PERTH Mill has been ppointed Assistant Chaplain the Missions to Seamen

from Oct 1.

Rev A. Barton was commissioned as Rector of Moora on Oct 1.

Rev P. Gill has been granted leave of absence from diocese for two years to take a position on staff of St Martin's in the Bulring Birmingham from Jan 1977.

STIR OVER FILM

The movie version of Hugh Schonfield's The Passover Plot has been causing a stir in Israel, where it was filmed, and it may generate a lot of controversy in the United States, where it is to be released this month.

A group of Jerusalem clergymen say the film "direct(fy) attack(s) Jesus Christ . . . in such a way as to destroy the whole basis of the Christian faith."

Christian faith.

They urged Israel to ban

e filming. The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem refused to allow filming of trial scenes in its building. The film depicts Jesus as an angry political revolutionary who was unexpectedly killed while trying to feign death.

EXEMPTION

Nurse Gertrude Friesen of Swan River, Manitoba, became the first person granted exemption by the provincial labour board from joining a union and paying dues for reasons of cons-cience.

A member of the Evan-gelical Mennonite Church, Mrs Friesen said she objects as a major tactic in negotiating with employers, something she cannot be part of as a Christian.

youth ministry, had begun to show the results of severe wear and tear. Its poor condition was of a Christian. accepts the principle of force

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COLLEGE **SEEKS JOB OPENINGS ATXMAS**

our present economic climate," Rev Ian Mears, Lecturer at Moore College, said last week.

"This is particularly stress-ful for Moore College Students who unlike most others do not have fees paid

1977.

Rev I. Cox, Curate Holy Trinity, Adelaide, has been appointed Rector of St Clement's, Lalor Park, from late Feb 1977.

Rev R. H. Goodhew will become Rural Dean of Wollongong upon taking up appointment as Rector of St Michael's.

others do not have fees paid by the government.

"The fees, cost of books, and living expenses are quite considerable for all the students and particularly married ones with families."

The vacation period is from 25th November to March 8th so if anyone is in a position to offer a job, particularly one that would last most of that period, please notify the College:

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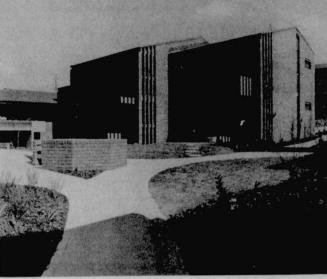
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Newtown, 2042 or phone 519 6460. (The College is trying to compile a list of firms who are willing to help the

Bp Cameron dedicates Village



St David's Village was opened by the Minister for Lands, The Honourable W. F. Crabtree, MLA, and dedicated by the Right Reverend E. D. Cameron, Assistant Bishop — Diocese of Sydney. Music was provided by the New South Wales Police Brass Band and the Police Choir led the singing. St David's Village situated at Forestville is one of 14 villages controlled by the Church of England Retirement Villages in the diocese of Sydney, caring for more than 3000 persons with a waiting list of 8000.

NEW TUTOR AT MORPETH

A tutor in the History of I the Ancient Near East at Macquarie University has been appointed lecturer in Old Testament at St John's College, Morpeth. He is the Rev Dr T. J. Wright, BSc (Wellington), BD (Otago), PhD (Manchester) who has taught at Macquarie University for the past Dur years.

Dr Wright, a New Zea-

"facelift".

The original old homestead, after many years of service as a centre for youth ministry, had begun to

Curate of Nowra, is to be inducted as Rector of Austin-

of St Paul's, Burwood, will retire on 28th February, 1977.

Minister-in-Charge of St Wil-frid's, Tea Tree Gully, has

Wilfrid's, Torrens Park, from Nov 5.

Rev R. A. O'Brien, Rector

lander, will take up his posi-tion at Morpeth in January, 1977. He trained for the Ministry at St John's Col-lege, Auckland, was ordained to the priesthood in 1966, served curacies at Palmerston North and Gisborne, and ob-tained his PhD from the Uni-versity of Manchester in 1973.

His research interests have

OLD PROPERTY

Youth Council, who carefully considered its future before deciding upon a major restoration programme. the achievement of a major property development goal. We are confident that the new Chaldercot with its comfortable and charming

programme.

Not only has the property
extensive repairs

Not only has the property undergone extensive repairs and restoration, but a new wing has been added which contains modern bathroom facilities. These facilities have been urgently needed at "Chaldercot" and their inclusion has now made this property a most pleasant houseparty venue.

houseparty venue.

Terry Dein, the Youth
Director, commented: "The
c o m pletion of the

Chaldercot' project is significant because it marks

tible property building This fund will be used to

improve and develop the Youth Department properties as centres where educational

camping programmes can be more effectively organised.

more effectively organised.

The authorisation of this fund is regarded as a significant event for the Youth Department. Mr Dein said: "For many years the lack of funds for the maint en anne and development of our camping properties has been a major problem. We believe that the establishing of this special fund will encourage many people to make generous donations towards our

Fund for property

The Director of the Anglican Youth Department, Rev Terry Dein, has announced that the Youth Department recently received approval to establish a tax deductible property building. Any donations to the

centred on a comparative study between religious cul-tures of Mesopotamia and Israel, with particular refe-rence to prophecy. He hopes soon to produce a book in this area.

Since 1973 Dr Wright has resity of Manchester in His research interests have His research interests have

comfortable and charming character will meet with the approval of all who use it."

The restorations to "Chaldercot" have cost \$28,000 a nd a ny contributions towards this expenditure and other property development programmes would be appreciated. Donations to

Any donations to the above fund should be sent to: Anglican Youth Department, 511 Kent Street, Sydney and marked "Anglican Youth Department School Camping Building Fund".

Preserving age "Chaldercot", one of the Anglican Youth Department's camping properties at Port Hacking has recently received a major "facelift".

writer.
Mr Muggeridge then went on to describe the problems facing mankind. He said: "It would be sheer stupidity, sheer deliberate wishful thinking not to recognise that we are living in times of enormous disruption and disillusionment."

sionment.

'That assumptions on which our Christian way of life are based are disintegrating and that the ways of the world, the hopes of the world are turning away from Christ and His revelation.

Sermon by Muggeridge

In a moving and provocative address recently, Malcolm Muggeridge, delivering the Synod Sermon at the Anglican Sydney Diocesan Synod in St Andrew's Cathedral, spoke of the plight of Western civilization and that Christ was the only answer to man's preoccu-

and that Christ was the only answer to man's preoccupation with megalomania and erotomania.

He commented that in the book "20th Century Prophets", published by the Anglican Information Office, Sydney, he had been described as a prophet.

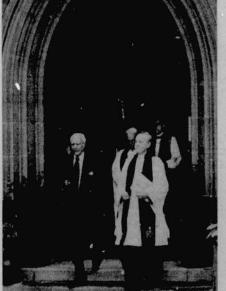
He replied to that description of himself by paraphrasing the prophet Amos: "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; I was a journalist, a gatherer of news stories, and the Lord took me as I sat at my typewriter.

The proposed of waster of the state of the conclusion that Western man has decided to abolish himself.

"Creating his own boredom out of his own erotomania, his own vulnerability out of his own strength, himself blowing the trumpet which brings the walls of his own city tumbling down. And having convinced himself that he's too numerous, labouring with pill and scaipel and syringe to

delivering himself the more surely into the hands of his surely into the hands of his enemies, until at last, having educated himself into im-becility, and polluted and drugged himself into stupe-faction, he keels over, a weary, battered old Bronto-saurus, and becomes extinct.

"Let us as Christians — let you as members of the Synod — plan your strategy in the future. Let us go out telling and His revelation.
"'Confronting this contemporary scene, it's sometimes difficult to resist



Malcolm Muggeridge leaving St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, after the service which marked the opening of the 1976 Anglican Synod, at which he was the special guest speaker.

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Trying out a new pump in the barrio of Bacod Bayan is Russell Kerr, World Vision's development officer in the Philippines. With him is Rev Mariano Raner and Mrs Raner. Mariano will supervise the Strategic Aid Team projects in Bacod Bayan and in

NEW OVERSEAS AID PROGRAMME

A big new overseas development aid programme has been launched by Australians.

The Executive Director, World Vision of Australia, has released details of the Strategic Aid Team (SAT), at a news conference in Melbourne on October 15th.

Harold Henderson, believes that SAT will be a multi-million dollar programme, that's likely to be the biggest ever undertaken by a private Australian aid

organisation.

"Voluntary agencies cannot solve all the world's problems on their own," says Harold Henderson, "but dollar for dollar, they can have a much greater impact with overseas aid than Government aid funds.

"I say this for two reasons. More of every dollar given to the private agency reaches the ordinary people and those contributing are involved in the projects in a much closer way. They expect regular which is located near San

All the barrios are extremely primitive and poverty is something that all the people share in common. Health care is almost non existent. 95 percent of the villagers are suffering from malnutrition and 9 out of every ten have intestinal parasites.

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water supply.

Demonstration gardens will be planted to show people how to grow their own food.

Materials necessary for the

Materials necessary for the establishment of private or community gardens will be supplied. While the projects are underway, food will be given to communities and nationals working on the job.

Lectures on home management, baby care and family planning will be provided.

During the first year, To page 8

BISHOPS SPEAK OUT ON UNEMPLOYMENT

The national conference of Australian Anglican Bishops, meeting in Menangle, October 15th to 18th, 1976, agreed with the concern expressed by the Church's Social Responsibilities Commission about the problems of unemployment and the future employment prospects of thousands of young

At a time when 15,000 school leavers from the previous year have still not found work and will soon be competing with this year's school leavers and all the other 275,000 unemployed people, unemployment has now emerged as the greatest problem confronting the

EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT

deny the extent and effects of unemployment throughout Australia. The main reports of the Commission of Inquiry into Poverty have shown that one million Australians suffer from a combination of disadvantage factors such as poor housing, inadequate education and high health risk. To these factors is now added the increasing likelihood of unemployment, which affects most severely the unskilled most severely the unskilled and semi-skilled workers and

their dependents.
The Poverty Report has

also demonstrated that the proportion of 'dole cheats' is very small — no more than three per cent of the very small — no more than three per cent of the unemployed. It is irresponsible to suggest that all the unemployed are surfing on some distant beach.

It is also apparent that the Government's crack-down on 'dole cheats' earlier this year did not reduce the number of unemployed.

EFFECTS ON THE UNEMPLOYED



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"Careful debate" urged

Remarks by Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane in his Synod Charge (ACR, Oct 14, 1976) on the ordination of women will no doubt lead to renewed study on this

The Synod decision in Melbourne, and material in recent diocesan publications in Sydney, raise two serious problems which beg comment.

First, some are thoughtlessly deferring to the opinions of professional theologians. Submitting to the theological opinions of others — even Evangelicals — is no substitute for submitting to the Word of God. We appear to hang on the pronouncements of the theologians instead of doing the work ourselves of understanding the Bible. understanding the Bible.

The ordination issue comes from the problems feminism raises. The keen Christian person is acutely aware of the anti-Christian stand of current feminism, and the need to resolve the problems according to

Yet, perhaps unwittingly, those who defer to others deny the ordinary Christian access to the Bible.

Knowledge of God's purposes is not the special preserve of the trained. The Bible's mediator is the Holy Spirit. The spiritual equality of Gal 3:28 guarantees direct access to God's Word for Mr and Mrs Average as it

does for Mr and Mrs Theologian.

Contemporary evangelical writing and debate which is marked by the "deference" approach is in danger of erecting a new mediatorial priesthood between people

Second, some are overlooking the problem of "cultural relevance". On what grounds do we call something that the Bible commands "largely cultural", and therefore no longer binding on us? Several evangelical writers have dismissed some of St Paul's commands on these grounds. The problem is real. We all are involved. We don't generally feel that hatless women in church are sinful (1 Cor 11)!

What is the cut-off point for "culturally bound"?
Does Paul's anti-practising homosexual stance rest on

Does Paul's anti-practising homosexual stance rest on culture, or the will of God? Is the command for husbands to love wives (Eph 5:25) as culturally limited



as the command for women not to have authority over men in Church (1 Tim 2:11-12)?

Unless the debaters — theologians, writers, whoever — can tell us this, then the average Christian finds the Bible a locked book. Inadequate information as to what is required makes obedience to our Lord impossible. Many evangelicals, sad to say, instead of clarifying

Many evangelicals, sad to say, instead of clarifying the Bible's position on "ordination and women" are obscuring it. Woe to him — or her! We arge considered and careful debate.

Obedience, like justice, needs to be seen to be done.

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ON & OFF THE RECORD

AUSSIE TALK

Anyone who likes pungent and salty speech will recognise that it is often available in Australia. We have just about recovered from a long bout of inferiority concerning our accent and mode of speech. Actually, quite early in our national history there must have been some acceptance of the "Australian way of talk."

In a book called "A Tour through the Australian

Australian way of talk."

In a book called "A Tour through the Australian Colonies" published in 1840 A. Russell records that "slang terms were in use for everyday occurrences in sermons in Presbyterian and Episcopal churches". Slang in the pulpit! And in upper crust churches at that!

SLANG AND FLASH

It would, of course, be most enlightening to know what Russell considered to be slang. Whatever it was it was apparently found in all sorts of unlikely places. Edward Gibbon Wakefield in a "Letter from Sydney" in 1829 said "terms of slang and flash are used as a matter of course, everywhere, from the goals to the Viceroy's palace, not excepting the Bar and the Bench. No doubt they will be reckoned quite parliamentary, as soon as we obtain a parliament." I wonder what he would make of what sometimes now comes over the airwaves in parliamentary broadcasts?

Language never stands still. Transplant it somewh Language never stands still. Iransplant it somewhere and it will soon put forth new growth and blossoms. It will even change the accepted meanings of words long established in the areas from which they came. This was once regarded only as the "corruption" of speech, but these days it is usually seen in a more positive light. Australian, like American, speech has developed its own particular shape and extra

Australian, like American, speech has developed its own particular shape and style.

Language is the essential tool of communication and edification. Those who would use it as such need to understand its ins and outs. Their speech must be contemporary without being cheap. For there is nothing quite so ludricous as an ageing slangster trying to keep up with the speech of the younger generation, and probably using out of date terms, or misusing current ones, or perhaps even being resented for so crudely trying to invade their thought-world.

VULGAR SPEECH

We would probably all be surprised at the extent to libe which one-time slang is now part of everyday speech. In life!

Sydney Baker's "The Australian Language" (Sun Books 1976) there are many such examples. Rumours "spread like a bushfire"; we "argue the toss" even about a theological matter, and if it is too controversial we may beg others "not to wake that up"; slow people "drag the chain"; anxious people "drop their bundles"; and so on. And if we are in more informal company we probably go further in towards the centre of colloquialism. The rumours might then "go like a bomb"; and, in that controversy, if we want to avoid people, "doing their lids" we will have to "jack up on" further discussion.

The choice of the mode of speech is a little like the selection of gears. It is made to suit the particular "gradient" of the company and depends a good deal on the wisdom and good taste of the speaker. It would be a pity if church language became so correct that it was no longer in touch with the way things are actually said in the homes and markets of the land. After all, one great principle of the Reformation was to get the great truths of the Gospel and the Bible into the "vulgar" (common) tongue. And long before that in the providence of God the New Testament documents were written in koine or colloquial Greek.

LET HER RIP!

LET HER RIP!

can we doubt reading the parables and other sayings of Jesus that his speech was pungent and lively and got a big hearing? And if one has had to wrestle with Paul's Greek even at the elementary level it is obvious that it flows on like a fresh, vital stream, often sweeping aside the niceties of correct speech in order to make a point. To him language was a tool to be used, and that meant that it was

language was a tool to be used, and that meant that it was in his grip and not vice-versa.

In Baker's "Australian Language" religious colloquialisms are not to be used by religion but about it, ie by those who don't care for its exponents very much. In a chapter called "Wowsers and Their Kind" Baker describes a "brand of clerical mind" which is "typical of ill-educated communities, where vision is clouded by prejudice, where commonsense is interpreted by a succession of cliches and slogans, and where the mills of God pulversise joy and wisdom out of everything." Well! That's dribbling a bib full!

So I call on all fellow preachers and other Christian So I call on all fellow preachers and other Christicommunicators to oil up their larynxes, get their teeth of the road, and let fly. I call on them to dispense with the 'tin ears' (a wrteched Americanism) and really tune in the way people talk these days. I urge them not to be che or flash or slangy, but I beg them to go back to talk-schot till they get their words sharp and tangy again, and to gliberated from all respectable but dull speech. Go for you life!

An innocent abroad

A FEW MINUTES' walk from Oundle is a bird sanctuary and recreation

odd years with the Ministry of the Environment in order to accept his present position. Armed with local lore, he is sought out by fishermen and passers-by who are interested in the plant and

lying down — people are standing up to be counted

OUNDLE. OUNDLE? isolated fragments, planted YES — Oundle, the name of with cinifer or under the By DONALD HOWARD YES — Oundle, the name of a lovely old town in Northamptonshire with the River Nene almost encircling

the Saxons.
Small, beautifully situated and with an abundance of stone buildings roofed with Collyweston Slate quarried from a nearby village, the town (pronounced "Owndle" as in "owl") is threatened with "modernisation".

"modernisation".

The present narrow street cannot take today's traffic and the buildings are starting to feel the effects of constant

vibration.

The old Ship Hotel where we stayed has weathered the storm for about 500 years, but shock waves every time a heavy truck passes are proving too much. What's the remedy?

interested animal life.

THE GLIB (AND EASY) reply is to build a by-pass, but is that the answer?

Every five years Britain 1 os est hrough 1 os est hr

ontinues at an annual rate of 2000 miles.

According to Christopher Hall, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, most of the remaining open heathland and downland of counties like Suffolk, Dorset and Wiltshire will eventually be in Formula 1000 miles.

England's upper echelon of chelon of the protection of the protection of protecters forcibly ejected from a recent public meeting. An "Anti-M3 Action Group" disrupted the requiry into a move to carve up slices of countryside around historic Winchester for a new road.

In the Commons, Mr
Thorn was rebuked for
"standing up when he had
been told to sit down and
speaking when he had been
told to be silent."
He may be right, he may be
wrong, but work is not going
ahead — at least not inst

area.
As we walk around, bird-

As we walk around, birdwatchers were noting the arrival of migratory species, their nesting and feeding habits.

The "Countryside Warden" took me under his wing (that one was too good to miss), and soon revealed a keen interest in his job.

His name ("You'll never believe it," he told me) is Pheasant. As if that were not enough, a local publican is called Peacock.

A native of Oundle, Mr Pheasant is so enthusiastic that he retired early after 20-odd years with the Ministry of the Environment in order to accept his present position. THE LEADER OF the anti-motorway campaign is a Mr John Tyme, senior lecturer in environmental studies at Sheffield Polytechnic

Mr Tyme is challenging the

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Church "cannot afford to ignore

life, it could not afford to ignore the area of life where most men and many women spent most of their lives — their daily work — the Bishop of Tasmania said recently.

In his presidential address at the 40th synod of the Diocese of Tasmania, Bishop R. E. Davies described unemployment as "a matter of widespread national

church could not afford to ignore unemployment.

Bishop Davies said there were three principles which underlay the Christian doctrine of work. They were that man had a duty to work; that his conditions of work should be just; and that he had a right to work.

"The Bible teaches the

"The Bible teaches the duty of work: 'Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work.' Work is a reality of existence," he said.

"In a primitive community man would starve if he did of work. In more advanced

for his existence upon the work of others expressed in the form of charity from his neighbours or assistance from the state.

"Man is responsible before God for the daily work by which he earns his livelihood.

"Man is a creature, not the Lord of creation. He is therefore responsible before God for what he does to the world and how he uses it.

"He is also responsible before God for the conditions and terms of employment when he engages

before God for the conditions and terms of employment when he engages the labour of others. Both employer and employed are under the judgement of God," the bishop said. "It is said that Dr George Maclend the founder and

MacLeod, the founder and leader of the Iona community, set a visiting clergyman the task of helping him clean the lavatories. him clean the task of helping him clean the lavatories. "It was not long before the visitor asked: 'Why should we waste our time in doing this when there is so much which we might be discussing with profit?'

with profit?" product," he said.
"Dr MacLeod had replied: Man had a right as well as
'To prevent you doing what I the duty of work.

unemployment"

MAN'S RIGHT TO WORK: **BISHOP OF TASMANIA**

once did — talking about the dignity of labour!'

He said that Christian doctrine of work viewed it as a necessary means of expressing one's love for God by serving one's fellow men.

by serving one's fellow men.

"It is not just a matter of making profits for employers and shareholders, nor is it just a matter of making as much as we can for ourselves — it should be a matter of working under just conditions for the good of all, where the emphasis is on the person as well as the product," he said.

Man had a right as well as

The physical, psychological and moral effects of a long period of unemployment could be devastating to an individual.

Those who experienced unemployment lost their independence their became.

"We should never again allow large numbers of men and women to remain

unemployed for long pe "Works of local national importance must be taken in hand instead of

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NATIONAL RECOVERY

ONLY WHEN MEN "WILLING TO WORK"

There were 261,000 people listed as unemployed throughout Australia in August, the Bishop in Wollongong, Bishop Ken Short, said this week. "The future does not look much brighter," he said. "And how can it, until we all recover the will to work?"

He described the prese

The report said that the

Other news reports

workforce, he said. Bishop Short said that to be unemployed was disastrous for most people — quite apart from any personal, economic problems for those

In a news statement issued Japanese car industry produced 46 cars per workman per year — by comparison, his Australian counterpart produced only seven cars a year. person were more demoralis ing than being unemployed.

WHAT! clerical wea



CMS CHURCH SUPPLIES told of a strike by university

"Put a lot of such stories together and what is so frequently a common denominator is an ignorance of spiritual values," Bishop Short said.

disregard others in one's concern for oneself, that attitude stemmed directly from a disregard of God.

"Our recovery as a nation will come as we recover a willingness to work as God intended us to," he said.

highlighted similar situations he said. One newspaper headline dealt with the withdrawal of manpower and thus threatening petrol supplies. Another headline

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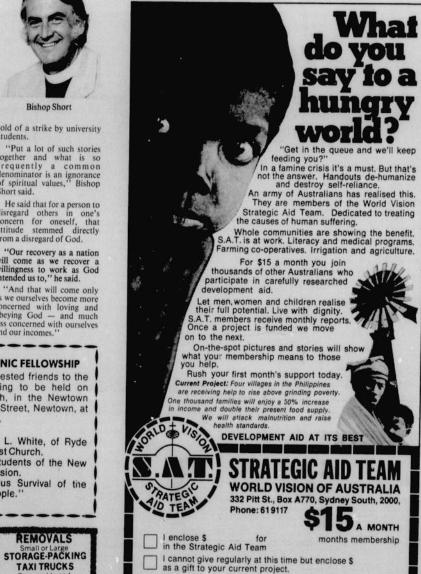
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SYDNEY'S ST ANDREW'S ... NOW THE "CATHEDRAL IN THE SQUARE"

Cathedral as seen in 1888



NEW CHURCH OFFICES

St Andrew's House, besides housing the Cathedral School on the top two floors, will also contain the Diocesan offices as well as a number of Church

Diocesan offices as well as a number of Church organisations.

The Australian Church Record will be moving its office there in late November or early December.

The rest of the building will be available for rent. Running from St Andrew's House, under Sydney Square to the Town Hall station will be a shopping arcade. This is not expected to be operating fully until well into the new year.

The first operational part of St Andrew's House was the Car Park opened on May 6 and is capable of holding almost 300 cars. This was followed by the Cathedral

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St Andrew's House opened by State Governor



SPECIAL FEATURES

When Sir Roden Cutlet, Governor of NSW opened St Andrew's House on Monday, October 11, he mentioned a number of facts and figures about the new building. They give a good idea of the size of the complex and as a matter of interest we reproduce them now.

This including Garage, Arcade, Shops, Office, School, Plant and Service areas is — 466,896 square

areas is — 466,896 square for insulation purposes.

As a c om p a r is on, approximated areas of various other buildings in square feet are as follows:— Goldfields House, Sydney Cove — 400,000; AMP, Sydney Cove — 550,000; Farmers, the Archbishop of Sydney, Sir Marcus Loane, Bishop A. J. Dain and Mr C. N. Turner.

The NSW Governor, Sir Roden Cutler, unveils the plaque at the opening of St Andrew's House. Beside him on the dais are the Archbishop of Sydney, Sir Marcus Loane, Bishop A. J. Sydney — 400,000; Bank of Adelaide — 80,000.

As a c o m p a r is o n, approximately. These are double pane for insulation purposes.

(b) There are also the shop windows and glass walls of entrances and foyers some of these are 28ft high.

Lights

(a) For the building, areade and carpark there are Adelaide — 80,000.

ordinary windows for offices and school is 1350 approximately. These are double pane for insulation



Members of the Glebe Board. Left to right: Mr Stacy Atkin; Mr Les McGregor; Mr David Woodrow; Mr Ted Riley; Mr Norman Turner; Bishop Donald Cameron; Mr Max Lawrence; Mr Graham King; Rev George Robinson; Mr Donald Coburn; Mr Gerald Christmas; Mr Richard Lambert. Other members of the Board are: Bishop A. Jack Dain (Chairman), (insert on left)



To page 6 Some of the official guests who attended the official opening of St Andrew's House, Sydney, as part of the Sydney Square complex.

(b) For the square and shops it would be about another 1500 approximately. Total 14,500. being "breathed" by the building will be 313,800,000 cubic feet in a ten hour day. This equals 11,000 tons of air

Cost - \$21,000,000

Total 14,500.

Electricity

(a) When fully occupied the building, carpark and arcade will use approximately 9,600,000 kilowatts per year.

(b) This is the same power that would drive a ship the size of the Himalaya at 20 knots continually for 26 days, a distance of of 12,480 n a u tical miles or approximately from Sydney to London.

(c) The approximate cost for this energy for the year would be \$240,000.

(a) The building will use when fully occupied approximately 16,000,000 gallons of water per year. This amount would fill 1340 home inground swimming pools.

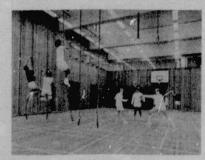
(b) The reserve tank for the straighter water contains

(b) The reserve tank for the sprinkler system contains 40,000 gallons. This would fill 3 to 4 home inground swimming pools. The tank measures approximately 30 feet long by 18 feet wide by 15 feet high.

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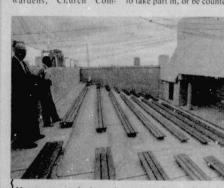




This was how the "Sydney Square" project was viewed earlier, when a model was prepared by which the completed project could be visualised. The front entrance to St Andrew's Cathedral is at left with the recently-completed plaza between the cathedral and Sydney Town Hall (at right). Behind the cathedral is the new building which houses the St Andrew's Cathedral School, while behind the Town Hall is a new office complex.

Church people invited to invest

St Andrew's House, adjacent to the Cathedral and the Town Hall, is nearing completion, and it is expected that the church offices will be moved into the building in October. Approximately \$9,000,000 of the funds needed to complete the building have been borrowed through the banking system. To the extent that the Glebe Administration Board (as manager of the project) can obtain alternative finance at lower rates, it can reduce interest charges and, where costs can be reduced, there is a corresponding increase in the return from the building available for the work of the church. To tacilitate this, the Standing Committee has authorised the Board to accept deposits of \$500 or more where:—



Not many people have the opportunity to sit in at amphitheatre atop a city building. An exception, however, will be the students of St Andrew's Cathedral School whose new rooftop amphitheatre views take in most of the city skyline.

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Rhodesia: where

Sir,
The Rev Arthur Lewis of Rhodesia is an Anglican minister and was in earlier years a missionary for 20 years among the tribesmen of Rhodesia. He writes:—
"The implicit condoning of terrorism by leaders of major Churches at the trial of Bishop Lamont has impaired

major Churches at the trial of Bishop Lamont has impaired what hope remained of spiritual leadership from those Churches. The World Council of Churches has reduced countless Christians to despair. This body has worked ceaselessly for the downfall of Christian civilisation through Africa civilisation through Africa and in Rhodesia has consis-tently backed the 'freedom

fighters'.

In Rhodesia we have fought the good fight, Rhodesia will go down in history as the last country that tried to make a stand for the civilisation Christianity the civilisation that the civilisation has built up. Its faults and failings have been many, but we have striven to create a free multi-racial society where Christianity can be where Christianity can be traught and practised.

openly taught and practised.

In a hungry continent we have done our best to feed the starving millions beyond our borders. Vilified and our borders. Vilified and ostracised as no country before, we have stood our ground and can hold our heads high. Say Rhodesia capitulated (to Dr Kissinger) if you like. Without a seaboard there was no choice. One does not have to be a politician to see that Dr Kissinger was considering the inger was considering the negro vote and was in a

position to exert considerable pressures. If Dr Kissinger had

the untruths and abusive phrases spread by the media, that the "rulers of darkness" in Southern Africa are the Communists and their black dictator allies; and that the

"relativism".

Erickson at the beginning of the book uses the term in such a way as to suggest that the situationists are relativists simply because they do not regard rules or laws as permanent guides in ethical decisions.

decisions.

That is, absolute rules are those that always apply — irrespective of situation — while relative rules are those that only apply in certain situations.

under examination.

Normally, however, the
term is used of those ethical
theories which refuse to
admit absolute claims.

Since Fletcher admits the
absolute of Love he would
not normally be called a relativist.

tivist.

The book lacks a careful analysis of the function of moral language and it is significant that books like R. M. Hare's The Language of Morale and Julius Kovesi's Moral Notions are missing from the bibliography.

After hours 53 7377



NEW CHURCH

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totally interdependent are the black and white people that only outside interference has kept them apart, ever fanning ne flames of extremism.

We live in a wicked world

deal work.

One of the human grounds for hope is the incredible courage of Mr Ian Smith. It s quite plain that he has not given up and that he intends o bring about a multi-racial

"spiritual wickedness in high places" applies both to the World Council of Churches and to the Western Parliaand to the Western Parliamentarians who have so compound their chick, as to accept terrorists and top terrorists and top terrorists and top terrorists as "national leaders" in Rhodesia. We have accordingly on October 11th forwarded the following cable to Anthony Crossland, British Foreign Minister:

ously.

It would be wise to read a book like Paul Ramsey's Deeds and Rules in Christian Ethics before one attempted this book so that Erickson's distinctions and terms did not lead one into making invalid inferences.

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Some travelled from Nowra, Orange and Mitta-gong especially for the re-union. Apologies were re-ceived from overseas, inter-

It was interesting to note that former members are engaged in a wide variety of occupations and are scattered throughout Australia and reunion reflected

many happy and exciting moments. It was 20 years since some people had last met. It was noted that basic-

met. It was noted that basic-ally people remained the same and those with a sense of humour still had it. The theme of the reunion was "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and for-ever". A former rector of the parish, the late Rey Fred Parish, the late Rev Fred Taplin, used the text in the early 1950s to promote a special parish activity. A special message was sent from Mrs Taplin who was

A former leader of the Fellowship, George Whyte, stated, in the invitation sent the same whether it be two decades ago or today and forever". Another reunion is being planned for next year.

reception

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To know that one has been truly forgiven rolls away a great weight from our consciences.

This is true when orgiveness is extended to forgiveness is extended to us by one of our fellows and it is especially true when we realise that God fully forgives those sins by which we have wronged Him.

Christianity is haracterised by tly mean a forgiving

Outside of Christianity the forgiving spirit is often mistaken for weakness and

Right from the earliest pages of the Bible, God has declared that He is a forgiving God.

Thus in Exodus 34, when God declared His character God declared His character to Moses, He said that He was "The Lord, a God full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and iniquity and trans

Also the prophet Isaiah, speaking in God's name, said that if people would truly repent, God would blot out their sins, saying "Come now, and let us

God's forgiveness is so complete that He describes it as forgetfulness.

When He forgives, He never brings our sins to mind again.

The Bible uses different pictures to describe the completeness of God's forgiveness. It says God puts our sins behind His back, or He blots them out

the tree," and as Isaiah puts it: "The Lord laid on Him If we bear the penalty it will sink us down to Hell. But by becoming man, Jesus took our curse so as to set us free from it.

Forgiveness is free to us, although it was costly to

from God's sight through forgiveness.

Our Lord Jesus Christ underlined the free forgiveness of God.

At the same time He emphasised that if we are to enjoy God's forgiveness we must have a spirit of forgiving others ourselves; and He set us the example, by praying for those who were crucifying Him, saying, "Father, forgive them."

God's forgiveness is free.

God's forgiveness is free,

CHRISTIANITY: "FORGIVENESS" Lord's Prayer where Jesus taught us to ask daily for forgiveness using the words: "Heavenly Father,

we need forgiveness, the way to obtain it is to ask for it. Nothing more.

St Paul says in Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," and St John could not make more clear the fact that God forgives all who ask in Jesus' name, when he wrote in I John 1:19: "If we acknowledge our size that fact had god the state of the

As St Peter says: "He pore our sins in His body on from all sin."
The Bible knows nothing

stand what prayer is all about and discussions about it are pretty futile. But we learn it in obedience and in the

practice of it, just as we learn to understand the Lord better the more we follow Him.

you forsake The listener's role and

through
My dumb lips breathe and

that we must forgive others if we want God to forgive Now, through Jesus Christ, full forgiveness is

from this biblical truth, but rather dwell on the fact that God forgives freely and completely those who have disobeyed Him, if they are sorry and return to Him.

Whenever we are conscious of our sins, let us seek forgiveness from God in the way that Jesus has taught us, namely by acking affirming that God freely

If we enquire how may we obtain God's forgiveness, the answer is that forgiveness is for the asking, if we ask in sincerity, repentance and faith.

This is reflected in the

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we acknowledge our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from

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government with genuine guarantees for minorities. Nor are there lacking realistic and reasonable black leaders. These get short shrift

from the great powers. One recalls the fate of Moise Tshombe of Katanga.

We must work and pray that in spite of all outside pressures true leaders, not mere power-seekers, may have the opportunity to co-operate in forming the new operate in forming the new government. We must strive for success. The great masses of black people who in their hearts want only to live and work with the whites, have no other country on which to fall back. We have an absolute Christian duty to save our children from the miseries and falsehoods of Marxism."

Board of Diocesan Missions and Youth Organisations — will be accommodated. The first and second floors will house the Bishops and administrative headquarters of the Sydney Diocese. Other office space will be let to a variety of businesses.

Mr. R. J. S. Seddon save our children from a miseries and falsehoods of Marxism."

Finally Rev Lewis ends with the quotation from St Paul: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

It is the belief of members of the Australia-Rhodesia Association and of those who have studied the situation for have studied the situation of many years planning and of many years planning and six or a six of the contact of the situation of many years planning and six or a six

of many years planning and will, we believe, provide for the future needs of the Diocese of the foreseeable future with a much greater efficiency of operation than we have ever had before.

authority of scripture seri-

us our trespasses. For as St John said: "If STUDIES IN MATTHEW 6

No 2 'PRAYING PROPERLY' Matthew 6:5-18 "The man who does not give to God the best hours of the day, but rather reads his mail or his newspaper first or indulges in his own private pursuits, good or bad, which he thinks more pressing, will receive precious little from his Heavenly Father. He ought to keep his mouth shut altogether, because it will be shut for him anyhow."

This article is the second in a series of four

Other times people may think that immediate action is needed and, thinking that God is pittless, repeat themselves endlessly. But Jesus Prayer comes about because the followers of Jesus have fellowship with Him and He directs His followers to speak to their

articles by the Rev Jim Ramsay, Curate-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Bexley North,

our life. Nowhere will this be better evidenced than in our prayers.

In this passage the task of prayer is put into its proper place. We should be conscious of God's presence, not our neighbours. We should not seek special places of prayer or even await the 'right' mood.

By entering into a 'secret place' we should be echoing the idea of the Psalmist in Ps.27:7-9. He said "Thy face, Lord, do I seek". But even in private prayer we can become conscious of an onlooker — ourselves! We may catch ourselves using nice words or thinking 'My word, that was well put'. We become our own spectators.

Jesus does not warn us against 'empty phrases' (RSV). A talkative person often has more on their mind than merely what they are saying.

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Rev D. J. Kirkaldy will resign as curate of St Jame's, Mt Druitt to become curate of St Stephen's, Port Kembla from January 9, 1977.

Rev R. V. Ash will resign as rector of Holy Trinity, Miller's Point, January 31, 1977 to be inducted as rector of St James', Asquith on February 4, 1977.

An Innocent

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citizens''(!) led to abandonment of the Aire Valley trunk road enquiry in Yorkshire and to the adjournment of the Winchester M3 hearing.

His 17th campaign against those 'riding roughshod over people's rights'' is in London's Highate.

The good citizens there are fighting a road-widening scheme that will destroy 150 homes, 20 shops and part of Highgate woods.

As one who has toured the area, and been impressed with its appearance, I say jolly good luck to them.

SO OUNDLE ANXIOUSLY waits with other towns while the python of "progress" slithers across the countryside, sometimes unnoticed until it's too late, occasionally easing its way past little areas of beauty only to devour the unsuspecting further on.

Take a layman's look at a road map, and it seems certain that before this generation passes, nearly everyone in England and

generation passes, nearly everyone in England and Western Europe will be living within sound of moderate to heavy traffic for up to 24

neavy traffic for up to 24 hours a day. What's the remedy? People like those in this picturesque town wonder, for the agony of Oundle is the agony of our mechanised, motorised civilisation.

ONE FOR DAVID H:

BISHOPS SPEAK OUT There is an argent and critical need to accept the true value of technical and trade skills and for parents to encourage their children to see a worthwhile and rewarding value in these occupations. Jesus Himself was a tradesman. We believe that there can be creative value in working with your hands. If more apprenticeship and training opportunities were available, the serious shortage of trade skills would be removed. We need a basic change in social attitudes to reinstate the importance of technical education.

Christian

information

directory

The NSW Minister for Youth and Community Services, Mr R. F. Jackson, has announced a grant to help establish a Christian Resource and Information Directory.

"Some of the resources that we will be gathering information on are: conference centres, purisians counselling help.

with young people who are at the point of despair because they have tried without success to find work. Many of them feel a deep sense of rejection by the community, and they feel guilty applying for unemployment benefit. We believe this guilt is produced by the stigma attached to unemployment and the constant repetition of the 'dole cheat' accusation by middle-class people who have never known what it is like to be unemployed. Because our society has traditionally placed strong emphasis upon the importance of work the psychological problems confronting the unemployed are aggravated.

Research from overseas shows that long-term unemployment leads to crime and violence. If people are frustrated in their efforts to find worthwhile jobs, eventually they will get angry and violent.

THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

INITIATIVES

We welcome recent moves by the Government in response to mounting community pressure to provide relocation assistance, and incentives to employers to take on more apprentices, and school leavers.

However, the major problem behind these Government initiatives is that they are all basically geared to considerations of productivity within the existing industrial and manufacturing structures.

It is quite clear to us that there will also need to be considerable structural adjustment resulting from automation and redundancy, in terms of people and industries, and that this will have considerable structural adjustment resulting from automation and redundancy, in terms of people and industries, and that this will have considerable structural adjustment resulting from a wide range of groups involved in Christian youth work, including the House of the New World. The grant will be used to employ a Project Officer to co-ordinate the work being done and to oversee the production of the Directory.

A spokesman for the Christian Resource and Information Service said:

"In announcing the grant Mr Jackson said that he believed that the Directory will have far reaching effects in bringing further coopperation between community groups, and I wish the venture every success."

Planning for the Directory time. It is being undertaken by the Christian youth work, including the House of the New World. The grant will be used to employ a Project Officer to co-ordinate the work being done and to oversee the production of the Directory.

A spokesman for the Christian Resource and Information Service said:

"In our rapidly changing world it is unlikely that a person can find all the resources he needs in his local area or denomination. He needs a guide to what is available from other sources, because each of us have exciting and useful ministries which could be of benefit to other Christians from different backgrounds so they can share their individual gifts and resources. We are attempting to get to determine the programment

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Australians. In our opinion,
except for the 20% poor or
rather poor of the Poverty
Report, most other
Australians have a higher
standard of living now than
three years ago. Despite the
political and union rhetoric
most of us are, in real terms. political and union rhetoric most of us are, in real terms, better off today and have not suffered as a result of inflation. It is the poor and the unemployed who are bearing the brunt. The projected closing down of industries will aggravate this still further because, unless policies change, inevitably there will be many who will be come permanently.

bearing the brunt. The projected closing down of industries will aggravate this still further because, unless policies change, inevitably there will be many who will be come permanently unemployed have no collective bargaining power and very few rights. They feel rejected by the community and they suffer a loss of selfesteem. Australians therefore have a responsibility to see that the unemployed get acceptance not patronage, dignity not dole, and the guarantee of the means of an adequate living standard.

S85,000 will be sunk in to the programme.

World Vision's International Childcare Programme has been a \$100 million success. Harold Henderson sees SAT heading along that same successful of the strategic Aid Team will work on similar lines to Childcare.

'Unlike many other evelope in a personal way with the project.

By this involvement and with regular reports from the field on how the project is going, people will gain an

BISHOP SPEAKS OF

Bisnop Ken Short commented on ministry in the rapidly expanding Wollongong Region of the Sydney Diocese. His theme was "Eighteen months in Wollongong" in a speech delivered at the annual Synod Luncheon of the Anglican Church League. About 70 Synod representatives attended the lunch held in the Sydney City Mission auditorium on October 5.

CHALLENGE IN WOLLONGONG

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tonomy. To realise this "regionhave been established. Media, prayer and outreach, youth and education and social welfare committees all of a ninety second news com-ment heard on radio each Wednesday called the "Bishop speaks out". Many people listen and some response has been forth-

response has been forth-coming.

The Wollongong region is to have a large increase in population in the near future. It is projected that in the next 25 years on the coast and tablelands area (Appin, Campbelltown, Camden), there will be an increase of

courses, and specialist training.
Christian Resource and Information Service (CRIS) members believe that the Directory will lead to a continuing centre staffed by volunteers seconded by a wide range of existing Christian organisations. These people will produce future editions of the Directory and provide continuing current information on Christian activities in NSW.



OVERSEAS AID

mprove the amount and the nature of overseas aid at a governmental level," says Harold Henderson.

Already several thousand people, who supported World Vision aid "People have come to trust the World Vision theory on

lt is with a real sense of Christian love and ompassion that this umanitarian aid organisation goes into the Strategic Aid Team

Programme.
Alongside SAT, World
Vision of Australia will join
its sister offices in five other

Over 100 projects, designed help the needy to self-reliance, will be

Bishop Short welcomed the challenges and challenged others to be concerned in prayer for the opportunities that are present. He was confident of the continuing ministry and looked to the future with anticipation of the challenge being met. Blacktown Fellowship celebrates reunion



Mr Viv Alderton (third from left) re-enacts a funny incident which happened at Fellowship about twenty-five years ago. Picture shows some of the 69 people who attended including two former Rectors, Rev Ken Baker (extreme left) and Rev Warwick Fisher-Johnson (far right) and Mrs Fisher-Johnson (on his right in back row) next to Rev and Mrs Frank Copland (former Fellowship members). Many of the Fellowship members were in the Fellowship twenty-five years ago.

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PERTH FAREWELL TO THE MUGGERIDGES

The tour of Australia and New Zealand by Malcolm and Kitty Muggeridge during October came to a close in Perth on Sunday, October 31.

ACALL TO THE NATION

The final March of Witness during Malcolm Muggeridge's Australian/New Zealand tour, October 1976, took place in Australia's most Western capital city, Perth. Malcolm and Kitty Muggeridge marched behind the banner.

During October Mr Muggeridge addressed 26 gatherings attended over 70,000 people. An estimated 10 million people heard or saw him through the media.

Meetings included Festival of Light, Bible Society, Press Clubs and miscellaneous Christian women's

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When asked whether he would say there was any par-

or 'That's unimportant'; you know, 'I'm: going to be known to posterity by that — and that will be forgotten', but all of that is nonsense."

NEW BISHOP FOR ARMIDALE DIOCESE

When Archdeacon Peter Chiswell was consecrated

Australian Bench.
At 42, Archdeacon
Chiswell was elected in
September by the Synod of
the Anglican Diocese of
Armidale. He and his wife
Betty, have three children,
Graeme 15, Margaret 13, and
Rodney 11.
Before theological training
at Moore College, Sydney, he
was an engineer, working at



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UNREAL WORSHIP

Not matter what the pattern of their church services, Christians are never free from the danger of false worship. The very familiarity of excellent prayers, the very predictability of liturgical structures, can contribute to the breakdown of intelligent and joyful participation in the corporate worship of God.

This is nothing new. Eight centuries before Christ's incarnation Isaiah announced to the Kingdom of Judah the divine complaint, "this people draw near with their mouth and honour me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me". At the same time Amos and Hosea denounced the Kingdom of Israel for the unreality of their worship. The people's approach to God was half-baked. They were blind to the hypocrisy and emptiness of their forms of religion.

of their forms of religion.

We in our day must be sensitive to the possibility that we could be similarly blind. Would we recognise, can we

recognise, the decline of righteousness and spiritual strength in the churches, syncretism with the world, apostasy from the truth of the gospel?

Perhaps we are given to asking the wrong questions about the state of Christianity in our nation or the world. We take an interest in issues related to organised religion: the comparative sizes of denominations, the movement of personnel, financial aspects of religious affairs, rates of growth or decline in membership and ministry, amaleamations of religious groups, etc. And

affairs, rates of growth or decline in membership and ministry, amalgamations of religious groups, etc. And of course these questions have a measure of importance. But the really important questions to ask, if we would discover the health or malaise of the Christian religion, are questions about the instruction and obedience of church people. In earlier days God's people had all the external appearances and paraphernalia of the worship of God, but there was a famine of hearing His Word.



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The people did not serve the Lord with trustful and loving obedience.

Where there is an alert and eager desire, on the part of both ministers and congregations, to learn more about God's Word and to respond appropriately, there will be worship which truly honours God. The pre-eminence of Christ will be proclaimed, and there will be growing trust in God, a renewed pursuit of holiness, a new zeal for evangelism, a fresh experience of joy and praise, a deeper willingness to offer loving and sacrificial service to all men. This is the fruit of real worship, as Christians increase in the knowledge of God. increase in the knowledge of God.