

**DARETON**

Meetings have been well attended during the month. Visitors have included Valda Nugent and June Thompson, from Melbourne.

Speakers at the morning services were Bros. Fechner and P. Waters, and at the evening services Bros. J. Kerridge, L. Keatch, B. Waters and P. Waters.

Meetings held recently included the Annual Business Meeting of the Church and Bible School. Bible School office-bearers for the year are: Superintendent, B. Waters; Assistant Superintendent, J. Kerridge; Secretary, Pat Porter; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Jemmeson.

We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. P. Waters on the arrival of Beth Louise and report that both are very well. Mr. Thompson Snr., is now home from hospital and Mrs. Thompson is well again after the flu. Sister Pat Porter has been in hospital for an operation and Bro. Keith Fechner is still in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

The sympathy of the church is extended to the Frost family in the passing of Mr. Frost's mother. We pray that God will guide them in their time of sorrow, and will be of great comfort to them.

The ladies of the church conducted a very successful street stall on Saturday, July 26th, and about £27 was raised. The Young People's social held on Friday, July 18th, was also a great success and everyone enjoyed the fellowship together.

Junior C.E. meetings have been well attended and members are reminded that their meeting commences on Friday evening at 7 p.m. The mid-week prayer meetings of the church have also been well attended, but we would like to see more members present at these very important meetings.

The Bible School has commenced practice for the Anniversary which will be held on Sunday, September 28th. The Church Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, September 7th when Mr. F. Combridge, of the Department of Social Service, will be

the evening speaker. Members are reminded that the thank offering will be received on that date and we ask you to start preparing for it now.

An invitation has been received from the Berri Church to attend the official opening of the Barmera Youth Camp on Saturday, August 23rd at 4 p.m. Any member interested in attending this function should contact the church secretary for further particulars.

**WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE**

There will be a special meeting of the Executive Committee in the Mildura Church on Thursday, August 21, at 2.45 p.m. The business is urgent and all members are urged to be present.

The Mission Band Rally will take place at Red Cliffs this year. The date is September 18th and we hope to have a missionary speaker.

The Ladies' Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 29th, at 12 noon and our guest speaker this year will be Miss Shantabai Choudhari from our Indian mission station. Miss Edna Vawser will also be present.

There will be a public meeting this same evening when all will be given an opportunity to hear Miss Choudhari as well as an illustrated lecture on India by Miss Vawser.

This date may seem a long way off, but we would like all to keep it in mind and determine to come along.

**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE**

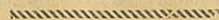
The committee met on Sunday, July 20th, and plans are well in hand for the Victorian-Tasmanian Half-yearly Conference to be held on the week-end of September 6-7. If you can help with the accommodation will you please let your church Secretary know now.

A special meeting of the committee will be held on Sunday, August 24th, at 3 p.m. It is most important that all delegates be present.

**THE FRIENDLY VISITOR**

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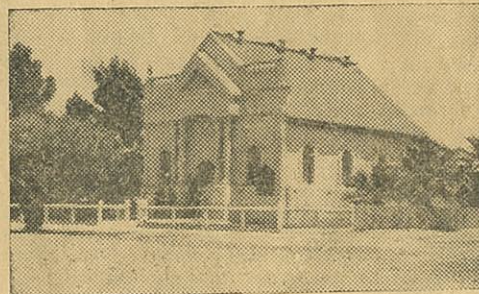
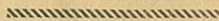


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CHURCH OF CHRIST, MILDURA

AUGUST, 1958

**THE GAMES**

We were all thrilled with Australia's success at the Empire Games. We know that our athletes could never have won all these medals without the sternest self-discipline. An athlete must train with intensity if he is to win his contest.

Paul was always fascinated with the picture of the athlete. He writes to the church at Corinth, where the Isthmian games were held, to people who knew how thrilling the games could be. "Now every athlete in the games practices self-discipline. They therefore do so to win a crown that quickly fades away; we do so to win a crown that never fades."

To be victorious in the Christian race demands discipline. We have to discipline our bodies; often spiritual depression springs from nothing else than physical unfitness. We have to discipline our minds; it is one of the tragedies of life that men refuse to think until they are incapable of thinking. We must dis-

cipline our souls; we can do so by facing life's sorrows with calm endurance, temptations with strength, and life's disappointments with courage.

In life we need to know the goal. There is an obvious aimlessness in the lives of so many people. I read a parable that went like this. "There was a man once, a satirist. In the natural course of time his friends slew him, and he died. And the people came and stood around his corpse. 'He treated the whole round world like a football,' they said indignantly, 'and he kicked it.' The dead man opened one eye. 'But,' he said, 'always toward the goal.'"

Someone once drew a cartoon showing two men on Mars looking down at the people in this world scurrying here, there and everywhere. One said to the other, "What are they doing?" The other replied, "They are going." "But," said the first, "where are they going?" "O,"

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the other, "they are not going here, they are just going." And so just anywhere is the certain way to arrive nowhere.

In life we need to know the worth of that goal. The great appeal of Jesus to men was rarely based on penalty and punishment. It was based on the demand, "Look what you are missing if you do not go my way." The goal is life, and surely it is worth anything to win life.

In life we cannot save others unless we master ourselves. Very certainly we cannot serve others until we have mastered ourselves; we cannot teach what we do not know; we cannot bring others to Christ until we ourselves have found Him and are found by Him. Paul said, "I fight, not like one who shadow-boxes; but I batter my body; I make it my slave; lest after I have preached to others I myself should fail to stand the test."

## BURONGA

The Bible School Anniversary services will take place on Sunday, August 17th. The speakers will be: 3 p.m., Rev. R. A. Owen; of the Mildura Methodist Church; 7.30 p.m., C. L. Lang, of Red Cliffs. The concert and prize giving will be held on Friday, August 22nd, at 7.45 p.m.

There will be no church service on Sunday, August 10th, the Sunday preceding the Anniversary.

## MERBEIN

The Women's Mission Band held a very successful fair in the Methodist Hall on Friday, 18th, and made £120.

The church extends its sincere sympathy to the family of the late Sister Frost, who passed away on July 24th.

The C.E. Society enjoyed a social evening with the young people of the other churches at the Methodist Hall on July 22nd. This was one of the four meetings organised by the Merbein churches.

On Tuesday, July 29th, the young people travelled to Mildura and took their C.E. meeting with them.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Isaacs is out of hospital after an operation.

On Sunday, July 27th, Miss M. Brighton was able to meet with us, also Mrs. Neville Snr., who has not been well, and has been living away.

## RED CLIFFS

The Church Annual business meeting was held on Thursday, July 24th. The reports from the various church departments showed that steady progress had been maintained during the past year. The following were elected to office: Elders, H. J. Cook and A. L. Martin; Deacons, K. Chislett, L. Chislett, L. Chiswell, R. Heazlewood, I. Milne, M. Milne, T. Sires and A. B. West; Secretary, M. Milne; Treasurer, T. Sires; Bible School Superintendent, C. L. Lang; Organists, Miss B. Chislett, Miss V. Chislett, Mrs. J. Cunningham; Press Reporter, Mrs. H. J. Cook.

The best thanks of the year were recorded for A. L. Martin and H. J. Cook who for many years faithfully supplied the office of secretary and treasurer. Supper was partaken of at the close of the meeting.

A very happy social evening was held on Thursday, July 10th, a fine number of folk being present. The opportunity was taken to say farewell to Peter Thwaites and the church presented him with a travelling clock.

The children are practicing the hymns for the Bible School Anniversary to be held on Sunday, September 14th. The speaker at these services will be Mr. John Turner.

Special services, following the half-yearly conference will be conducted by Mr. John Turner, commencing on Sunday, September 7th and continuing until Tuesday, September 14th. Keep this week free and determine to come every night.

Mrs. Perry is still very sick and is at present in the Red Cliffs Hospital. We trust that the surgical treatment will be of benefit to her and that she will soon be on the way to complete health.

The Church Anniversary will take place on Sunday, August 10th. In the afternoon there will be a P.S.A. at 3 p.m., followed by a fellowship tea and gospel service at 7.30 p.m. All past members and friends are invited to be present.

The Annual business meeting of the Bible School took place on Thursday, July 7th. The following were elected to office: Superintendent, C. L. Lang; Vice-superintendent, Ivan Milne; Secretary-Treasurer, John Cunningham; Assistant Secretary, Dennis West; Kindergarten

## MILDURA

The Fellowship Tea and Church Annual Meeting were held on July 19th. The reports generally revealed a healthy condition in the church with encouragements in increased membership, the success of the budget system, the maintenance of good attendances and the continuance of activity through the auxiliaries. Average attendances were: a.m., 113; p.m., 80.

Brother A. R. Mansell was elected as an elder, and Brethren D. Clark, B. Jenkins, A. Leng, R. McAlister, A. McWilliams, I. Mansell, I. Nankivell (treasurer), W. Neville (secretary) and H. Watson as deacons for the current church year.

Church organists are Mrs. A. Mansell and Mrs. C. Cunningham, with Mrs. V. Marr and Mrs. N. Costain as assistants. Mr. B. Jenkins is choir conductor.

The "Christian" agent is Mrs. N. Costain, the "Christian" reporter, Janice Leng, and Christian Fellowship Association collector, Glenys Neville. We extend good wishes for a happy year of fruitful service.

Mr. Cunningham has notified the church that he will be concluding his ministry at the end of the present term, having accepted a call to Fullarton, South Australia, to commence about the end of January.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bob McAlister on the birth of their new daughter, Bronwyn Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Dakis are holidaying at Mt. Buffalo. Margot Blyth and Isabelle Tilley are also holidaying there prior to commencing at the Freemason's Hospital, Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Benham are holidaying in Queensland with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ey. Mrs. Benham has had ear trouble, but we hope they enjoy their trip immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Cameron have provided an extra strip of carpet to cover the floor in front of the platform. We express our thanks to them for their gift.

Superintendent, Mrs. H. Sprigg; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. H. Milne; Pianist, Miss B. Chislett; Organist, Miss V. Chislett.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne on the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Frances).

Sickness has been present in many homes have been affected. Mr. and Mrs. Topp, Mr. Gillanders, Mr. Rowe, Mrs. Davies Snr., Mrs. Fairhall, Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Grigg, Kevin Jardine and Mr. Cliff Robinson are among those affected.

Elaine O'Neill has been in I.D.H. but is home again now, but Billy French is in hospital with a broken leg sustained in an accident. Mrs. Allen has gone to Melbourne for further treatment at the Peter McCallum Clinic. Mrs. Cook has had X-rays which shows that her back trouble is getting worse. Mrs. Kissick fell and hurt her knee but is about again now. We assure all of our prayers and best wishes for their recovery. May God be with all at all times.

Marie Louise Leng has been home again on sick leave, but is greatly improved now.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship these office-bearers were elected: President, Mrs. W. Neville; Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Barritt, Mrs. A. Mansell; Secretary, Mrs. J. Furze; Treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Leng. Mrs. C. Robinson did not seek re-election and, being present in the meeting, was thanked for her ten years' service as treasurer.

The Bible School officers for the current year are: Superintendent, A. McWilliams; Assistant, I. Soulsby; Secretary, D. Robinson; Assistant, K. Billington; Treasurer, R. McAlister; Kindergarten Superintendent, Mrs. M. Beasy; Assistant, Mrs. J. Furze; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. A. Mansell.

In the Christian Endeavour the chief office bearers are: President: Peter McWilliams; Vice-president, Alan Cameron; Secretary, Glenys Neville; Treasure, Janice Leng.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, of South Australia; Mr. A. Brown, the preacher of Enfield Heights, S.A., and Mr. and Mrs. Bannon of Williamstown, where Mr. Bannon is the preacher, were visitors last Sunday.

Attendances at services have been well maintained during the cold periods of the last two months. This has been especially noticeable in the Gospel Services. Would everybody give their best support to both services in prayer and attendance, out of love for the Lord who died for us?