeting held. Jim Beard elected to board. Fred Robertson now chairman ... Monthly family services continue.

NOBLE PARK (K. Clinton, L. Mayes) C.W.F. participated in March Effort ... Men's and women's Bible studies held weekly ... Extensive repairs to buildings underway ... Faith goals in attendance, membership and offerings set ... Married couple baptised.

PARKDALE (Bruce Waldron). Church shattered by tragic death of Jessie Bierton, murdered in her home only hours after attending church's annual meeting ... Three series of lectures planned on Parenting, Marriage and Death, Dying and Bereavement ... Mini mission planned ... Combined Easter services with Uniting Church ... New elder is Syd Berman who is building audio-visual for the church.

WILLIAMSTOWN (C. Wilson). 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. services on trial for three months ... Harvest Thanksgiving and Temple Day held ... Church saddened by death of Colin Rewell, deacon and treasurer for 20 years ... W.R.O.C. Ladies Fellowship met at Williamstown. 60 heard Mrs Gladys McKenzie.

LAUNCESTON (M. D. Hamilton, R. J. Allison). Following youth tea, film "Welcome Home" screened ... W.C.T.U. Convention held in Launceston and Federal Treasurer spoke at morning service ... 65 met with the Caveside church ... C.W.A.F. held meeting in home of Mr and Mrs R. Byard at Bracknell. Tas. Conf. reports heard ... Church saddened by death of C. J. Robinson three days before his golden wedding anniversary.

SO

MARION (E. P. C. Hollard). Harvest Festival goods donated to our Rest Homes ... A.G.M. held. 17 baptised during year with net gain of 43 for the year ... Mrs Fay Wilkinson resigned as deaconess and secretary after years of service. Recognition made at her last board meeting ... Elders are Colin Dredge and David Messent ... Mrs Laurel Pettet resigned as C.W.F. secretary ... Four baptised. Scott Ninnis made confession followed a week later by his grandparents ... Madang Monster Fair held in grounds raised over \$7000 for church building at Madang, N.G. ... Biblical dramas presented by Covenant Players Celeste and Mark Pieratt ... Wendy Cameron recent soloist ... Eric Hollard will conclude ministry on May 31.

VIC

YARRAWONGA (K. H. Pitt). N.E. District Convention speaker Bill Gaunson. Children's programs by Rhodes and Marion Jenkins. Singing by Shepparton Singers and Sonlights ... Three men baptised ... Four mid-week prayer cells formed in youth group ... 37km walkathon raised \$900 to send four Y.P. to Explo '81 ... Commissioning service for David LeLievre on leaving for Sudan with S.I.M. ... 13 participating in Bethel Bible series. 18 involved in K.Y.B. ... Five day camp run by B.S. ... Sonshiners Club (3-12 years) held South America night ... Ambassadors netball team reached semi-finals ... Mr and Mrs R. Starr celebrated golden wedding ... Minister attended Ray Stedman seminar.

CARNEGIE (R. Ritchie). New style S.S. recommenced after 18 month lapse. Interest is high ... Teenager baptised following his decision at Department youth camp ... Plans underway for 1981 winter family program "The Swamp".

ARARAT (Bert Stevens). Married couple baptised following audio-visual home visitation. Over two years five couples all with children added to church ... Church saddened by death of Geoff Judd, deacon ... Special family guest service held. Invitations were printed in letter form. 160 present (membership 60). Ron Coad guest

soloist and Frank Clark helped with children ... S.S. numbers increasing ... Boys and girls clubs combined under leadership of John and Kerry Searle ... New adult activity room with carpets and home comforts built ... Three prayer and Bible study groups meeting weekly. One is in local B.P. Roadhouse restaurant at 6.45 p.m.

CHELTENHAM (A. White, S. Wilson, D. Smith). Alf White announced intention of retiring as senior minister early 1982 ... Church choir under Fay Ferris sang Stainer's Crucifixion, with soloists Judith Hasken and Jim Lawry ... Retirement Centre staged first flower show. Televised on local circuit ... 42 attended Lads and Dads camp at Daylesford ... Harvest Festival goods taken to Emmaus Guest Home ... Ismael Bangga, Vanuata, spent weekend inspecting and taking part in services ... Jenny Moyes baptised at Chatswood, N.S.W.

BALWYN (G. Shaw, A. B. Withers). Two Y.P. baptised at family service ... Mrs Cochran celebrated 100th birthday ... C.W.E.F. participated in March Effort ... New Y.P. group started under direction of Greg Shaw and C. St. Aubyn ... S.T.A.F. (Singles, Twos, Adult Fellowship) recommenced ... Calisthenics class gaining new members.

WA

WARWICK (G. B. Carslake). Singing group led by Faith Johnston presented Easter songs at State Conf. and local church ... A.G.B.M. looked at possibilities of purchase of more land and building extensions ... Film screened ... Faith promise commitment card introduced ... Minister attended Explo '81 Ministers Seminar ... Summer basketball team lost final by 4 points ... 13 welcomed by baptism and transfer this month ... "The Gospel Road" screened ... Peanut Club for girls and boys has 100 attending each week.

NOLLAMARA (A. J. Anderson, J. Hicks). Peter Wells, M.L.C., addressed men's breakfast ... David Hammer spoke on behalf of Aborigines Committee ... Youth tea followed by service led by John Bond and Explo '81 team ... Food parcels to missionaries being organised and dispatched by three young women ... C.W.F. had Bali banquet. 85 attended ... William Ackerman, International Director, World Home Bible League, spoke on events in Bolivia, Brazil, China and India.

APPLECROSS (Des Croot). Six welcomed into fellowship ... Explo '81 team visited in March. 17 re-committments ... Increased morning attendances ... Applecross men helping in ministries at Medina and Fremantle prison ... Ian Moyses new editor of local news ... New youth group "Seeds" formed. Squash-a-thon and tennis-a-thon conducted to raise money for church projector.

SCARBOROUGH (Leroy Randall). Fred Hayes accepted call to associate ministry ... Heather Broadway B.S. Supt. ... Explo '81 team visited ... Neville Cooper spoke at youth service ... Seven welcomed into membership ... Studies of 'Pilgrims Progress' ... Petition for lowering of legal blood alcohol level signed.

tas

LAUNCESTON (M. D. Hamilton, R. J. Allison). Church crowded for thanksgiving service for life of C. J. Robinson ... Morning service led by "New Gene". Const. Mark Crawford spoke. Five Y.P. responded to appeal ... C.W.E.F. Easter devotion assisted by "Sunshine Singers" from Salvation Army. Ladies from other churches attended ... C.W.F. visited Ulverstone for fellowship and short Easter program.

wo

BRUCE ROCK, MERREDIN (D. Good). Although poor harvest, Harvest Thanksgiving services held in both churches. Proceeds of gifts given to C.O.C.O.A. ... Two baptisms at Bruce Rock ... Eastern Districts Women's Conference held at Bruce Rock ... Both churches shared in Women's World Day of Prayer ... Merridin host to March 5 Sunday services for Eastern Wheatbelt with John Somerville speaking on trip to Jamaica to attend world assembly of Disciples of Christ.

so

COWANDILLA (R.W. Saunders). At annual meeting Ian Sander and Charles Murcott appointed deacons. Present ministry to conclude at end of year ... First quarterly tea and parade for Section 1 Boys' Brigade. Slides shown and awards presented. Ian Sander leader. Cliff Jones showed slides of Aborigines mission work ... B.B. Section 2 and G.B. combined for enrolment service. Girls presented singing items. Senior B.B. member made confession of faith ... Monthly prayer luncheons commenced. Theme "Joy ... all the Way" ... Series of money raising travel slides nights for C.W.F. Living Link fund by George Pearson ... Minister participated in Palm Sunday procession and service arranged by Western Districts I.C.C. ... One confession of faith ... Ken Dawson preached on Easter Sunday to enable minister to preach at Vietnamese church. Vietnamese church now combined with other Viet. groups at Kent Town in property used by Aust. Chinese church.

GOOLWA (Rick Sercombe) C.W.F. held progressive luncheon for mission work in Vanuata ... May 2 local football club attended church service ... Richard Spencer awarded for 25 years service with Australia Post ... Inter-church council held ecumenical Lenten studies.

NOARLUNGA (M. Munyard, F.C. Hunting). First family service conducted April 5. 206 attended at 9.30 a.m. 99 attended traditional 11 a.m. service ... Membership now 160 ... Plans in hand for new building as present one inadequate ... Boys' Brigade and Girls'

Brigade recently formed ... Friendship Centre every first and third Tuesday averages 80 involved in various craft work ... Preaching series on gifts of Holy spirit ... M. Munyard re-appointed for further four years. F. Hunting re-appointed on a one-year basis ... Easter services well attended.

vic

BORONIA (Harvey Miller, Iris Lawson). Kerygma Bible study series being undertaken in various homes ... Combined Good Friday service held in Uniting Church ... Adult Day Care Centre started ... Following weekend camp Y.P. conducted evening service ... After church fellowship in homes regular

feature ... Win Neander celebrated 92nd birthday.

THE PATCH (Len Martin). Harvest Thanksgiving held. Displayed goods donated to C.O.B. ... Betty Rowe showed slides of trip to Greece and Israel ... Keith Skillicorn, Leprosy Mission, screened movie of work in India ... 20 attended Maundy Thursday service.

TRARALGON (Des Symes). Church rededication service led by George Warren ... Four playgroups meeting weekly ... I.C.C. conducting visitation of 1,200 homes in East Traralgon ... Church camp and picnic held ... 60 went to local theatre to view 'Joni' ... Three adults one Y.P. baptised ... Lindsay Dewberry of Indian Sharing Venture team led service followed by Indian luncheon ... Lamington drive raised \$110.



PRESENTED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND ENRICHMENT ACROSS AUSTRALIA BY CYTA

KEN MEDEMA ... IS A STATE OF MIND! WHEN YOUR IMAGINATION RUNS WILD AND YOUR CREATIVITY IS RELEASED. WHEN YOUR JOY EXPLODES AND YOU BARE YOUR HEART TO SHARE WHAT MATTERS MOST ... THE SOUND OF MEDEMA ACROSS AUSTRALIA

KEN MEDEMA - Pianist, Composer, Singer, Music Therapist, Counsellor, Story-teller, Christian and although blind from birth, is a brilliant communicator and friend to people of all ages. After meeting Ken you too will come to appreciate his unique musical ability. Many will remember Ken's outstanding contribution to the 1980 A.C.M.S., (Australian Christian Music Seminar).

MAKE SURE YOU'RE PART OF AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE

PERTH 'EXPLO 81' FRI. MAY 15th. SAT. MAY 16 (09) 325 2333
PERTH WINTHROP THEATRE 2.45 p.m. SUN. MAY 17 (09) 459 5645
BRISBANE MAYNE HALL UNI OF QLD. 8.00 p.m. FRI. MAY 22 (07) 378 5445
BUNDABERG HIGH SCHOOL 7.30 p.m. SAT. MAY 23 (071) 71 2413
BRISBANE MAYNE HALL UNI OF QLD. 2.45 p.m. SUN. MAY 24 (07) 378 5445
COFFS HARBOUR CIVIC CENTRE 7.30 p.m. TUES. MAY 26 (066) 52 2713
NEWCASTLE GRIFFITH DUNCAN THEATRE 7.30 p.m. WED. MAY 27 (049) 68 1011
MELBOURNE MLC SCHOOL KEW 8 p.m. FRI. MAY 29 & 8 p.m. SAT. MAY 30 (03) 700 2252. A 11 (03) 795 2102

ADELAIDE PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE 2.45 p.m. SUN. MAY 31. (08) 276 8546
DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL 7.30 p.m. TUES. JUNE 2. (004) 24 2071
HOBART ROSNY COLLEGE 7.30 p.m. WED. JUNE 3 (002) 43 9504
BALLARAT MEMORIAL THEATRE 7.30 p.m. THURS. JUNE 4 (053) 31 1306
COOMA CYTA LODGE FOR A WEEKEND OF MUSIC MAGIC WITH MEDEMA - FRI. JUNE 5 - MON. JUNE 8 (02) 764 1700 - SYD (03) 700 2252 - MELB
CANBERRA DICKSON COLLEGE TUES. JUNE 9 (062) 54 4273
WOLLONGONG TOWN HALL 7.30 p.m. WED. JUNE 10 (02) 764 1700
SYDNEY TOWN HALL 8 p.m. FRI. JUNE 12 & 8 p.m. SAT. JUNE 13 (02) 764 1700

CYTA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE 16 THE CRESCENT HOMEBUSH NSW 2140 PHONE (02) 764 1700

Australians Minister in the U.K.

Ian Whittle came originally from Dareton. He and his wife Ann were later active in the Armidale (N.S.W.) church while both were studying; Ian in Rural Science and Ann in teaching.

Like many other couples they set out for overseas at the conclusion of their studies. Setting in Stoke-on-Trent, England, they linked up with the small Burslem Church of Christ, in a well known porcelain making area.

Ian has been invited by the Burslem church to undertake a part time ministry. The church is active in helping the large number of people made redundant by industrial changes. The church is growing. Their friends will be interested to know that the Whittles are at 23 Bluestone Ave, Burslem, ST6 7EE, Stoke-on-Trent.

New Minister for Cheltenham (Vic.)

The church at Cheltenham (Vic.) is pleased to announce that Gerald Rose has accepted their invitation to be their senior minister commencing early in 1982. Gerald completes a distinguished 10 year ministry as Director of the South Australian Department of Christian Education in December, 1981.

Alf White, presently serving as full-time senior minister has graciously offered to continue serving with Cheltenham until the end of 1982 as Director of the Christian Retirement Centre.

Stanton Wilson majoring in Pastoral Care, and Doug Smith (part-time) in Christian Education and Youth, are the other two members of the ministry team at Cheltenham.

Death of Keith Jones

The College chapel was crowded on April 22 when 171 relatives, friends and leaders of the Brotherhood gathered to honour the memory of Keith A. Jones and to thank God for his life and ministry.

Principal Emeritus E. L. Williams who has had a long association with K. A. Jones spoke in appreciation of his life and significant ministry with the College of the Bible.

Keith Jones came to College in 1926 and graduated in 1930. He returned as House Master in 1935 and continued to live at College while being Youth Director till 1940.

He became the first full time Youth Director in Victoria in 1935 after studying in London for six months in preparation. He was responsible for the development of camping and the Explorer and Good Companion Clubs.

In 1940 he married his wife, Alma. Their wedding was the first one conducted in the newly-built College chapel. From 1948 to 1970 he was House Master and Secretary of the College of the Bible. He had ministries at Hampton, Victoria and Maylands, S.A. He was President of the S. A. Conference in 1946 and Vic/Tas Conference in 1957. He was Federal Conference Secretary from 1958 to 1966.

The Warwicks for Khartoum

At last Steve and Val Warwick have received the necessary clearance to go to their posting with the Sudan United Mission at Khartoum. Their many months in hot Nigeria have at last acclimatised them for hotter Khartoum. Their new address is S.I.M., Box 220, Khartoum Sudan.

Ken Medema Tour

Recently an article appeared in a US magazine where mention was made of the five outstanding (in their field) Christian artists; in the world today. Namely, Andrae Crouch, Evie Tornquist, Jimmy Medema and Carol Owens and Ken Medema. CYTA have been privileged to sponsor all these artists in their tours of Australia.

In May, June this year Ken Medema returns for his second Australian concert tour which commences in Perth with EXPLO 81 and concludes with two Sydney Town Hall concerts.

One word describes Ken Medema. Incredible. He's blind, but that does not stop him water skiing, riding a push bike, or playing basket ball with his son Aaron. He is a composer, pianist, singer and is affectionately known as "The Story Telling Man" because of his musical of the same name featuring the parables told by Jesus, and in the way he relates to his concert audiences.

Ken has nine albums to his credit. His latest release "Kingdom in the Streets" will coincide with his Australian visit.

This time Ken will be giving concerts in every capital city and in many provincial centres. Supporting Ken in his concerts will be a selection of up and coming young Australian artists.

For location of Ken's Concerts attention is drawn to the advertisement on page 21.

Workshop to help Parish Editors

Parish Editors in Victoria will be given first hand experience in writing and producing better parish magazines at a special one day workshop arranged for Saturday, July 4.

The event which will be run from 9 a.m. — 5.00 p.m. will be held at the Mission of St James and St John, 8-12 Batman St., West Melbourne.

Professional religious communicators will assist local editors in improving their publications through a series of talks and practical exercises. Areas covered include: ● Establishing a profile of your readers. ● The role and purpose of your newsletter or magazine. ● The basics of good writing. ● Putting it all together — a look at layout and design.

The workshop is being sponsored by MediaCom Associates Inc. a non profit national and ecumenical religious communications agency. Founded by Tony Nancarrow in 1980 it has a major commitment to providing local congregations with resources and expertise to help them in their communications task. Its monthly publication Editors' Clip Sheets is already used by 1200 congregations around Australia.

Registration forms for the workshop can be obtained by sending a stamped self addressed envelope to MediaCom Associates Inc., 6 Sheffield St., Malvern, S.A. 5061. The closing date for registrations is Friday, June 26.

PEDIGREE MOTORS GUARANTEED USED CARS

CNR UNION RD. & CANTERBURY RD. SURREY HILLS. VIC. 3127.

AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALISTS

Whether it be your first car or you wish to "TRADE IN" let TED GRAY and STEVE GRUNDY give you the benefit of long experience in the trade.

ADVICE FREELY GIVEN PH. (03) 830 1159 (A.H. 729 3407)
Great Range of Cars — Medium Priced Range — Phone NOW!

"TELL YOUR FRIENDS"

L.M.C.T. 4376

Consult the Land People of Mount Gambier

D. M. FIMMELL & CO. PTY. LIMITED

Licensed Agents at "Real Estate House", 13 Penola Road Mt. Gambier, S.A. 5290.
Phone 25 4011 (5 lines). After Hours — 25 5440, 25 1393, 25 5270, 25 5128,
38 7216 For All Enquiries on Real Estate Business

- ★ VALUATIONS
- ★ AUCTIONS
- ★ TRANSFERS
- ★ DOCUMENTS
- ★ RENTAL ENQUIRIES
- ★ SELLING OR BUYING



Gospel Music Ministry



Music has always played an important part in the life of the church, both in its worship and outreach.

Richard and Shirley Pearce have been involved in sharing Jesus Christ through the ministry of gospel music for many years in the States of N.S.W. and Qld. in particular as well as being involved in crusades in New Zealand and England. From gospel meetings to radio, schools to auditoriums, public concerts to homes and many other venues, Richard and Shirley have shared songs of faith, hope and love with thousands of people from all walks of life.

Over the past five years they have been involved in full-time pastoral ministries with the churches at **Armidale** and **Paddington** in N.S.W.

January, 1981 saw them move out into a full time Gospel Music ministry. Their home base is Sydney, N.S.W., and they are available to share as an aid to the local church program through concerts, coffee mornings, youth meetings, gospel services and outreach programs.

Their two children share with them in this ministry giving it a special appeal to whole families. They have two record albums to their credit and a third on the production line.

If you would like this family involved in your program write to: **R. & S. Pearce, 86 Buena Vista Road, Winmalee, N.S.W. 2777.**

Sex Reformers Erred

Sex Reformer Hans Nestine, who headed the pro-porn move in Sweden in the late 60s is now trying to reverse the move.

"We wanted to get away from prudery," he said, but agreed that the sex capitalists had taken over and the country was full of sadistic violence.

Now he wants new laws brought in to curb the worse excesses. So does Lisa Mattson. She thought legalised pornography would reduce sex crimes and deviance — "but we were wrong".

— Buzz

YOUTH GROUPS

- CLUSTER GROUPS
- SINGLES CLUBS
- FAMILIES

The ideal location for a weekend away with your group. Only 105 km. from Melbourne. Facs. incl. trampolines, sw. pool, table tennis, rec. room with open fire. Small groups welcome.

Prop: Jenny & Noel Wolstencroft
Timberline Cabins

Maroondah Highway, Taggerty.

Phone: (057) 74 7382 or
(03) 879 3720

Chinese Request Braille Bible

Brother Andrew of the **Open Doors** missionary organisation has supplied details of a request for Braille bibles from a "house" church in China. A note has been received from a woman in China who is one of 600 members who have met for prayer and worship since 1966. 100 of the members are blind.

These believers have met fearlessly since the cultural revolution and although they have suffered great persecution, they not only meet for worship, but have an evangelism program in the villages.

Open Doors with Brother Andrew has undertaken to deliver scriptures to these blind Christians through their established distribution network.

Concern is expressed by those visiting China recently, that some of the relative freedom enjoyed by Christians may be short lived. Three "house" church pastors from rural areas have been imprisoned in the last month. Two Catholic priests have been returned to a labour camp from which they were set free more than 20 years ago.

WHERE TO GO AND STAY

Balook Guest House
2,000 ft. above worry level
Between Bulga and Tarra Valley National Parks, South Gippsland
Fern Gullies, Lyre Birds', Wildlife. Scenic drives, Fishing. Home-cooked meals. Relax in Christian atmosphere and beautiful surroundings. Week-end Houseparties welcomed.
Your hosts: Peter & Ruth Richmond & Ken & Judy Danes,
Balook, Vic., 3971 Phone Mount Tassie (051) 96 6141



KENMORE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

... 'THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE'

OFFERING ONE, TWO AND FOUR YEAR COURSES FOR MINISTRY IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS

FOR INFORMATION OR APPLICATION FORMS write ... Principal F.L. Ewers, Box 55, Kenmore, Q.4069, or 'Phone (07) 378 3548, 378 4814

Sponsored by The Queensland Churches of Christ to serve the Brotherhood everywhere.

QLD

CHINCHILLA, HOPELANDS (Ted Dinning). Western District Fellowship held at Murgon, March 7, 8. Speaker was Randy Edwards . . . Aileen Draney visited and showed slides on N.G. and took part in evening service . . . Family camp held at Kingston's property well attended. 100 attended Sunday morning communion service. Allen Leane, Nambour led studies on Holy Spirit . . . Four attended womens' camp at Camp Cal, Caloundra.

NSW

THORNLEIGH (Paul Cameron). Church family camp held at Elanora Conf. Centre under leadership of Phil Neville. Paul Cameron led studies on discovering church goals. 81 attended. Highlight was closing communion service led by Rick and Heather Lewis. V.S. Dallingier spoke at home service . . . Good Friday service held . . . Warren and Chris Raines attended Easter D.C.E. camp as leaders . . . Rick and Heather Lewis attended National Youth Consultation in Canberra.

GILGANDRA Sunday school attendances encouraging. Record 25 children for kindergarten . . . Church shared with Uniting Church for Good Friday service . . . Two baptised and four

welcomed into fellowship . . . Church looking to call minister for 1982.

WYOMING, BERKELEY VALE (Ma. Leask, T. Butler). Terry Butler conducting teaching interim ministry . . . \$760 raised toward building program at Normanton . . . Church adopted ministry of elders. Five appointed . . . Noel and Jean Flint shared news of John and Shirley Truscott in Indonesia . . . John Marley celebrated 100th birthday with family party. Church gave special dinner in his honour after morning service . . . Boys' Brigade raised over \$200 at street stall . . . Berkeley Vale waiting for Lands Dept. to combine two blocks so building can start . . . Girls' Brigade commenced with 30 attending . . . Wyongah Bible School celebrated second birthday.

VIC

THOMSON J. Smail assisting as part-time minister this year gave series on second coming. Film "Distant Thunder" concluded series. Young woman made commitment . . . Jan Manson baptised . . . Church saddened by sudden death of Betty Jones.

ECHUCA (A. Symes). Neville and Gwen Thomas and family, Wycliffe Bible Translators, shared in service. Casserole luncheon followed . . . During Easter Sunday morning service Roselyne Gregson baptised . . . Recent guest speaker Dick McLellan former missionary in Ethiopia.

SWANSTON ST. (A.L. Webb, Bruce Morton, Rav Haverfield). Record

attendances during March and April . . . 400 shared in thanksgiving service to mark 100 years of continuous occupancy of present building. Keith MacNaughton, former minister, speaker . . . Annual Missionary Convention resounding success. Love Gift Offering was \$16,000 with Faith Promise Renewal Offering in excess of \$42,000 . . . 10 additions by baptism on Easter Sunday . . . Church saddened by tragic death of Rachel Ganly, 4, in a road accident . . . Focus on Family film series being screened on Saturday evenings fortnightly.

HARTWELL (E.B. Clapp). Diamond anniversary celebrations held April 12. Garden party held in manse garden on Saturday. 230 attended morning service when Dr W. Tabbernee was speaker. Historical display and slides screened. Fellowship Group held P.S.A. Evening service conducted by minister . . . Adventure Club members participated in Walk Against Want . . . C.W.A.F. visited Oakleigh Guest Home.

SPRINGVALE (Tom Eade). Cake stall outside church raised \$188 . . . New Lowrey organ presented by anonymous donor . . . Four recently baptised . . . Neville and Dot Munyard, Indonesia, shared with audio-visual.

WARRAGUL (Peter Broadbent). 95th anniversary held with Ian Corlett guest speaker . . . Along with 20 other churches, church is supporting Bill Newman Crusade to be held in Bourke St. park May 1-10.

DONCASTER (K.D. Horne). Planned Giving review led by Ian Tippet achieved budget of \$2,000 per week. Church to lift actual giving to Brotherhood Depts. by 20% . . . Three Y.P. baptised . . . 140 attended family camp at Hindhope, Rosebud . . . Keith Horne participating in a Course for Ministers supervising student ministers at Ormond College . . . George Warren, Dep. M.E.D. leading Small Group Leadership program . . . Keith Bowes assisting with preaching this year and leading a "Covenant Group" . . . John Gilmore led Easter camp for 30 young adults at Timberline, Taggerty.

STRATHMORE (Jim Spiker, Stan Bannon). A.G.M. held. Les Hill and Noel Skillicorn thanked for years of service as treasurer and S.S. Supt. New Supt. Alan Nicholls . . . Evening worship centred around series of "new life" banners . . . Family camp held at Lake Eppaloch . . . "Friendship Centre" providing craft and relaxation for elderly . . . Church bus provided transport for W.R.O.C. meeting at Williamstown . . . Girls' Club held evening bus picnic . . . "Leisure Time" musical program presented by Anthea Spiker and Noel Skillicorn.

WATTLE PARK (Ian Allsop). Since fire morning services at "Orana", evening services at Surrey Hills. Girls and boys clubs meet at St James Uniting "Orana" hall . . . Wednesday Night Forum which meet at Camberwell after fire discontinued at end of April . . . Combined Wattle Park Surrey Hills church camp held at Monbulk. 60 joined in either full time or for day visit . . . Youth camp held for 12 at Dimboola . . . Church considering number of options for the future.

EL SALVADOR

The terror and repression in El Salvador has uprooted 150,000 people in the civil war-torn country and a further 100,000 people have fled to neighbouring countries.

They need your help.

Your donation will support the work of a new united Protestant-Catholic relief agency in El Salvador. \$2 million is needed now for food, medicines and clothes.

Send donations to:

Australian Council of Churches
199 Clarence St. (PO Box C199 Clarence St)
Sydney. 2000



I enclose \$ _____ for relief in El Salvador

Name _____

Address _____

Donations of \$2 or more tax deductible.

Cyclone and Explosion at Darwin

Cyclone Max hit Darwin at 140 kmp hour. No damage was done to the Church of Christ manse or its frightened occupants or to other people in the congregation.

The explosion is in the life of the church. They now have 55 members and 20 Christians in fellowship. They are anticipating a membership of 100 by Christmas. There have been seven baptisms already this year. A young navy man rededicated his life to Christ. He brought others who are still attending, one of them being baptised and now helping with the Explorers. Sunday School is now over 30 regulars. Youth and Boys' and Girls' Clubs are expected to boom even more as regular meetings are moved to our new "centre" in the Malak School. Six neighbourhood Bible Studies are under way, four at night, one for women in the daytime and one at lunchtime for city workers.

Gifts of \$10,000 for the church building fund have been received from round Australia and the drawings for stage one of the buildings are now completed preliminary to calling tenders.

Five members teach R.I. to 250 children in the Malak school. The church is grateful for the continuing intercessory prayers offered for them and their work by the rest of us in the Brotherhood.

Churches in China told: No Foreign Aid

The Chinese Communist Party recently categorically prohibited religious organisations in mainland China from receiving subsidies from abroad, according to the 'Agence France Presse'. The warning came from the party's fortnightly journal 'Red Flag.'

In an article on religious freedom in China 'Red Flag' stressed that "no Chinese religious organisation, whichever it is, has the right to receive subsidies or gifts from any foreign religious organisation."

It also stressed that religion should not intervene in "politics, education and marriage, or resort to exploitation and oppression."

Meanwhile, the 'New China Newsagency' reported that the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary was reopened on February 28. The Seminary, which was founded in 1952, was closed during the Cultural Revolution. It now has 47 students, who are pastors and researchers from different parts of the country.

The President of the Seminary is Bishop K. H. Ting, who is also president of the China Christian Council and Chairman of the Chinese Christian Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee.

Churches have been reopened in the cities of Canton, Shih Chi and Swatow, and more are being prepared and renovated for reopening in other cities.

Church choirs and Bible study classes organised by young people have also been reactivated.

— Chinese Around the World.

TASMANIA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Nubeena church was host for the 85th Annual Convention of Churches of Christ in Tasmania on March 28 and 29. The warm and friendly attitude expressed by that fellowship, together with the inspiration from guest speakers, Dr Bill Tabbernee and Mrs Daphne Ashlin, made a worthwhile weekend.

A highlight was the Sunday morning worship service when 200 gathered to express thanks to God for his greatness and his love. Max Wilson, president of Convention, presided, and Dr Tabbernee shared his address, "The Church: God's Community in the 80's."

Women's Conference on Sunday afternoon was chaired by Mrs Lynette Birtwistle (Launceston.) Mrs Daphne Ashlin, President-elect of Vic.-Tas. C.W.F., gave a very helpful and challenging message. The new executive for C.W.F. will now be centred in the south of the State for the next three years — Mrs Naomi Neville being president for 1981-82.

Youth Night featured items from Nubeena group, "Just Us", and a varied program of individual items and sketches, with two excellent audio-visuals prepared by Nubeena minister, Cec Neville. These visuals related to early church life on the Tasman Peninsula and scenic features of the area. The evening concluded with a youth oriented message from Dr Tabbernee.

Saturday morning and afternoon sessions dealt with the business of Convention. One important decision concerned the Bethany Day Care Centre. This ministry, formerly associated with Convention, has now been accepted by the Hobart churches as part of their social service outreach.

Convention agreed to release funds to enable the present rented property to be purchased for this purpose. Report from the Day Care Centre indicated the splendid service being given by Miss Shirley Byard in child care. One significant fact is that she is the only single person in Tasmania to be given foster parent status. It should be pointed out that there is need for continued financial support and prayer from members and churches.

Convention was encouraged to learn that the new manageress at Bicheno, Mrs Joy Watt, has taken up her work efficiently despite the difficulties involved in having her husband completing a term of work in Hobart and commuting to Bicheno at weekends. Rob will be joining her in May, and with care-taking work at the local school and other work in the area, they will be able to give impetus to the development of this fine centre. A recognition gift was made to Harold and Flo Stevens for their service at Bicheno over the past four years.

A recognition was also made to Roy Edmonds for his long years of association with Convention and his excellent service on Conference executive.

The relatively new work in Tasmania of I.T.I.M. is having rapid growth, with more opportunities for the work of chaplaincy than there are persons to fill these. Norman Carter has recently been appointed full-time to chaplaincy on the North West Coast, based on Devonport, and will give some leadership to its work in that region.

Half-yearly Convention will be held at Copping on Saturday, September 19.

— Dean Hamilton

Increasing Numbers of Total Abstainers

One theory says that if more people could be educated to drink in moderation then not only would there be less heavy drinkers but also less abstainers. Conversely, if the number of heavy drinkers increase then so will the number of abstainers. Figures from a recent AN-SVAR survey show this pattern in some surprising changes from 1976 to 1981.

People were asked to describe their drinking pattern according to the following four groups.

	April 1976	January 1981
Regular drinker	15.7%	18.5%
Drink rather often	6.5%	5.1%
Occasional drinker	65.4%	57.5%
Total abstainers	11.9%	18.8%
		99.5%

The increase in number of total abstainers is not quite so dramatic when a further question is added to find if the total abstainer uses wine for a toast on special occasions.

	April 1976	January 1981
Total abstainers	11.9	18.8
Toast with wine	3.5	8.3
True abstainers	8.4%	10.5%

The significant increase in the number of total abstainers toasting with wine could mean that the general attitude towards the meaning of "total abstainer"

is less strict as we find that 44% of the people saying they are total abstainers will toast with wine in 1981 compared to only 29% in 1976. Another contributory factor to this change is the much greater use of quality non alcoholic drinks which, when used could be described by some as "toasting with wine".

Whatever the reason, the net effect seems to be an increase in the number of true abstainers to the order of 25% from 84 per 1000 adults to 105 per 1000.

Increased Broadcasts to China

The Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila, Philippines, has increased its broadcast time to China from March 1. With the growing freedom to write letters, listeners in China write to FEBC seeking counsel and Christian literature. In 1980, more than 9,000 letters were received from Chinese listeners, a majority of whom were young people.

With this addition of 2½ hours of Mandarin programs, they now have a total of 12½ hours beamed to China each day.

The Far East Broadcasting Company has been on the air with Chinese language programs heard on the mainland since 1949.

Bible Circulation Up

The United Bible Societies distributed almost 10 million Bibles and 14 million New Testaments worldwide last year. The annual distribution statistics of the UBS revealed that Bible circulation went up by 6% and New Testaments by over 13% in the period.

A total of 440 million Scripture publications was distributed by the 99 Bible Society offices around the world in 1979/80. This figure includes not only Bibles and Testaments, but also Scripture Portions (single books of the Bible), Scripture Selections (Biblical passages often in leaflet form) and Scriptures for new readers.

New Agreement between Churches and Defence Force

Church traditions dating back to 1913 in connection with the Services will change following new arrangements entered into between the Defence Force and the churches.

The senior members of the various churches who make up the Army's Conference of Chaplains General will form a new body to be called the Religious Advisory Committee to the Services (RACS). This group will provide a link between the governing bodies of churches and the Defence Force.

Members of the RACS will include the Anglican Bishop to the Forces, the Roman Catholic Bishop to the Forces, the Convener of the Defence Force Chaplaincy Committee of the Uniting Church in Australia, the Convener of the the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Chairman of the Federal United Churches Chaplaincy Board and the Rabbinical Representative of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

The committee's responsibilities will include the exercise of pastoral care and pastoral oversight of chaplains, Service personnel and their families; and advice on the appointment of Principal Chaplains in the Services.

In addition each Service will now have a Principal Chaplains Committee, of one star rank (i.e. brigadier) or equivalent status, to provide for the administrative and technical control of Chaplains within each Service.

ACC Aids El Salvador and Namibia

El Salvador

The ACC has made a further grant of \$3,000 for humanitarian assistance to the refugees and displaced people of El Salvador, the civil war-torn Central American republic. This grant follows a similar \$2,000 grant last month.

The intense civil war has displaced an estimated 150,000 people within the country whilst a further 100,000 refugees have fled the repression to neighbouring countries.

ADESAH is a combined Protestant-Catholic agency and its humanitarian aid program provides food, medicines, clothes and other material resources to people within El Salvador and to refugees in Mexico and Central America.

Namibia

An ACC grant of \$10,000 will assist the thousands of young refugees who have fled Namibia (South West Africa) in recent months to neighbouring Angola. Within one week in mid January, over 5000 refugees arrived in Angola.

The exodus of young people results from the introduction of conscription for the South African Army for young men of 16 years or older, to fight against SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organization).

The grant to the joint World Council of Churches-Lutheran World Federation operation will provide tents, blankets, food stuffs, clothing and hygiene requirements for the refugees.

Barclay in Russian

Bible study materials in Slavic languages are very limited. In response to this need, Mennonite Central Committee and the Baptist World Alliance are co-operating to produce major Bible study books in the Russian language. Surprisingly, there is no complete Bible commentary available in the Russian language. The large Orthodox Church has the liturgy rather than the sermon at the center of its worship services. The evangelical churches, for whom preaching from the Bible is central, have not had the time or opportunity in their much shorter history to produce one.

Discussion about the project began three years ago. One of the major questions in the beginning was the choice of the right commentary. The version chosen was William Barclay's commentary on the New Testament, which will be translated in 17 volumes. The translation is well underway. Soviet evangelicals serve as editorial consultants, the translation is done in Germany, and typesetting in England. The commentary will be available to Russian-speaking people around the world. Soviet officials have been approached regarding permission to import the books to the USSR legally.

Non-alcoholic wines

Another address of suppliers of non-alcoholic wines is **Grapene Distributors**, 19 Austin St., Adelaide (223 1777).

They have a well produced little pamphlet under the banner "Chateau Sante" that is worth writing for.

BLANK CASSETTES

FROM

G. G. Communication Engineering

Kevin Gluyas, specialist in sound reinforcement, recording and copying.

PERFORMANCE AT A MODERATE COST

LOW NOISE WIDE RANGE

Speech and light music				HiFi Music			
C45	C60	C90	Qty.	C60	C90		
\$0.85	1.15	1.23	1.50	1-9	1.61	2.12	
\$0.75	1.05	1.12	1.37	10+	1.45	1.91	

All prices Ex store. Postage Extra.

	1-6	7-30	31-70	71-100
Vic	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.80	\$3.00
Others	\$2.20	\$3.50	\$5.00	\$6.00

G.G. COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

14 WILLIAM ST.,
DONVALE.
VICTORIA 3111
874 7003

BANKCARD WELCOME

CLUBS FOR SINGLE PEOPLE

Churches of Christ have clubs for Singles (people who are unmarried, separated, widowed or divorced) in the following centres:—

DONCASTER: One-Up! (03) 848 1546 or 848 8636

ALBURY: Albury Singles Club (060) 25 1910.

NUNAWADING: Unhitched (03) 877 6077 or 873 4531

FRANKSTON: Peninsula Singles Club (03) 783 3235 or 781 4257.

Visitors to these centres are welcome and may obtain information re meeting times by phoning the numbers listed above.

Other Singles Clubs operating who wish to be listed here on a share-cost basis should write to Mr R. K. Aldred, P.O. Box 478, Albury, 2640.

SERVING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE

METROPOLITAN — HILLS — NEAR COUNTRY

Licensed Agents for All Real Estate Transactions

SELLING, BUYING, AUCTIONS

VALUATIONS, TRANSFERS, RENTING & LETTING

FINANCE ARRANGED

MAKE USE OF OUR 79 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THROUGH

NEIL McLEAN

phone 272 6900

**JACKMAN
TRELOAR
PTY. LTD.**

Founded in 1901
58 Greenhill Rd.,
WAYVILLE 5034

Chapel in a Day Anniversary

The historical display at the Preston church on its 70th Anniversary which preceded the special services drew considerable interest from former members, citizens who remembered the actual building of the chapel, and passers-by. People were kind enough to lend their pictures and memorabilia which added greatly to the reminiscences of all those who came.

We were blessed with a beautiful day for the meetings on March 29. Attendances were very good.

The morning service was conducted by Jack Manallack, minister, with a full chapel and overflow service using video T.V. J. E. Searle, past minister, and Doug Morffew, past student minister, read the Scriptures. The congregation participated in the building of a wall, each person being invited to write on a brick one word expressing what the church meant to them.

We were glad to have Mr and Mrs Ron Brooker (Ron is Conference President Elect) and he brought a very challenging address. We were also happy to welcome Mr and Mrs Reg Hayward from Chatswood, N.S.W. Mrs Hayward, the daughter of Thomas Bagley, as a small girl was present with her parents 70 years before, when the first service was held in the chapel, the building of which was organized by her father. Betty Quaife was soloist for the day.

A smorgasbord lunch was served to 150 people, and the afternoon program consisted of singing, musical items, sharing memories of past days, an audio-visual spanning the 70 years, and a "Looking to the Future" segment.

Up-dating the words of the "Jubilee History" — "They thank God for the success that has so far attended their efforts, and feel justified in continuing the church in their district."

PLAYRITE

Piano Restoration & Tuning

C. D. Streader
13 Collins St.,
Ormond East

Quality Pianos Phone (Melb.)
Bought and Sold (03) 578 2343

The trusted name in Real Estate in the 'Dandenongs' since 1954.

EMERALD & DISTRICT CO-OP. SOC. LTD. MAIN ROAD, EMERALD. 3782.

For all Real Estate matters —
BUYING — SELLING —
AUCTIONS — RENTALS — Agents
for C.I.C. Insurance, Branch of
HOTHAM PERM. BUILDING
SOCIETY.

Contact Des Love or Bill Appel.
(059) 68 4522

A.H. B. Appel. (059) 68 1293.

"Diakonisches Werk" — Don E. Stewart

The Evangelical Church of Germany (Lutheran State Church) has a large Social Service organisation called "Diakonisches Werk".

This organisation operates 21,563 institutions with a total of 796,553 beds or places and employs 215,000 full time staff.

They see that the care of all individuals who need help is part of the mission of the Church. Diakonisches Werk is therefore an expression of the nature and life of the church. Their task is to stimulate, plan and support the missionary outreach of the church by demonstrating the love of God in practical ways through local parishes.

They operate their own Academy to train social workers and include a Theology Department to consider theological aspects of their work and of community and national issues. We were able to see some of their homes for the care of the aged. They are also involved in the care of the handicapped, children, families. Because railways play such an important part in life they have a special mission to Railways. The Mitternachtmission is a mission to the prostitutes of Germany.

But Diakonisches Werk is not restricted to Germany and a large department is concerned with a program "Bread for the World".

In my discussions with Rev. Peter Moll who acted as our guide I was impressed by the sheer size of the work and by the expressed desire that the social service work must find increasing expression and be related to the local church for the sake of the Gospel.

Bible Society helps Literacy

New Reader Scriptures are a "tremendous success" in Ethiopia. The specially designed series of Scripture texts on graded levels are being used extensively by the Government for literacy programs.

When Bible Society vans leave Addis Ababa and distribute between 10-20,000 New Reader Portions, they return to the capital empty. In addition, 20,000 Bibles were distributed at schools for the subsidised price of 50 cents.

There are an estimated 13 million children under the age of 15 in Ethiopia,



ALTERNATIVE DRINKS: — Distributing agents for leading non-alcoholic wines — sparkling, still, natural grape juices — liqueur bases — cocktail mixes — natural fruit cocktails — ciders — beers — syrups and cordials.

Trade and Retail enquiries invited.
Special discounts for bulk purchases.

Phone (050) 23 0943.
Postal Address:
P.O. Box 1981, Mildura, 3500.



WHY SHOULD YOU

TRAIN FOR SERVICE?

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE IN N.S.W.

Train men and women to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. At this college the curriculum is designed to enable students to

**Study the word of God —
learn about God's world
— and prepare for God's work**

WITH HIGH SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

ENQUIRE NOW FOR ENROLMENT IN

4 YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE
2 YEAR CHRISTIAN SERVICE CERTIFICATE
1 YEAR CHURCH LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE
CORRESPONDENCE AND EXTENSION COURSES

To: **DR KEITH FARMER**
P.O. BOX 140, CARLINGFORD, N.S.W. 2118
PHONE (02) 630 7185

Devote yourself to the reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. (I Tim. 4:13)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

10c a word. Minimum charge \$2.50

BIRTHS

JONES: Colin and Robyn thank God for Nathan Leigh, a little brother for Daniel and Sarah. Born 6th April, 1981, in Adelaide. S.A. P.T.L.I

ENGAGEMENTS

DAVIS-PAVER Marlene Davis and John Paver have great pleasure in announcing their engagement.

KEATCH - PAYNE Liz and Geoff together with their parents, Maurice and Betty of Footscray, Paul and Ursula of Beaumaris are excited to announce their engagement.

DEATHS

DENYS Philomena. Died suddenly on April 3rd. In loving memory of Mum. She always gave from her heart and will be remembered forever. Eugenie, Russell, Ben and Dayna Wesley. Hamilton.

LEE (CROUCH) Hazel Marion on March 13th at Donvale Hospital. Loved wife of the late William John Lee. Loved mother of Jack, mother-in-law of June. Dearly loved Ma-Ma of Barbara, Ian, Lynette and families. Aged 82 years.

SMITH, Myrtle Frances of 27 Dimora Ave., Camperdown April 27th at Geelong. Dearly loved wife of the late John Edward Smith. Loved and loving mother of Margaret (Mrs R. Gunner) and Lynette (Dec.). A marvellous mother-in-law of Robert, and devoted granny of Brownyn, Tim and Rhys. Aged 77 years. "In God's care".

SMITH Myrtle Frances. On April 27 in Geelong. Dear loyal friend of Bert and Alison Oldfield and Gran of Robert. "At rest".

IN MEMORIUM

MURNANE. Cherished memories of Jack, passed away 11.5.1973. Loved husband, father and grandpa. Aimee and family. "Till we meet again."

RANKIN John William. Passed to higher service 21.5.80. Love is the only flower that blossoms and grows, without the aid of seasons. Jean and family.

WEST (KEATS) Loving memories of our sister and sister-in-law, Doreen, died May 11th, 1980. Leader of the "Yukana Singers" for 20 years. Myra and Lawrie Ladgrove.

OWEN Church of Christ CENTENARY

Sunday 28th March, 1982

We are anxious to contact all former members but some addresses are unknown. If able to help or for further information contact J. Marshman, P.O. Box 24, Owen, S.A. 5480.

CARETAKER WANTED

for
BRIGHTON

Church of Christ

Use of residence in exchange for caring of church property. Anticipated needed early July. For information contact:-

C. R. DAVIS,

37 Clay St., Moorabbin 3189.

Phone (03) 555 3408

NON-INTOXICATING WINES

AUSTRALIAN AND IMPORTED Delivery available. Weddings catered for. Wine tastings organised. Non-Al Cellars, Shop 3, Palmers Arcade, 938 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Phone (03) 88 8152

SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT

All friends and former members are invited to the

60th Anniversary

of

THORNBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday May 31st

11 a.m. Worship and Praise

Speaker — Carl Clayden

After church luncheon

(bring a plate)

3 p.m. Musical Afternoon with Thornbury Salvation Army Songsters

Contact — R. Killmier

(03) 44 4884

Department of Christian Union

"MOTH BALL"

Doncaster Church of Christ Hall
Saturday June 6th
8 p.m.

Tickets \$5.00 per head
Tickets and information

Doreen Gordon, Geo. Wood-Burgess
(03) 88 4329, (03) 842 5465

Join the fun by wearing
something from the
"mothball" drawer.

OFFICE SECRETARY — GIRL FRIDAY

The United Aborigines Mission requires an experienced Senior Office Secretary. Applicant should be a committed Christian, an accurate Typist, with knowledge of dictaphone or shorthand. Applications in writing to:

Federal Secretary,
United Aborigines Mission,
P.O. Box 290,
Box Hill, 3128.
Phone (03) 88 1373.

ADMINISTRATOR AND FIELD OFFICER IN FAMILY CARE

The Social Service Department is seeking applicants for the above position to commence towards the end of 1981 or early 1982.

Applicants should either be qualified Social Workers or be Ministers with an interest and/or experience in social fields.

The position will require someone with initiative and self motivation and will involve oversight and social work in our existing children's facilities at Mackay, Bundaberg, Maryborough and Gold Coast, development of new facilities, development of family care programmes in co-operation with local Churches, negotiations with Government Departments.

The successful applicant will need to be based in Brisbane, but will be required to travel extensively about the State.

Salary, allowances and conditions to be negotiated.

Interested persons should contact Don. E. Stewart, Director, Social Service Department, P.O. Box 8, Sherwood, Q. 4075.

THIS IS A CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN QUEENSLAND SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES (VICTORIA)

DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Applications invited from Registered Nurses, with Administrative experience, for 29 bed Nursing Home (extending another 50 bed Hostel soon) in Northern suburb of Melbourne. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

Applications in writing close 15th May, 1981 to

The Director,
Churches of Christ Department of Community Care,
52 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne 3000.

6th OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN TOURING PARTY 1982

6 weeks BRITISH ISLES & CONTINENT Tour including 5 nights in LONDON

APRIL 8th to MAY 20th 1982

See BRITAIN in the glorious Spring — the CONTINENT with Snowcapped ALPS. Covering BRITAIN from LAND'S END in CORNWALL to PITLOCHRY in SCOTLAND, including NORTH WALES, ENGLISH LAKES etc., criss-crossing the countryside for 16 days.

Plus the CONTINENT for 17 days including BELGIUM, HOLLAND, WEST GERMANY — RHINE RIVER CRUISE — OBERAMMERGAU, scene of the world famous Passion Play — the glorious LAKES & ALPS of SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA. The ST. GOTTHARD PASS — VENICE — PISA — MILAN — PARIS etc.

Plus 5 nights in LONDON with daily tours included. All meals and serviced rooms while on tour. Bed and breakfast in London. Experienced Tour Leader with the party.

**All inclusive price including return air fare —
\$3995.00**

Extra time in the U.K. if desired.

For complete information send 22c stamp to:
ERIC WALSHAM, 8/8 Shoal Bay Ave., Shoal Bay N.S.W. 2315

Also

**21st ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN TOURING PARTY
NEW ZEALAND (Both Islands) 17 days.**

MARCH 2nd to MARCH 18th inclusive.

Comprehensive coverage of both Islands from AUCKLAND to INVERCARGILL — THE WEST COAST — NELSON — FOX & FRANZ JOSEF GLACIERS — MOUNT COOK — MILFORD SOUND are all included.

All meals are included in the price.

Travel in comfort with experienced Christian leader in congenial Christian company.

**All inclusive price
\$1043.00**

(from Sydney)

For complete information send 22c stamp.

PERSONAL

DISCIPLESHIP

● Keith and Norma Dunning, Warwick, W.A.
● Edith and Paul Briscoe, Noble Park, Vic. ● Kevin Armitage, Peter Starr, Neville Baker, Yarrowonga, Vic. ● Rory Petherick, Carnegie, Vic. ● Mr and Mrs Noel Daly, Ararat, Vic. ● Aeryl Gregson, Brenda Chilvers, Katherine Griffiths, Christine Perkins, Julie Bradford, Launceston, Tas. ● Robyn Logan, Mrs Reboni, Applecross, W.A. ● Scott Ninis, Ken and Lois Sanders, Mrs Ada Carter, Marlon, S.A. ● Mrs E. Cook, Mrs J. Shearing, Bruce Rock, Merredin, W.A. ● Jeffrey Baggs, Goolwa, S.A. ● Robin Frost, Gilgandra, N.S.W. ● Jan Manson, Thomson, Vic. ● Roselynn Gregson, Echuca, Vic. ● Desire O'Leskin, David Dilger, Sharon Dilger, Darren Baensch, Springvale, Vic. ● Gloria Hoppe, Michelle Hoppe, Lorraine Jacobsen, Sue Preston, Traralgon, Vic. ● Allison Smith, Shepparton, Vic. ● Gunar Urbans, Footscray, Vic. ● Mrs Theresa May, Mrs Pat Pearson, John Pearson, Mrs Carol Pearson, Horsham, Vic. ● Phil Phelan, Lindsay Onans, Michael Wells, Nunawading, Vic.

MARRIAGES

● Tracee Hayden to Ralph Hiatt, Parkdale, Vic.
● Daidra Coulson to George Okulicz, Carol Pallett to Lynton Smith, Nollamara, W.A. ● Janice Comer to Byron Groves, Launceston, Tas. ● Kim Daymond to David Cutt, Applecross, W.A.
● Margaret Burrage to Peter Norwood, Traralgon, Vic. ● Sharon Blucher to Kingsley Pritchard, Warragul, Vic. ● Debra Stafford to Robert Berger, Nunawading, Vic. ● Glenyce Milne to Dennis Tranter, Deborah Tucker to Andrew L'Alomt, Horsham, Vic.

DEATHS

● C. J. Robinson, Launceston, Tas. ● Colin Rewell, Williamstown, Vic. ● Mrs Jessie Bierton, Miss Alice Allamby, Parkdale, Vic. ● Geoff Judd, Ararat, Vic. ● Betty Jones, Thomson, Vic.
● George Jones, Footscray, Vic.

**THE
CHANGING
MARRIAGES**

CAN BE SEEN SOON AT:

PENTRIDGE GAOL

2 pm Sunday, 24th May

KANIVA CHURCH OF CHRIST

8 pm (Concert) Saturday, 6th June

7 pm Sunday, 7th June

**TARRALLA CHRISTIAN
RETIREMENT VILLAGE**

276 Dorset Rd., Croydon

Designed for retirement living in the 80's

21 units now being constructed

1 BR units from \$31,500

2 BR units \$36,500

Managed by

Croydon Church of Christ

Enquiries phone Manager

S. Lacey

(03) 723 2027

or write:- P.O. Box 202

Croydon 3138.

HOW ONE CHURCH DID IT

Operation Easter Outreach

The Mount Clear (Vic.) church decided last November to spend \$260 on a series of four Encounter leaflets to letter-box drop in 500 homes in the immediate vicinity of the church. The drop was undertaken on the four Mondays leading up to Easter. The church believed that pre-Easter was a time when the average Australian was most open to thinking about "religious questions".

The leaflets in attractive colour covered Family Life, God's Unconditional Love, Training Children and Life After Death. (Other available Encounter titles are Winning Over Worry, Overcoming Loneliness, Winning Over Depression, Marriage, Why God Allows Suffering, Does God Exist and On Becoming a Christian.) Distributors included children and grandmas, and the neighbourhood dogs were obliging.

Follow up of the Leaflets

The last leaflet was accompanied by a letter from Mark Dunn the minister at Mt. Clear. We print it below. It tells its own story. The reverse side of the letter

offered a free New Testament to those desiring one and any others of the Encounter Leaflet series. The letter also indicated that a visitor from the church would call. The whole approach was courteous, non-threatening and friendly. It was designed to reach the responsive without antagonising the unresponsive. Even before the visiting commenced there was a positive response with new families attending services.

Mark Dunn's Letter

Dear Householder,

I hope you have found the Encounter leaflets interesting and personally helpful. Today's title concludes the current four-week Easter series. If you would like further helpful material from us, then we invite you to mark the reply form overleaf and return it to us or phone us with your request.

After the Easter break, church representatives will be visiting this area; not to "badger" you with our brand of religion, but simply to meet you person-to-person, and to offer you the interest and the facilities of the church. If you are already attending another church, or if you are frankly not interested, we will immediately recognise your wishes in this

important matter. But there are people in the community who will appreciate this opportunity to talk, and we want to find them. We will value your courteous help as we move around.

The Mount Clear Community Church has grown up with the community. It is here to serve the area, and in particular in making available a broad understanding of God and the Christian faith, which offer the most worthwhile guide to living in a confused and difficult world. So when our callers call, you will know who they are, and why they have come. And you know they will not take up your time unnecessarily. But if you want to talk with them, they are at your service.

Thanking you in anticipation, and we wish you God's blessing through this meaningful Easter season.

Sincerely, Mark Dunn.

2000 at Prayer Training Sessions

2000 ministers and Christian workers attend the Leadership Prayer Training Institute sponsored by World Literature Crusade in April and May. These were conducted in Launceston, Hobart, Brisbane, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide. This is a three hour Institute especially prepared for church leaders.

Dick Eastman, author of the book "The Hour that Changes the World" presented two of the lectures on film.

The challenge was to Australian Christians to return to prayer and to see what God will do in a spiritual harvest as a result.

The Institute dealt with the personal prayer life of each minister and Christian worker and then it dealt with the prayer life of a local church. Ideas to develop a prayer program for local churches were presented.

Change The World Schools of Prayer are planned for Launceston May 8-9, Hobart May 15-16, Brisbane May 29-30, Sydney June 19-20, Melbourne July 3-4, Perth July 10-11, Adelaide July 17-18.

For further information and registration forms for the coming Change The World Schools of Prayer, write to World Literature Crusade, P.O. Box Q177, Sydney 2000 or phone (02) 29 7833.

THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS
invites applications from persons interested in serving as

STATE SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

Applicants should have theological and/or teaching qualifications
and experience in pastoral ministry.
Existing vacancies at Colac and Sale.

Enquiries to:

The Director,
The Council for Christian Education in Schools
55 Exhibition Street,
MELBOURNE, VIC. 3000.

Phone: 63 4105



DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Equip yourself for Christian service by undertaking theological education to become

- A minister
- A more efficient church worker
- A Missionary
- A more effective Christian

For further information write to
the Principal, Dr W. Tabbernee

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

7 Elm Road, Glen Iris, Victoria, 3146

Church "Journo's" get Together

The beautiful setting was Booth Lodge in the Dandenongs, the gift of two committed Christians to their church. The Lodge was the venue for the Annual Convention of the Australian Religious Press Association (A.R.P.A.)

Church Journals

The A.R.P.A. has a membership of some 50 church journals and newspapers. It came into existence 21 years ago for the purpose of united action against vicious new postal charges that could have put many papers out of existence. The brand new A.R.P.A. won that battle and has been more or less successful in later skirmishes. Having come together, representatives decided to stay together, not only in the interests of economic survival but for creative fellowship and mutual help. 37 representatives attended the recent A.R.P.A. Convention including the Editor and the Sub-Editor/Manager of "The Australian Christian".

"Beef" about the Religious Press

"Fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind" and very quickly we felt at one with each other with our common hopes and ideals and problems. We imported significant people to tell us their "beef" about the religious press. We looked at issues in both church and world that will influence our news reporting and our comments in the future. We discussed every editor's continuing problem of trying to be faithful to his understanding of God's contemporary word through the scriptures and at the same time remaining aware of the expectations of readers and churches.

The Electronic Revolution

Much time was spent in input sessions and workshops on the current electronic revolution and its impact upon the church and people. Already in Australia there are experiments with an electronic system whereby any home with a TV and a telephone call there can come onto the TV screen information, programs, films,

book pages and so on until the mind boggles, from a link of storage banks round the world. With the addition of a simple device there can be home "print-outs" of what appears on the screen. The process of course is already under way to a limited extent in every bedroom in most of the tourist hotels in the U.S.A. We spent time looking at the implications of all of this for people, the church, and of course for the church press. The time may come when the "A.C." will use neither paper nor print (good for ecology) but will be fed into a computer bank. The problem will be to encourage people to push the buttons that get it out to their screens and printers.

Some "Gossiping"

Naturally we "gossiped" about our papers, our circulations and our methods of working. We learned that many of the denominational papers were subsidised in whole or in part. The unsubsidised ones such as the "A.C." were all having financial problems. A few were having the problem of falling circulation with rising prices.

Circulation methods interested us. Catholic papers are sold at the church door by volunteers from the Catholic men's society, the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Anglican provincial journals are sold bulk to the parishes which in turn either sell them, give them away or a mixture of both. Some Anglican parishes use them for pastoral calling by lay workers.

"The Australian Christian"

It would appear that the "A.C." would have a higher percentage of subscribers to membership than most of the others. Our subscription price is the lowest. Our staff is the smallest; a part time editor, a full time sub-editor manager and a two day a week typist. One of the papers with the same circulation figure as the "A.C." has an editor, four journalists and a stenographer.

Journalists and Theologians

Some of the delegates were professional journalists who picked up their theology on the way. Others were professional theologians who are struggling to pick up their journalism as they go. But one could sense in all of them a commitment of Christ and his Kingdom, expressed through journalism.

It would have been hard to discover who were clergy and who were laity. The makers of clerical collars and stocks must be becoming redundant.

The guest speaker was George Conklin of the United Church of Christ in the U.S.A., and Professor of Media at the Pacific Christian College, a Disciples of Christ foundation.

SEW ON NAME TAPES

50 for \$2.80

Printed on cotton tapes.

Posted within 14 days. Order, cheque and stamped, addressed envelope to:

R. L. Salmon,

24 Mount St., Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150

Holidaying in W.A.?

KUM BA YAH

may provide the accommodation you require.

- Comfortable motel-type units
- Close to beach
- Less than 20 kms from city
- On bus route to city
- One block from new shopping centre
- Very reasonable rates

Address: 12-14 Lennard St.,
Marmion, 6020

Manageress: Miss M Peacock

Office (09) 328 1811

Home (09) 447 1500

DIRECTORY OF FEDERAL CONFERENCE

39th CONFERENCE, ADELAIDE, OCTOBER 19-24, 1982

COUNT IT ALL JOY

PRESIDENT: Barry J. Graor, 7 Nimitz Rd., Elizabeth East, S.A. 5112.

Phone (08) 256 5771.

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS SECRETARY: Ted W. Heard, Churches of Christ Centre, 104 Grote St., Adelaide, S.A. 5000. Phone (08) 276 8979.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN: L. S. Dewberry, 11 Jackson St., Croydon, Vic. 3138. Phone (03) 723 1487.

SECRETARY: Lindsay L. Smith, 181 Station Street, Aspendale, Vic. 3195. Phone (03) 90 8774.

TREASURER: G. E. Page, 8 Tanner Street, Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150. Phone (03) 233 2238.

FEDERAL HOME EVANGELISM: Secretary, L. L. Smith, 181 Station St., Aspendale, Vic. 3195. Phone (03) 90 8774. Treasurer: G. E. Page, 8 Tanner St., Glen Waverley, Vic. 3150. Phone (03) 233 2238.

ABORIGINES MISSION BOARD: Forward donations (tax deductible) to: Qld.: Mr W. Berlin, 2 Crawford Road, Redcliffe, Q. 4020. N.S.W.: Mrs G. R. Garrett, 24 Forest Glen Cres., Belrose, N.S.W. 2085. Vic.: Mr A. Bagot, 67 Warrigal Road, Surrey Hills, Vic. 3127. S.A.: Mr J. E. Wehr, 4 Cleo Street, Firs, S.A. 5070. Tas.: Mr R. Morffew, 28 Derwent Ave., Gellatton Bay, Tas. 701E. V.A.: Mr L. Komorowski, 28 Kalangedy Dr., Riverton, W.A. 8155.

"AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN" BOARD CHAIRMAN: A. D. Pyne, 43 Floreat Towers, 370 Cambridge St., Wembley, W.A. 6014; Secretary, D. W. Burdett, 22 Ferdinand Pl., Campbell, A.C.T. 2801. Treas.: L. E. Mott.

FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: 6th Floor, 177 Collins St., Melbourne Vic., 3000. Director/Editor, I. E. Allsop; Chairman, K. D. Horne.

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN UNION: Chairman, Ian Allsop, C/- Federal Board of Christian Education, 6th Floor, 177 Collins St., Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Secretary: Dr. T. A. Banks, 13 Eton Rd., Belmont, Vic. 3216.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE: Elm Rd., Glen Iris, Melb., Vic. 3148. Principal: Dr W. Tabbernee; Registrar: Miss R. E. Haskell.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Sec: Mrs K. Morris, 27 Albert St., East Malvern, Vic. 3145; Treas.: Mrs I. Gillespie, 23 Wild Cherry Rd., Carnegie 3183.

FEDERAL LITERATURE DEPT — Chairmen: K. J. Clinton, 149 Jolimont Rd., Vermont, 3133; Sec.-Treas.: Mrs R. N. Rankine, 6 Atkins Ave., Glen Iris, 3148.

OVERSEAS MISSION BOARD INC.: Send donations to — Vic.: Robt. Alabaster, Treas. Vic-Tas.: 27 Albert Rd., Carnegie, 3183. N.S.W. G. Piermont, 23 Jacques St., Chatswood, N.S.W. 2087 W.A.: J. Stephens, 13 Bayswater St. Bedford, 6052. S.A.: D. A. Lewis, B. Sc., 9 Clisby St., Vale 5081. QLD.: S. Williams, 428 Ann St., Brisbane, 4000. TAS.: R. Foster, 2 Rennie St., West Hobart, 7000. Fed. Sec.: R. S. A. McLean, P.O. Box 320, Unley, S.A. 5051.

PREACHERS PROVIDENT FUND: Hon. Sec.: J. R. Ashley, Treasurer/Manager: M. H. Titterton, P.O. Box 232 Gympie, N.S.W. 2277

FEDERAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD: 82 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000. Director: F. M. Combridge. Tele: 882 1411.

(Changes of information are as notified by appropriate department.)



Ambrosia by Chris Ambrose

Honesty

We are as Christians exhorted to be honest people. One thing that we expect from new converts is that one of the marks of the new life will be honesty. In our Christian Education both at home and in such teaching situations as Sunday School our children are taught not to lie.

There are several examples of biblical injunctions to be honest in our speech. One of the best known is Matthew 5:37 (Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No', 'No'; anything else beyond this comes from the evil one). The context of this verse is within the comments of Jesus on the use of oaths by the true follower of God. James 5:12 contains a similar command to that of Jesus in Matthew in almost identical words. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:17 in justifying himself in a change of plans states that he is an honest man who is known for the truth of what he says.

What then do we as Christians find our actions and statements to be like? If you are at all like me you will find that at times we are not honest in what we say.

This week we had the unedifying sight of politicians within the same political party making claims about incidents that greatly differed from each other. All the outburst seems to have achieved is a weaker government. Unfortunately the same type of activity appears in churches at times.

We as Christians should remember the advise of James about the need to be aware of the danger of our speech and attempt under the guidance of God to tame our speech.

Plain, honest speech is what is called for by most of scripture. Yet at times we find that difficult to do because of circumstances. If we will

offend someone by being honest we often avoid saying either 'Yes' or 'No'. This is especially so in the times of conflict within the church and many of us are reluctant to hurt other people's feelings (although some others have been more like bulls in china shops). It is hard when we are called to be loving caring people and yet we also have to be honest with friends and fellow Christians.

The conflict of thoughts and desires often causes us to use double talk and to soft peddle on our beliefs and ideas in certain situations. At other times when the matter concerned is great principle to us we are honest and often very blunt in our words.

Within the area of honesty in what we say I am concerned with the way we use half truths with children. As a parent I know how easy it is in playing with our own children and teasing them to tell a lie. Sure we correct that fairly quickly and yet we have set an example of untruthfulness to our children. They very quickly pick up the idea of telling lies especially to save censure for wrong actions etc. This is learnt even before school age if only from friends. Maybe this is just a part of our human nature that is "fallen".

At other times we need to be open to other Christians being truthful to us. This affects our pride and we become very hurt and yet they are mostly telling us the truth to help us grow as Christians. Being a minister in a church I need to be honest with my fellow members (not always achieved) and I need them to be honest with me so that I can grow and in growing come closer to them as people.

I would say that my pleas is that we as Christians should be more honest in all our dealings with other people as Christ was.

THE LAST WORD

This dismal contradiction of my grocer's line today — He now promises to save me more than I used to pay.

— Paul Armstrong

At auction sales that I attend I end up in a fit of pique; The furniture I grew up with Is now considered as antique.

— Virginia Mock



You may remember the frontier judge who was famous for his "Suspended sentences." Every offense was a hanging one.



The general asked the computer, "Will there be war or peace?"

The computer flashed, buzzed, blinked, and said, "Yes."

"Yes, what?" roared the general.

The computer flashed, buzzed, blinked, then barked, "Yes, sir!"



"You were swindled over this Rembrandt. The picture is not fifty years old."

"I don't care about age so long as it is a genuine Rembrandt."



"Professor," said the old grad, "now that I've made a lot of money I wish to do something for dear old Siwash. Let's see now, in what studies did I excell?"

"In my class, sir, you slept most of the time."

"Fine! Good suggestion! I'll build a dormitory."



"But it's not finished, Bill!"

THE AUSTRALIAN
CHRISTIAN

SUBSCRIBE NOW

P.O. BOX 101, ESSENDON NTH., VIC. 3041

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: CHURCH:

FULL YEAR \$9.00 REST OF YEAR \$6.00 RENEWAL NEW SUBSCRIPTION

ENTITLEMENT FOR 3 MONTHS

FREE SUBSCRIPTION THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN