



## Notes for the Friends of The Brotherhood of S. Laurence

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# THE SUPERIOR'S LETTER

## CONFERENCE WITH MR. WARNER

## CARRUM DOWNS GARDEN PARTY.

51 Royal Arcade,  
Melbourne, C.1.  
April, 1948.

Dear B.S.L. Friends,

Mr. Wilding and I recently had a very interesting conference with Mr. Warner, Victoria's Minister for Housing. I am glad to be able to report that on the general question of housing the B.S.L. and Mr. Warner are in agreement. The Minister is with us when we say that in the allocation of building material houses should come before everything else. It behoves us all to back up the Government in this respect. It is for us to remember that men and women are elected to Parliament to carry out the wishes of the people. Let us make our wishes known. It would seem that some people would put factories before homes. Do we stand for that? I think not. Of course we want Australia to prosper; of course, it is a good thing that overseas financial interests should want to establish their industries in this country; but such assets can be had at too great a price. The price to be paid at the present time is the happiness and wellbeing of our people. It sounds very nice to hear that Messrs. Smith & Co., of Uldchester, England, is prepared to spend £50,000 on a factory in some Melbourne or Sydney suburb, but most of that £50,000 would be spent in labour and material which might have been used for the building of homes. Hitler's cry used to be "guns before butter" — the cry of some to-day is "factories before homes" or "theatres before homes" — or "hotels before homes."

## "FACTORIES BEFORE HOMES."

I thought I knew something of the suffering caused by the housing shortage, but the cases Mr. Warner put before us shocked me, as used as I am to hear of such suffering. After all, what is the good of bigger factories, larger picture palaces and brighter hotels if in the building of such we as a people continue to deteriorate, and deteriorate we must as long as tens of thousands of people are deprived of decent living conditions. I am not thinking particularly of slum people, but people who might be your friends or mine. We all know of young couples who started off their married life with every prospect of happiness, but whose happiness has been ruined because they were required to begin their married life in one room in an overcrowded house. No wonder the divorce courts are overcrowded and criminal judges are overworked. I think, too, of how we are failing those men and women who offered all they had to keep Australia free. A country that spends money on stocking factories, luxury flats, ultra modern hotels, while returned soldiers seek homes for their young wives and babes, does not deserve to live.

## LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK:

I think we ordinary people do not make ourselves heard in the way we should. We are too prone to take things lying down. Here is something we in Victoria can do. Our Minister for Housing has said that his aim is to provide decent houses for all the people. It would be a good thing for us to write and tell him that we are with him in this respect (it does not matter two hoots what our political colour is. Personally I am colourless in this respect). Or



we might write to the Premier or our local member. Organisation might do something about the matter. It is no good just saying how bad things are. Talking of the Premier, Mr. Hollway has accepted our invitation to see our film "Beautiful Melbourne," but a date for the showing has not yet been arranged. He was to see it "in the New Year." I must remind him that the new year is now no longer new! I know that countless numbers of people will want to know what the present Government proposes to do about this pressing matter of slums. I am getting heartily sick of being told that this is not the time for "slum clearance" — I never said it was; at any rate not since before the war. But it is the time for building houses into which slum dwellers can move. There is ample room in some of the inner suburbs for this to be done without pulling down one house. Of recent years factories have been put on land which should be used for housing purposes.

#### CARRUM DOWNS, 3rd APRIL:

I do hope that a goodly number of you will be with us at Carrum Downs when the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Edmund Herring) will officially open three (and I hope, four) bungalows. These have been erected during the last twelve months. I should like to take this opportunity of



Four of these bungalows have been erected during the last twelve months. Two more are in the course of construction.

expressing our appreciation to our contractor, Mr. D. R. Dossiter, Jnr. (Western Homes) for his untiring efforts on our behalf. Only those who have anything to do with building at the present time know of the headaches involved. I fear that we have added much to Mr. Dossiter's headaches! I am not unmindful of the many firms who have gone out of their way to let us have the necessary material. It is good to know that the B.S.L. is thought well of in the business world. The kindness and help we receive is most encouraging. But to get back to 3rd April.

I want you to see for yourselves what is being done at Carrum Downs. The people whom we would house on the settlement are those who need not be in the city, and every one moved from the city means that there is a little more room for those remaining. It may be only a "drop in the bucket," but it is something at any rate, and it is a demonstration of what should be done on a larger scale. It is good to be able to feel that one is doing something to ease the housing shortage, and that is what B.S.L. Friends are doing. For our function at Carrum Downs we are hiring two hundred cups and saucers, and people behind the scenes will be ready to "wash up," which means we are preparing for more than two hundred people. We hope to have the function in the open air, but are arranging for a marquee in case the weather should be unfavourable, so do not stay at home even if it should rain.

#### "FIFTY AND OVER" AND "THIRTY AND UNDER" BUNGALOWS:

I am very grateful to my "not so young friends" who have responded to my appeal in our last issue to help build still another bungalow. I suggested, you will remember, that people whose old age is provided for should make a thank offering for their fortunate position by helping to provide peace and security for one of the many old folk who asked for a little corner of their own at Carrum Downs. So far £85/5/- has been received towards the £250 needed. I suggested that £5 should be given by the fortunate ones, but any smaller amount (or larger!) would, of course, be gladly received. Mr. Wilding has pointed out that people other than the "not so young" will want to do their part in regard to bungalows, so he has started a "Thirty and Under" appeal. I would remind you that a person of forty is still a person of thirty! (of course, thirty and a bit). I have recently received two applications from as far away as Western Australia. One poor old soul writes: "Of course, I don't want to go so far and my little savings will have to go in the fare, but I am desperate, and simply cannot go on as at present." So many of those who apply are "desperate." You can understand, I am sure, why I am so anxious to provide accommodation for as many as possible of these, desperate, ones.

May God bless you all, dear people, and thank you all for all you do for us and for those who we are privileged to help on your behalf.

I am, dear B.S.L. Friends,

Yours very sincerely,

*G. Kennedy Tucker*  
Secretary B.S.L.

P.S. — Please excuse there being no "Acknowledgments in Kind" in this issue. Space cannot be found for a list of all the gifts received. — G.K.T.



# CARRUM DOWNS GARDEN PARTY



SATURDAY, 3rd APRIL,

When the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Sir Edmund Herring  
who will be accompanied by Lady Herring.

will Officially Open

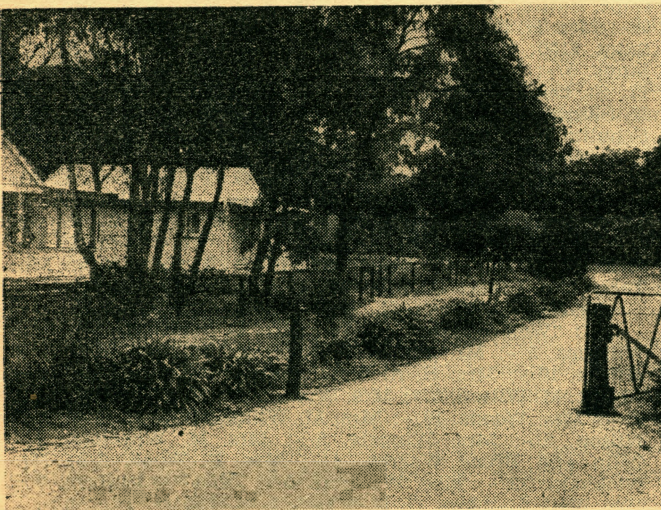
FOUR NEW BUNGALOWS



Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Ryan, M.H.R.,  
Sir George Knox, M.L.A., and Lady Knox and  
Cr. Kirkham, President of Cranbourne Shire,  
have also consented to be present.

## HOW TO REACH CARRUM DOWNS:

1. By private car either via Dandenong or via Seaford.  
Turn off the Dandenong-Frankston Road near B.S.L.  
Store on corner marked with St. George's Flag.
2. By train leaving Flinders Street for Frankston, 12.55.  
Take 'bus marked "Fern Tree Gully."
3. By All Weather Coach, leaving Batman Avenue at 2  
p.m. Tickets, which are 5/- return, must be secured  
from 51 Royal Arcade.



It is here that Friends will gather on 3rd April.

## STOP PRESS

### DON'T FORGET!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT

## CARRUM DOWNS



*The Autumn is the best Season of the  
Year*



TRAIN TO FRANKSTON

BUS TO CARRUM DOWNS



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