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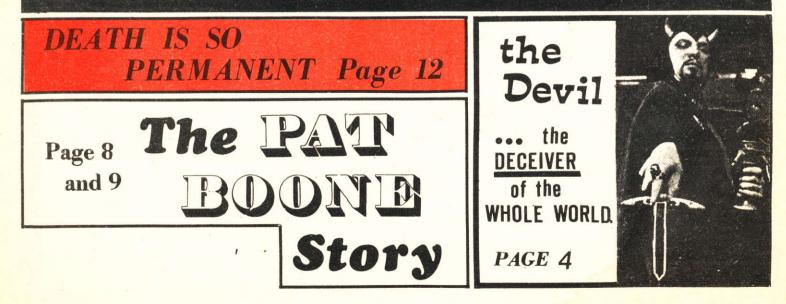


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Editorial

The third edition of Adelaide JESUS PAPER has been slower getting going than we intended. Much has happened in the last few months. The Centre has shifted from Malvern to Melbourne Street. North Adelaide; the Lord has wonderfully provided but much work has had to be done.

In distributing this paper we believe we should take a step toward more orderly distribution. Our aim is to establish strategic

distribution points all over South Australia and Interstate. If you can help in this programme please let us know.

We rejoice in what our dear Lord is doing in these last days. What a privilege to be translated into His Kingdom and to share in the work of saving as many as He shall call.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Gordon, Malcolm & John.

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We believe a prime purpose of this paper is to promote the growing consciousness of, and love for, other Christians within the total Body of Christ.

Satan is making increasingly frantic bids for the lives of men and as the battle grows fiercer it will become more and more necessary for Christians to stand together on one side in that battle

Our theological stance is simple.

believe in complete commitment to Jesus and His Way, desiring that His Holy Spirit should produce all His fruit and all His gifts in His people.

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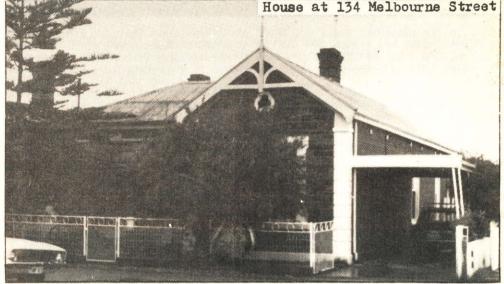
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Adelaide Jesus Centre

Early January was the deadline for vacation of our rented property in Malvern. As stated in the last edition of this paper, we felt God may have been leading us to shift location to North Adelaide. After praying and waiting until the last days of the lease, not knowing where we were to go, the hall behind the Methodist Church in Melbourne Street became available.

As an answer to prayer re the future of the Jesus House at Malvern, a few weeks later a house quite miraculously became available for lease on Melbourne Street, nearly opposite our One Way Drop Inn. A group of brothers and sisters promptly helped clean-up the place and within a week, three brothers were





living there. This number has now grown to seven; a married couple — Trev. and Maureen, plus Kym, Mal, Jenne, Beryl and Elaine. We are really praying that God will mould us into what he wants us to be as a small part of His Family in North Adelaide, to minister to the needs of the people with whom He brings us into contact.

With the three buildings — the Drop Inn, Church Hall and Jesus House — a stone's throw apart in Melbourne Street — we have much for which to praise God.

The ministry of reaching out on Friday and Saturday nights on the streets and at the One Way Drop Inn is a burden heavily upon us. We believe God wants us here for evangelism to reach lost souls in this area. An offshoot of this is the Family concept of a community of Christians working, praying and living together. The local hotels are a challenge as many young people frequent them at weekends. We are ever conscious that we are in spiritual warfare against Satan and His evil hordes, therefore the need for earnest prayer and joyful praise is essential for the ministry. But we stand united together as a small body of believers, knowing that Jesus has given us the power to overcome.

We have had recent baptisms — one at Glenelg beach where four Jesus kids were baptized and also another four have been baptized in the swimming pool which God graciously provided in our back yard, in Melbourne Street.

Recently we had a series of meetings at Houghton Methodist with many local young people attending. It was exciting to see the Lord moving in the meetings and in the lives of many.

The present lease on the house expires at the end of Nov, and we are looking to our Father for an extension or for other houses to become available. We praise God that He is awing souls to Himself and that several nave become Christians and many others ministered to and Christians encouraged. If you feel led to, pray for the family at the Centre that more labourers will be sent out to sow and reap the harvest before Jesus comes again.



A.B.I. CHANGES ITS NAME

The Adelaide Bible Institute has changed its name to the BIBLE COLLEGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. The name came into effect in November, 1973. However, to help the public to become accustomed to the new title, both new and old will be used for the next few years.

Many reasons contribute to the change, including the fact that the College is not situated in Adelaide. It is 52 miles south of the city in Victor Harbour. The change coincides with the Jubilee anniversary of the foundation of the original Institute.

The change has not been made without much thought and prayer.

But the change in name does not mean a change in policy, emphasis or theological position. The College will continue to train men and women for Christian service at home and overseas. The emphasis will continue to be on a life given over to the will of God. The teaching will continue to be established on the Word of God. It is significant that "BIBLE" is an integral part of both the new title and the old.

Rev. Matthew Francis



THE GREAT DRAGON, THAT ANCIENT SERPENT, WHO IS CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, THE DECEIVER OF THE WHOLE WORLD (Revelation 12:9)

The world is going to the Devil in a big way and his Satanic majesty is earning a cauldron of dollars for those who have hopped on the band waggon. Devil worship, Satanism, Black Magic, occultism, para-psychology, spiritism and such like are big news and the interest is being increased by the success of films such as the 'Exorcist' and 'Rosemary's Baby.'

Reactions to these manifestations in our society are varied. Some say Satan does not

exist, they dismiss the occult as superstition and equate Satanism with mental sickness. Others are less certain and are curious enough to investigate these happenings often finding more than they bargained for. (There are reports of people in Adelaide being thrown into emotional shock following exorcism sequences in the 'Exorcist').

An ever more disturbing trend is the tendency among Christians to become fearful and more demon and devil conscious than Christ conscious. (A reaction that must give Satan intense joy and satisfaction!)

It is important that Christians know their enemy and not be deceived by him and it is important that we fix our eyes upon Jesus, the



Painter, Rino Ferrari's impression of the interior of Hell with Charon the terrible boatman, transporting the damned to the other side of the River Styx.

Author and Finisher of our faith, who has defeated Satan and gives us the power to resist him and have authority over him and his evil hordes. This article presents something of what the Bible teaches on the subject.

There is not a thinking person in the world who has not wondered whether Satan really exists; what he is like, where he came from. Often he is dismissed as a mythical figure like Santa Claus or leprechauns.

Innumerable jokes are made about him. He is caricatured in plays and literature as a fantastic creature with forked tail and horns.

In fact, he cannot be dismissed so lightly. Belief in him can be justified in several ways. Firstly the Bible plainly says he exists. He is mentioned 20 times in the Old Testament and over 100 times in the New Testament. He is not spoken of as a principle or an abstract force, but as a personality who walks, talks, debates, deceives, lies, tempts and destroys. He is real, active, powerful, wise, crafty, clever and designing. He is the enemy of all that is good, righteous and holy and the author of every temptation and evil imagining. The Bible also teaches that he is not necessarily repulsive in appearance but can 'disguise himself as an angel of light'. (II Cor. 11:14)

Jesus spoke of him often; he told the Pharisees they were of their "father the devil ... he was a murderer from the beginning and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is not truth in him ... for he is a liar and the father of lies." (Jn. 8:44) He also called him the "ruler of this world"! (John 12:31, 16:11).

Elsewhere in the New Testament he is called the "wicked one" (I John 2:13), the "God of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), the "ruler of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2) and it is said that he "has the power of death" (Heb. 2:14). The two main names given him in the New Testament are diabolos (devil) which means "the slanderer" or "false accuser" and satanos (Satan) which means "the adversary" (opponent, antagonist, enemy). Revealing names indeed! If only those in his grip could see the ghastly way in which he is "conning" them! His aim for them is spiritual death of an unfulfilled eternity — eternity apart from their Creator — the only one who really loves them.

The reality of Satan is also obvious from the results of his activity. Anyone who seriously examines the current world situation with its perverted sex, pornography, lust, materialism, crime, religion and occult practice cannot really doubt that there is some motivating power for evil at large. The sunken eyes of the dope addict, the tired, defeated face of the alcoholic, the greedy eyes of the miserly and the shifty glance of the criminal, all evidence the power and purpose of Satan. Now, as always, he 'goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.' (1 Pet, 5:8).

Finally, many people both Christian and otherwise, through the ages have testified to his existence from personal encounter. And so today, many will testify that acceptance of Jesus and the receiving of His Holy Spirit is often associated with increased awareness of, and conflict with, a 'new' foe. Paul says 'we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places' (Eph. 6:12). Another question often asked is how a God, who is all-powerful, all-holy and all-loving could, create a being like Satan and allow him to continue to exist and practise his foul activities. The Bible reveals that Satan was not created evil — rather that at one time he held an exalted position in the heavens.

However, pride and ambition came into his heart and he aspired to be 'like the Most High.' (Isaiah 14:12-15). At that moment a break occurred in the cosmos; the harmony of God was shattered. Satan defied God and in attempting to set up his own kingdom he lost the first battle and with his angels was cast out of heaven onto the earth. (Rev. 12:7-9).

There he successfully enlisted the aid of man in his opposition to the Lord of hosts. Adam was a son of God and had the power to resist Satan but he allowed himself to be persuaded by that 'serpent' to break God's commandment.

Our God is sovereign and could have destroyed Satan a long time ago. Because of His nature of Love, however, he had already planned to salvage his creation and sent his Son Jesus into the world to save the world.

Jesus paid the price for our Sin and crushed the power of Satan over us when he poured out his blood on Calvary's Cross. Scripture is emphatic that in dying and being raised from the dead Jesus 'cancelled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands . . . nailing it to the cross and disarmed the principalities and powers . . triumphing over them in the cross' (Col. 2:14, 15) and 'destroying the works of the devil'. (I Jn. 3:8).

It is important that we know that Satan is a

defeated foe. His power cannot be compared with that of the Son of God whom 'God has highly exalted, and given a NAME above every name' (Phil. 2:9) Satan only exists at all because our Heavenly Father has declared a time of Grace in which to call and save as many as possible for Himself.

Satan is well aware that his time is short. He knows that there is no escape for him and that in God's time he will be cast 'into a lake of fire and brimstone . . . and will be tormented day and night forever and ever'. (Rev. 20:10).

The Bible tells us that just prior to that time the devil will abandon his deceptions and renew open warfare. Friends, the current economic and political confusion in the world, the increase in perverted sex and violence, the lust for pleasure and godlessness, the sudden emphasis on eastern philosophy, false cults, the pride, hate, lying and distortion of Biblical truth and the breakdown of morals, decency and respect for human dignity ARE **NO ACCIDENT!** It is predicted that, in the last times, men will turn away from God to their own lusts and desires and the world will get worse and worse! (II Tim. 3:1-6).

Such revelation must induce a two-fold response in the Christian. Firstly a deeper compassion and caring and an increased desire to take the Gospel to the masses who do not know and confess Jesus Christ as Lord and have no power to resist the devil. Secondly, tremendous joy and anticipation that these signs are certain evidence of the Lord's coming and that SATAN IS ABOUT TO BE CAST OUT OF THIS WORLD!! For those who do not yet belong to Jesus time is short, but Grace still abounds. We may still come to Him, deliberately turning from our sin to receive forgiveness and deliverance from the dominion of darkness and to be 'transferred into the kingdom of His beloved Son'. (Col. 1:13,14.)

He then gives us the authority to become Sons of God (John 1:12), sets us 'free from the law of sin and death' (Rom. 8:2), and gives us His Holy Spirit — 'not a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control' (II Tim. 1:7).

Yes, power to resist Satan and see him FLEE from US (James 4:7).

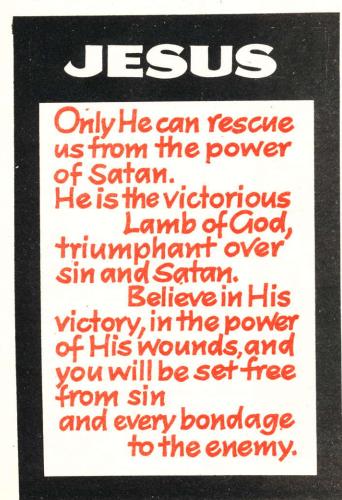
Being a non-Christian leaves no security at all. To face Satan in our own strength, like the sons of Sceva (Acts 19:14), means certain defeat.

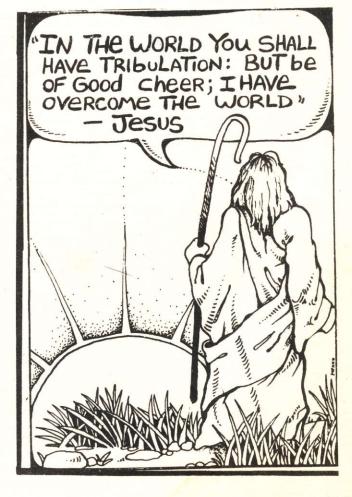
Praise God! there is a way of truth, peace, righteousness and joy. Jesus is that way and through knowing Him we receive HOPE and eternal life. Let us read and contemplate His precious word, pray and give thanks to Him: in short walk and fellowship with Him and obey Him.

The world around us may laugh at, ridicule and persecute us but nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:39).

Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand!' (Jn. 10:27.28)

'In the world you shall have tribulation but be of good cheer, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD!!' (Jn. 16:33).







by Malcolm Graetz

Maybe you have been wondering what 'Kairos' is all about — you read something, or overheard a conversation or came face to face with people involved in it.

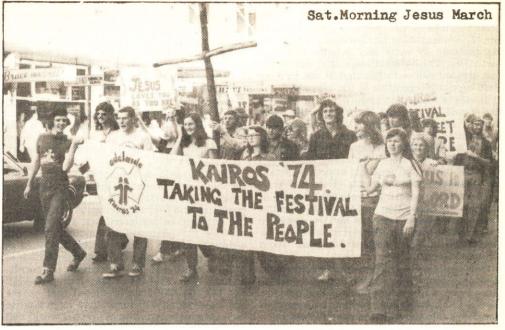
'Kairos' is an ancient Greek word meaning "a significant time". We believe it's a significant time now for Australia to look at its whole philosophy and life style. We also believe the key to the radical change we long for is in Jesus Christ our Lord and Liberator.

Jesus said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor, He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, to announce the year when the Lord will save His people."

THAT'S KAIROS '74

The aims of Kairos were to share the gospel of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ Jesus with the people in the community, to unify the Jesus Family in Adelaide and Australia as a whole.

In the following report on Kairos '74, I want to give an overall picture of what went on and



what was achieved during the Festival week:-

The main thrust of Kairos, was the Jesus Family— "Festival of Street Culture". Several hundred Jesus People from interstate — Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and other places arrived during the first week of the Festival of Arts (9th - 16th March) to share with the Adelaide Jesus People in demonstrating their love as Christians to the people of Adelaide.

Included in the Street Culture was street theatre, Jesus music provided by vocalists and rock bands, art and craft stalls set up on the streets and in shopping centres. Others walked around the streets giving out flowers with scripture texts, mung beans, Kairos Jesus Papers etc. — sharing the incredible love that God has shown to them through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. As I moved about the city and suburbs I was often coming across Jesus People sharing in these ways.

In one place I found a group of people sitting and listening to Peter Campbell, a Jesus folky-muso with bypassers stopping for a



Ken	Mal	Neil	Brian.	Kevin	John	John	
Rolph	Garvin	McRae	Harris	Smith	Hirt	Smith	

moment, sometimes in wonder and being confronted with a smiling Christian who offered him or her a paper.

As I walked the streets in the mornings, hundreds of busy workers were given cards and flowers to start the day off — in the railway station, bus stops, street corners, at the entrances to office buildings — wherever there were people.

During the day time, dozens of schools were visited by groups of Christians sharing Jesus. Leaders from interstate — including John Smith and Kevin Smith from Melbourne, John Hirt and Mal Garvin from Sydney shared their experience with the kids, backed up by Jesus Music. Universities and Colleges also had lunch time concerts and opportunities to share the Good News.

As I visited shopping centres such as Arndale, Teatree Gully, Marion, Elizabeth, a group of Christians would be busy at their leatherwork, pottery, candle and wax designs, screen printing and tapestry and shoppers would stop to be shown a few hints in the craft work and in various ways be able to hear the Good News of Jesus. Sometimes a music group or folk singer would play and give a testimony.

Every night coffee houses were open, including Jacobs Ladder, Scots church hall, One Way Coffee Lounge and One Way Drop Inn. These were open for everyone who had been contacted to come and share more about their hassles and be introduced to our Saviour and Lord. Jacobs Ladder was an attraction to many off the street — there were programmes of music, drama and raps from the Bible.

During the nights there would be street witness in one place, sometimes street theatre in Victoria Square, or an activity in Elder Park. The troops of Jesus People had their headquarters at Union Church, from where they went out after prayer.

The week began with a Jesus Celebration for the Family in a local park where we all united in prayer, praise and singing and fellowship. There was a beautiful sense of the Lord's Presence. Several weeks before the Festival, a Kairos Jesus rally was held in the Unley Town Hall which began to awaken the Adelaide Jesus People to their responsibility and ways in which they could be used during the Kairos week itself. John and Kevin Smith, Mal Garvin and John Hirt also gave raps and Kerygma and Kinderkrist provided the music. — a truly inspiring night.

Papers were given out at the David Cassidy and B.B. King concerts at Appollo Stadium, while on Friday night, Elder Park was blasted with a Jesus Rock Concert featuring, Second Hand Blues, Peter Campbell, Fairchild, One Man Band, Kinderkrist, Kerygma and others.

The main highlight of Kairos was the Jesus March through the Saturday morning streets of Adelaide city — from Victoria Square down Rundle Street to Rymill Park. About 1000 Jesus People — of various ages sang and



smiled and chanted "Jesus!"... "Who does Adelaide need?"... "Jesus!"... "Who does Mr. Dunstan need?"... "Jesus!" "What have we got to say to Adelaide?"... "We love you!" Some played guitars; others held banners and Jesus slogans high for the bystanders and shoppers to see as several of the God's Squad led the happy people in a testimony to the fact that Jesus is the answer to man's problems and is alive and working in our city.



The Saturday afternoon was taken up with a Jesus Rock Concert in Rymill Park. Jesus kids combed the streets and shared the Good News with those who had nothing to do. Some were interested and others turned us down but the words of Jesus were sown in many a heart.

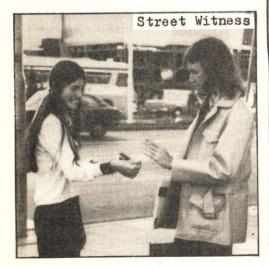
A 12 ft. Tetrahedron was built and decorated with Jesus Posters — permission was given to have it displayed in the Centre of the Elder Park where many people stopped to see what it was all about.

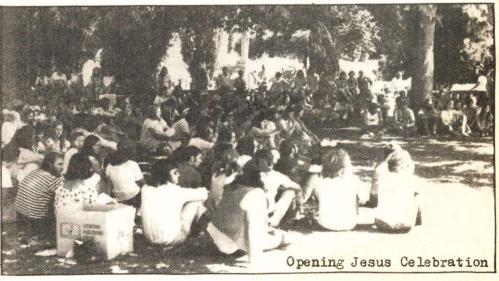
A Jesus celebration brought a finale to Kairos on Sunday morning where we, as a Family, worshipped together in the park and thanked the Lord for all He had done in us and in those we contacted. There we broke bread and worshipped Him together. Doug Kuhl concluded with a heavy rap on commitment to Jesus which stirred and convicted many.

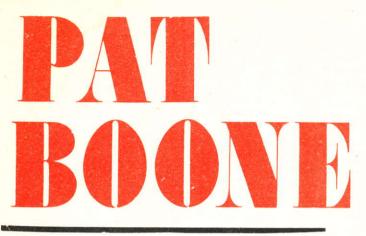
As to whether the aims of Kairos '74 were achieved — only God really knows. But one thing is certain; the seed of the Good News of Jesus Christ was sown in Adelaide.

Interstate brothers and sisters brought with them different concepts of communication which, in some ways were not so common here (e.g. the street culture approach). However, to put it bluntly but in love, many Christians in Adelaide are of the opinion that there was not enough real communication of the Good News. They would have liked something more positive, challenging and direct in the music, the Kairos '74 Paper, and in other cards and literature given out: something that the average person could definitely distinguish from the non-Christian; something less ambiguous with more 'Christian Gospel' content.

However, despite differences, we learnt a lot in understanding each other and benefitted from the Fellowship together in Jesus. Whatever the different backgrounds we come from we know that we are one in the Spirit, one in the Lord, and that it is Jesus' Love which unites us together all over Australia and the world. This makes the Christian Gospel unique. We really thank our brothers and sisters from all over the country who were able to share in Kairos. May Jesus lead and guide you on, knowing that this is one event which has drawn us closer as a Family. It has encouraged us to know that we really are a family, striving for that one goal of serving Jesus in everything we do. May we be sensitive to His Spirit, to our brothers and sisters in Jesus everywhere and remember that Jesus said. "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."







For many years Pat Boone has been one of the better known U.S. entertainers. Most have also been aware that he has had religious leanings and church connections for most of his life.

However, Pat and his family recently came into an experience of God which turned them upside down. Some readers may say that what happened to them was simply old fashioned Christian conversion. The Boone family describe it as 'having a dramatic encounter with God' or 'Jesus baptising them in love by His Spirit.'

We are glad to share this testimony, as told to Vic Ramsay of HIS Paper in London recently.

- After HIS PAPER January, 1974.

I'm glad to share this time with you. By way of introduction I think I'd better explain the changes that have taken place in my life. Well, the main thing that brought it about was an actual encounter and continuing kind of experience or relationship with God. This sounds kind of mysterious and mystical and in a way it is because I don't think anyone can adequately explain what it's like to have a very personal intimate moment with God. When you know you are in His presence and you've reached out to touch Him, He has drawn very close to you. James says in the book of James "that if a man will draw near to God.God will draw near to him." He makes that promise. Jesus says I think in the 14th or 15th chapter of John talking to His disciples that if any man wants to do His will He said "I will come and the Father will come and we will dwell with him and manifest ourselves to him." That's a very concrete thing but there is still the mysterious quality that makes it hard for you because it is a very personal intimate thing. I had to write a book to explai my early life-what brought me to this literal mountain top experience that changed my current life.

CHALLENGED BY GOD ON THE MOUNTAIN.

What has happened to me and my family since then?

It was really going up to a mountain near my home in the late afternoon. I was reaching out, crying out to Him, and being determined not to come down until I had made some kindof contact with Him that was real.

And it happened! He challenged me there on

the hilltop overlooking the city of Los Angeles and looking out to the Pacific Ocean and asked me in effect through a minister who went up there with me "Are you willing to die to your career if this is what God wants." I shivered. I didn't what to answer that question or even hear that question. In effect it was like the question Jesus asked the rich young ruler "will you sell everything you have, go give it to the poor and come follow Me." He wasn't willing to do it and I didn't know if I was willing to but I just had to say, "well if I know my own heart and my own soul and I'm not sure I do then I am willing. Yes, the answer is yes. I will die to my career if this is what God asks of me. This minister said, "Praise God! God hears you," he said, and then I got afraid because that was what I was afraid of! He went on to say God is going to let you know your own heart, and He did because the very next day I was challenged with a decision, a career decision that I thought was going to be the end of my career. It took me three days to make the decision. But then, I finally did. It was a record contract with a company I very much wanted to be with. They were offering me the most lucrative deal I had ever had at a time I felt I really needed it. Yet there were spiritual reasons I go into in the book that caused me to have to say no. I made a very bold stand at that time which was about four years ago.

CAREER ON THE ALTAR

I thought, well, this is it, this is the beginning of the end I've put my career on the altar. Now there will be no more television, no more movies, no more records and I may wind up teaching school in some mission in Tibet or somewhere. But what God said was, "alright you've given me your career and now I'll give it back to you but with a new direction and dimension."

STILL MAKING RECORDS AND FILMS

Which He did. I still make movies and I still do records and television and I'm still as active professionally as I've ever been in a purely commercial or contemporary way. All the rest of my time is taken up with various kinds of Jesus things and I don't make a distinction between the two anymore. If I go on a T.V. special in the State or here; If I do a movie, or whatever it is, it is a Christian activity for me, whether it is a secular theme or a Christian theme. It's all a Christian activity because I'm a Christian and I'm doing these things and I believe God is my agent and that is why I talk so openly and so often about my own experience because it's a very real one and it permeates every area of my life.

FIFTEEN YEARS AN ENTERTAINER BEFORE CONVERSION

I can't say that for people to experience what I have experienced is going to make them rich or famous. Sometimes people when they see me active in some kind of Christian endeavour and still wearing nice clothes, driving a nice car and having a nice home, they think somehow because of my involvement in Christian activities maybe I'm cashing in on something. They forget that I've had 15 or 16 years as a successful entertainer and all the material things come from that, so I don't really think I can link the two things, that is material success and Christian commitment or experience. But I do see this — that Jesus said and He placed no barriers on it, "you are concerned about material things. You are wondering about food and clothing. He says not to worry about those things, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all of these things will be added to you." In the tenth chapter of Mark He makes another astonishing promise. He says "No man who leaves his home, his parents, his brothers, sisters, gives up possessions or material things for my sake will fail to receive a hundred fold in this life, with persecutions, and in the world to come eternal life." Now that is an amazing promise isn't it? It involves material things.

TOP PRIORITY IS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

If we are willing to give those things up or to place those things aside and seek His kingdom and His righteousness He says you'll have all those things, "I'll bless you materially as well as spiritually." We look at the people who were the closest to God throughout the Bible: Moses, Abraham, David, Gideon, they were all men who were blessed materially as well as spiritually but with them the top priority was their relationship to God. They placed that above all other things and the material blessings came along seemingly naturally. I think there is a distinction. I think God created everything that is material. He wants us to have food, clothing, and shelter. He wants us to enjoy life, and for it to be an abundant experience. But He allows I think a lot of times people to suffer in many ways in order for them to know their utter dependence on Him. Some people can handle abundance and it doesn't get in their way spiritually but other people are not made that way. If they had a lot of material things they would not and could not see Jesus first and so these things would be harmful to them.

A MIRACLE SAVED MY FAMILY

The change in my life has been the greatest thing. In fact I doubt I would have a family now if these things hadn't happened. Four or fives years ago, when these encounters with the Lord began to happen first to my wife and I didn't love each of my children, my wife and I didn't love each other and we had accepted it. We were just living together as so many people do for the sake of the children. Yet they knew it too, and my girls were becoming teenagers. They were asking me questions that I didn't have answers for. They were

seeing a rather hypocritical man as their father. Shirley was the first to change; she was the first to have a dramatic encounter with God. She described it as Jesus baptizing her in love by His Spirit and I saw an immediate change in her and so did the girls. I wanted what she had and I kept looking for it and checking it out in the Bible. When in happened to me I changed. I couldn't see it so much but other people could including my children and they wanted what their mother and dad had. So one by one they sought it and one by one they sought a closer and deeper relationship with the Lord. Of course He responded and now we are six individuals with God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, but much more I'm father, provider, spiritual leader in our home, and husband. Shirley and I love one another more than we ever did. The girls are becoming radiant young adults and still devoted to us, and very close to each other. I believe we are a good example of what happens when you ask God to come live in your house.

THE JESUS MOVEMENT

"I feel the Jesus Movement is moving beyond bumper stickers, and one way signs. Not that there is anything wrong with that and that still does go on, but it's deepening and growing. It's getting more church related. It's changing the churches. People who have been born into the the Jesus Movement by the hundreds of thousands are not going to settle in and become like the old church members that got so complacent and divided up into groups in generations gone by. As these young people come into the church they come in with a freshness and sense of urgency They don't want to be part of some little fragmented group. I want it to be real and a first century kind of a thing." As this thing happened in the streets it seems a parallel to Jesus' wedding feast parable where He invited all the people to come and they all made excuses so He sent out to the highways and byways and all these people who wouldn't have been expected to be at the feast were taken right off the street and came in. In the process in one of the accounts of this parable the master of the wedding feast looked out and saw some that weren't dressed properly. They knew they were coming to a wedding feast but they didn't make any kind of preparation and they tried to just ease in and not conform at all to the situation. They were cast out so. I see this parallel that people coming in literally off the streets are raring to go, but there is now a learning; learning the Word, growing in grace, knowledge and truth. If they are not willing to grow and mature as Christians and if the churches are not willing to have this type of growth take place then there will be some pruning out of or cutting off. Either the individual will drift back into the world or in some cases maybe even these churches will die on the vine because people just leave them. They are not willing to grow and get with it. Shirley and I are writing a book together called THE HONEYMOON IS OVER and it has to do with the parallel between a husband and wife relationship and the bride of Christ relationship with Jesus. There is that early bloom and everything seems perfect and then the friction and trials, tests and challenges set in and that is true with every relationship.

MINISTRY

We have taken part in ministry with various charismatic churches of a number of different denominations — through video cassettes, tapes and books, personal appearances, speaking and singing. Recently, my wife Shirley, our eldest daughter Cherry and I spoke at one of the Tuesday night Holy Spirit Seminars at the Oral Roberts University. So we're very, very active. When on regular commercial shows, Shirley and I are often asked about the source of the change in our lives. We talk about that moment when in each of our lives we asked Jesus to fill us with His Spirit — and He did!

DO THE PEOPLE COME TO HEAR PAT BOONE OR TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS?

Finally Pat, when you're involved in Christian outrach do you ever wonder whether people are coming to hear you or coming to hear about Jesus? Vic, I don't wonder! I think that it's probably a mixture of both. There's a curiosity about me — "is he real? Has anything happened to him?

What's his game? or let's go hear Pat Boone. I have some of his records and maybe I'll like this new thing." But that's alright because Jesus performed various kinds of miracles and He said "either believe Me for what I say or believe Me for My works sake." Well, I'm happy to be held up as one exhibit of His works what He's done in human being and in an entertainer of all people.

So if people come to see what He's done in the life of an entertainer, I'm happy to tell them and share with them. I think COME TOGETHER has shown the miracle of what God can do. When I stand up there maybe for the first few minutes there's some awareness of Pat Boone, the entertainer, but I really thing that after we get into COME TOGETHER people just seem to forget that it's Pat Boone — entertainer.''

R. TOOT ON

SECRET SERVICE SAINTS ... UNDERCOVER CHRISTIANS ... (ONLY GOD KNOWS FOR SURE)



SALVATION AND HEALING



Des and Phyllis Olsen with younger daughter Sharon.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! How do I know this is true? Because I know God is faithful: He has done so many wonderful things for me. To know Jesus Christ personally as my Saviour and Lord is the greatest privilege I have ever experienced — knowing I have been saved; that my sins have been taken on the cross; that I have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus; that God loves me and that I have received His forgiveness. Therefore my heart overflows with love and joy to God to whom I give all honour and praise for calling me to Himself and giving me an abundant life — a life which is rich and satisfying.

I think back before I received Christ into my life; things were much different. I lived for myself and my own interests. I didn't mix with people because I had no love like I have now. I was a muddler in all I did. But since Christ has moved in, His Holy Spirit has taken control of my life, and each day I am experiencing new love for people: a love from Jesus which is pure and rich and I am learning new things as I walk with Him. If I stumble God is always faithful and just picks me up and brings me back to Himself. Praise His Name!

My first healing was in July 1972, about a month after I came to know the Lord. I travelled to Wudinna this day with my husband and called at the manse to deliver some goods. After I went in and was talking to our minister he asked me whether I would like prayer as I had a bad attack of sinus. I accepted this and after he laid hands upon me I left and as I walked away from the manse I felt lifted — my whole body felt light. I will never forget this day, it was a feeling I had never experienced before and I believe now the Spirit of God descended upon me and I was filled in a most glorious way. Praise God! Within two days after that the sinus symptoms had all disappeared and I was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. These experiences you can never forget.

I certainly will never forget the day when I was healed and given instant relief of painful varicose veins. I had suffered with these for years and in June this year I asked for prayer at one of our services at Warramboo. Our minister laid hands upon me and prayed. I The love of God is the greatest healing power on earth. The healings that have taken place in my body since I have received Christ are testimonies on their own and I praise God everyday for the relief I now have. One time I would not have believed that God would answer prayers for our sickness and problems. I would have thought one was crazy to say this, but Praise God, I have a different outlook on this now as through my own healings I have been drawn very close to our living God who does heal today. I believe what He has done for others He will do for us all by believing.

I have also been relieved of depression brought on by becoming over-tired, and healed of some back pains which were causing me a lot of distress and discomfort. I have learnt to turn to God in prayer with my problems. He answers our prayers if we sincerely be-lieve. God's healing power works in many ways. Not just in sickness but in healing broken hearts, broken fellowship where barriers arise, worried and distressed minds and in many other ways. All we have to do is ask Christ into our lives, repent of our sins, which is very important and confess any known sin (if we hold grudges against anybody and resent people our prayers will be hindered, as the channels of faith become blocked off). Therefore, we must search our hearts and seek God's forgiveness and cleansing if there is anything wrong. If we are faithful, God is faithful and His love is Great.

(Mrs) Phil Olsen



HIS KINGDOM FIRST

Since Jesus came into my heart I have assurance — a peace deep, deep down inside which takes the cares of this world off my shoulders. I'm no longer wondering if? maybe? or what am I doing with my life and where is it heading? I know that God holds all things in His hands. That He is the "I Am" and I've become His child. Wow! that's something! King of Kings, Lord of Lords and I've become His child. He cares for me, He loves me and most of all has forgiven me of all my sins and my past has been washed away completely by the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son.

My heavenly Father, "owns the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10) and will supply all my need "according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19). Jesus told us, "Your Father knows what

Jesus told us, "Your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him" (Matt. 6:8b), and He knows when a sparrow falls and He cares much more for us who are worth more than many sparrows (Matt. 10:29-31). Then Jesus said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be yours as well". (Matt. 6:33).



Maureen Harris

I've realized in my own experience that God wants so much to pour blessing upon us but we must be willing to give up things that we are clinging onto and hold dear to us. I've found it so easy to get attached to things I own, such as our little house, that my husband Trevor has been working so hard on, renovating and painting. But the Lord said go, leave the house and go into Melbourne St. and live in the Jesus House there. I did not realize how attached I'd become to our house (which is an 80 yr. old blue-stone cottage with second-hand furniture.

We moved after a month's hesitation on my part, in which time I'd been praying and seeking for more assurance that it was God's will. God does not always ask us to do things which are easy but when He finds us willing He really blessess us.

Well, the Lord has been teaching Trev. and me so much together through living in close fellowship with our brothers and sisters as one big Jesus Family. We have had beautiful times of sharing and the Lord is really blessing us all as a household as well as teaching us about disciplined living.

I am realizing more and more not to be independent but God-dependent. Only then will I be truly happy — right in the centre of His will, where he will be able to use me and trust me with greater things.

I've been back to our little house since, and found it so empty and lonely and realized then, that a home is made up of the people who live in it!

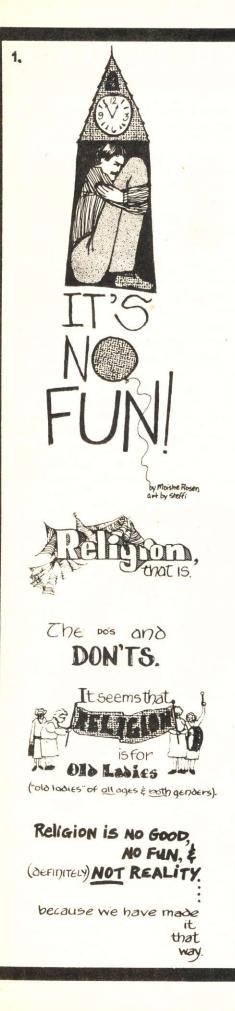
I'd like to share in closing this chorus I heard while away in Brisbane at Glad Tidings Tabernacle:-

"Little is much when God is in it,

Labour not for wealth or fame

There's a crown and you can win it — If you will go in Jesus Name."

Maureen





It's US, our GIN, that KILLS JOY.

3.

JESUS didn't enjoyalong life - because of our SIN which kept him from it. HE came to suffer and die for us so that we could enjoy LIFE.

By accepting his substitution, the gift of HIMSELF, we can have that chance.



But there is JOY in KNOWING JESUS.

Maybe you think you aren't religious..... Well the Bible says you are - Because the thing that is first in your life is in the place of GOD and that makes you an idolator! Change your mind, turn to Him, ask His forgiveness. He will forgive you and take you into His Kingdom You will know this by the coming within of His HOLY SPIRIT.

¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord from his sins, then the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ The Lord is the Spirit who gives them life, and where he is there is freedom [from trying to be saved by keeping the laws of God^a]. ¹⁸ But we Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

DEATH is so PERMANENT!

by Geoff Bingham

Death for many people is arresting, mystifying, and even terrifying. Most people spend a lot of time not thinking about it. Can you blame them? It seems so morbid. Recently a book was published entitled, "The Meaning of Death." It had a number of fascinating insights, but it couldn't tell us more than we can observe ourselves. As to whether there is life beyond death, they couldn't be sure. Some of the writers felt that parasensory psychology pointed to beings who were now able to talk to man, even after death. At the same time they were not sure, as they felt it possible that these extrasensory (ESP) experiences came up from inside man, emerging from his subconscious mind.

FEAR OF DEATH

Whatever we may think about that, one thing is certain — most people fear death. One fear of death is healthy, for who wants to die prematurely? The other fear of death is morbid. It is like a creeping disease which paralyses every action of life. Because of the fear of death some people cannot enjoy life. Much of this trouble seems to relate to the conscience.

UNAWARE

Others seem happily unaware of death, and approach life fairly cheerfully. The sudden news of a terminal illness, especially if it is their own, seems to alter that cheerfulness. Optimism will probably wilt under a crushing blow, such as the sudden approach of death. It would be good for us all if we could get some final information about death and what lies beyond it. It certainly seems a pity to have this rather amazing world to live in, and then leave it in the humiliating experience of death. It is both tragic and pathetic.

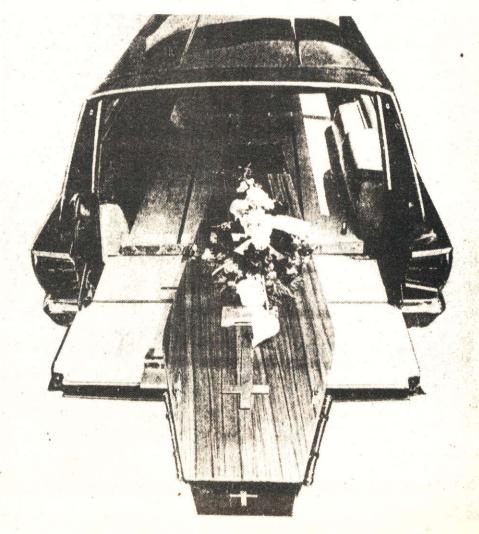
WHAT IS LIFE?

Another problem worries some persons. They ask, "Am I really living anyway?" They mean that death may be bad enough, but what of life, for that matter? They look at the cows giving milk, the sheep giving wool and the pigs giving pork, and all of these eventually dying, but humans simply using the materials about them, and in spite of a high intellect, also dying. Some people are always asking the question, "What is it all about?" Few, if any of the answers given satisfy them.

LIFE IS EMPTY - LIKE WIND!

A wise and well respected preacher, some thousands of years ago concluded that "all is vanity." He meant, "It is all wind, empty." He wasn't preaching to secular types but to religious people. It stuck in his gizzard that these people were completely satisfied with life, because they thought it was good. Also they thought they were right with God. They had two parts to their living, One was religious, with sacrifices, and the other was secular, with everything they wanted They lived it up, but were religious to make it good with God. This made the Preacher mad. So he made a strong sermon. He pounded it out to his audience. It went something like this;

"If anyone has ever tried life it is me. My I.Q. has been tested and is about the highest in the country. If it comes to riches I've made more than any other man. If it comes to pleasure no one has made more fun, women and wine, than I have. if it is a matter of power and position; then I've made it. If it comes to accomplishing goals, then my goals have been beyond that of most men. I've made every 'trip' man has ever made. I've found that at the end of every trip there is nothing. What got me mad was that when I had built up a really big deal, some clown



would come in and wind it all down opportunity to reverse the process. man's sins. This means (another again. No one would see it as I had You aren't annihilated (wiped out). done, or carry it on a step further. So You still exist, but you exist as you. what is the point of it all?" The You are the sum total of what you, Cross)." That is, He suffered those preacher then went on to his have ever been, for ever. conclusion — which was a fairly good one. He said, in effect, "This religious people being dead and not great world has its operational rules. Live by them, and you will really know the One who created the universe. Go against them, and you'll come to a pathetic death. You can't beat the rap. God has figured the whole thing out. Go the wrong way, and death will be miserable for you."

the religious characters was, "Go the wrong way and life will be miserable. But you cover up its misery by saying it doesn't matter. You say everything is O.K. if you put a cover of religion over it. It makes you feel good. In fact you are leceiving yourselves as to how hings are. Your religion is a cover p. Come out from behind it, and ace the facts as they are."

Not too many do that. Religious people are glad the church seems to say that the world isn't really pathetic - not when you pay some respect to God and religion. Secular people see through this, but they don't have anything much to offer themselves. They either become cynics and just live it up as much as they can, or they try to find some answer in culture or something else. The fact is there isn't any answer in anything, anywhere. Life just blows the penalty of sin. In dying every up in people's faces, and death death, Jesus took the total penalty of doesn't promise anything.

THE BIBLE SAYS

Most of this is no news to the writers of the Bible. Paul, for example talks of a persons being dead while they live (I Tim. 5:6). He also talks of people being dead in their sins. He faces the fact that death has gripped the human race. when this kind of death need not have happened. When man chose to cut himself off from God he faced a universe on his own. Without God he tried to make sense of it, and without God it doesn't make sense. So he had to make new patterns, which he did. All of this is death, not life. The outcome, the Bible says, is second death. This means permanent death. In this state you don't get the

We could go on like this knowing it. Secular types being dead and not knowing it. Man becoming permanently dead, and then knowing it. But something more positive is needed. Jesus saw that, and so He came. Seeing Him had created men and women He was out to release them from the bondage of death. One of His followers said, "men and What he was really saying to all women all their lives, through fear of death are in slavery." (Hebrews 2:14-15). In fact the fear which people think is fear of life is really fear of death.

JESUS' SOLUTION

What did Jesus do about death? Well, first of all He hated to see men and women in fear of it. We are told that once when He saw people weeping and wailing about it (at Lazarus' funeral) He "trembled with indignation." He hated to see man snivel and grovel before death. So, to quote one person, "He tasted death." This means He actually took the death of every person into Himself. Paul said, "We are convinced that if one died for all, then did all die." He means they died in that death.

Now just go through the bother of thinking for a few minutes. Death is

writer says it) "he bore our sins in His own body on the Tree (the sins, and wore them down to their thin edge and then even wore them away. They lost their impact. They lost their 'kick'. That is why death has lost its 'kick', or, as the Bible says, its 'sting'." Sin in a man is death. Christ expended the sins and so exhausted the death.

Christ Himself is the Resurrection and the Life. He proved that by throwing over the death which should have destroyed Him by the sin-thing. To receive Jesus is to receive His life. As the Bible says, "He that has the Son has life." It also means that what happened on the Cross so long ago He currently makes real in a person. This means the person has come out of death into life — already. He no longer simply exists, he is experiencing the life of Him who broke the power of death.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE - LIFE!

Another way of saying it is that the conscience is clear. A man does not fear future judgement. He lives calmly concerning the coming physical death, and jubilant about the new life in Him. Mind you, this is only the beginning, but what a beginning.

Also death has been defeated. It is no longer permanent. Only life is permanent. There is no mystery or terror about death. It hangs blankly, emptily. The life is rich as a man lives each moment in Jesus.

"For a long time God's plan has been mis-understood by a lot of people. But some of us understand it, and it really is quite simple: All people around the world have a right to come to the Father through His Son, and when they do, they have full rights as His children. This means that your race and , culture have nothing to do with it - God wants you as His child - He is proud of the family being built through Jesus, and He wants all the powers of the universe to see the wisdom of His plan for that family." Ephesians-Letters To Street Christians

UNFAILING LOVE

CHRISTIAN TEACHING CENTRE

Thank God for His Love and Grace through Jesus Christ our Lord! What love and forgiveness He has shown to me.

I accepted Jesus as Saviour about 16 years ago. I was 18. It was tremendous! I can still remember the joy I had then.

Before that I was like a lot of lads - looking for excitement and pleasure. I found those things with Jesus and much more - peace and joy and a love for other people I never before thought possible.

After a year or so I lost a lot of joy through disobeying God at the point of confessing Jesus to others. I knew I should confess him, but was not prepared to pay the price.

I tried everything else - including prayer and bible study but even these lost their enjoyment for me.

Before long I had turned back to the things of the world. I started drinking and living it up. The more I turned from God, the unhappier I became, and the wilder I became. I drank more and more. I knew I was leaving behind peace and joy but I still looked for popularity and pleasure.

Praise God! though I I rejected Him, He never abandoned me and in many ways continued to call me and reveal His love for me

After six years of rebellion and misery I realized at last that I was becoming a physical, mental and spiritual wreck. It was then that I finally wanted to turn back to God. But I had shamed Him so much that I thought He would never want me back - that there was no hope for me.

How wrong I was. How great is His unfailing love for us. Those misspent years are as though they had never been.

It was He who brought me back. Even though I sometimes faltered, sometimes failed, sometimes gently, sometimes firmly He led me back with Him. Finally, He gave me the power to trust Him and share what He had done, with others. What JOY I now find in sharing Him. What POWER there is in His NAME

Many times I had tried to help myself. I never could. It is only by His love and grace that I am able to write this now

What a Saviour! I can understand a little of how Jesus can forgive those who never knew Him but to forgive someone who knew His love, peace and joy and then rejected Him is beyond my understanding. But praise God! He did!!

KEN BLACKER

(Welcome back to Jesus, Ken. Welcome back. We give Him the Honour and the Praise!)



JESUS PAPER, JULY '74

A Much Need Centre for Teaching in South Australia

gathered at Mount Compass to share their belief that a Christian teaching centre should come into being in South Australia. Their desire was to see a place where the teaching insights and gifts of a number of leaders could be pooled and used to increase the teaching levels and life within the churches. The group which met was composed of people who had been discussing the matter for many months, even year, and they sensed that the time was ripe to formulate their discernment.

The meeting took place without any formal planning. It was believed that missions which had recently taken place in some churches on a team-sharing basis should have wider opportunities to establish churches with evangelism and teaching. In recent years there has been a trend towards lay-participation, and the use of the gifts which have been given to all members of Christ's body, the church. In particular they envisaged a centre where teams could meet for fellowship and training with a view to a series of rolling missions. These teams would be led by various men gifted for teaching and evangelism. A number of such missions could be taking place simultaneously. From mission to mission personnel on any, and will be attempted which will require vast staff indeed every team would change, so that over and organisational resources. It is also indeed every team would change, so that over a period of time the newly converted as well as older Christians would get practical the needs of those needing a place of rest, and training.

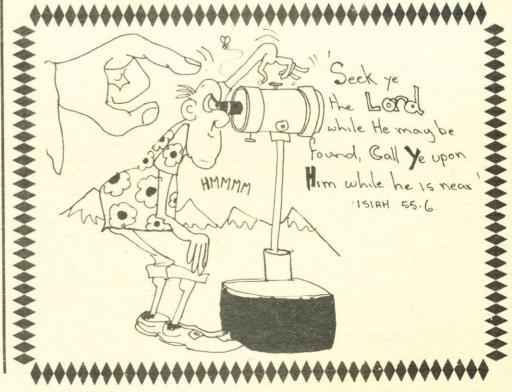
"New Creation" Publications Incorporated is already building up teaching and study materials in tapes, cassettes and books, and study guides. The initial materials have been write to the New Creation Publications prepared by the Rev. Geoffrey Bingham, Centre, P.O. Box 507, Victor Harbour SA 5211, former Principal of the Bible College of South where information regarding teaching Australia, now himself engaged in missions. materials is also available.

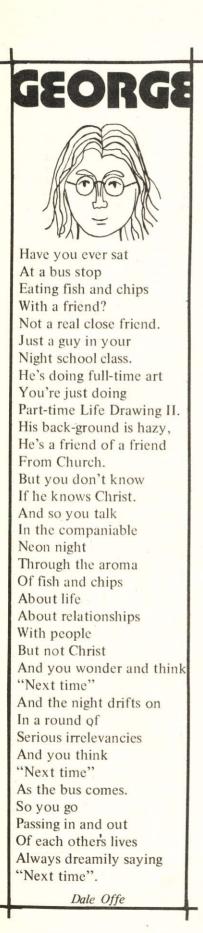
Recently a group of interested friends Other materials are being produced by menin such ministry or teaching situations. The steady demand upon these materials indicates that there is a teaching vacuum which needs to be filled. For this reason "New Creation" productions are being incorporated in the new venture. Regular teaching to be given in regional areas will commence when the co-operation of the local churches is obtained.

> The whole venture is one which will arise, not from promotion but prayer and trust that it is God's venture, and not yet another small 'kingdom'' to be built by a special group huddling around a special ministry or doing "its own thing." The tone of the meeting was that it should not draw upon the life resources of the churches, but seek to assist the churches in their ministry of teaching and evangelism without being parasitic upon them.

> It is believed that a site will come into being where in the initial stages a minimal staff would be required. Although a communications centre and probably a research library, will eventually be part of the venture, nothing believed that in time the centre could meet an opportunity to use tape and, or, book library materials.

> The interest is quite wide, and not at all novel. Those who wish to know more should







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this, the Holy Spirit has been bringing in many young people who once served God, but have since turned away. He has challenged and changed their hearts and restored them again into fellowship with Himself. Praise His Name!

What a joy to be part of what God is doing here in Adelaide, and of being part of his Family.

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Phil Marshall

BREAK-OUT AT BORDERTOWN

Surprised! This is how the Rev. Deane Metheringham described the reactions of Bordertown people to a teaching mission held there during March and April this year.

The first surprise was the commoniront co-operation in the mission by the Church of England, Churches of Christ and the United (Methodist & Congregational) parish. The Lutheran Church was also involved indirectly.

The partnership came about through a mission pace-setter led by the Lay Institute for Evangelism. Following this, prayer cells were formed throughout the district and pulpits were exchanged.

The theme of the mission was 'To know is to live' and the aim was to satur-

ate the district with the Gospel of Christ!

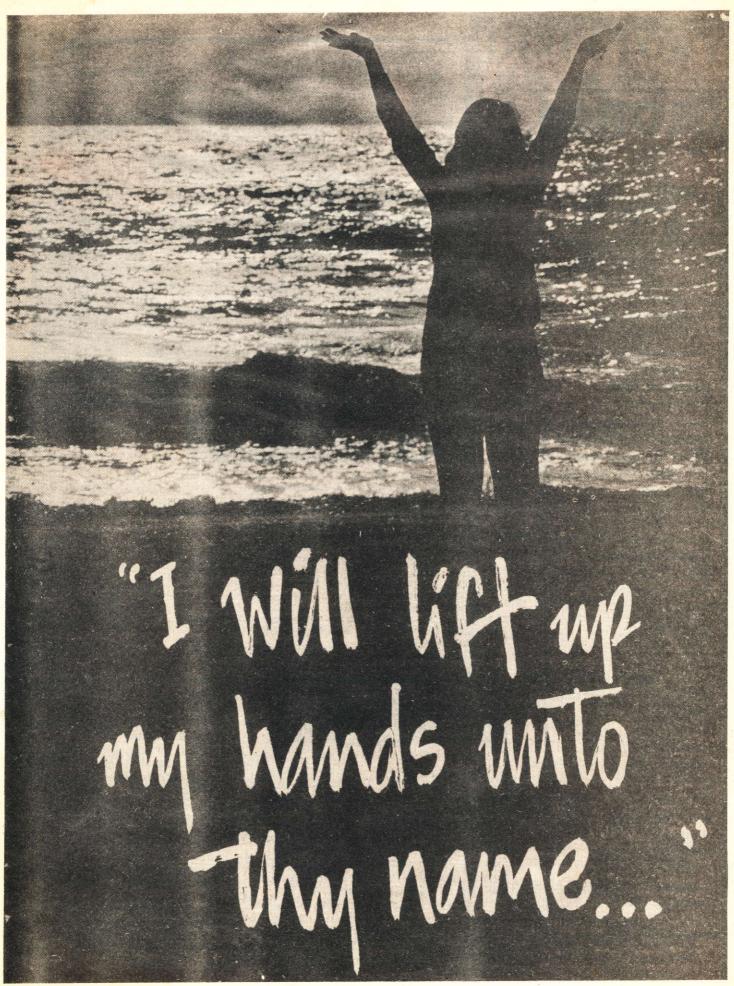
The Rev. Geoffrey Bingham led the mission and there were two other evangelists with especially gifted ministries among children and youth.

Discussion groups (trans-denominational) and school meetings led on to mass public meetings. AS THE CROSS WAS PRESENTED, people came to know God through forgiveness, through Jesus the Son, through the Holy Spirit and through the family of God.

At the final service there were 600 people. The release, assurance, and love felt by the people could be summed up in the Psalmists words 'When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dreamed. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongues with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord has done great things for them! (Psalm 126: 1-2)

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