

NEWSLETTE

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To unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During July Fellowship Day Services have been held throughout Australia and in our State our Promotions Convenor and her Committee were busy sending out the Order of Service parcels to both suburban and country centres. We hope you were able to attend and so join with us as we contemplated the theme "By the Power of the Spirit our Burdens are Shared." This has been a time to stop and look around to see where we stand personally in sharing the burdens of those in need.

To share is to care, just as Christ set us the example when He showed concern for those seeking His help. His story, spelling out who is our neighbour, and His great commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves are our guidelines.

He has the power and He has promised to all who accept Him that same power of love and concern for others and also the power to go out in His name with strength of purpose, accepting the challenge to hold out our hands in friendship and love. Often prayer alone is all we can offer, especially to those outside our immediate area, but we all know and have

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2. EVENTS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

April 27 Installation of R.C. Archbishop of Sydney,
St. Mary's Cathedral - President
April 29 The Salvation Army Annual Women's Rally,
Sydney Town Hall - President and Executive
May 10 Presbyterian Womens Association Annual Con-
ference, Scots Church - President
May 24 Maroubra P.W.A. Inter-Church Women's Service
and luncheon - President
May 30 A.C.W. Annual Service of Dedication and Commit-
ment, Wesley Chapel - President and Executive
June 28 National Council of Women Annual Luncheon,
Wentworth Hotel - President and Secretary

FELLOWSHIP DAY AT WELLINGTON, N.S.W.

An appreciable number of ladies from Wellington and Dubbo participated in the Fellowship Day Service on July 6 in the Wesley Church, Wellington. The service was arranged by the Ladies' Fellowship of the Uniting Church, Wellington, and Brigadier Mabel Ward, A.C.W. Secretary, was the guest speaker. A new branch has resulted from this effort.

We look forward to further reports of Fellowship Day in the various Branches, held later in July. These will be reported in subsequent issues of "Newsette."

President's Message (cont.)

experienced the great power of prayer....burdens can be lifted, hope can return and that once bleak future can take on a glow of promise. All this because someone stopped, was concerned and showed Christian love and understanding.

Those who are in distress and despair may call on the Lord and renew their strength. See Isaiah 40:31.

YVONNE DAVIS

President

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

7.

The General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches, Miss Jean Skuse, arranged for a dinner to be held at Caratis Christi Conference Centre, Wahroonga, on Tuesday, July 12.

Because of the numbers of "Christians One" members desirous of attending, some were unable to attend the dinner, but were able to join with the group of over 100 in the meeting room. Here they had the opportunity to share with supporters of the ecumenical movement the issues and concerns to be discussed at the forthcoming World Council of Churches' Assembly in Vancouver. Rev. David Gill, Secretary of the Assembly of The Uniting Church, was the main speaker. He had formerly been a staff member of the World Council in Geneva.

This Assembly is held every seven years. The Three-week event (July-August, 1983) will have as its theme: "Jesus Christ - the Life of the World."

ABC Radio will be programming weekly reports on the Assembly. Each Wednesday from July 27 - August 10, inclusive, "Journal of Religion" will be presented on Radio 2 and 3 at 7.15 p.m. The opening worship service will be broadcast on Radio 3 at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday July 31 and on the same day at 5 p.m. on Radio 2. Other programmes will also include reports of the Assembly - further details may be obtained from the ABC.

The Annual ECUMENICAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION, organised each year by different denominations, will be held this year at the Salvation Army Citadel, Chatswood, arranged by Major Cathcart. Keep the date free:-

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8.

PERSONAL PARS

Council member, Mrs. Peg Cameron, was recently elected President of Christian Television Association Auxiliary, following the leadership over six years of Mrs. Win Dougherty.

X Our new treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, is involved as an interviewer on "Life story" for C.T.A. The programme is aired at 7.30 a.m. Sundays.

X Prayer would be appreciated for Mrs. Edith Ridge (President - elect) and Mrs. Lt.Colonel Baker, who are both far from well.

X Deaconess Mary Andrews visited Dublin, Ireland, in June and was hoping to renew friendships made while attending the W.W.D.P. meetings in Tutzing, Germany last year.

X Mrs. Evelyn Ridley, who has been a Baptist representative on Council for the past five years and Editor of "Newsette" since its inception, is reluctantly relinquishing these positions. She and her husband are now working with the Christian Literature Crusade and expect to take up an assignment with this organisation in Singapore early next year. The little book of thoughts and poems written by their late son, Howard, is available through CLC bookshops or by phoning CLC Head Office on 875.1566.

Pending the appointment of a new Editor, contributions to "NEWSETTE" should be sent to the Secretary, Brig. Mabel Ward, 10/3, 79 Robertson Road, Bass Hill 2197.

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