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FATHER TUCKER
WRITES —

THE CHURCH AND THE POOR



Dear B.S.L. Friends,

Was Mr. Calwell right when he said that the Church was failing in its duty towards the poor and needy? To that question I can only give a yes-no answer. Should the Church cease her acts of mercy the situation would be disastrous. Countless numbers of sick would be uncared for, many thousands of children, now under the care of the Church, would be homeless and the same could be said of the aged. The list of Christian welfare organisations is well nigh limitless. The Church has a record in this regard for which she need not be ashamed.

There is, however, another side of the picture. What the Church is doing in the Social Service field is, to a large extent left to "the faithful few." It would seem that the majority of professing Christians fail to realise that faith without works is meaningless and that Church-going, as essential as it is, is not enough. The mandate given by the Founder of the Church was to do the kind of things that He did.

PRACTICAL SIDE

I am inclined to think that the practical side of Christianity is not brought before the people in the way it should be. More, much more, is needed than merely keeping the local church going, paying the parson, keeping the fabric in repair and giving a few dollars a year to missions. How true is the now well-known saying: "A church which lives for itself dies for itself." Should all church-goers have a wider vision and a clearer realisation of the true function of the Church all things needed for the local church would be forthcoming and those many, now on the fringe of the Church, would be inspired to take an active part in the worship and in some of the many acts of mercy carried on by that organisation founded by Him who "went about doing good."

While in no way belittling the practical part of the Church's work, I cannot but think that the Church is failing in her duty in rousing the conscience of the community in regard to those things that are so contrary to the mind of Christ.

At the beginning of a revival called the Oxford Movement in the Church of England some 130 years ago, one of the leaders of that movement said to another "WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A ROW IN THE WORLD" and they made a mighty row and mighty things happened. One of the many results of that "row" was the realisation on the part of the Church as to her duty to the underprivileged. The Church took the lead in slum clearance and not only attacked other evils that are a shame to any so-called Christian community, but did something about those evils in a practical way. It was not only that the Church began to do things she had failed to do, but she received a new impetus — a new life.

MAKE A ROW

There is much in this year of grace about which we should "make a row." We should be thundering about allowing decent old people to try and live on a mere pittance which we call the old age pension. By the time this appears in print, it may be that a few cents will be added to that pittance, but in view of continued rise in the cost of living, countless numbers of old people will continue in their struggle just to keep alive.

Passing reference is made from time to time by leaders of Church and State in regard to the desperate state of those countless millions of our next-door neighbours to the north, but something more is needed than pious platitudes. A certain amount of course is being done for them. I think of the Inter-Church Aid, the Colombo Plan and the like, but we have to face the fact — that as a nation we act as if we could not care less and so little is done to remind us of our duty. This means that we are not only failing our neighbours, but we are failing ourselves, for the price has to be paid for duty shirked, either by individuals or nation. We are already paying dearly for failure in the past. I think that few would deny that the ghastly muddle now prevailing in Vietnam might well have been avoided had we years ago realised our Christian duty towards our neighbours. Until we realise that duty, our boys will continue to suffer and die and the world will continue to face sorrow upon sorrow.

BROTHERHOOD DEFICIT IS \$11,761

Another financial year has drawn to its close and we stand on the threshold of a new one. As the Directors review the year gone by and endeavour to envisage the events and costs of the next twelve months, one of the outstanding points seen is the continuing loyalty and support of B.S.L. Friends. This support comes in the form of donations of clothing and goods to the Salvage Division, cash donations to the various Brotherhood appeals and to general funds and by way of fund raising and other activities by the auxiliaries.

Without this support the Brotherhood would be unable to maintain all its services, especially in view of the way in which costs have spiralled upwards during the past two years causing expenditure to exceed income received. That the last financial year drew to its close with a deficit or shortage of funds of \$11,761 is indicative of the extent of this problem.

When the Annual Report is published it will be seen that the Brotherhood was fortunate enough to be able to offset this deficit from the proceeds of the Button Day Appeal and a small reserve of moneys not spent in other ways.

The budget for the next twelve months indicates that the year just commenced will see an even bigger deficit occur unless the level of income can be increased. There are no longer any Appeal funds or reserves with which to offset this new deficit.

The Directors and staff take this opportunity of saying thank you to all B.S.L. Friends for their tremendous support in the past and to share with them the difficulties that lie ahead.

—BRUCE BUCHANAN,
Secretary of the Brotherhood.

Brotherhood Profiles:

Ken Williams

"Old people shouldn't be allowed to rust away," says Mr. Ken Williams, manager of Carrum Downs, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence settlement for the active elderly. Mr. Williams keeps this in mind throughout all his busy days as administrator of this little community whose 142 inhabitants range in age from about 60 to 90.

It is the main reason for the planning of the "industries" which keep the old people busy, augment their pensions and add to settlement funds.

The industries include making metal wicks for kerosene heaters, mailing work and making up cardboard boxes for transporting chickens.

Mr. Williams has been with the Brotherhood for about 18 months.

He was previously purchasing officer for a paint firm for most of his working life. His longtime interest in the Brotherhood has been linked with church work. He has served as a vestry secretary.

At Carrum Downs Mr. Williams was first acting manager and later took over the job permanently.

Mr. Williams attends to the overall administration and management of the settlement.

He has under him staff including a typist, a hospital matron, several nursing sisters and aides, domestic and maintenance officer with two assistants.

"I'm never off duty," says Mr. Williams, "but the whole job is interesting."

He has praise for the job the Brotherhood is doing in settlements like Carrum Downs and Lara.

Mr. Williams emphasises the word "active" when he talks about the people in his settlement.

"If they are not active they might just as well live in flats," he says.

"We feel that the needs of the settlement as well as the person must be met. They must be able to fall in with our activities."

SLUM CLEARANCE BRINGS PROBLEMS

What is going to happen to all the people, particularly the men, who are displaced by slum reclamation in Fitzroy? Every day another building falls and the wasteland of broken bricks and household relics grows. Before long the landscape will be made up of multi-storey flats and a new community will move in.

Where do you go if you are ineligible for a flat or if you simply do not want one? This is a question for the Brotherhood to consider because of our traditional interest in housing and our concern for the rights of the individual. We have already made representation to the Housing Commission on behalf of single men whom we think merit Commission accommodation although they are officially not eligible.

However, there are many others who would not respond well to this style of accommodation and who are finding it increasingly hard to secure rooms as demolition proceeds through the inner suburbs.

The Brotherhood's involvement in housing is at two levels. On the one hand, we provide accommodation for elderly people at Keble Court, the two Settlements, and Box Hill, and on the other hand, we try to play a part in influencing provision for people on a wider scale.

It is time to wonder whether we should take a lead in this current situation by demonstrating the value of well-run rooming houses for single men. Such a proposal would obviously not become fact until it had come under the most careful scrutiny, not the least of which would be by the budget, but in an annual review of priorities and new developments, this idea should be included.

After one of his overseas visits, Bishop Sambell told of schemes whereby former hotels are bought and converted for use as rooming houses. These have obvious advantages; the accommodation and facilities are already there, the places are integrated into the local community and they are not too large and institutional.

On the other hand, as they are already old, they are likely to be "deteriorating assets," needing increased maintenance, and for this reason standing out sadly in the midst of future developments.

At the present moment our budget is a matter of immediate concern and keeping present services going takes obvious precedence over developing new ones. Is this a scheme we should think of developing when we have the money?

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Until a new Jeremiah or Isaac arises to make that tremendous "row" that is so necessary, it is for us as individuals to do what we can to relieve the suffering here in our land and overseas.

I realise that I am writing to people, the majority of whom have compassion for their neighbours in need and that compassion is shown in a practical way. You, I know, will continue to assist in all our plans for the days to come. When I become unduly fearful as to the future of mankind, I think of what B.S.L. Friends have enabled the B.S.L. to do and, so thinking, I "thank God and take courage."

Our greetings and our appreciation for the encouragement you give us.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

E. Kennedy Tucker

Secretary B.S.L.

Brotherhood Christmas Cards are available at all the Opportunity Shops and the Organiser's Department, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Price: 10 cents.

The Pioneers of Lara . . .

You could almost call them pioneers . . . the 75 old people who live at St. Laurence Park, Lara, the Brotherhood's second rural settlement for active elderly.

They certainly have the pioneering spirit agrees Mr. Neville Brooke, the administrator of this modern village taking shape rapidly on gentle slopes only a stone's throw from Lara's quietly rural railway station.

He says proudly of his "charges" (average age 72): "Give them a standard and they'll try to improve on it."

St. Laurence Park, covering 45 acres, was bought by the Brotherhood for \$34,000. Building on it started in 1959 and the first residents moved in late that year.

NOW 75 RESIDENTS

Now its 75 residents live in 50 cottages and six flats. Six new houses have recently been built in a section just opened.

The flats are in Tucker Court, a block which is soon to be extended to contain 20 flats, a diningroom and kitchen. They will house 60 people.

Work is expected to begin in November, and is estimated to cost about \$110,000.

Tucker Court residents include a matron who looks after the health of the old folk. (They go to Geelong when they need hospital treatment.)

Cottages on the settlement are being built to a similar design, but the use of several different kinds of building materials makes them definitely individual in appearance. Tea-tree stake fencing gives a private area at the back of each cottage. It's hard to believe, but when St. Laurence Park was started it was treeless. Now 12,000 flourishing trees and shrubs help to beautify its landscape.

Eighty per cent of St. Laurence Park residents have made some contribution towards the cost of their cottages though applicants are selected on their suitability for the settlement and the urgency of their needs, regardless of financial position.

AVERAGE COST \$5,400

The average cost to erect one of the cottages after providing necessary services is \$5,400. A weekly service charge of 80 cents a head is paid by residents.

Women become eligible for admittance to Lara at 60 years of age, men at 65, and they must be active. The long waiting list is at present closed till later this year.

Only three residents have left the settlement in the past seven years.

"We get the odd one who wants to leave, mainly because of a liking for city life," says Mr. Brooke, "but you could say on the whole that they are all happy."

Lara's most notable resident, of course, is Father G. K. Tucker, co-founder of the Brotherhood and still active in its affairs though now over 80 years of age. Unless you are familiar with his spare, erect figure you could pass him by in the grounds. "There goes one of Lara's happy, young-in-heart old folk," you might say to yourself. Lara finances itself by the operation of five opportunity shops in Geelong together with furniture and salvage divisions.

INDUSTRIES

The settlement's industries, designed first and foremost to keep the old people creatively busy, are obviously dear to the heart of Mr. Brooke. In time, he says, they will help with running expenses.

Industries include a printing shop, doing a variety of work for the Brotherhood and local concerns, and a plant nursery established about nine months ago.

Mr. Brooke also hopes to establish a sheet metal workshop as soon as necessary equipment can be obtained.

Altogether Lara residents spend a total of about 208 hours a week in some form of activity, he says.

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• Above: The modern airy kitchens are a feature of the cottages at Lara and contain all modern labour-saving devices.

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• Below: The well-kept colourful gardens are one of the first things noticed by visitors to St. Laurence Park. It is hard to believe that the area was a treeless grazing paddock in 1959 and now has 1,200 trees.



Students meet the Community

"This week really shocked me but I feel this was a good thing. . . ."
 "I did not expect to have my worldly notions about society shaken so thoroughly. . . ."
 ". . . Opened my eyes, helped to overcome my prejudices. . . ."

These remarks were made by some of the 21 university students who attended the "Students Meet the Community" week in the May vacation at Morven. They give some indication of the profound effect their experiences had on the students, most of whom had had little previous contact with handicapped or dependent people. The last issue of "Brotherhood News" described the visits which were planned, but it went to press before the course was completed. At that stage, we were not to know of the enthusiastic way the students would respond to the course, of the unity that developed in the group soon after their arrival at Mornington or of the earnest discussions that continued long after the evening sessions officially ended. On the final evening, there was an evaluation of the whole program and frank comments were encouraged. In fact we received a barrage of active, constructive criticisms, which were a real measure of the students' complete understanding of the purpose of the project.

Their main complaint was the limited opportunity to mix with people on certain of their visits. They regretted the tendency to "look at" rather than "work with" people which resulted from moving around institutions in a fairly large group. The attention they received from the press also irritated them as they were most anxious that the idea of the week should come over accurately and that they should not look like just another group "doing a good deed for the needy." To

balance these negative comments, there was an overwhelming expressing of the personal value which students had derived from the project and how much it had exceeded their expectations. They spoke glowingly about their actual residence in Morven and the happy atmosphere created by Brenda Shaylor.

The actual press publicity took the form of reporting in detail on three students in a weekly item in the "Age" and having a secondary part of a picture feature in the "Herald." "Watch This Space" (A.B.C. Current Affairs Program) filmed fairly extensive interviews with six students, all of whom spoke of their concern that the community should give more priority, time and money to welfare planning.

The impact of the week on the students as individuals showed in these television interviews and in their written evaluations. Most explained that they had joined the project from fairly dutiful motives and admitted that far more had "happened" to them than they had ever anticipated. They had become involved in the practical and the philosophic consideration of the way the community cares for its weaker members and showed they had a recognition of their responsibility, both as ordinary citizens and as future professional people. Several spoke of their previous ignorance and the way they had been helped to face up to their prejudices.

Following an informal discussion of the project with interstate visitors at the ACOSS Conference, interest was expressed by South Australian Social Workers and an invitation was issued to Miss Paterson to go over to describe the week to them. Although this would have been an interesting step to take, it is generally felt that the project can be well explained in written reports.

ASSISTANT AT LARA

An assistant administrator has been appointed to St. Laurence Park, Lara. He is Mr. C. A. Peacock, who will help Mr. Neville Brooke, Lara's administrator. Mr. Peacock began his new job in August, and will live on the settlement. He has come from Rockhampton, Queensland, where he has been secretary-manager of a Church of England Hospital. The assistance of Mr. Peacock will give Mr. Brooke more time to devote to Lara's growing industries which provide the elderly residents with much-needed creative activity.

ST. LAURENCE PARK

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Lara residents are active in surrounding community affairs such as Red Cross, the Progress Association, Country Women's Association and church groups. In fact, so many are involved in Red Cross that local meetings are held at the Park.

Lara will eventually accommodate from 170 to 200 old people, stopping at "the economic point," says Mr. Brooke.

The important thing, he points out, is to absorb residents so that they will fit in with the life of the settlement. It's not simply a case of building more houses. Plans certainly abound for turning Lara into a model settlement for old people.

Inside the imposing entrance gates there's plenty of empty space at the moment, but eventually here will be built a community centre including a large hall, shops and industrial therapy centres. They will be built as finance becomes available and the need arises, says Mr. Brooke.

Lara may still be in its pioneering days, but success is in the air down there and the future looks bright.

Much of the success of the settlement is due to the able and active Geelong Council of St. Laurence Park, Lara, who are responsible for the financing and development planning, and to the generous support Geelong people give to the Geelong Salvage Division and Opportunity Shops whose Manager is Mr. Ron Cooling. Members of the Council are: Father Tucker; Messrs. E. L. Hart, B. Wemyss, E. Cochrane, W. J. Backhouse, C. A. Murray, T. R. Garnett, G. Renney, Dr. R. Leggatt, Mr. N. Brooke, The Rev. F. Dearnaley, Mr. R. C. Backholer, and the Brotherhood Secretary Mr. Bruce Buchanan.

BUS TRIP to CARRUM DOWNS

A bus trip to Carrum Downs Settlement is arranged for

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

The bus will leave Batman Avenue at 1.15 p.m. and will leave Carrum Downs at 4 p.m.

Tickets must be obtained beforehand at 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne.

TICKETS: 65 cents (6/6)

ANNUAL B.S.L.

MARKET FAIR

in the

Lower Melbourne Town Hall — Friday, November 4, 1966

Doors open at 10.30 a.m.

FAIR FEATURES INCLUDE:

Jewellery	Toys	Home-made Cakes and
Knitted Garments	Kitchen Gadgets	Jams
Produce	Sweets	Aprons and Children's
Good Cleaned Clothing	Remnants	Wear
Hats	Plants	Ornaments and Antiques
Home-made Bread	Books and Records	Christmas Cards

Morning Tea and Light Luncheon

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FAIR

Contributions for the Fair would be welcomed at 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy (41 7055), or at the City Shop, Royal Arcade, clearly marked "MARKET FAIR."

Country friends may help by sending produce or gifts to Spencer Street Station. We collect from there on notification.

BUREAU FORMS SPECIAL GROUP

The Social Service Bureau has brought together a group of mothers who have been coming to the Bureau for some years. Its members could be described as mothers of large, young families who husbands are low or unstable wage earners. These women had been coming to the Brotherhood for many years for financial aid to help them through recurrent crises caused by unemployment or sickness.

Sporadic attempts to engage the parents of these families in meaningful individual casework with a view to lessening the frequency and/or intensity of these crises had been unsuccessful. However, they were occupying a considerable amount of the Social Worker's time.

They are not obviously emotionally disturbed, coping fairly well with their tasks of daily living. However, it was felt that the insecurity both with practical needs and in family relationships, were indicative of disturbance and it was hoped that increased warmth and self esteem in the mothers would have a beneficial effect on the whole family.

The group was started in October, 1965, as an experiment to see whether the group method of social work might be more effective with this type of client. They meet weekly in the coffee lounge of the Youth Centre and a set amount of financial aid is given to each mother each week regardless of the relevant urgency of the need of each member.

The women have largely accepted the idea that the Social Worker is unavailable to them except on the morning of the group sessions and have expressed appreciation of this type of method of help in comparison with the individual one.

A wide range of topics is discussed, ranging from topical items of news in mass media to their marital relationships and experiences from their own childhood. However, the recurring themes are those covering the children, household practices and health.

SATURDAY DRIVERS WANTED

The Coolibah Club urgently needs voluntary drivers on Saturdays to bring pensioners home from Mornington at the end of their 10-day holiday. The drive to and from Morven is an extra pleasure for the pensioners, but a strain is being placed on the staff to keep this up.

Anyone who is not committed to football, shopping or small children, and who would like to help occasionally can obtain details from Mrs. Millott, 41 7055.

Important Meeting

A simple but important meeting took place in the Mayoral Room of the Fitzroy Town Hall early in July. It was a gathering of representatives of organisations in the municipality who serve the needs of old people and included St. Mary's House of Welcome, Combined Methodist Mission, Community of the Holy Name, St. Mark's Church of England, Fitzroy Council, and the Brotherhood.

The reason for holding such a meeting was the feeling of one agency in particular that there is a tendency to concentrate services on one group, i.e., the active elderly, to the exclusion of those who are frail or sick, and housebound. It was felt that a plan for extension of service to these people should be shared with the other organisations who could be interested and helpful.

In fact, the meeting took the form of an exchange of basic information about the programs of each agency. It was a lesson in how ignorant near neighbours can be of each other and everybody present valued the learning experience.

It became clear that the major service was indeed with active people while each agency recognised and made some attempt to cope with a limited number of temporarily housebound people. The demands of this second type of service are always extremely heavy and it is a big undertaking to contemplate permanent assistance in this field.

However, one of the organisations was considering appointing someone to give the sort of care that is a mixture of nursing, housekeeping, shopping and friendly visiting. There was discussion about problems of the week-end when the individual's needs continue, but most of the agencies are closed. The possibility of staggering services was mentioned so that the same people would be cared for by one agency through the week and another at the week-ends.

All these ideas and many more were aired and although there were no definite decisions, a beginning was made in the process of thinking and planning together.

CARRUM DOWNS FAIR

The Annual St. Laurence Village Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22, as usual at the Brotherhood of St. Laurence Settlement, Carrum Downs, opening at 1.30 p.m.

Tickets for buses will be available at the Opportunity Shop at 51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne. They will leave Batman Avenue at 1.15 and will cost 65 cents (6/6). Please book early to facilitate arrangements.

There will be the usual stalls—gifts, aprons, toys, jam, cakes, cards and calendars, plants, white elephant, soft drinks and afternoon tea rooms. Children's playground equipment will be available. Brotherhood Christmas Cards will be for sale.

Several alterations and additions to the Settlement, notably a very attractive fence along the front, a plantation of trees by residents and friends, which we hope will develop into Tucker Park, and make a very pleasing entrance. Several new houses in construction, and we hope the completion of the maintenance area, will be of interest to both old and new friends and visitors.

The Fair is organised by the residents and the stalls stocked with work done by them throughout the year, and the proceeds handed to Bishop Sambell for the overall relief work of the Brotherhood.

A hearty welcome is extended to all.

LEISURE REPRINTED

The Brotherhood social survey "Leisure" by David Scott and R. U'Ren published in 1962, is to be reprinted by the publishing firm F. W. Cheshire Pty. Ltd., in response to many requests received since the book was sold out in 1964.

The survey was carried out to determine how people live in a new Housing Commission estate, to assess leisure time facilities that were available for adults and young people, and to find out facilities that were most needed in the area.

Copies should be available from the publishers or at bookshops early in October. The price will be \$1.

DONATION FORM

The Superior,
Brotherhood of St. Laurence,
51 Royal Arcade, Melbourne, C.1

Please find enclosed my donation of \$. to assist the work of the Brotherhood.

NAME

ADDRESS

Donations for the following purposes are allowable deductions for Income Tax: Carrum Downs Settlement for the Aged, Children's Centre, Holiday Camps Appeal, St. Laurence Park, Lara, Social Service Bureau, Carinya Home for Frail Aged.

AUXILIARIES

WANGARATTA. This Auxiliary is having a very active year and has already sent 207 bags of clothing to the Salvage Division this year. The members have also found time to organise a street stall, and this was most successful, more than \$120 being raised by this effort. At their annual meeting in July, Mrs. S. Docker was elected president, Mrs. Bergman treasurer, Miss E. E. Allen secretary.

BRIGHTON. A further interesting function arranged by this group is a morning coffee party at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12. This is to be held in St. Andrew's Hall, and Mrs. Duncan will be speaking on the Channel Islands. They are planning to hold several more street stalls before the end of the year, and are collecting gifts to be sold as "Pigs in Pokes."

HARRIETVILLE. The third annual meeting of this small but enthusiastic group was held in July on the day of the heaviest snow storm in the north-east of Victoria for 50 years. Mrs. Norman Staff was elected president, Mrs. R. Hosking vice-president, and Miss D. E. Pearson secretary and treasurer. They have been able to despatch 42 large cartons of goods to the Brotherhood, and have also given a donation of \$50. This group has now arranged a Krazy Whist party in order to raise some more funds.

ORMOND. This Auxiliary is continuing very active in running its Opportunity Shop in Katandra Road, Ormond. The president, Mrs. Utter (58 3912), would always be glad to hear from anyone who might wish to become a member of the Auxiliary, and donations of used clothing or bric-a-brac may be left at the shop.

BSL YOUNGER SET. The members are working hard selling tickets for the annual ball which the Housing Industry Association is conducting on behalf of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence at the Palais, St. Kilda, on Friday, September 23. For further details, please telephone Miss Barbara Bower, 85 5303. At their last meeting, Mr. Andrew St. John was elected president of this group.

CHELTENHAM/MORDIALLOC. Further activities arranged by this keen group include a morning coffee with a display of antiques to be held at the home of Mrs. Hilditch at 10.30 a.m. on September 21, a "Sip, Soup and Sandwich" luncheon to be followed by cards at Mrs. Milborne's home on September 28, and a Bessemer demonstration at Mrs. Doddrell's home at 10 a.m. on October 11. They are also arranging a "sewing bee" to stock their forthcoming street stalls.

FITZROY SHOP. On Monday, September 19, the annual meeting will be held at the Salvage Division at 1 p.m. This will be something of an historic occasion, as it is this Auxiliary's 30th annual meeting, and Fr. Tucker will take the chair and address the meeting.

DANDENONG AND DISTRICT. Members of this group are holding individual efforts with their Talent Quest money, and on Wednesday, September 28, there will be a talk on and demonstration of textiles and other articles at 1.30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hall. Later on, this group will be very busy baking for the annual fair to be held on Friday, November 4.

WARRANTYTE. This Auxiliary is busy working for its street stall to be held on September 17. The meeting to be held on October 6 will be the annual meeting, at the home of Miss Burbage. A glass-blowing demonstration has been arranged for the evening of Friday, October 21, at 8 p.m., in St. Stephen's Hall, which should be a fascinating occasion. A very interesting afternoon has been arranged for Thursday, September 29. This is a Rosella demonstration and afternoon tea at the Mechanics' Hall, beginning at 1.30 p.m. Members are being asked to collect kitchen gadgets and odds and ends for their stall at the annual fair on November 4 in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall.

BOX HILL. At the 9th annual meeting of this Auxiliary in July, Mrs. A. N. Henry was elected president, Mrs. F. Tucker secretary, and Mrs. C. Richards treasurer. On Saturday, September 3, there is to be a card evening at Mrs. Hughes' home. On Friday, September 23, this group is organising its large annual street stall, and on October 24 the annual luncheon will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Henry.

MORNINGTON are holding a morning coffee party on Wednesday, September 14, at 10.30 a.m. This will be held at "Morven," and Miss Shaylor will be the guest speaker. The members are very busy working for the bazaar to be held on November 24 at the Frankston Kiosk.

PRESTON. The members are as busy as ever, keeping their Opportunity Shop open every day of the week. Their annual meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, in the Preston Town Hall, and Miss Pater-son will be the guest speaker.

MALVERN SHOP. The next quarterly meeting of this Auxiliary will be on Monday, October 17, at 1 p.m., at the Malvern Shop. This group has undertaken to run the produce stall for the Brotherhood's Annual Fair, and is collecting jams and groceries for this stall. The annual luncheon will be held at the president's home (Mrs. Parr), 38 Moore Street, South Caulfield, at 12 noon, Monday, November 7.

KOONUNG. On Thursday, September 1, this Auxiliary has arranged a dinner and wine tasting evening at the home of Mrs. Blanchard, to start at 6.30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Blanchard, 850 2007, for details.

GEELONG. At the annual meeting in July, the secretary, Mrs. List, was able to state that a sixth Opportunity Shop had been opened in this very eventful year for the Geelong Auxiliary. The members of this Auxiliary work very hard to staff these six shops, but feel very proud when they survey the results of their labours as utilised at St. Laurence Park, Lara.

FORTUNAS have held many and varied activities already this year. Two important dates to remember are October 21, the night of their popular annual dinner-dance at the Dauphine, and Sunday, October 30, when there is to be a family picnic and barbecue at the Toorourong Dam Reserve.

SUNSHINE: This group has arranged another of their popular luncheons to be held at Mrs. Larsen's Reception Rooms on Thursday, October 20. Mrs. L. Gillan-Hunt, M.B.E., J.P., S.M., will be the guest speaker. On Thursday, September 15, a party of members and friends are going to the Kon Tiki Rooms to see some very interesting films. Further details may be obtained from Mrs. Jensen, 311 2407.

CAMBERWELL. The committee of this Auxiliary has held some outstandingly successful luncheons this year, with most interesting speakers. Their final luncheon for the year will be held on Thursday, October 6, at the home of Mrs. I. M. Tulloch at 12.30 p.m. Mrs. George Hall will be the guest speaker.

OAKLEIGH. It is very pleasing to know that a new Auxiliary has been formed to help with the new Oakleigh Opportunity Shop, and at the inaugural meeting in June Mrs. Dowse (56 2204) was elected president, and Mrs. Hay (56 5533) secretary/treasurer. New members would be very welcome, and further details could be obtained from the president or secretary. Plans are in hand for some social activities, and the next meeting will be at Mrs. Dowse's home, 26A Rosella Street, Murrumbidgee, at 2 p.m., September 20.

RINGWOOD. On Thursday, September 15, this group is holding a street stall. On Wednesday, October 12, there will be a Rosella demonstration in St. Paul's Hall at 1.30 p.m. Their annual luncheon, which is such an enjoyable occasion, is to be held at Mrs. McFarland's home on Wednesday, October 19, with a cosmetic demonstration to follow.

CITY SHOP. Auxiliary will be holding its twenty-sixth annual meeting on Friday, September 23, at the home of the secretary, Mrs. E. C. Kimpton, 31 Clyde Street, Kew. This is the Brotherhood's second oldest auxiliary, and it is hoped that this meeting will be well attended.

CITY OF HEIDELBERG. This Auxiliary has arranged another jumble sale to be held on August 18 and 19, and the Tudor Choristers are giving a concert on September 24 at St. Stephen's Hall, Darebin.

GLEN IRIS. This group do the catering for the Ashburton Horticultural Society, whose next show is on Saturday, October 15. Their annual Australian tea will be held at Mrs. Smart's home, December 5.

ANNUAL COMBINED AUXILIARIES' DAY

As it is many years since the Auxiliaries have met at Brotherhood headquarters, it has been decided that the meeting this year will be held at the B.S.L., 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, on November 28, at 1 p.m. Further details will be available from Miss Rutledge or Auxiliary Secretaries.