

B.S.L. NOTES

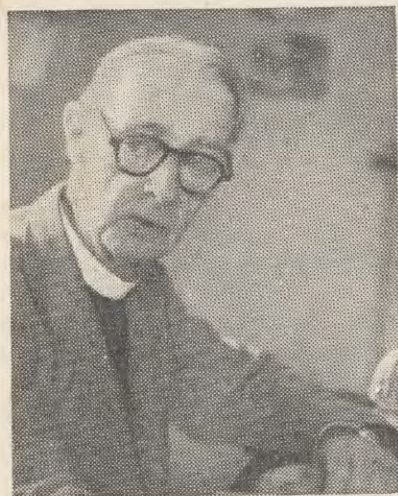
For the Friends of the Brotherhood of S. Laurence

The Brotherhood helps those in need and endeavours to arouse thought and action on social questions.

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WESLEY BOYS WILL WORK AND STUDY

"Work and Study Weeks" are becoming a regular part of the educational programme of some University students and of Wesley College boys. In August, thirty senior boys from Wesley College will live at "Morven" and each day work in a different field of social service. In the evenings discussions on the problems they witnessed during the day will be led by a specialist in that field.

The work and study week held in June was attended by sixty University students who worked hard and usefully and agreed that they had learned a great deal about community problems that they might otherwise have always been ignorant of.

The Superior writes on . . .

"SETTING OUR HOUSE IN ORDER" COUNTRY TRIPS — FITZROY PLANS

Dear B. S. L. Friends,

Some little time ago a message came from one of the Melbourne Hospitals to the effect that a patient there wanted to see me with a view of drawing up his Will in favour of the Brotherhood. On arrival at his bedside I found him quite incoherent. He talked about his property, but I could make little sense what he was saying. I suppose I could have prepared a Will-form filling it in in such a way that after it had been signed and witnessed everything would have come to us. I could not feel however that I was justified in so doing. Had he no relations or others who should have benefited? I did nothing about it and soon after the man died.

I heard later that he was a man of considerable wealth and the authorities were trying to ascertain his next of kin. I understand that these were not found and that all he left went to the State. The moral of this incident is to emphasise the importance of doing what the Book of Common Prayer calls "setting our house in order," or in other words letting our wishes be known how our property should be disposed of after death.

WILLS

The Brotherhood has been in existence long enough now to begin to benefit by those who remembered us in their Wills. In some cases complete strangers have left us substantial sums of money. To these we are very grateful and it is encouraging to know that even those who have had no personal contact with us consider that ours is a cause that they would wish to progress when they themselves are no longer here to witness that progress. Personally, I am always touched when I learn that some faithful B.S.L. Friend who gave us of their substance, service and sympathy have made provision in his or her Will

for the furtherance of our work

It is our custom to put a portion of such legacies into a "security fund"—something in the nature of an endowment fund. In this way departed Friends are still sharing in the work although no longer with us in the flesh. Our "Garden of Peace" at Carrum Downs is a memorial to those who have made provision for their giving to continue even after their passing. On All Souls' Day (November 2nd) each year we have a special service at Carrum Downs when B. S. L. Friends "ministering in the unseen world" are specially remembered. It is a service of special joy and inspiration.

In speaking on the subject of Wills may I suggest for those who might be contemplating remembering us, that they leave their money to the Brotherhood and not to any particular one of its activities, for it is difficult to anticipate our needs some years in advance. I would add however, that when the one drawing up the Will states that he or she is specially interested in one particular branch of the work, we endeavour to allocate the money in that direction.

Superior's letter—continued

COUNTRY VISITS

Since Archdeacon Sambell has taken from me the main responsibility of the work of Carrum Downs I have been free to fulfil more country engagements than has been possible in the past. This is a work which I very much like and which is of great value. Since last writing I have had two very interesting country trips. On the first occasion I was able to preach on three occasions in the parish of Linton where the Rev. G. N. Hooper is vicar. From Linton I went on to Donald to fulfil a long-standing engagement. The Vicar, the Rev. R. G. White had arranged for me to address the Ladies' Guilds of the various Churches in the town. The by no means small church was full to capacity. There was another meeting in the evening and I showed our Carrum Downs slides. One, at least of the local Doctors is very anxious that a Settlement for elderly folk should be established in Donald. It is cheering to know that the Settlement idea is "catching on" in many parts of Australia.

My second journey was to the parish of Willaura; the Rev. Philip Burgess is Vicar. There I was able to preach on three occasions on the Sunday and to address a large gathering of women at Glen-thompson on the Monday. On the

way back to Melbourne I stopped at Lismore and from there I went with the vicar the Rev. C. C. Cowling to Derrinallum where I showed the slides to a very enthusiastic gathering. I am very grateful to the clergy of the parishes I visited and may I say that I am more than grateful to the clergy wives who so kindly entertained me and Mr. Morris who accompanied me on my journeys. The chief object of my trips is not so much to raise money, but to create interest in our work. I might say, however, that I never return empty handed! I not only receive more than my travelling expenses, but the back of the car contains gifts of various kinds.

I am still hopeful that before the end of the year I may be able to tell you of definite plans for the carrying out of our Fitzroy building programme. An architect is at present engaged in preparing a master plan for our Fitzroy headquarters. Although the staff is coping manfully with the crowded conditions prevailing, the work is not being curtailed for lack of adequate space. No one is complaining, for the situation means that the work is growing, and that of course is as it should be. May the day never come when we are content with things as they are, for that would mean that we were standing still and that must never be.

With our Greetings and our thanks to all you good people who enable us to grow.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

G. Kennedy Tucker
 Superior B.S.L.

P.S.:

I am hoping that some of you may be with us on the occasion of our PATRONAL FESTIVAL on August 11th; breakfast will be provided for those who attend the 9.30 a.m. service at Carrum Downs.

In regard to the evening. For some years past it has been our habit to go to S. Laurence's Church, South Yarra for the evening service during the FESTIVAL. That little church is alas now no more. For us S. Laurence, Doveton has, in a sense, taken its place. A link has been formed between the Brotherhood, and "S. Laurence on the Hill."

I am hoping that many of our Dandenong Friends may be with us. I am sure that the Vicar will excuse their absence from the parish church on this special occasion!

G.K.T.

A HOLIDAY CAMP FOR FAMILIES IS PLANNED

Mr. Hamilton-Smith, Group Worker on the Brotherhood staff is planning a holiday for 20 to 25 families during the January holidays. Proposed site for the camp is a Forestry Camp of huts and halls two miles from Kinglake.

For many years the Brotherhood has held camps for young people who would not otherwise have any holiday away from home. While it was known that parents needed a holiday too it was felt that the need was greater for the children.

The ideal situation is for a family to go away together but for many families with incomes of £13/10/0 to £15 a week and from three to nine children this

is quite out of the question.

The proposed Kinglake family camp will be an experiment in providing a holiday of good food, sunshine, fresh air and a lively programme of activities for families who would otherwise possibly never have the chance of holidaying together.

The Camp will be staffed by members of the Brotherhood staff and voluntary helpers.

FATHER TUCKER ON TEN DAY TOUR

Father Tucker will visit Mt. Gambier, Port Fairy, Horsham, Charlton, Hopetoun, Bendigo, Birchup, and Swan Hill, in a ten-day tour of northern Victoria beginning on August 12th.

He will preach at a number of Churches and speak at public meetings on the housing of elderly people.

Following a recent visit of Father Tucker's to Western Victoria the management committee of a home for elderly people has decided to revise their plans for a housing scheme and base it on the Brotherhood's Carrum Downs Settlement idea.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE NOTES.

STUDY OF LOCAL NEEDS

Leaders at the Children's Club have decided to form four "select committees" to study local needs. The four topics to be studied are:—

1. Education and facilities in local schools.
2. Playgrounds and centres in the Fitzroy area.
3. The task of assimilation with particular reference to aborigines and new Australians.
4. Films, television and literature.

CLUB EXHIBITION

"Children at home, at school and at play," will be the theme of the annual Club exhibition to be held in the Children's Centre Clubrooms, 67 Brunswick Street, on September 4th, 5th and 6th. Brotherhood friends are invited to the exhibition.

Children from the Club will stage a concert for Carrum Downs Residents at the Settlement on Saturday, August 3rd.

UNDER-NOURISHED CHILDREN WILL HOLIDAY AT MORVEN

In the winter months, when the weather is unsuitable for holidays for aged pensioners, the Brotherhood's holiday home "Morven" is used for providing holidays for small groups of under-nourished children and family groups of mothers and children.

Only a small number of people can be accommodated for these special holidays and all who attend, whether mothers or children, are urgently in need of nourishing meals and a holiday.

FESTIVAL OF ST. LAURENCE

Sunday, August 11th: 9.30 a.m., Choral Eucharist at Carrum Downs. Preacher, The Reverend M. J. Clarke, Th.L., Vicar of Dandenong. The Choir of St. Aidan's, Noble Park will lead the singing.

7 p.m. Festal Evensong in S. Laurence's Church, Doveton. Preacher, The Venerable Archdeacon Sambell, B.A.

Locality of Church is in Doveton Avenue, which is nearly opposite General Motors-Holden's on Princes Highway, about two miles from Dandenong.

TOWN HALL FAIR

Plans for the 1957 Annual Brotherhood Market Fair are well under way. The Fair will be opened by Mrs. H. E. Bolte at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 8th.

Help is needed with stocking the produce, cake, jam and white elephant stalls. Anyone who would be willing to help provide any goods suitable for the Fair is asked to contact the Fair President, Mrs. C. Kimpton or the Secretary, Miss E. Rutter who help in the Royal Arcade Shop on Wednesdays.

Carrum Downs MARKET FAIR

Saturday, 28th September

Buses will run to the Settlement from the City at 1 p.m. Tickets are available from the City Shop, 51 Royal Arcade.

The Market Fair is the big annual effort of the Carrum Downs residents. Proceeds go towards the general work of the Brotherhood. Months of planning, organisation, making, baking and sewing goes into the Fair. The residents extend a warm welcome to all Brotherhood friends to attend the Fair.

BUS TRIPS TO CARRUM DOWNS

There will be bus trips to Carrum Downs on the following days:

Saturday, August 10th.

Saturday, September 28th (Carrum Downs Market Fair).

Please note that the buses on this day will leave the City at 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 19th.

Bus tickets, 6/6 return are available from 51 Royal Arcade.

Baths are a popular item in the Brotherhood's Children's Health Clinic programme at Fitzroy. Sister Elizabeth Pitman supervises a bathful of boys.



B.S.L. GROUP NEWS.

● **NEW AUXILIARY AT ARMADALE:** A meeting was called at the home of Mrs. D. Thorn of 81 Kooyong Road, Armadale, on Friday, 12th July, to form a new auxiliary. There was a good attendance and the group elected Mrs. Thorn as President, Mrs. Curtis as Secretary and Miss Anderson as Treasurer. They will hold their first meeting at Mrs. Thorn's residence on Friday, 9th August, at 2.30 p.m., when members will "Bring-a-Gift-Buy-a-Gift." Anyone who would care to join the group would be most welcome and should ring Mrs. Thorn at UY 7169.

● **BRIGHTON AUXILIARY:**

The newly formed Brighton Auxiliary are very active and are at present running the Brotherhood's shop in High Street, St. Kilda. This will give them much experience for the shop which they hope to start in Brighton later on. Valuable help was given by members of this group at our recent "Time Exhibition." The next Auxiliary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Green on Monday, 22nd July at 2.15 p.m. (XB 1085). They will be running a street stall in Bay Street, North Brighton, on 26th July—so ladies, do come along!

● **HUGHESDALE — MURRUM-BEENA AUXILIARY:**

Very valuable help has been given by this Auxiliary in both stocking, and staffing the Malvern shops. A card night will be held on 17th August, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Trenwieth, of 8 Tower Hill Road, Glen Iris. The group is planning an outing to Carrum Downs for the near future.

● **ESSENDON GROUP:**

The picture night held by this group successfully netted £25. At present the group are busily planning for the next activity which is to be held at Mrs. Gibb's home during August. They are still

working very hard raising the £100 which is to go towards the Children's Holidays at Christmas.

● **ORMOND AUXILIARY:**

The Ormond Auxiliary are busy planning the opening of the stall which they will run in the Elsternwick market. This group meets at night, usually at different member's homes and their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fenton-Smith, 141 Neerim Road, Glenhuntly. During this next meeting there will also be a Gemology demonstration.

Mr. and Mrs. Bade are the parents of the Auxiliary's President, Mrs. Vera Simpson.

We sincerely regret the passing of Mrs. H. Barwick who was one of the Auxiliary's keen members.

● **CAMBERWELL AUXILIARY:**

The Camberwell Auxiliary International Luncheons have proved to be extremely popular and successful. The next luncheon, which is to be a Hungarian one, will be held at the home of Mrs. Read, 4 Stodart Street, Camberwell, on August 1st, at 12.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Baron Radvansky who will speak on Hungary Today. Hungarian Goulash and Hungarian cakes will be served. The group are happy to report that, at each Luncheon, new members have joined the group. Anyone who would like to come to

the Luncheons should ring Mrs. Roberts, Secretary, WF 5050.

● **CHELTENHAM AUXILIARY:** Firstly, the group would like to welcome back Mrs. Geoghegan who has recently returned from an overseas trip.

The group ran a very successful beetle afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edmunds, and at present are busily planning for street stalls, picture nights, etc., which they hope to hold some time during September and October. They will have a stall on 25th October at Mentone and another on the 8th November, at Cheltenham. The Women's Police Lecture Squad will give a lecture sometime in the near future. Anyone who would care to come along should ring Mrs. Geer at XF 1480, who will be very happy to supply you with further details.

● **MIDDLE PARK AUXILIARY:**

This group has now been working for three months. They are a small, but energetic group. Two very successful card parties have been held and 90 members and friends are going to the Ballet as a Theatre party. Several cash donations have helped to swell their finances and donations of clothing, paper, etc., will make an early call from Salvage necessary. Anyone willing to join this group will be made most welcome. Meetings are held at 43 Harold Street, Middle Park, on the last Monday of the month, at 8 p.m.

This group gave grand assistance at our "Time Exhibition" and special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Felgate.

● **GLEN IRIS AUXILIARY:**

This group is having a card party on Thursday afternoon next, 18th July, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Smart, 181 Glen Iris Road, Glen Iris, at 1.30 p.m. At present, all members in this Auxiliary are working hard planning for the Garden Fete which they intend running at the end of the year.

● **MORNINGTON AUXILIARY:**

The cottage shop at 48 Main Street, Mornington, was opened on Thursday, June 27th, by Father Tucker. Many interested people were present and brisk business was done during the afternoon. The Mornington Auxiliary is helping Mrs. McLaren to stock and run the shop.

● **CHILDREN'S CENTRE:**

This group would like to thank all the people who sold tickets for the "Cat Show" held recently and which netted about £90. They also regret having to accept the resignation of Mrs. De Nijs from the Children's Centre Committee.

DONATION SLIP

THE SUPERIOR,
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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."