

OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dear Father,

Could you please help me with something for the children for Christmas. I am a pensioner (£7/10/0 every two weeks).

I have 3 children of my own and I have 4 children from a brother up home which I receive endowment for.

I have been able to manage as far as food goes, but I can't manage for Xmas.

If I could have just one little something for each I would be grateful. The children are four boys (5, 6, 7, 8 years) and two girls (1 and 10 years).

I hope you can help me.

Yours faithfully,

Each year the Brotherhood's work expands and so too does the circle of those to whom we try to bring some spark of Christmas cheer at this time of the year.

The letter reproduced here was received by the Brotherhood two weeks ago. The family is one of many families and pensioners who look to the B.S.L. each Christmas.

FOR THE YOUNG

Three hundred children will be entertained at a monster Christmas party in the Fitzroy Town Hall. Children from our Children's Clubs and children from families we are in touch with throughout the year will enjoy a bumper Christmas dinner with balloons, caps, toys and all the trimmings. Again this year we hope that groups and clubs will share with us the task of hosts.

FOR FAMILIES

We already have more than 100 families on our list for Christmas parcels. They are all families whose needs are known to B.S.L. social workers. The parcels are made up of food, toys, and gifts to suit the particular needs of the families. How many we reach on our lists depends on the response from our Friends.

FOR THE AGED

This Christmas will be the bleakest for many years for most pensioners. There was no increase in the pension and food costs have risen, including a big price rise for tea. We hope to be able to make up parcels of food and toilet articles for some 300 pensioners.

Christmas Dinner

It is expected that 120 men and women members of the Coolibah Club will sit down to the eagerly-awaited Christmas dinner and receive a Christmas gift.

Christmas Party

The usual party given by the voluntary helpers who run the Fitzroy shop will be held for elderly Fitzroy citizens who are not members of the Coolibah Club.



Elderly members of the Coolibah Club eagerly await the Christmas dinner.

HOME FOR THOSE WE HELP

HOLIDAYS FOR THE YOUNG

Three hundred boys and girls from inner industrial suburbs are depending on the Brotherhood for a holiday in the country or at the beach. If the Brotherhood can raise the £2 per head it costs to provide these holidays the children will go to the B.S.L. Holiday Home at Mornington where holiday camps will be staffed by young volunteers.

When planning your summer holiday you might like to sponsor a child for one of our holiday camps. Organisations might like to sponsor a tentful of 10 youngsters.

Beach Picnics

Every week day throughout January outings to nearby beaches will be organised by the Brotherhood for children from Fitzroy, Carlton, Collingwood, North Melbourne, Camp Pell and Richmond.

B.S.L. CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

Children's Monster Party at Fitzroy Town Hall.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

Christmas party for 100 old people.

THURSDAY, 23rd DECEMBER.

Coolibah Club Christmas dinner.

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

Christmas Eve distribution of food and toy parcels to families, pensioners and children.

25th DECEMBER TO 1st JANUARY.

Camp at Ocean Grove for working boys.

27th DECEMBER to 4th January.

Girls' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

4th JANUARY TO 11th JANUARY.

Girls' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

14th JANUARY TO 22nd JANUARY.

Boys' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

22nd JANUARY TO 29th JANUARY

Boys' Camp at B.S.L. Holiday Home, Mornington.

MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

Commencement of daily beach picnics from Fitzroy.



Above: In Melbourne's inner suburbs children spend holiday time on street corners or in tiny backyards.

Below: Happy youngsters enjoy the good food, fresh air, sunlight and companionship of a B.S.L. Holiday Camp.



WILL YOU HELP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE?

Welcome to B.S.L. New Friends for September and October

NEW FRIENDS

SUBURBS

Mrs. Lewis, Carnegie
M/s P. Tynan, E. Melb.

Mrs. M. Hopwood,
North Carlton

Mrs. Leach, Northcote

Mrs. M. Smith, Toorak

Miss F. Palmer, Kew

Mr. R. Edwards, A. Vale

Mrs. L. Tullock, Glen Iris

Mrs. Alexander, Flemington

Miss A. Gray, Hawthorn

Mr. Best, Jordanville

Mr. F. L. Shephard, P'ston

Mr. F. W. Mitchell

Moonee Ponds

Mr. Farringer, Coburg

Miss I. Walker, Frankston

Mr. J. Winter, Glen Iris

Mrs. Christian, Ormond

Mrs. E. Bourne, St. Kilda

Mrs. Ball, Hartwell

Miss I. Hamilton, Malvern

The Rev. F. H. Peake

East Malvern

Mrs. M. E. Foster, B'leigh

Miss A. Parker, Brighton

Miss H. Bain, E. Brighton

Miss V. Nowell, Box Hill

Mrs. Catamore, Toorak

Miss Wade, Northcote

Mr. E. Kirk, Parkdale

Mr. P. Williamson, H'thorn

Mrs. Warren, Balwyn

Miss Buchanan, W. B'wick

Miss M. Rogers, Kew

Mrs. Feddon, Regent

Mrs. A. Maude, Carnegie

M/s E. E. Butcher

South Caulfield

M/s R. Blyth, Armadale

Mr. Moore, Hawthorn

Mrs. Fern, Malvern

Miss Pownall, Glen Iris

Mr. P. White, Sth. C'well

Mr. H. Kesting, Hawthorn

Mrs. F. W. Green, F'ston

M/s J. Howell, Burwood

Mrs. G. Mann, St Kilda

Mrs. J. Adam, Burwood

M/s M. McGregor,

East St. Kilda

Miss M. Walton, E. Malvern

Mrs. Earl, Balwyn

M/s J. Barthers, M. Albert

M/s P. E. Knight,

East Brunswick

Mrs. E. McFred, West

Brunswick

Mrs. A. Allenby, Malvern

Mrs. Buckley, Richmond

Mr. W. Bets, Balwyn

Miss A. Fielding,

Mordialloc

Miss F. Baum, Burwood

Mrs. C. Voumard, Asp'dale

Mrs. McLean, Carnegie

Mrs. M. Sellar, Ormond

Mrs. Massey, Carnegie

STOP PRESS!

Record Market Fair

Progress total for the market fair is £730 — a new record. Our many thanks to all who have worked so hard to make it a success.

B.S.L. GROUP NEWS

WELCOME

Friends of the B.S.L. will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Rogers, who has had a long holiday in England, is now back in harness again.

SWAN SONG

While Mrs. Rogers was away, I had the happy task of filling her position. I would like to take this chance of thanking you, one and all, for your wonderful kindness and co-operation; that loyal band of voluntary helpers who run our shop; the good ladies who have done so much knitting for us; the groups who have worked so hard on our behalf; and lastly the Friends who make it possible for the Brotherhood to carry on its work. And now, a fond farewell to you all. May you carry on with your wonderful cause.

Joan Essery

I should like my Christmas donation to go towards—

- ★ Christmas parcels for families and pensioners.
- ★ Christmas cheer for old folks.
- ★ Children's party.
- ★ Children's Holiday Camps.

* Please mark your preference

Christmas Donation Slip

TO THE SUPERIOR, B.S.L.,
51 ROYAL ARCADE,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Please find my donation for £ : :

Name

Address

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