

HONOUR TO CO-OP DIRECTOR

MR. CLYDE CLEMENTS, a director of the Y.C.W. Co-operative Trading Society, was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the recent New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Clements was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG) for outstanding service to the community.

Few people can have contributed more to the community than Mr. Clements, who has an outstanding record of service.

And there are fewer people who have a monument to that service.

Mr. Clements' monument is the magnificent R.A.C.V. building in Queen Street, which is a sign of his persistence and vision.

A councillor of the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria for over twenty years, he was president of that club for six years and while he was president he conceived the idea of a new building and plugged hard for its acceptance.

The result is there for any passer-by to see.

THE MONIED ELITE

Our crowned heads of finance do not have to be intelligent in anything except in extracting money from others. They are relieved of the necessity of developing themselves socially and intellectually.

They are invested with superlative qualities by self-seeking courtiers and canonized by all the public. Roosevelt once said of them:

"I have to talk to millionaires, but I wish I didn't!"

"They bore me . . . they know their own business, but the moment they stop talking shop they haven't an idea.

"Outside of money-making they're dumb."

Heard This One?

The short-tempered golfer had spent a quarter of an hour unsuccessfully searching for a lost ball. Just as he was about to give up in disgust, an elderly lady seated on the links nearby called out to him:

"Excuse me, sir, but will I be breaking the rules if I tell you where it is?"

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Little Claude's mother had reluctantly allowed her precious child to attend school. She gave the teacher a long list of instructions.

"My Claude is so sensitive," she explained. "Don't ever punish him. Just slap the boy next to him. That will frighten Claude."

Another of Mr. Clements' activities is membership of the Tourist Development Authority set up by the Victorian Government to advise on tourism.

These interests, although time-consuming, seem natural enough to a man who conducts a successful business.

But it was more than just business ability which attracted Mr. Clements first to the Y.C.W.

"I have always been interested in youth and their problems," he said recently, "and the work that the Y.C.W. was trying to do in helping youth to solve their problems had a strong appeal to me.

"I offered my services and they were accepted." Mr. Clements became a member

of the Men's Extension Committee which helped stabilise finances in the YCW's pioneering days and did magnificent work in after years.

When the Y.C.W. Co-operative Society was formed in 1948 Mr. Clements was elected one of its foundation directors. He has been an able and enthusiastic director ever since.

Another of his interests is sport.

He says that everyone should play some sport every week and, although no course burner, each weekend he goes around the course of Victoria Golf Club which happens to lie right next to Maiya Wamba, the YCW's training house for leaders.

Surf-fishing at a Gippsland resort is another of Mr. Clements' sporting interests.



Mr. Perc. Mitchell congratulating Mr. Clyde Clements.

The Christian Family Movement

It seems that we live in an age when fashion decrees that any organisation, once formed, will cease to be known by its full title, which it adopted, one would presume, to indicate the purpose of its existence---and be known by its initials only.

If these in turn form a completely new word—so much the better—except perhaps for the danger that those who are members of the organization will forget why they joined it—and those who would make excellent members have no way of knowing whether it is the spare parts division of a motor car company or a group of devotees to the art of phonetic spelling.

Perhaps this has, in fact, happened in regard to the Christian Family Movement.

It could be that you have heard the C.F.M. mentioned and have idly wondered what the letters stand for. It could be that you and a group of friends are already putting into practice much of what is contained in the C.F.M. programme—without being aware of the existence of the Movement.

This is within the realm of possibility—because it was through people coming together, quite spontaneously, to discuss the Gospels and their application to contemporary conditions, that the C.F.M. developed in Victoria. And this would surely indicate that the Movement came into being to satisfy a need and is not an artificial creation designed simply to pry one away from the TV set or whatever form of relaxation your taste dictates.

However—to get down to cases and answer the three questions most likely to arise:

(a) What is it?

(b) How does it work?
(c) What does it do?

What it is

● Married couples working together to promote happier family life. Each group is made up of five or six couples from the parish. These couples meet every two weeks in each others' homes. The groups are small so that everyone has a chance to speak. They talk about things they have in common that affect their own and their friends' family life.

● At the meetings the couples consider such topics affecting family life as neighbourliness, family recreation, finances, participation in the life of the parish and the community.

● In the few years since it began C.F.M. has grown until it includes more than 30,000 couples in 150 dioceses in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, England, India, Japan, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Scotland,

Spain, Tanganyika, Trinidad, Uganda, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

How it works

● As a famous writer remarked—All happy families resemble one another, every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. If a couple can meet regularly with other couples, they may find the common denominator in attitudes and daily conduct which make for family happiness.

● A few lines from the Gospel are considered to give a down-to-earth understanding of what Christ's teachings mean in our every day living. The next fifteen minutes are spent discussing the Mass, the Sacraments, and other aspects of being a Christian.

Then for about forty-five minutes actual local situations affecting the family every day are discussed. Groups decide whether there is need for change so family life will accord with Christ's teaching, then works out what is to be done. The group agrees to convert talk into action. Practical

What it does

● Gives a couple an interest they share together.

● Acknowledges the father's importance and responsibility as head of the family.

● Creates new and close friendships for you and your children.

● Gives you an opportunity to become better acquainted with the priests of the parish and to take part in the life of the parish.

● Helps you to create a friendlier neighbourhood where children and adults alike feel they have a right to share in things. actions are characteristic of C.F.M.

● Awakens a realisation of the relationship between your religion and everyday life.

● Makes a couple aware that the privileges of co-operating in the work of Christ are theirs—that Christ wants them to carry out their work.

By Clare Drummond

Protection For Your Children

IT'S an age-old fact that children are always hurting themselves. Most of the injuries are trivial enough but even so they can prove expensive to the parents.

A large proportion of the injuries happen to youngsters when playing and running around.

Every year in Victoria, at least 31,000 school children suffer injuries that call for medical attention.

In 1962 we have 460,000 State school children and 170,000 at other schools.

The injuries are spread over the school itself, and between school and home.

Fortunately the rate of serious injury is relatively low. The death rate is lower

still—only five or six a year for the whole State.

Keep in mind, however, that in addition to injuries simply as school children, the young suffer terribly on our roads.

Some fifty children of school age were killed on the roads here last year, and about 2000 injured.

Few accidents occur in classrooms. Now and then a girl or boy slips and sprains

an ankle, or falls against a sharp spot, such as a desk edge.

There are occasional burns and explosions in chemistry classes.

In every accident, in theory, someone might be said to be "to blame"—but there appears to be little that could reasonably be avoided.

Severe accidents increase somewhat with age, because older children, both boys and girls, take part in rougher sports.

On the sports field, football gives the greatest number. Athletics has many—with falls and "spiking" from running shoes.

Cricket has its blows from the ball, particularly when played on hard, rough pitches.

Basketball gives a major crop of injuries to girls. This, too, is played too much on hard grounds—asphalt in the school yard.

Bikes play a big role in accidents while children are going to or from school.

Too many children are hurt outside their school yards because of the selfish thoughtlessness of adults.



There is too much broken glass, there are too many jagged tins on the areas around schools, and by the roads and paths children use to get to and from school.

Too many old boards lie around with rusty nails in them.

Much can be done to make life safer for children if adults would exercise more care and closer surveillance, but even so, accidents will happen. That's why the H.A.C.B.S. has introduced a new benefit designed to assist the parents of Catholic children.

The Hibernian A'sian Catholic Benefit Society is proud to announce the introduction of a new benefit, designed to assist parents of Catholic children—the

HIBERNIAN JUVENILE ACCIDENT FUND will commence operations from 1 June 1962.

This Fund is designed to cover, within the limits set out below, the expenses associated with treatment of accidents to children. A brief summary of the scheme is as follows:—

MEMBERS

Catholic children, from age one to eighteen years. N.B.: Pre-school children are covered.

ACCIDENT COVER

The Fund provides for a refund of fees paid for Medical, Hospital, Chemist, Dental and allied treatment, associated with the treatment of accidents to members, to a maximum of £75 for each and every accident.

MORTALITY COVER

Each member will be covered for £50 death benefit, in respect of death from any cause except children under ten years where the payment shall be £10, in accordance with the Friendly Societies Act.

CONTRIBUTION

Fifteen shillings (15/-) per year for full 24-hour cover.

It is hoped that most Catholic schools will distribute application forms to the parents in late April and early May.

The Hibernian Fund features:—

- Low contribution (15/- per year).
- High benefits (including Mortality Benefit).
- A liberal commission to Catholic schools for their assistance.
- Prompt, efficient and courteous service at all times.
- Covers all children, up to age eighteen years, 24 hours a day.

Application forms will also be available from:—

H.A.C.B.S. Head Office,
368 Post Office Place,
Melbourne, C.1.

Y.C.W. Co-op. Society,
157 a'Beckett Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

Busy Fingers — and Learning to be Careful



Glen Waverley Starts

The newly-formed trading society which commenced trading in the Glen Waverley-Mount Waverley area in January 1962 has received good support to date in the limited range of summer uniforms for local parish schools. It is hoped that the experience gained over this short period will enable the society to expand fully in the next few months with a full range of winter uniforms.

In order to progress it is necessary for finances to be such after these sales that the society can hold minimum stocks of the uniforms for the ensuing year in addition to adding new lines to its range of goods.

It is therefore necessary to sell stocks of uniforms ordered as well as increasing membership of the society in order that these finances be obtained.

Changes in Personnel. Mr. Frank Long has resigned as secretary of the society in order to take up his accounting studies. He has been replaced by Chris Stocks who has resigned as secretary of St. Leonard's Co-operative Credit Society Ltd.

Mr. Alan Malthy, of Lisbon Street, Glen Waverley, and Mrs. Marie MacDonald, of Pimm Court, Syndal, have

filled vacancies on the board of Directors, caused by the resignations of Mr. Geoff Morgan who has been transferred to Sydney and Mr. Chris Stocks.

The following persons now constitute the Board and Officers of the Society:—

DIRECTORS

Mr. Syd McCrone, Syndal.
Mrs. Marie MacDonald, Syndal.

Mr. John Brasier, Syndal.
Mrs. Maureen Hagan, Mt. Waverley.

Mrs. Marjorie Finlon, Glen Waverley.

Mr. Alan Malthy, Glen Waverley.

(N.B.: There is a vacancy on the Board which should be filled, and preferably from Mount Waverley.)

SECRETARY

Mr. Chris Stocks, Glen Waverley.

ACCOUNTANT

Mrs. Betty Jackson, Glen Waverley.

SALES SUPERVISOR

Mr. Col Ebert, Syndal.

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