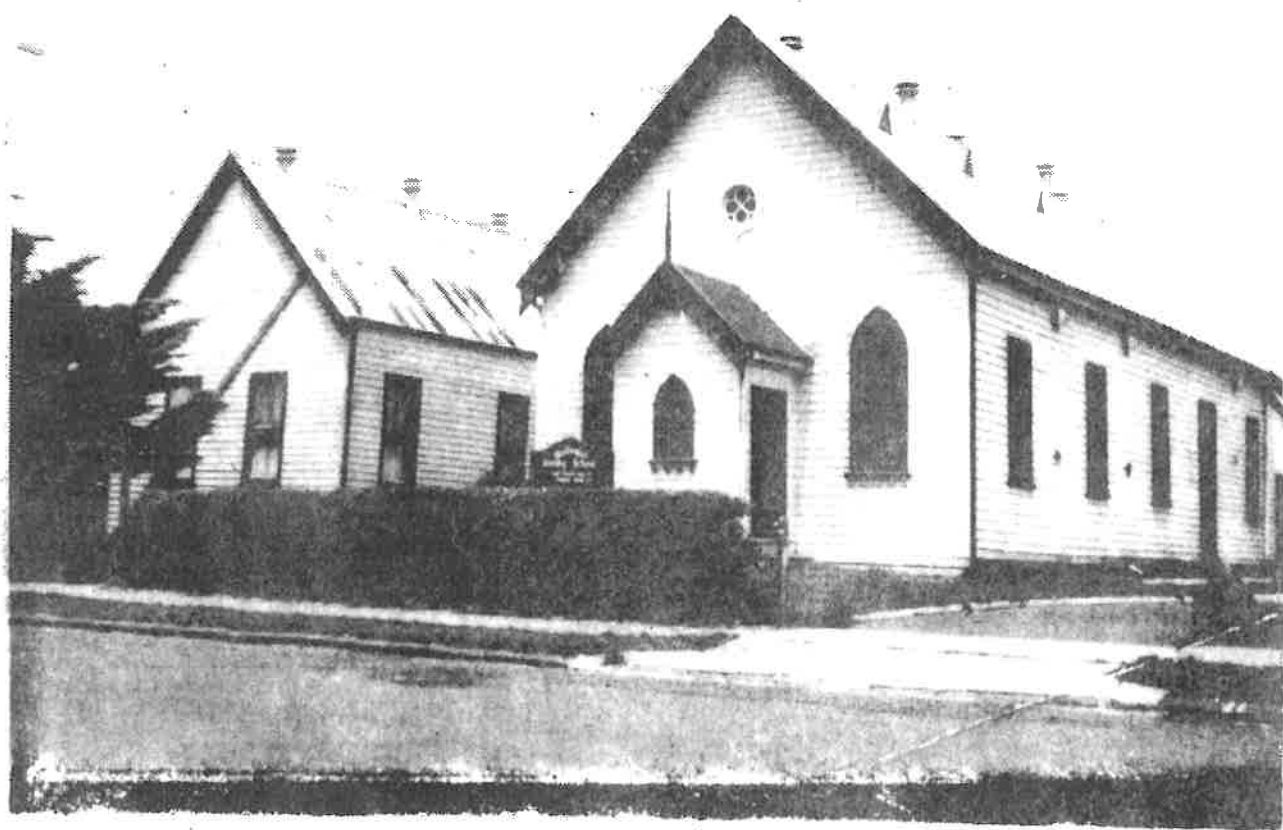


BELMONT METHODIST CHURCH

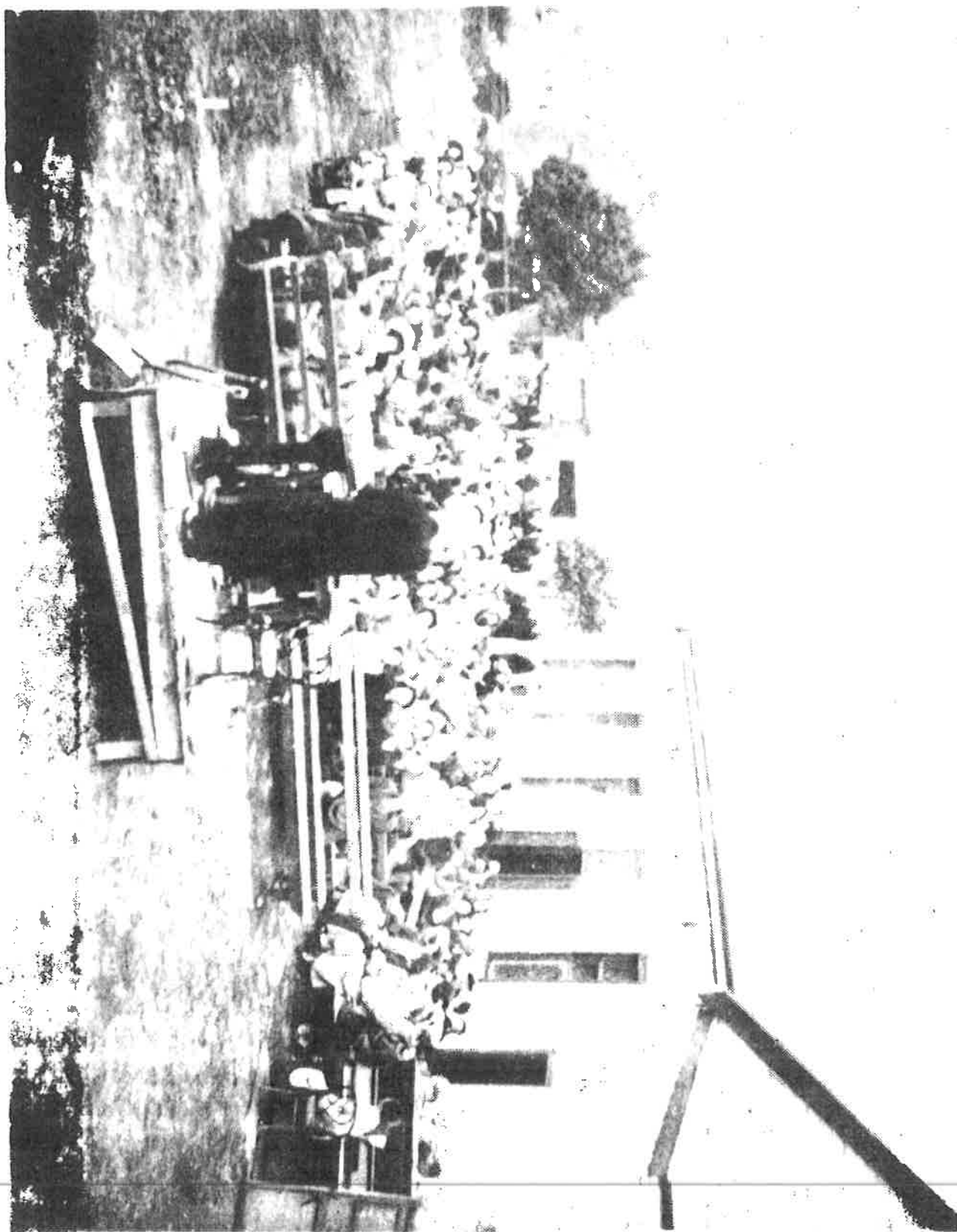
1890—1977

A brief outline of its history

This Souvenir Brochure is dedicated to the men and women who, as part of its history, planned and built in faith that God would bless them in their efforts. We thank them for the heritage they have left us.



The Original Church Buildings



Dedication Service 26/4/1953.



Eleven years after the opening of the Wesleyan Church at Belmont, Methodist Union brought the first name change. Now, 75 years later, we are about to change our name again.

Before we become Belmont Uniting Church we want to come together to give God thanks for all past experiences that have matured our judgements, improved our skills and enlarged our capacity to love people.

We are glad to welcome everyone who shares this celebration with us. We recognize the wide-ranging contributions of many people through whom God has led us to be the community we are today.

When we move into the Uniting Church life-style it will be with growing confidence. We believe that He who worked amongst us and through us in the past will continue to work in the future, equipping us to be His witnesses and servants. Hence our need of each other's support and prayers.

Cyril Germon
CYRIL GERMON.

"BACK TO BELMONT METHODIST" - PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 4th June, 1977.

- * *Guided Tour of Belmont and Environs*
Meet at Church 3.00 p.m.
- * 7.00 p.m. *Entertainment in the Hall*
Short address - Mrs. R. Hoe
Mr. E. Lyons
Mr. G. Beaumont
Items by - Ladies Guild
Men of the Church
Ladies Evening Fellowship
Cantata by - Youth 1, 2 & 3 of the
Sunday School.
"I want you"
- * 9.30 p.m. *Supper and time for meeting people.*

SUNDAY 5th June, 1977.

All services and P.S.A. held in the Church.

- * 9.00 a.m. *Communion Service*
Rev. H.B. Freeman
Rev. C.T. Germon
- * 9.45 a.m. *Meet for Cup of Tea in the Hall.*
- * 10.30 a.m. *Thanksgiving Service*
Rev. G. Vertigan
Rev. C. Germon
MUSIC by the Sunday School Junior &
Intermediate departments.
- * 12.00 noon *LUNCHEON - In the Hall.*
- * *Pleasant Sunday afternoon.*
 - 3.15 p.m. *Organ Prelude - Mr. W. Glasson*
 - 3.30 p.m. *Opening & Welcome*
 - SOLOIST - Mrs. Alison Williams
 - ANTHEM - Augmented Choir
 - ADDRESS - Mr. C. Stanley
 - ORGAN SOLO - Mr. W. Glasson
 - SOLOIST - Mr. J. Stubbings
 - ADDRESS - Rev. G. Lehmann
- * 4.30 p.m. *VESPERS* - Rev. C. Germon

HISTORY

"We praise Him for all that is past."

The first Methodist Church services and Sunday School classes, held in the Belmont district, were conducted in the home of Mr. Caldwell, which was situated just south of Mount Pleasant Road on the Colac Road, now High Street.

In the Quarterly Meeting Minutes of the Yarra Street Circuit of December, 1887, it is reported that, following a resolution which was passed by the Local Preachers' Meeting, the subject of obtaining a site in Belmont for the erection of a church was discussed, but was held over.

It is further reported that at the Quarterly Meeting held on June 28th, 1888, which was presided over by the Rev. Joseph White, a suggestion again came from the Local Preachers' Meeting that it would be desirable to secure an allotment of land on the Colac Road, about one mile from the Belmont township for the purpose of erecting church and Sunday school buildings. On this occasion the Quarterly Meeting appointed Messrs. Hunt, Raddenberry and Cargeeg to make enquiries into the matter.

Mr. Caldwell, who had already done much to promote Methodism in the district, generously donated an allotment of land, situated approximately 150 feet south of Mt. Pleasant Road, on the west side of the Colac Road. At the Quarterly Meeting of December, 1890, permission was sought by the newly-appointed trustees to build a church on this site. The request was granted, the building was proceeded with, and a splendid report in the "Geelong Advertiser," of Saturday, 9th May, 1891, tells of the opening services:-

"The opening services in connection with the Wesleyan Church of Belmont were held on Sunday May 3rd. The new church which is situated in a very choice position on Colac Road and which was built by Mr. R. Gulliver, contractor under the supervision of Mr. Derrickm architect, was most beautifully decorated by the young people with wreaths and evergreens. Three excellent sermons were preached to large and appreciative congregations: in the morning by Mr. W.H. Edgar, of Melbourne (brother of Rev. A.R. Edgar); in the afternoon by the Rev. A. McCallum, and in the evening by Mr. E.C. DeGaris."

"The tea and public meeting was held on the Tuesday following. About 220 persons sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by and presided over by the following ladies: Mesdames Jeffery, McCallum, Hauser, Caldwell, Dawson, Spriggins, Sanders, and Misses Hobday and Sicklau. The Rev. R. Philip presided over the public meeting."

"The Secretary, Mr. Hauser, reported the circumstances which led to the erection of the church also stating that Mr. Caldwell had unreservedly transferred to the trustees of the Wesleyan Church the allotment of ground, valued at £200, on which the new church stood. The Treasurer, Mr. H.J. Hobday gave the financial statement which showed that the total liability was £321, towards which £60 had been donated, leaving a debit balance of £261." The Revs. J. Royce, J.W. Crisp, G. Heyer, and A. McCallum each addressed the meeting. "While the collection was being taken up, further promises to the extent of £30 were obtained."

By June 1891 the amount raised amounted to £106.

The cause immediately flourished. Sunday School classes, especially were making good progress, and by June 1892 there were 75 teachers and scholars on the roll.

In succeeding years the work continued to progress, until, on October 8th, 1914, the expansion of the Sunday School led to a request by its leaders to the Trustees that a Kindergarten Hall should be erected. This suggestion was agreed to, and on November 8th, 1914, the tender of Mr. Alex Webb was accepted for the building at a cost of £183/10/-. The building was proceeded with and was occupied early in 1915. About this time it was felt by the Trustees that it would be desirable to transfer the activities of the church and Sunday School to a more suitable site, and on December 7th, 1914, it was decided to purchase the land in Regent Street, on which the present Church buildings stand, from Mr. Joseph Baker at £280. This land was subsequently purchased and donated to the Trustees by Mr. Godfrey Hirst on condition that the land be used for Church purposes. The Trustees further decided on December 18th, 1918 to purchase the present Parsonage for the sum of £950, the building then being approximately 3½ years old. The Rev. Alexander McKay (father of one of our past Sunday School Superintendents, Mr. J.A. McKay) was the first minister to reside in the parsonage. For some time the subject of moving the Church activities to the Regent Street site was under discussion, and after much consideration it was resolved that the existing buildings should be shifted from Colac Road, to Regent Street.

Tenders were called for the carrying out of this work and on April 26th, 1921, McCoy & Son's tender of £78/10/- was accepted, and the work was commenced during the latter part of that year. The opening of the church at the new site was held on Sunday, February 12th, 1922, when the preachers were: morning Rev. F.J. Watsford; afternoon Rev. F.J. Jennings; evening Rev. J. Nall. This opening was followed by a concert on Monday evening, February 13th, 1922. On Sunday, August 30th, 1925, a new kindergarten hall was officially opened by Mrs. Godfrey Hirst, who had generously donated the hall for Kindergarten work. (That Kindergarten is now portion of our Youth Centre).

The property of the Church was further added to in July 1937, when it was decided to purchase an allotment of land at the rear of the Church, having a frontage of 150 feet to Church Street at a cost of £225.

During October of 1944 it was felt that because of the overcrowding in the Kindergarten, consideration should be given to the setting up of a building for a Primary School. For this purpose a moveable building was purchased at a cost of £125. The setting up and renovation of this building was carried out by 454 hours of voluntary labour under the leadership of Mr. Eric Lyons. The official opening took place on November 17th, 1945. (That Primary building is now portion of the Youth Centre).

On August 27th, 1947, it was decided to proceed with the laying down of two tennis courts on the land purchased in Church Street. These courts, which cost approximately £1,000. were officially opened by the Rev. H.B. Freeman on Saturday, January 7th, 1950.

This early history of our Church was collated and compiled by the Rev. H.B. Freeman and the Late Mr. Alan B Plumridge for the Church Jubilee in 1950.

THE NEW CHURCH PROJECT

During the ministry of the Rev. Roy Wilson our people really became interested in building a new Church and Sunday School, and started in earnest to raise the necessary finance. With this in view the Church Trust appointed, in 1945, a Committee - "The New Church Fund Committee". - Mr. A.S. Foster was appointed Secretary and Mr. E.J. Lyons - Treasurer. In 1949 £600 was added to the Fund which now stood at more than £2,800.

The Church was to be designed to seat 300 people, the Sunday School would seat 350 together with a stage and dressing rooms which would give a hall suitable for concerts etc. The plan also provided for rooms for Primary and Kindergarten Departments, a Guild room and a well equipped Kitchen.

The aim was to build a Church worthy of our Methodist heritage in the beautiful suburb of Belmont.

The following entries are extracts from Church news sheets published by the Rev. C.F. McRae, minister at the time. His reports give details up to and including the laying of the foundation stone, which took place on Saturday, March 27th, 1954.

NEWS SHEET 8/3/1953 - Rev. C.F. McRae Minister and Reporter

"A Meeting is called for tomorrow week to consider developments in the New Building scheme and other matters of importance. The Construction Committee is hard at work on the plans which are now to hand, and we hope that all our men are hardening up their muscles for the exercise ahead."

NEWS SHEET 29/3/1953 THE NEW CHURCH

Friends will notice that ACTUAL WORK, has commenced. Early yesterday Mr. Elms was on the job with his theodolite fixing the final position of the new building. Then Mr. Lyons to direct grading operations - carried out by Mr. Hair, his tractor, borrowed implements and several willing - and now wiser, men. Steel for the re-inforcements has been on the site for a fortnight. A permit has been received for the buying of cement. The architect's plan for the foundations has been approved by the Trust. The actual pegging out will be attended to by Mr. Lyons, who has been retained by the Trust as it's builder and contractor to supervise the whole work and to provide any expert labor and service required. The sand and metal will be along presently. It has been found possible to arrange Worker's Compensation Insurance for our army of volunteer workers of the future. So, things are really on the way.



L. Elms, E. Lyons, R. Perrett.



Mr. L. Hair.

WHAT THEN IS BEFORE US???

The accepted set-out is:-

1. A Service of Dedication of effort, time, and will to work.
2. Preparatory working-bees during the week following.
3. A WHOLE-SALE WORKING BEE on the following Saturday to dig trenches.
4. In the second week, further "parties" to prepare reinforcement etc.
5. On the second Saturday, a monster effort to mix and pour the whole of the concrete.

Certain Holidays and other features will delay a proper start just now.

RED LETTER DATES THEREFORE ARE:-

Sunday April 26th	11 a.m. Service of Dedication.
Saturday May 2nd	Excavation day.
Saturday May 9th	The concrete will be poured.

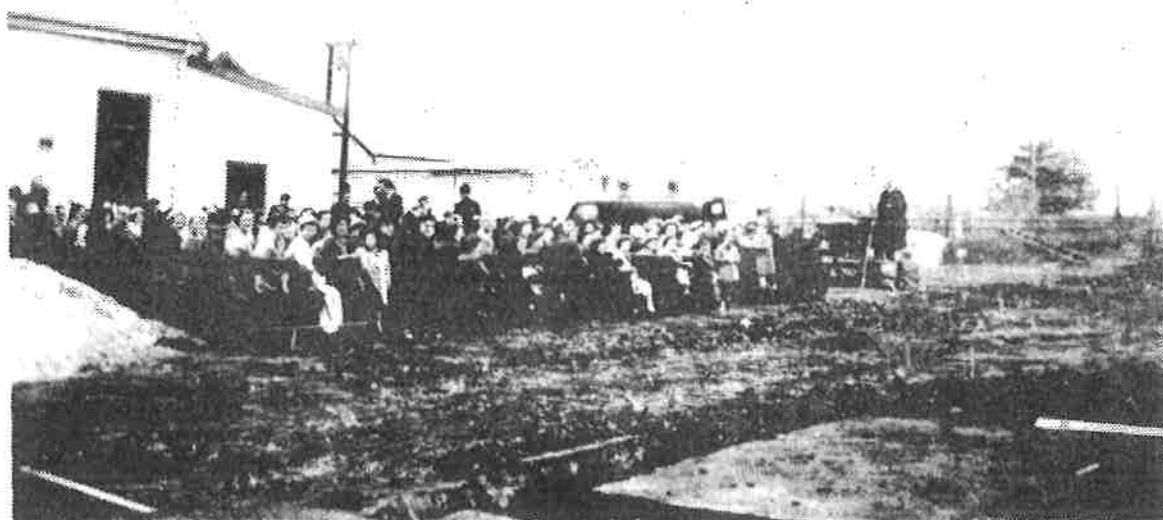
Put these dates in your diary NOW and on your calendar.
THEY ARE SACRED TO THE CAUSE.

NEWS SHEET 19/4/1953 NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS

We are getting nearer!! Much activity is taking place behind the scenes, and on the site, where certain surveying and grading have been done, while pegging out the actual building is complete. Mr. Hair has been busy breaking up the ground for the trenches with his post-hole digger, while metal, sand and cement will begin to arrive at any time. Some work will be going on all the time.

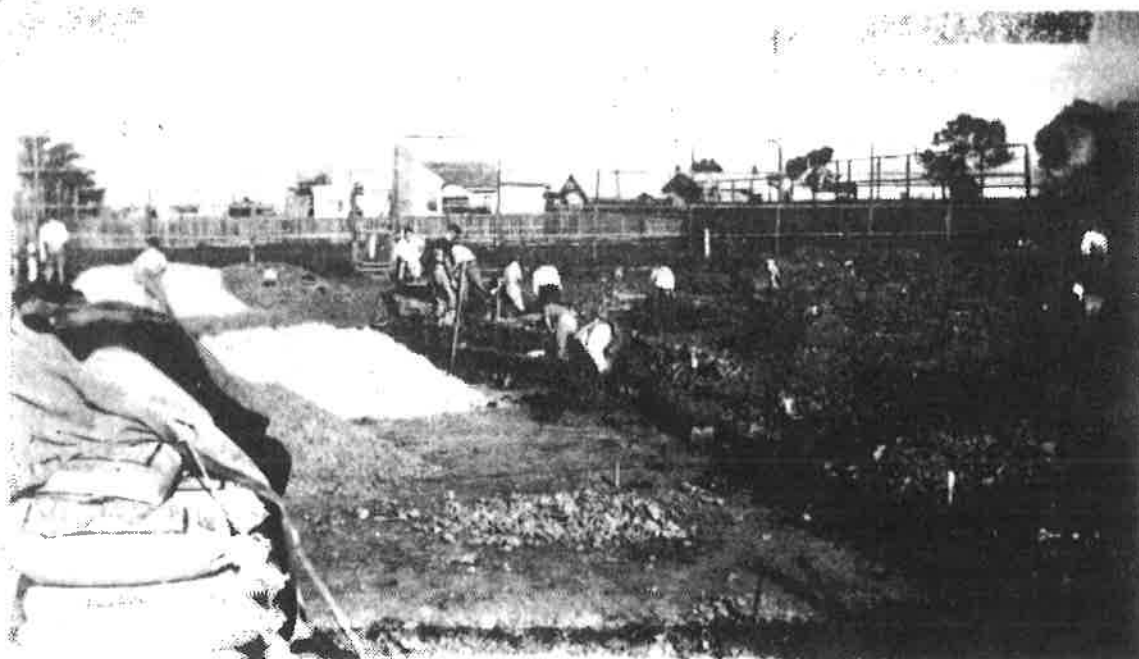
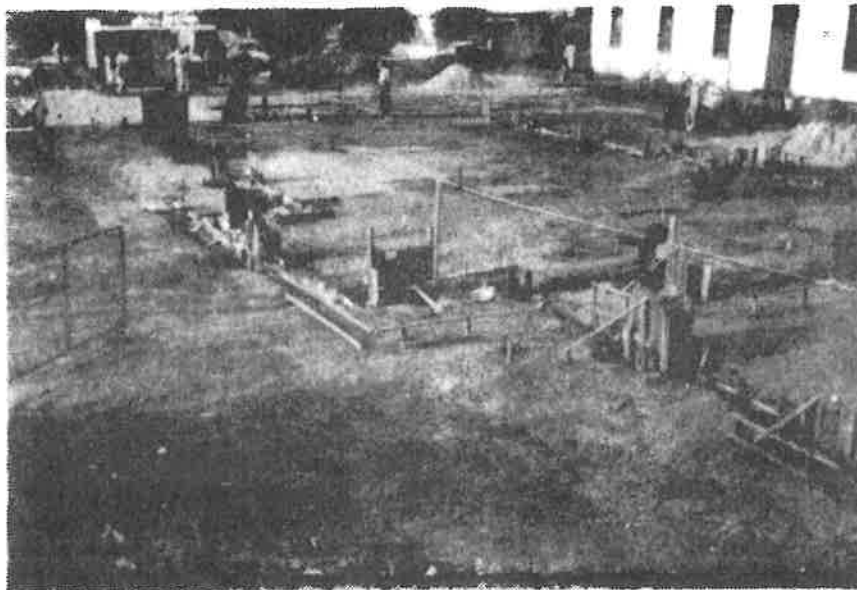
NOW to get in the right mind for it. This by means of a great Service of Dedication next Sunday morning (26th) at which surely all Methodists will be present. It is intended to have this out of doors on site - if weather permits.

It is hoped that it will be necessary to go outside to accomodate the crowd!! Let us really do justice to ourselves on this occasion. Let us make it widely known to everyone who ought to have any interest in it at all. It falls on Anzac Sunday, when there comes to everyone the challenge to attempt the difficult thing for the sake of a worthy cause. At the Service different people will take part and a number of fresh features are planned. In the event of unhelpful weather, we can arrange a re-lay into the Sunday School. Some of you who read this will be parents of Sunday school scholars and others whose relations with the church here may be casual - will you be in this with the rest of us?? Make this YOUR DEDICATION to a fuller and more worth-while life. Your children and their children will need and use this building. We can think of this project, too, as a real contribution to the Mission to the Nation and a mark of our confidence in the future of the church in Belmont.



DEDICATION SERVICE 26.4.1953.

MAY 2nd "THE BIG DIG" All trenches to be dug.



MAY 9th

All concrete to be mixed and poured.
Also tea to be poured and scones eaten etc.



A. Roberts, P. ~~Poster~~, E. Tyzack.



The Scone makers Brigade.



Church people who were engaged in pouring foundations

NEWS SHEET 10/5/1953 THAT NEW CHURCH

At afternoon tea yesterday, men women and children stood to sing the Doxology for a big undertaking successfully completed. Few things have aroused people's interest as the works of this fortnight. The outdoor Service of Dedication was greatly successful from the point of attendance and of real personal interest. Work began at daylight the next morning and on each night since, workers have toiled late by artificial light. These sessions accomplished a great deal of work and made possible effective work by the big Saturday Bee's. It is a fact that - at least - 94 men and young men and (not counting younger boys and a number of girls whose help was valuable) worked at one time or another. We haven't counted the women whose work was equally worthy of praise. Other well wishers loaned concrete-mixes, barrows and trucks etc. Many other factors worked together perfectly - such as weather, the supply of materials, the

visit of architect, the range of competent specialists we have, each so ready to give service AND - not at all unimportant - the fact that the Geelong Footballers were playing "away" each Saturday!!

What has been done? From outside not much shows, BUT 320 bags of cement, 55 cubic yards of sand, 85 cubic yards of metal and a large amount of steel rods have been expertly combined and set in the ground under skilled direction to the architect's desires. The whole is said to weigh 140 tons. This forms complete foundations for the Church, vestry buttresses, and tower and will shortly be quite ready for the brick walls to rise upon it. There remains one job to finish off - the removal of the wooden 'boxings' and this is to be done on Saturday May 23rd.

There is now long break in reporting, 12 months almost. This was due to the long delay in delivery of bricks.

NEWS SHEET 7/2/1954

A great day and event to come will be the laying of the first bricks of the New Church not long hence. This will be followed shortly by the laying of the foundation stone. A Committee to arrange for this has been appointed by the Trust, and is to meet tomorrow night. By the way Mr. Lyons assures us there will be more scope for further working bees presently. With commendable fore-thought he arranged for certain photos to be taken at these Bees. Two of these he has had enlarged and has presented to the church. They are on display today and will hang, for the present in the Guild Room.

NEWS SHEET 21/3/1954 OUR BIG DAY

Next Saturday March 27th at 2.30 p.m.

LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW CHURCH

You have waited for this for years DON'T MISS IT NOW. We expect to have with us, the President of Conference, Representative of sister churches, the Government, and local

Municipality. Some of these will speak briefly - the whole proceedings to take one hour. The Stone is to be officially laid by the Minister in the name of the whole Congregation. Opportunity will be given for a thanksgiving offering. The afternoon will conclude with afternoon tea, organised by the Ladies Guild, who would appreciate assistance with the supply of food. A working bee for men at 9 a.m. to prepare things.



T. Heal, Capt. Robilliard, Rev. McRae, Mrs. McRae
Mrs. Kemp, Rev. Kemp, F. Judd.



Rev. C.F. McRae.

NEWS SHEET 3/4/1954 as per REV. C.F. McRAE

THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY

Everyone has been much encouraged by the attendance and the enthusiasm on this occasion. We were particularly delighted that in the midst of their Presidential busy-ness Rev. & Mrs. Kemp made it possible to be with us. The Press both Geelong and Belmont are to be congratulated on their reports.

As one meditated over it all, he wishes that there had been time to comment on many things. For instance - on one seat were four generations, from Mrs. Bradshaw down to Christine (Lester). There were present, folk who had travelled from afar, and elderly people who wouldn't have missed it for worlds. We are especially glad to have with us the Rev. & Mrs. R.S. Morris as past leaders. The Rev. Harold Freeman sent a particularly nice letter that there was not time to read. Mr. Raymund Wilson, our architect, and Mrs. Wilson deserved better notice. Mr. Wilson expressed himself as very happy with the progress and quality of the work. The Breezy style of Capt. Robilliard as Chairman, with his "bows under" and his genial asides was enjoyed. And what good work by Mr. Gorell who made and sealed the "shell-case" that Mr. Heal laid to rest for 1,000 years, and by Ray Barnes on the hoist, and by the men who carried bricks and other things for an hour that morning and by Mr. Forster on the amplifiers and so on and on. As for the work of the ladies at afternoon tea - and before, that was beyond praise; we only hope that the obvious appreciation of the crowd was their best reward. Mr. Barnes would have wished the opportunity to tell a little parable about the ease with which the bricklayer can build truly if only the foundations are good and true. The money was £62, no mean amount when so many folk have already committed so much.

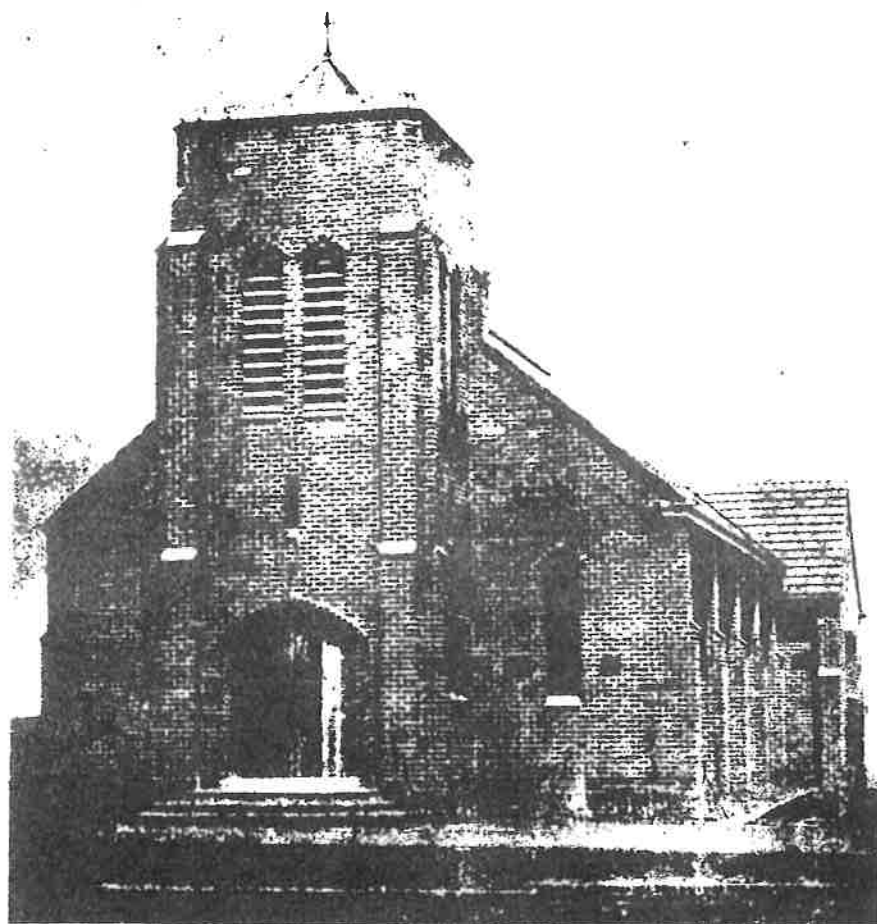
We have wondered too, what the mothers and wives of the 'Super-boys' who climbed to an uncomfortable seat on top of the shed, said to them about the state of their trousers. We await their pictures with much interest. I thought of the people of Belmont, England and their interest in our doings. Finally, once again, all sorts of people in Geelong are talking about the fine spirit and the unity and enthusiasm of our people.

And so after much planning and working the new Church began to take shape and then suddenly we realized that the building was finished the inside of the building was furnished and on Saturday 19th November, 1955 at 3 p.m. the new Church was officially opened by the minister of our Church Rev. C.F. McRae.

The builder Mr. E.J. Lyons reported to a subsequent Trust meeting that the total cost of the structure was £15,824.



Rev. Pederick, Mr. F. Judd, Rev. McRae.
Rev. Kemp.



Christ loved the Church, and
gave Himself up for it, that
He might sanctify it and pre-
sent it to Himself a glorious
Church, holy and without
blemish.

BELMONT METHODIST CHURCH

Dedication Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1955, at 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING BY THE MINISTER OF THE CHURCH, REV. C. F. McRAE
UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN TOWER PORCH

(In honour of the Pioneers of the Church)

DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE
REV. A. W. PEDERICK, L.Th.

The congregation will assemble in front of the Church for the Opening Procedure,
conducted by the District Chairman, Rev. A. NORMAN KEMP.

Upon the declaration that the Church is open, the company will join in singing
the Doxology.

Official Guests will be escorted to seats in the Church.

Architects in Association :
R. G. Wilson and F. C. Armstrong, A's.R.A.I.A.

Builder :
E. J. Lyons

The old buildings that had served us so well were now put up for removal.

The Sunday School was sold to a property owner from the Winchelsea district who dismantled the building and rebuilt it, as a woolshed on his property.

The old Church was purchased in early 1961, by Wilson Memorial Church for £100 and erected on their property at the corner of Fyans and Pakington Streets, Newtown where it is still in use today.

The Guild room attached to rear of the old Church building was given to the Cricket Club and was erected on their home ground at the Belmont Recreation Reserve, Barwon Heads Road, where it is still in use.

The old church bell originally came from the Methodist Church at Mt. Duneed (long since demolished) and was erected on our Belmont property at the rear of the Guild room during the ministry of Rev. F.C. Boundy (see bell in photograph of Thanksgiving Service). During the building of the new Church it was moved into the tower where it still resides. Its use now is limited to special occasions.

The Primary and Kindergarten buildings were removed from their existing sites behind the old Church buildings to a new location at the South East corner of the property. The two were joined together to form one long building in 1953.

THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT

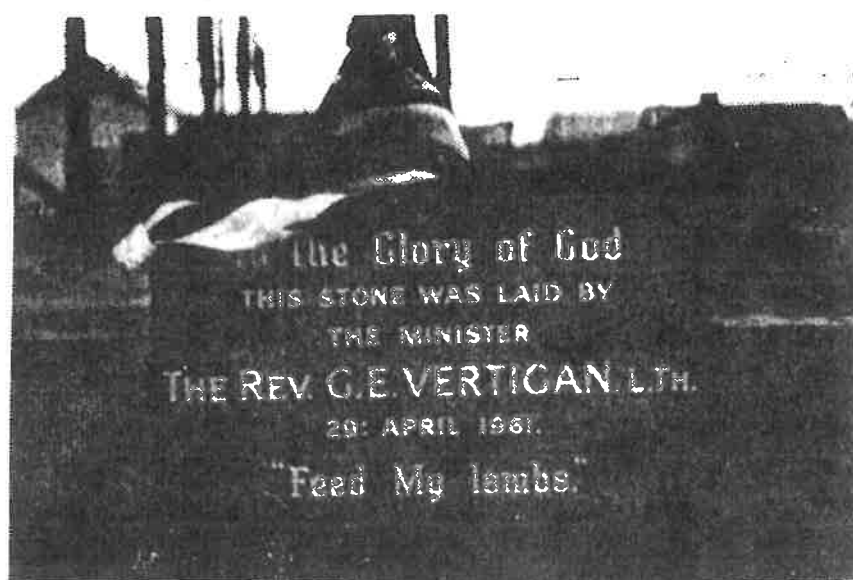
At a Church Trust meeting on the 12th April, 1960 it was decided that as a Church, the second stage of the building programme would go ahead. The second stage was the building of the Sunday School suite and a plan submitted by Mr. Graeme Dunn (an ex member of our Sunday School and now resident in U.K.) was finally accepted.

The Church Trust also appointed Mr. Eric Lyons and Son as builders.

The site was cleared and the building started, with the Foundation Stone being laid on 29th April, 1961 by the Minister of the Church the Rev. G.E. Vertigan.

The official opening of the suite of buildings took place on Sunday 22nd October, 1961 at 2.30.p.m. by the President of the Conference Rev. Stanley Weeks M.A.

The final cost of the suite was £23,685.



Sunday School Foundation Stone Laying.

THE YOUTH CENTRE PROJECT

In 1972 the Church Trust in conjunction with the Leaders meeting were concerned that the young people of the Church had no real centre for their activities, so

it was agreed to build an addition to the building situated in the South East corner of the property. Kitchen facilities and heating were installed in the new addition which was completed in 1973 at a cost of \$3,000.

THE NEW TOILET BLOCK

The original planning for the new Sunday School included an internal toilet block to service each room in the suite of buildings but was finally left in obedience because of cost.

In 1972 and 1973 the toilet was again under discussion at Property Board level and finally a decision was made to go ahead. Plans were drawn up and tenders were called. Once again our own Mr. Eric Lyons and Sons were called upon to build for us and so in 1974 the Toilet Block was completed at a cost of \$10,155.

THE ADDITION TO THE PARSONAGE PROJECT

Over the years the size of the kitchen and dining facilities at the Parsonage has been the centre of considerable discussion, and ways were sought to make the life of our Ministers' Lady easier in this area. In 1975 plans were drawn up and the Property Board decided to go ahead with the proposed plan, to extend the west wall to make a good sized kitchen and dining facility. New cupboards and stove were installed and the whole project cost \$3,990.

THE CHURCH ORGANS

First records of organs in our Church, date from 1946 when a new organ was bought, suitable for use in the proposed new Church. It replaced an organ that had been modified some years earlier, Mr. Drew and Mr. Williams who converted it from a pedal bellows to a hand pump bellows. It was pumped faithfully for many years until its replacement by Mr. N. Couper and his relieving assistant Mr. E. Tyzack whilst Mrs. J. Stephens was the Church organist during this latter period of its life. The new organ was a

Bell reed organ with an electric blower and was purchased for £210 plus £7/10/- for delivery and installation. We were allowed £20 on the old hand pumped instrument. When the new Church was built this Bell reed organ was installed in the new building, Mr. Harold Judd making the electric installation.

In 1962 the Church Trust decided to look for a replacement instrument and on the 18th March, 1963 purchased a Burge Electrochord electronic organ which cost £945 installed. The Newcomb Presbyterian Church bought the Bell reed organ for £20.

From 1962 until the early 1970's the Church Choir were busy with many projects to make money for the purchase of a Pipe organ. However with inflation the purchase of a pipe organ became impractical, so in 1976 the Property Board set up a Committee to look for a suitable replacement for the Burge electronic organ. A Rogers Desserette 115 electronic organ was the final choice, and was purchased on the 16th March, 1977 for \$8,080 less \$1,000 trade in on our other existing Burge instrument. \$5,000 has been paid as a deposit on the new Rogers and the balance of \$2,080 is to be paid within six months. The majority of the \$5,000 used as the deposit, was raised by the Church Choir projects together with donations from interested members of our Congregation.

LIST OF MINISTERS

- 1912: Rev. J. Henry Dabb
1913: Rev. Edgar B. Blake
1914: Rev. John T. Duggleby, M.M.
1915: Rev. Ernest F.W. Swan, D.D.
1916: Rev. C.S.S. Yarwood
1917: Rev. Walter Betts
1918: Rev. Alexander McKay
1922: Rev. John Jeffreys
1925: Rev. Leslie D. Smith
1929: Rev. John F. Long, B.A.
1933: Rev. Richard S. Morris, M.Sc., B.D.
1937: Rev. Francis C. Boundy
1942: Rev. A. Roy Wilson, M.A., B.Comm.
1946: Rev. Harold B. Freeman M.A.
1951: Rev. Colin F. McRae, B.A., L.TH.
1957: Rev. Geoffrey E.H. Vertigan, L.TH.
1965: Rev. Dr. John R. Renshaw, M.A., B.D., TH.D., DIP R.E.
1968: Rev. Graham G. Lehmann, B.Comm., DIP.Ed., M.A.C.E.
1975: Rev. Cyril H.T. Germon, B.A., L.TH.

Prior to 1912, the Belmont Church was pastorally under the care of the South Geelong minister of the Yarra Street Circuit. In the latter part of that period it was further served by Students from Queen's College Melbourne.

In 1946 the Belmont Church became the head of a separate circuit, "The Belmont Methodist Circuit."

PRESENT CHURCH OFFICERS -

<i>Dr. P. Foster</i>	<i>Senior Circuit Steward</i>
<i>Mr. J. Cations</i>	<i>Junior Circuit Steward</i>
<i>Mr. R. Pearson</i>	<i>Senior Church Steward</i>
<i>Mr. P. Winkler</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
<i>Mrs. H. Dunn</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
<i>Mrs. C. Grayling</i>	<i>Communion Steward</i>
<i>Mr. G. Mitchell</i>	<i>Chairman of Elders</i>
<i>Mrs. G. Rush</i>	<i>Secretary of Elders</i>
<i>Mr. W. Harper</i>	<i>Secretary of Leaders Meeting</i>
<i>Mr. P. Woods</i>	<i>Christian Education Superintendent</i>
<i>Mr. O. Missen</i>	<i>Property Board Secretary</i>
<i>Mr. E. Hoe</i>	<i>Choirmaster</i>
<i>Mrs. O. Missen</i>	<i>Church Organist</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Records prior to 1905 are incomplete but it is known that the first Sunday School Superintendent was Mr. A. Spicer and that others who served during this period included Mr. Bell and Mr. Joseph.

<i>1905</i>	<i>Mr. A. Johnson</i>
<i>1906</i>	<i>Mr. T.J. Symons</i>
<i>1906</i>	<i>Mr. Robertson</i>
<i>1907</i>	<i>Mr. G.W. Alford</i>
<i>1909</i>	<i>Mr. G. Watson</i>
<i>1911</i>	<i>Mr. T.J. Heal</i>
<i>1940</i>	<i>Mr. W.J. Neill</i>
<i>1947</i>	<i>Mr. J.A. McKay</i>
<i>1950-51</i>	<i>Mr. E.W. Winkler (acting superintendent)</i>
<i>1952</i>	<i>Mr. L.F. Hair</i>
<i>1954</i>	<i>Mr. E.W. Winkler</i>
<i>1964</i>	<i>Mr. E.J. Lyons</i>
<i>1969</i>	<i>Mr. E.G. Foster</i>
<i>1974</i>	<i>Mr. P.J. Woods</i>

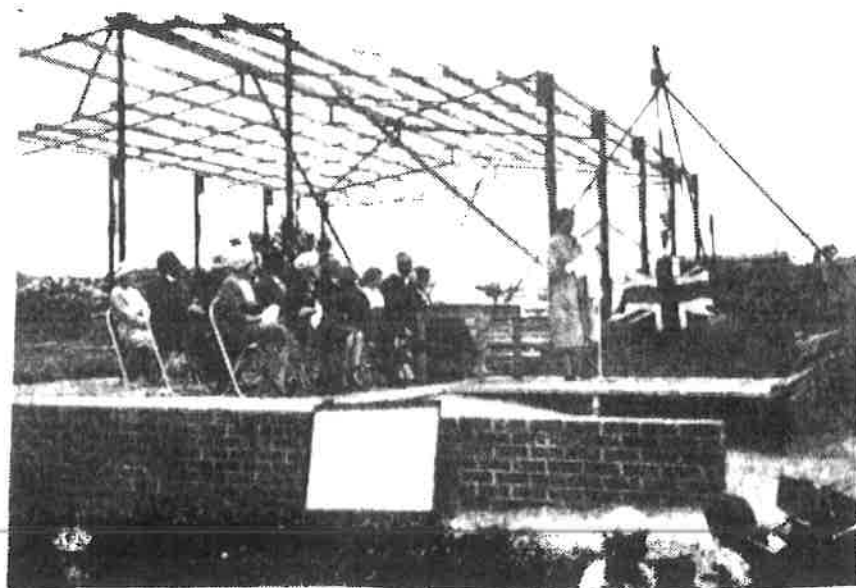
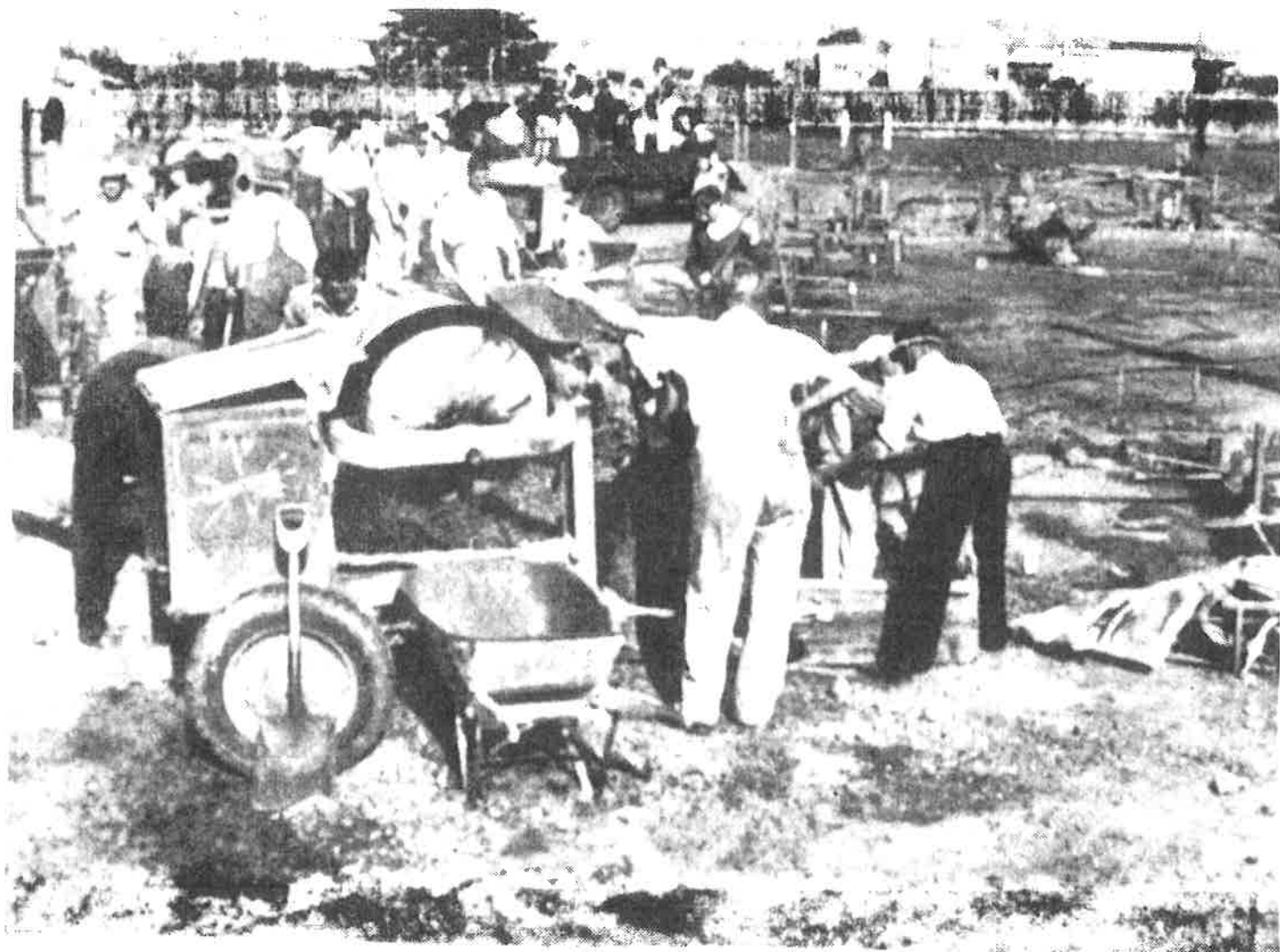
This brochure has been compiled to mark the occasion of the last Church anniversary as a Methodist Church. We have used much of the script that was prepared for the Church Jubilee in 1950 by the Rev. H.B. Freeman and the late Mr. A.B. Plumridge and we are grateful for their work in compiling the early history of this Church. Since 1950 a gigantic building programme has taken place, it has been an exciting time of expansion, accomplished in faith that God was with us, in our task.

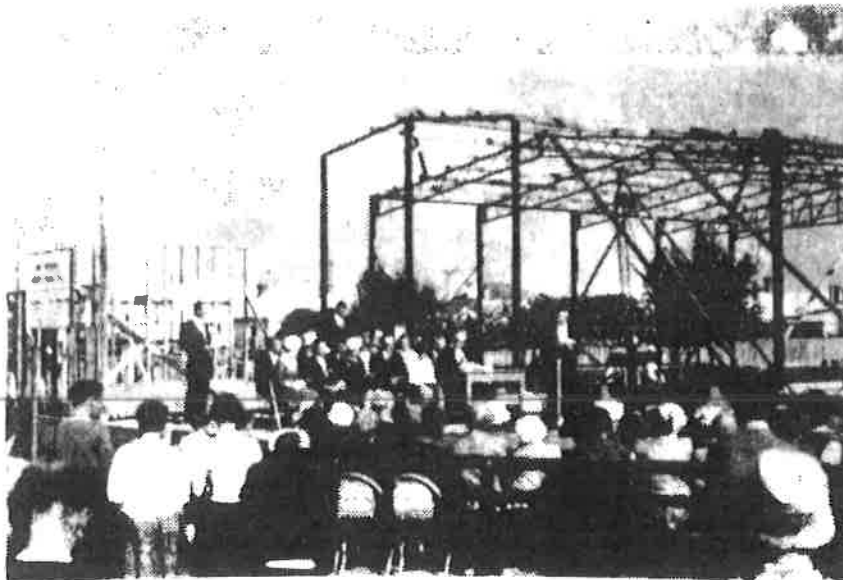
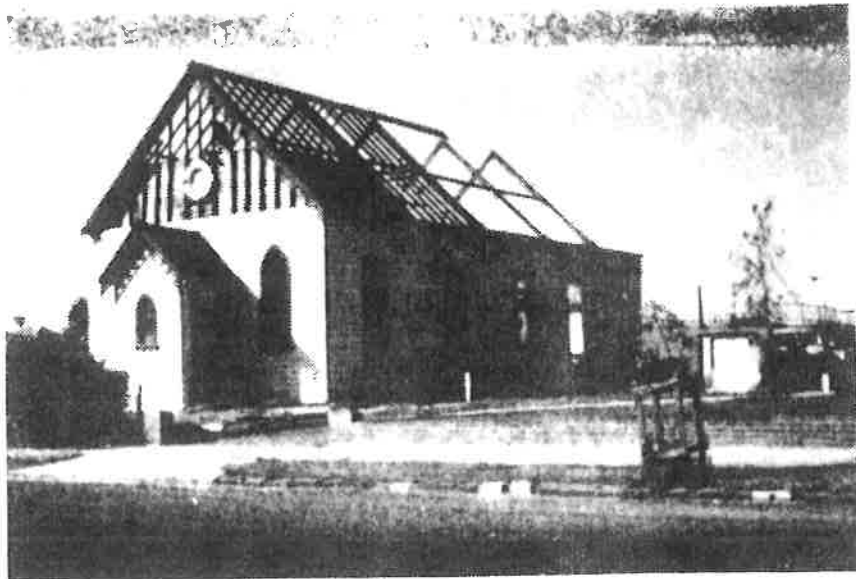
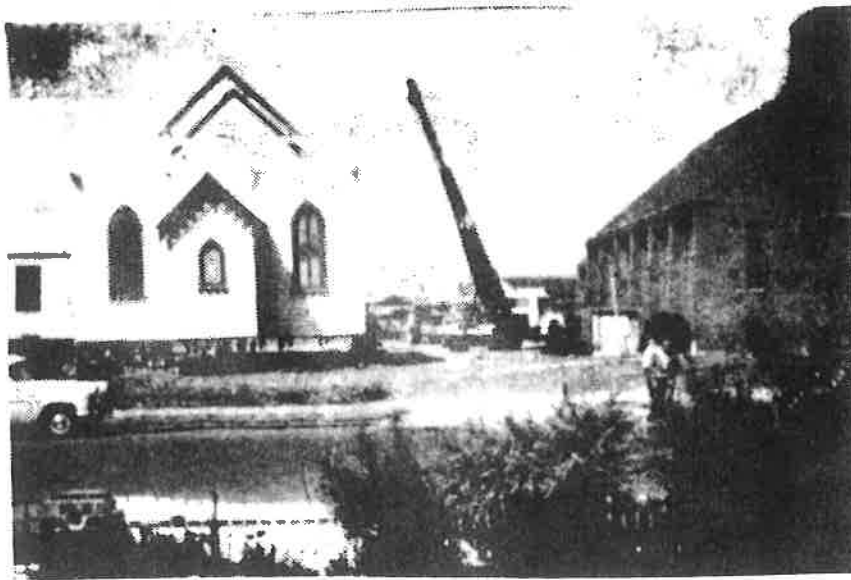
What of the future?

On June 22nd 1977 there is an end and a beginning.

The Belmont Methodist Church will cease as a name but becomes the Belmont Uniting Church. And so begins a new era - but the challenge of Christ is still before us, a challenge which we must accept and endeavour at all times to follow, to do His most perfect will, for He is the way, the truth and life.

*"Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past
And trust Him for all that's to come."*







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