

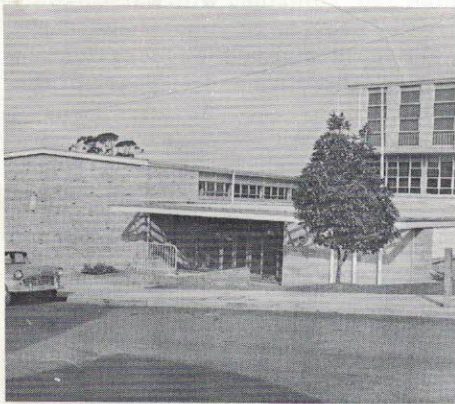
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New Hall For Feast Of Trumpets

"But my God SHALL supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). God has once again demonstrated the effectiveness of this promise by opening to His people a very fine and adequate hall, complete with kitchen facilities, in which to observe the coming Feast of Trumpets. Due to having outgrown former facilities a new meeting hall was absolutely necessary.

Telephone enquiries to over 20 halls, situated all over Sydney, brought nothing suitable to light, with one exception! -- the Lane Cove Municipal Council Auditorium! After inspecting this hall, which is of very fine and modern construction, situated on Phoenix Street and Longueville Road, Lane Cove, Mr. Cole realised that here was the hall which God provided for the observance of His Festival this coming September 19. We can all surely rejoice in giving God thanks for the marvelous manner in which He does supply all (our) need.

Ministers On World-Tour Visit Australian Office

Nearing the completion of a forty-nine-day AROUND THE WORLD trip, Mr. Roderick Meredith and Mr. David Jon Hill were recent visitors to Australia. Arriving on a jet flight from Manila on Friday, 23-August, they were able to spend a few days here leaving on Sunday, 25-August, at 7:00 P.M. for Hawaii.

While Mr. Hill travelled to Melbourne to spend the Sabbath with God's people, preaching to the Melbourne congregation, Mr. Meredith spent the Sabbath in Sydney, much to the appreciation and inspiration of the Sydney Church. Other highlights of their stay in Australia were a thorough tour through the local offices of God's Work; dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Cole on Friday evening; visiting the Sydney Spokesman Club on Saturday night; Sunday morning looking over some of the scenic spots in Sydney and an early Sunday afternoon luncheon with the former Ambassador students and graduates now stationed in Sydney.

Dr. Hoeh Visits Palestine!

Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dean of Instruction at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, has been attending an eight-week summer session at the foreign branch of the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. Included in his studies was to be a two-week on-site archaeological expedition at the site of the ancient city of Ashdod.

Dr. Hoeh's trip to Europe and the Middle East commenced the middle of June. Writing up to the last minute, he barely completed his 275 page thesis (Volume II of the Compendium on history) in time to pack and catch his 10 P.M. transatlantic BOAC flight.

First stop was the sister college in Bricket Wood where, on June 28, he was presented with Ambassador's first Doctor of Philosophy degree. After commencement, and also a short visit to the German office in Düsseldorf, Dr. Hoeh headed for Jerusalem and the main purpose of his trip.

Dr. Hoeh plans to return to Pasadena around September 1. Let us all remember him in our prayers, brethren, and ask the Almighty to bless the fruits of his labour that he can come back with a good amount of knowledge and experience that can benefit the Church of God.



These two leading ministers were on a FOUR-CONTINENT, global fact-finding tour. The main objective was to con-

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Are You Doing Your part?

EDITORIAL: BY FRANK SIMPKINS

Do you remember back in February, 1962, when Mr. C. Wayne Cole, ministerial advisor to the Church of God News Australasian edition, informed all of us in the editorial of the purposes of this publication ordained of God? Apparently, the majority of us have either forgotten, failed to see, or didn't fully understand one of these purposes.

The functions and purposes mentioned included having a local media through which to pass along certain information about the WHOLE WORK OF GOD; to give interesting and helpful information, exhortation and inspiration to the members of the Church in Australia; to provide a source of instruction from God's leading ministers at world Headquarters in Pasadena, California, while serving also as a means by which your pastor may communicate with the members in Australia; and to give EACH OF YOU READERS OPPORTUNITY TO ACTIVELY BE OF HELP TO YOUR FELLOW-MEMBERS! How? By CONTRIBUTING ITEMS OF NEWS AND INCIDENTS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND ENCOURAGING TO OTHERS!

In other words, brethren, one major reason for the Church of God News is to tie all members more closely together in this part of the world as, more importantly, a closer tie is made between all of us and Headquarters. The Church of God News is designed then to unify and inform us as a family, a body, a

Church.

The paper has most assuredly been performing its several functions, but the one function mentioned as overlooked, forgotten, or not properly understood, is the one explaining the personal responsibility of each of you to contribute items of news and incidents you have experienced. You have been recipients as intended, but there is a prevailing tendency on the part of nearly all of you not to be contributors.

We need information, encouraging items and personal experiences from you that the Church of God News may provide the interest and closer ties which are intended.

As Mr. Cole's editorial mentioned, anyone who is so concerned about his own personal growth and spirituality that all his time is occupied in studying, working and striving for his individual development, is ignorant of his true calling. A true Christian attitude is selfless -- desiring to serve and give to others in real love.

This is your paper. It should be part of your desires and your life to serve others. Do this by forwarding items of news, information, experiences and articles. Don't worry about what it sounds like to you. Simply write it as best you can and send it along to us. We will perform the task of any necessary editing.

Brethren, it will require WORK at remembering the content of this editorial, and even HARDER work to make yourself follow through to productivity but -- isn't perfection your goal? Make yourself a note on each month of your calendar to send in something for the Church of God News! This publication, like everything else worthwhile, does not just "happen." Let us all do our part and help make it happen!

Melbourne Brethren Enjoy Evening Dance And Social

One of the "highlights" of the social year for the Melbourne Church was held on the evening of 27 July, when 80 members of the congregation gathered at the Loyal Orange Lodge hall for a dance and social, organized by the Melbourne Spokesman Club.

The dance programme included the modern waltz, the pride-of-erin, quick steps, a progressive barn dance, as well as the favourite fox-trot, and was compered by Mr. David Neil. The floor was literally filled during the evening with happy couples striving enthusiastically and gracefully to move in concert with music designed for dance.

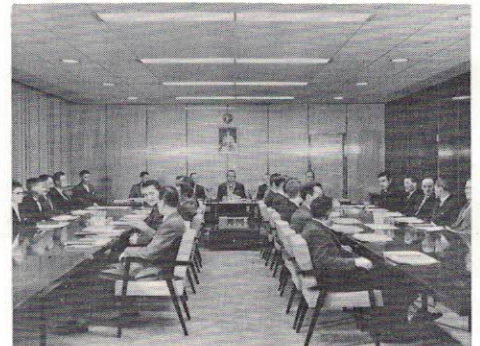
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Sydney Spokesmen meet In New Hall

The continuing growth and development of the Sydney Spokesman Club was further evidenced on Saturday night, June 29, when the club held the 77th active meeting in which it has participated, and the first to be conducted in its new hall located in Anzac House, College Street!

The room in which the club now assembles has almost double the capacity of the former one, thus providing a stimulating challenge to all members of the club, furnishing that extra incentive to each participant to desire to improve his individual performance in keeping with the surroundings.

The wall panelling and furnishings of the room feature an impressive walnut finish and, combined with wall-to-wall carpets, provide an atmosphere which is very conducive to the successful fulfillment of the aims and purposes of the club.



As a result, the Sydney Spokesman Club can, with God's help, look forward to further improvement in those whom Christ is training to be Spokesmen in His coming Kingdom as, under the guidance and direction of those appointed to evaluate each performance, problems are overcome and more Christ-like character is developed in each member given the opportunity to share in such a tremendous privilege and blessing.

"Welcome" Two New Office Employees

The departure of students for Ambassador College in Bricket Wood left a number of vacancies in God's office at North Sydney. The Church of God News takes pleasure in introducing two of those chosen as replacements!

Mrs. Jan Cannane is no stranger to the Sydney congregation having attended services since November, 1962, together with her young son, 4½ year old Mark Anthony. Mrs. Cannane, who

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BITS 'n PIECES

It seems that many in God's Church are determined to increase numerically the size of the congregation. Babies are at the top in this month's "Bits" column and, a number more are expected in the near future.

● "Bits" would like to apologise for failing to announce earlier the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair. Dorothy Karla, the McNair's first child, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on May 19, and weighed a robust 8 lb. 12 ozs. Mr. McNair is pastor of the Memphis and Little Rock Churches. On behalf of God's people from "Down Under," "Bits 'n Pieces" extend greetings to all three McNairs, wishing you every blessing.

● It's a girl! Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Dorothy happily announce the birth of their third child -- name as yet unknown to us -- who was born on July 20 in Saltillo, Mexico, where Mr. Dorothy is doing university work in Spanish for his Ph.D. The weight of their daughter was $3\frac{1}{2}$ Kilos -- about $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. Mr. Dorothy teaches at Ambassador College in Pasadena, and is pastor of the San Bernardino Church in California. Muchisima felicidad para la familia, Sr. y Sra. Dorothy!

● All of God's people will rejoice together with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winner upon the happy occasion of the birth of their "firstborn" -- a boy! Mark David made his appearance at 12:55 p. m. on Thursday 15 August. He "weighed in" at 8 stone -- oops! pardon -- 8 lbs. 7 ozs.! Mr. Winner is pastor of the Melbourne Church. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Winner on your added blessing!

● Mr. and Mrs. John Pitman are pleased to announce the arrival on the scene of their third child -- a "brand new" baby girl! The Pitmans now live in Kedron, having moved there from Sydney, and attend the Brisbane Church. Ruth Marion tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 10 ozs. at birth on August 5. Congratulations to the Pitman family!

● Many of you brethren will remember the lengthy and serious illness suffered by the wife of Mr. L. Leroy Neff, one of God's ministers in the U.S.A., and how at times her life literally "hung in the balance." We are thankful to now report that word has been received by Mr. C. Wayne Cole from Mr. Neff, that God has raised up his wife, and healing has been virtually complete! We know that Mr. and Mrs. Neff are filled with gratitude to the Almighty, and we certainly join them in offering thanks to Him of Whom it is written, "Neverthe-

less My loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer My faithfulness to fail" (Ps. 89:33).

● We are happy to extend greetings to Mr. J. McCrann who has returned from his recent trip to his "home" state of Western Australia, and is once again attending services at Sydney. Mr. McCrann reports that the trip -- including his first ride in an airplane -- was very pleasant and a complete success. Welcome back, Mr. McCrann!

● Greetings and a heartfelt welcome to Mr. David Sandland, a comparative newcomer to the Sydney Church. Mr. Sandland, who hails from Willoughby, is a sincere Co-Worker with Christ and has been receiving The PLAIN TRUTH magazine since November, 1962. He first became interested in this Great Work of God through the advertisements appearing in the Reader's Digest Magazine. Incidentally, Mr. Sandland doesn't have to travel far if he should need to visit the office -- he works for the M. L. C. in their headquarters building at North Sydney!

● Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Westley and family have recently moved into a new home. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bayley and their daughter, Miss Nancy Bayley, they had use of the Bayley's fine home at Kingsgrove. However, with the Bayley's return, they needed to find other accommodations. They are now happily situated in a suitable home in a good residential area of Willoughby, which is an ideal situation in view of Mr. Westley's employment. We all certainly hope your future stay in the house God has provided you with will be a most enjoyable one, Mr. and Mrs. Westley!

● Mrs. A. D. Crawford of Dalby extends greetings to all the brethren, and wishes to thank them for their prayers offered to God on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford's son, Jamie, who has been troubled with health problems. Mrs. Crawford is thankful to the Almighty for His continual intervention and encouragement, and is pleased to report that Jamie is doing fine.

● The Glyn Davies have announced the name selected for their young son whose arrival was recently announced in this column. It is Peter Llewelyn Davies!

● Miss May Stanley -- one of the senior members of the Sydney congregation -- has expressed her appreciation to God for His recent intervention on her behalf in raising her up from an affliction that has troubled her for some time. She also expresses gratitude to all the brethren for their prayers on her behalf, and mentions her gratefulness towards the ladies and men of God's Church who demonstrated their

love and affection for her by rendering their services during her sickness, and in some needed maintenance on her property.

● Mr. Brian Liu has written a very encouraging letter relating how God has intervened for him and his wife in the past several weeks, by giving them favour in the eyes of a prospective landlady -- in fact, to such an extent, that she agreed to accept them as her new tenants at a rental considerably lower than that offered by others, and then reduced this even further after they had occupied the dwelling for some

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verse with natives on a grass-roots level in personal interviews and to investigate world conditions firsthand. The material thus obtained will be used in future PLAIN TRUTH articles and college classes.

In a rather comprehensive report to the Sydney Church, Mr. Meredith gave a progressive account of the revealing trip. In visiting 17 countries, Mr. Meredith said they were continually impressed with the **OVERWHELMING NEED FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO BE ESTABLISHED**.

After making stops at Copenhagen, Denmark -- Zurich, Switzerland -- Athens, Greece and visits to the ancient cities of Ephesus and Corinth -- and Istanbul, Turkey, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hill spent a full month in the always-seething Middle East. They made visits to Egypt, Petra and Jordan, into both Arab and Jewish sectors of Jerusalem and then to Tel Aviv. A refreshing spot in the tour was a reunion at Tel Aviv with Dr. Herman Hoeh who was with an archeological team excavating the ruins of Ashdod.

After this their trip took them to Tehran, Iran -- Karachi, Pakistan -- New Delhi, India and a side trip to Accra to see the Taj Mahal -- then to Calcutta -- on to Singapore and then to Manila to visit God's office, Mr. Guy Ames and the Ortiguero family. From Manila they flew directly to Sydney.

After the fast-moving, full week-end here, Mr. Meredith and Mr. Hill were eagerly looking forward to the next stop in Honolulu, Hawaii where they were to be met by their wives and spend a few well-earned days in relaxation. They were to return to Pasadena a few days later with their heads and note books filled with much personal information and inside knowledge of world affairs, equipped to more forcefully and authoritatively preach sermons and write articles in spreading the significant, prophetic news of the end-times and the Gospel of God's Kingdom to this frustrated and strife-filled world.

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lives at Berowra, has been attending evening classes at the Hornsby Technical College during the past two years, taking a secretarial course, and has also been doing some part time typing at home. As a result of applying herself in learning to type, God has now re-



warded Mrs. Cannane with a position in His Work, where she will be employed as a typist in LAD.

Miss Alwyne Joy Smith is somewhat of a newcomer to Sydney, having only recently "migrated" here from the warm, sun-drenched, cloudless land of clear blue skies, sunny North Queensland! Miss Smith hails originally from Rockhampton, but has spent the last 2½ years in Cairns, and the 2 years previous to that in Townsville. Incidentally, Miss Smith makes the 6th Queenslander to be employed presently in God's office, and the 8th since the office was opened in



November, 1959! She was first met by Mr. C. Wayne Cole and Don Abraham on the baptizing tour to Cairns. Miss Smith has worked as a stenographer for several years, fitting her for her role as a typist in the Mailing Room.

To both of you, Mrs. Cannane and Miss Smith, the office staff extends a HEARTY WELCOME!!

"It is hard for us not to think of Christ as an English Christ." -- Archbishop of Canterbury.

Kapers At Karloo Pool

Sounds of great excitement could be heard nearby as the 8:50 a.m. from Sydney deposited a portion of its load at Heathcote Railway Station, before rattling and swaying off into the distance.

Despite the coolness of the morning air, a number of Spokesmen, together with their wives, children and lady friends, had already gathered in preparation for a short hike through the beautiful Royal National Park to Karloo Pool, where it was planned to hold a barbecue in the attractive setting of the surrounding bushland.

Mr. C. Wayne Cole, assisted by that indefatigable bushwalker and President of the Sydney Spokesman Club, Mr. Trevor M. Higgins, led the party of 53 on the stimulating walk through the delightful bushland, until Kangaroo Creek was reached.

Crossing the creek near Karloo Pool, the party wound its way along the opposite bank until they came to a spacious clearing, which was chosen as the site for the noonday meal.

A fire was soon blazing and, with "bush chef" Mr. Kevin Lulham in control, a number of Spokesmen quickly prepared a scrumptious meal of barbecued steak -- "frite oignon a la pomme et tomate" -- smoked with charcoal added for that extra flavouring -- much to the wide-eyed wonder and amazement of the ladies, who were guests for the occasion.

After lunch, Mr. Cole led the group in a sparkling round of games, which everyone entered into with great enthusiasm. All too soon though it was time to leave, and as the trek was made back to Heathcote Station, many silent words of thanks and praise were offered to the Great God Who had made such a wonderful outing possible.

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little time! However, this is not the only reason for their excitement, for Mr. Liu relates that he and his wife are expecting a "Little Liu." To this we say -- CONGRATULATIONS!

● We want to remind you brethren that Mrs. J. Van der Wende, after nearly 3 month's illness, is still in need of God's complete healing. We are happy to say that there are signs of some improvement, though these are slow at the moment.

● New and yet old faces seen lately at Sabbath services in Sydney belong to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Murray and family, of Byron Bay, Northern N.S.W. The Murrays are spending several weeks in Sydney, during which time they are renewing many old acquaintances, and

making other new ones. We are happy to have you and your family with us once more Mr. and Mrs. Murray, and hope to share and enjoy your company more frequently in future years.

● The Gunders family of Queensland have also been on the move of late, having shifted from 4 Bell Street to a nice three-bedroom home in Park Street, Boonah. Together with the Noel Tinworth family, the Gunders have been doing a little "bush lemon" hunting, and have reported success to the extent of two bushel cases of lemons.

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cing and provided by Mr. B. R. Tomlinson's stereogram.

The dancing was interspersed with games and other items, providing a sound balance to the evening's entertainment. These items included Keith Crouch and Ron Whitford feeding each other cornflakes with wooden spoons while blindfolded; the Klaaysen twins, in true country-style singing "Down in the Little Green Valley," and Mr. Kevin Gray gaining first honours in resorting a jumbled newspaper seated together with other contestants in true peak-hour fashion.

For their first public performance the newly formed choir provided a quartette consisting of Mr. David Neil, Mr. Denis Gover, Mr. Keith Crouch and Mr. B. R. Tomlinson, who feelingly rendered "The Grandfather Clock."

A buffet-style supper, with mouth-



watering, palate-pleasing and flavour-some dishes supplied by the married members of the club, was one of the highlights of the evening for many, while the single men were responsible for providing enough fruit-juice to slake the parched throats of the thirsty.

As the evening finally came to a close, many gave deep and heart-felt thanks to the Almighty God for making possible such an enjoyable evening, and for the priceless privilege of being able to gather and fellowship with His chosen people.