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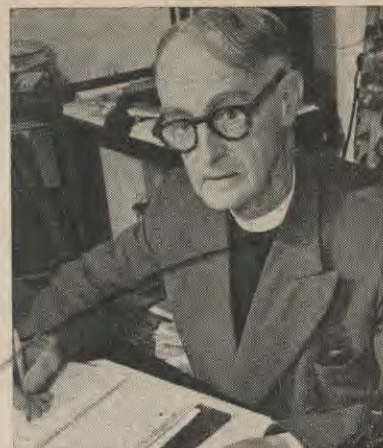
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FATHER TUCKER WRITES ON —

THE PLIGHT OF THE POORLY HOUSED



Dear B.S.L. Friends,

We of the Brotherhood have been very much concerned about housing since coming to Melbourne more than 30 years ago and finding ourselves living in one of the worst slums of Australia. After many years of heartbreaking frustration on our part and on the part of others, many of the worst dwellings in Fitzroy and other inner suburbs have been demolished and some quite pleasing flats erected in their place. There is, however, still very much overcrowding and there are still very many substandard houses. I cannot think that the huge block of flats erected in North Melbourne and other inner suburbs are the best answer to the problem of housing. The chief objection to my mind, of flats for family living, is the lack of privacy and the lack of playing space for children.

We have never been content with a mere general opinion of the evils we have attacked. We have always tried to ascertain facts. With this end in view, we commissioned Mrs. Elaine Martin, a social worker of very high attainments, to ascertain the facts concerning the housing conditions of people of the low income group. Her book "High Rents and Low Incomes" is very illuminating and makes sad reading. We hear much nowadays about anti-social children and are shocked to read of the behaviour of groups of teenagers of both sexes, of fights amongst themselves, of the bashing of innocent victims and of other such disgraceful happenings. What is the cause of it all? Mrs. Martin's book gives, at any rate, one answer and to my mind the chief answer.

A child grows up in accordance with the environment in which he is raised. In this great city of ours there are countless thousands of children being reared in almost the worst possible environment. Here is a case in point: a family of 5 are living in 2 rooms for which they are paying £6 a week. The husband is out of work. With "dole" money £9-7-6 and child endowment £1-5-0 the income is £10-12-6, this means they have to exist on £4-12-6 a week. Should they get behind with their rent they will be evicted. The parents will get some kind of shelter somewhere and the children will be put "on the State", which incidentally will cost the taxpayer some £15 per week for each child — another broken home!

Here is another case. A family with 5 children paying £10-10-0 rent out of the husband's wages of £17 (less £3 fares) — and so it goes on. One woman speaking of the difficulty of clothing the children and the expense of shoes says "it's either tea or shoes" — it sounds ridiculous in this day and age, but it's true. It is not only that countless children are inadequately clothed and fed, but they are also cooped up in one or two rooms. Often the mother's hourly concern is to keep them quiet or there will be trouble with the landlady and other tenants. If the weather is suitable the children can go outside, even if only on the street or in the tiny backyard amongst the washing of all the households. Melbourne has wet days. What will be the state of the nerves of all concerned if 5 small children are cooped up in one room? One small child is reported as stamping round in the room and saying "I will go mad if I have to stay in this place any longer".

What is to be done about all this? With your co-operation a team of social workers will continue to help where they can, in providing a counselling service. Some financial aid will also be provided. The Salvage Division will continue to supply clothes and furniture. As valuable as such help is, and at all costs it must be continued and even enlarged — it is a mere palliative. People will be hungry again, quarrels among tenants will continue, parents will be tempted to give up in despair (and some of them do and who can blame them?) and children will continue to join up with the gang, become nuisances to themselves and others and ultimately losing all chance of becoming useful members of society.

PRIORITIES — I say we must continue to do what we can for these people, but we must do more. We must take the matter to heart and see that leaders of Church and State take it to heart. I know that it is good to have our Capital City worthy of the great nation we hope to become. Lakes and bridges no doubt are desirable

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B.S.L. NOTES

CARRUM DOWNS

Entrance Way: Recently the Shire of Frankston, under whose control the Frankston-Dandenong road comes, commenced Stage 2 of improving this highway, on which of course the Settlement fronts. As part of the road improvement involved raising the level of the road, we now find that the Settlement entrance, including the Enquiry Bureau is well below this level. Consequently, from an appearance point of view, this has affected the approach to the Settlement. Quite apart from this, the previous entrance had also run to the end of its life, and has now been removed. In due course a new entranceway, embracing a low brick fence, will be built through the generosity of a Brotherhood friend. This entrance, which is being designed by an architect, will in turn connect with a low post and rail fence, which will run to the left and to the right of the entrance across the Brotherhood's land which faces on to the highway.

Chaplaincy Arrangements: Rev. David Green, who has been with the Brotherhood for almost five years, left in April to take up a new appointment as Vicar of Mount Duneed, which includes the parish of Torquay and Anglesea. In addition he will do Chaplaincy work at the Grace McKellar Home in Geelong. For the past 3½ years Mr. Green has been part-time Chaplain to the Settlement, and his work included conducting services in the Chapel and the Hall. The new Chaplain is Rev. Raymond Nicholls, Vicar of St. Luke's, East Frankston, and he will continue to arrange for services on the Settlement, as well as clinical communions, and will spend one day per week visiting residents. As part of the over-all set-up, Mr. Nicholl's assistant, Rev. John Currie will live on the Settlement.

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but it is "righteousness that exalteth a nation". Children and their parents cannot add to that righteousness where rents are high and incomes low and life one long frustration.

It is no doubt of some value in sending athletes abroad, but when I hear of thousands of pounds being spent on sending young men overseas to take part in games, I think of those countless thousands of young Australians whose only space for games is an overcrowded room or a miserable backyard. After all it is again a question of "These ought ye to have done and leave the other undone". As long as we continue to neglect the class of people of whom I have written, we leave undone that which is absolutely essential for a nation that professes to be Christian and hopes to be great.

Thankful for the many mercies that have been ours over the years and conscious of the fact that we are backed up by an ever-growing band of sympathetic and understanding Friends, in the words of St. Luke, "We thank God and take courage".

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
G. Kennedy Tucker.

G. Kennedy Tucker
Sub Editor B.S.L.

NEW "NEWS"

This new format and name have replaced the former "B.S.L. Notes". It was felt more space was needed which would enable the Brotherhood to write about some of the more pressing social issues of our time.

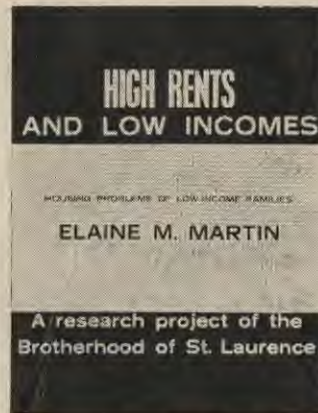
The "Brotherhood News" will now be published quarterly.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

At the end of this year the Brotherhood will be holding an extension appeal authorised by the Hospital and Charities Commission to enable us to provide more accommodation for elderly people at our various centres and to extend other aspects of the Brotherhood's work.

Four volunteers are needed who would be willing to spend at least two or three hours a week in helping to compile a mailing list from other records.

Anyone willing to help is asked to please phone the Appeal Office, 41-7055 at 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.



The report of the Brotherhood's survey into the housing problems of low-income families is now available, price 7/6.

COLLECTION BAGS

To simplify the saving and sending of clothing and household goods, the Salvage Division has had made a quantity of calico bags. These bags, which are slightly larger than a pillow case, are fitted with brass eyelets so that they can be hung up in the laundry or elsewhere.

Bags for use in the metropolitan area are stencilled with the Salvage Division phone number. After receiving a call that the bag is ready for collection, one of the trucks will call on the regular weekly collection day for that suburb.

Bags for use in country areas are stencilled with our rail address and, when they are filled, they will be sent free by rail.

Following are answers to some questions frequently asked by our B.S.L. friends.

- We urgently need used clothing for all age groups (including hats, wearable shoes, handbags), rags and old knitted woollens, ornaments, costume jewellery, toys, kitchenware, pictures; in fact practically any goods in useable condition used in a home or by a person of any age. (In the case of country supporters, provided the goods can be packed into a bag or carton.)
- It is not essential that clothing such as suits or coats be dry-cleaned before sending them to us; we have this done in bulk quantity at reduced rates.
- Rags and clothing can be sent in the same bag or carton, as all goods are carefully sorted.
- It would be greatly appreciated if shoes are tied together in pairs.
- Milk-bottle tops are still gladly accepted. Please place these in a paper or plastic bag when including with other goods.
- Gummed labels, printed with our address, are available on request for cartons to be sent by rail.

If you would like a bag, or some labels, please phone 41-3183 or post the coupon below.

We depend on used goods to finance one-third of our welfare services. Increased support will help extend our work; please tell your friends.

WINTER APPEAL

Winter is always a hard time for pensioners, for young children in inner suburbs, deserted wives and underprivileged families. A little extra help goes a long way.

The Brotherhood steps up its activities on all fronts to help Melbourne's needy during the next few months.

They can provide warm clothes, blankets and assist with family and accommodation problems.

But they need your help to carry out this all-important work. This month sees the start of the 1964 Winter Appeal and you are asked to contribute generously.

Metropolitan friends and donors can have their gifts collected from their doors — all you need do is ring 41 3183. Country donors can send gifts free by rail if their parcels are addressed to the Brotherhood, c/- Flinders Street Station.

SOCIAL WELFARE

YOUTH CENTRE

This article was written by Father Peter Hollingworth. As Chaplain to the Brotherhood, he supervises all the Fitzroy services including the Youth Club. Here he shares some of his ideas about the youth work and tells us about his work with the Club.

Teenage work is one of the most difficult projects to tackle in any situation. Yet at Fitzroy all those difficulties are gravely magnified. By policy, we care for those teenagers who are "essentially unclubable", who, through their disruptive behaviour are unacceptable to the usual suburban youth club. Our youths work in gangs and are often in trouble with the law. They are in their middle to late teens and are in 60-40% ratio, boys to girls. When a youth "sorts himself out", he usually desires, and is encouraged to join a more normal sort of club which possesses more satisfactory, better adjusted group relationships. Due to their ambivalent natures and fluctuating needs, our youth activities are intentionally flexible in order to enable us to work with them.

WEEK'S PROGRAMME

A typical week's programme would go something like this — Monday night is devoted to competitive basketball. Tuesday night sees "The Brotherhood's Inn" in action. This is a coffee lounge, where in a relaxed neutral atmosphere friendships are made, problems discussed and relations with leaders are developed.

Thursday night consists of games and activities. (These would be more effective if we had some leaders who were skilled in arts and handcrafts.) Friday night sees the lounge open again, in conjunction with the "Rock Dance". This has been running for two years now and is the only one to have lasted that long in Fitzroy.

Every six weeks small groups of boys go away on weekend camps with the leaders. These are the most important means we have of moulding group cohesion and developing a sense of co-operation.

Our leadership team seeks to present an image of the B.S.L. as being a safe, secure place where they will find acceptance, recognition and a hearing.

DIFFICULTIES

On paper, this all looks very fine! In fact, the situation is fraught with all those difficulties which stem from any group of teenagers whose behaviour is always extreme and sometimes pathological. Dealing with such explosive situations requires a high degree of patience, acceptance, tact and understanding. This means that the work is both physically and emotionally fatiguing for the leaders.

The Chaplain has the oversight of the work and gives it some of his time, but the real burden sits heavily on the shoulders of the leader in charge, Mr. Graeme Bull. Thus there is an urgent need both of full time and voluntary leadership of the right sort. When we come to examine our "planning", perhaps the word is misleading because it assumes definite aims and objectives for our youth activities. It would be more accurate to see this aspect of the work in terms of our seeking to understand and to work with them in a helpful capacity. First consider the matter of "understanding". We are seeking to become ever more conversant with the psycho-social situations from whence our teenagers come. Through fieldwork, study and group discussion, we are slowly coming to terms with the reasons lying behind anti-social behaviour. Of no less importance, we are trying to understand ourselves, as leaders and adults and to perceive those subconscious attitudes we adopt in reaction to them. Thus we are trying to assess ourselves to the same extent we are doing with our youth.

From the level of understanding, we can now move to the levels on which we work.



The "rock-n-roll" dance is popular.

First, on a practical level, we are able to offer help by way of job placements, appointments with employers, liaison with the Social Welfare Department and the courts. On this practical level, some effective work is being done.

A second level of activities is concerned with relationships. Through our attitudes as leaders we are seeking to demonstrate to our youth that they are acceptable — to themselves, to each other, the leaders, society and to God himself. Whenever a teenager grasps this point, accordingly his behaviour becomes acceptable.

Closely allied to this thought is our attempt to restore or develop their confidence in God, the Church and the clergy. This is because their few dealings with the Church have not always been happy ones. Consequently, they are fairly suspicious.

THE FUTURE

Finally, let us take a quick look at the future and where our present ideas seem to be leading us, as leaders. We are sure that it is unrealistic to think in terms of a "youth club" because the idea of a "club for the unclubable" is something of a contradiction in terms.

At best we can create an overall atmosphere of informal group life in which the

members could grow unselfconscious as a group.

However the creation of such an atmosphere is insufficient in itself to draw the youth. The leaders have an increasing conviction that they need to be far more accessible and available over longer periods of time, of literally living residentially beside their charges. If any real or lasting change is to be accomplished within our teenagers, Christian influence ought to be at least as strong and as long and as deep as all other influences impinging upon their lives.

Allied to this is our deepening interest in the "Street Worker" movement in Adelaide. To this end, three of our leaders will attend a conference there to further develop our ideas. The phrase "Street Worker" means a trained social worker on the streets and we are convinced that social work insights are a favourable basis to our work with youth.

If we dare attempt to state some ultimate ideals for our teenagers who live in Fitzroy, Carlton and Collingwood, etc., it would be along the lines mentioned. In other words, through all these levels of activity and processes, we would hope that they might experience what a group of people can be like when they share their lives and, finally, a faint glimmer of what God is like.

THIRD LEVEL

We would have liked to have outlined a third level of activities, but a lack of skilled leadership has prevented its development. This involves the feeling we have that we should be helping them to work out their hostilities and aggressions and express their deeper feelings through activities. At the moment we cannot boast of more than the provision of games to meet that need. Such a project demands leaders skilled in arts, handcrafts and group therapy. This is our real weakness!

The expression of these three levels of involvement ought to produce some degree of integration within themselves, in their interpersonal gang relations and in their total environment.



The Youth Centre operates a small printing press.

AVALON

Eighteen months ago, Mr. Richard Austin handed over his family home "Avalon" at Lara, to the Brotherhood. It was to be used as a place where people could meet others from different backgrounds and countries, learn something of the very real unsolved problems of human life and society, and be inspired and trained to contribute effectively to a solution.

Since then the Brotherhood has completed repairs and furnishing to provide a conference centre capable of accommodating up to two dozen resident participants.

What is Avalon today? An idea, some people, or a place with buildings? All three.

The first use of the name is in the semi-legendary area of Somerset near Glastonbury, where to King Arthur the island of Avalon was a mysterious place of good—almost unattainable.

To the Avalon committee it is a meeting place—neutral ground—where people with knowledge of, or an interest in an issue can come together to listen to one another, and impart background information.

In this situation the Church can enter, either as one more participant, contributing its understanding of the nature of man and relationships; or, where the issue is a "controversial" one it can remain outside the argument to act only as a mediator. Or again it apparently remains outside, providing only the "neutral ground" and friendly atmosphere, and its intercessions for God's understanding and peace.

THE PEOPLE

But Avalon is also people. At present it is only the warden, Brian Johnson—a former chemical engineer—and the gardener/maintenance man—Bill Carling. Beside the running of the "Avalon" property as a conference centre and the adjacent fifty acre farm property it is necessary to learn of the drastic changes and pressures in human society resulting from the technical revolution, and to consider forms of community life and prayer relevant to the current world.

Avalon as mentioned in the beginning is most obviously a building. And this building, possibly of the original mid-Victorian ranch style in this state, has been furnished very comfortably to allow the relaxed atmosphere so necessary to free discussion.

In addition to the conferences organised by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, it is available for use by other organisations, at rates which are however above most church conference centres, and on condition that the warden is able to observe at the conference if desired.



Carinya during renovations.



One of the comfortable bed-sitting rooms.



Sitting in the garden is always pleasant.

"CARINYA"

This is the most recent of the Brotherhood's projects providing accommodation and care for elderly people.

Until September last year, many of Victoria's invalid aged pensioners had no alternative but to spend their days—often unhappily and neglected by their families—in large institutions or costly nursing homes. This was one of the disturbing facts highlighted by a research programme carried out by the Brotherhood into the

housing position of elderly people in Victoria. They found the accommodation for elderly people who were unable to look after themselves was totally insufficient.

A gift of £15,000 and a legacy of £9,000 enabled the Brotherhood to purchase a home in Box Hill, which, after extensions and renovations, was opened as "Carinya"—a home for the frail aged.

"Carinya"—an aboriginal word meaning "resting place"—is set in restful surroundings among lawns, flower beds and trees. 20 elderly people are accommodated there at present, and are being looked after by the matron, Sister D. Brewin and a trained staff.

Each occupant has a modern well-furnished bed sitting room opening on to a private terrace. Meals are usually served in the dining room, but if a person is ill, they can be served in bed.

Nursing care is available all the time, but without the formality and routine of an ordinary hospital.

The Brotherhood hopes that "Carinya" will be the pattern for many more similar type homes, where frail elderly people will be able to get the care and attention they need.

HOUSING FOR ELDERLY

A report recently brought out by the Old People's Welfare Council of Victoria investigates the situation in this State of accommodation provided for elderly people.

While showing that there has been a growth of geriatric services and institutions, it also revealed there were considerable unmet needs, especially for women in the metropolitan area. Among elderly people generally there was a lack of knowledge of the facilities that were currently available.

The co-operation of 110 institutions and organizations was sought in completing a questionnaire. It was discovered that accommodation for 4,873 residents was provided in the metropolitan area, and for 3,455 residents in country areas. The majority were in community living institutions or hospital-type infirmary beds.

A tally was made of names on waiting lists for entrance to these institutions, and it was found there was a total of 4,263 applications for admittance. The disturbing factor was that the chance of a vacancy was remote, and the report suggested it would be fairer and kinder to the elderly people to close the lists for a time, rather than give them a false sense of security by receiving their application. These long waiting lists constitute a grave problem, indicating that frequently help cannot be given when it was most needed. Analysis of the figures revealed that the primary need is in the metropolitan area, and, secondly, that although there were four times as many women on the waiting lists. In the metropolitan area there are 3,502 on the waiting list, in the country 761.

The greatest need for all types of accommodation was in the southern and eastern suburbs—Caulfield, Kew, Hawthorn,

Malvern and Brighton, St. Kilda and Camberwell.

The organizations were asked from their own experience what were the conditions affecting accommodation for the elderly which imposed the greatest limitation on meeting the need for this accommodation. Lack of finance was a principal reason, and also the lack of trained staff for institutions, with understanding for the needs of the elderly. Lack of accommodation for the indigent, the frail or the mildly confused, lack of community facilities such as home help, laundry, meals-on-wheels, were also mentioned.

The report recommended several measures to improve the situation and called for increased co-operation between the Commonwealth and State Governments in these matters as well as specific amendments in the Aged Persons Act and the Commonwealth Health Act, to provide additional infirm care.

It also suggested that the Housing Commission should erect more buildings suited to the needs of couples and single aged people. More geriatric rehabilitation centres, day hospitals and temporary accommodation should be established throughout Victoria. A bureau with trained personnel should be established to advise on facilities available in the individual situation.

The report advocated more liaison between institutions providing different stages of care—especially between hostels and hospitals—and that activities which provide essential care and security, while helping elderly people to remain happy in the community and yet retain their independence, should be encouraged.

The Brotherhood's settlement at Carrum Downs and residential flats at Keble Court were two of the institutions contributing to this survey.



Keble Court, a block of flats runs by the Brotherhood in North Fitzroy.

COOLIBAH CLUB . . . portrait of a member.

"Younger people have no time for us old ones . . . that's one of the reasons we like coming here—we can talk about our problems with our mates who've got the same sort of troubles. Young people can't be expected to understand them."

He had been coming to the Coolibah Club for seven years now. He used to be a taxi driver . . . *"Of course I remember when the first cars came in; I used to be in the bicycle business and then I went over to cars and became a cabby. Those used to be the days for cabbies—you'd drive a gentleman home of an evening and then he'd ask you in for a drink. None of that nowadays"*.

Yes, he agreed, everything was going much faster these days. The whole tempo of life had increased. Many years ago, he used to know every street in Melbourne, but now he seldom ventured out for fear he would get lost.

"I remember when I was very young, we went on a Sunday School picnic out to the country . . . yes, out to Northcote. Bit hard on us old folk now, not many places where we can go and sit outside. The parks are getting smaller and smaller. A great thing to be able to get outside—even to go out and sit on a bench in the sun. But there are very few seats provided for elderly people like us."

The only alternative to spending a cold winter day in his single room was to come to the Coolibah Club. Whenever he was ill with the bronchial asthma which plagued him incessantly in the cold weather, a meal would be brought to him in his own room. At the club rooms in Fitzroy, he can enjoy the companionship of his contemporaries and a hot meal at midday. Afterwards . . .

"Now, I don't like the television so much unless there is a good film on, I prefer much more just to sit and talk, perhaps have a game of cards with some of the mates. The girls though (meaning the

women members of the club) like to sit and watch it and natter away."

What would he do without the Coolibah Club?

"I really don't know: it means such a lot to us. There are a lot of us, old men you know, with not much to do. That's half the trouble . . . most of us could still be very useful, if we were given some work to do. Carpentering for instance. I reckon I could still build a house, but once we reach the retiring age, we are written off pretty well."

Did he ever manage to get away from Fitzroy at all?

"Well, I was born here, down in Collingwood actually, and lived here all my life. Got several brothers over in New Zealand and just after I retired went over for a holiday to see them. Since then, the only opportunity I get to go away is with the Brotherhood down to Mornington for a ten day holiday."

"Mostly spend my time down there fishing; yes, I'm pretty keen on it, it's good relaxation."

Remarking on the membership of the Coolibah Club, he said there seemed to be more women than men. He suggested they live longer—most of them could look after themselves better than the men.

"Most of us have been deserted by our families . . . they don't want the trouble and expense of looking after old people who can't look after themselves."

"Our pensions aren't high enough for good accommodation. Most of us men live in single rooms. Actually, I'm pretty lucky, I've got one measuring about 10 by 12 feet. No gas or heating, but I've got an electric light."

He left and walked through to the sitting room . . . one among many hundreds of elderly men and women, lonely, tired and deserted by their families, who have looked to the Coolibah Club for companionship and comfort.

WANTED

Sewing—would anyone who is willing to sew or mend at either our newly-established sewing centre at the Salvage Division, 75 Westgarth St., Fitzroy, or our Opportunity Shop in Glenferrie Rd., Malvern, please contact Miss Ruttledge, Auxiliary Organiser, (41 7055).

Wool—Odds and ends to be used for knitting up into rugs and shawls for our elderly pensioners. These could be left at the City Shop in the Royal Arcade or at B.S.L. Headquarters, 65 Brunswick St., Fitzroy.

MARKET FAIR

Please remember the B.S.L. Annual Market Fair, to be held in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall, on Friday, 30th October. Anything you could make for this, or any contributions such as odd jewellery, scrap material, ornaments, etc. would be most welcome, and could be left at 67 Brunswick St., Fitzroy, or the Royal Arcade Shop, City.

STAMPS

The Brotherhood has a flourishing stamp collecting service operating at the Salvage Division. B.S.L. friends and donors are asked to send in any used stamps they have, either from home or the office. You can be sure they will be put to good use!

AUXILIARIES

KOONUNG AUXILIARY

A group of young married women in Bulleen has decided to form a new Brotherhood Auxiliary, to be known as the Koonung Auxiliary. They have already arranged two social gatherings, and the next will be a Morning Coffee Party, to be followed by a demonstration on Mouth-to-mouth Resuscitation, on Tuesday, 9th June, at 10.30 a.m. The group holds monthly meetings in different homes at 8 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday in each month, and new members would be welcome. For further details, please contact the President, Mrs C. J. Beel (850 1451), the Secretary, Mrs. D. J. Weymouth (850 2412), the Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Blanchard (850 2007), or the Vice-President, Mrs. A. Spaggiari (850 1436). A Theatre Night for "Camelot" has been arranged for 16th September.

SUNSHINE AUXILIARY

This Auxiliary is holding a luncheon with the theme of "Food, Fashions and Flowers" at Mrs. Larsen's Reception Rooms, Ballarat Road, Sunshine, on Wednesday, 3rd June. This is expected to be a very gay occasion, so please telephone the President, Mrs. Doak (311 3377), or the Secretary, Mrs. Jensen (311 2407), for any enquiries.

MALVERN AUXILIARY

The next quarterly meeting of the Malvern Shop Auxiliary will be on Monday, 20th July. This Auxiliary has undertaken to run the Produce Stall for the Annual Market Fair in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on the 30th October, and would be glad of any donations of jams, chutneys, groceries, etc.

BRIGHT AUXILIARY

We are very happy to welcome this newly-formed country group to our band of Auxiliaries. At the inaugural meeting in March Mrs. C. G. Burgess was elected as President and Mrs. Shepherd as Secretary-Treasurer. The film on the work of the Brotherhood was shown and created much interest.

RINGWOOD AUXILIARY

The next meeting of this Auxiliary will be on the 10th June at the home of the President, Mrs. Giles, when nominations will be taken for office-bearers for the forthcoming year. The date of the Annual Meeting is Wednesday, 8th July, at the home of Mrs. F. Penny, when the guest-speaker will be Mr. David Scott of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence. The first luncheon ever given by this Auxiliary was a great success, and the results were most gratifying. Thanks are due to all who helped to make it so successful.

BOX HILL AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting will be on the 27th July.

GLEN IRIS AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of this keen group was held in May, and Mrs. D. D. Laurie was re-elected as President, Mrs. A. H. Smart, Vice-President, Mrs. W. S. Davies as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. A. H. Smart has again kindly consented to act as Honorary Auditor. We are most grateful to these people for taking on the responsibility of office once again. The members of this Auxiliary are already working hard for their fete to be held later in the year.

CHELT.-MORDIALLOC

This Auxiliary has a number of plans in hand, including a one-day Jumble Sale to be held in an empty shop, and a Card Evening on the 27th June at Mrs. Inwood's home, 12 Ivy Street, Parkdale.

BRIGHTON AUXILIARY

This Auxiliary will hold a Street Stall on Election Day near the polling booth in Brighton. On Wednesday, 23rd September at 10 a.m. in St. Andrews Hall, this group is having a Morning Coffee Party followed by a Hat Parade at which spring models will be shown.

FORTUNAS AUXILIARY

A cake stall has been arranged for the 3rd July, and a dinner and wine-tasting is to be held on Tuesday, 21st July at Margaret Chadwick's home, at 7 p.m.

CITY SHOP AUXILIARY

This Auxiliary would like to congratulate Miss Dick on her 86th birthday. The occasion was marked by a party given in her honour by Miss Showers, and we would like to express great appreciation for all that Miss Dick has done for over 20 years for the Brotherhood, and to thank her for the help she is still giving at the City Shop.

CAMBERWELL AUXILIARY

This group is holding a luncheon at the home of Mrs. L. C. Bridgeland, 3 Darracombe Avenue, Kew, on Thursday, 18th June at 12.30 p.m. after which a Yoga Demonstration will be given. Their next luncheon is on 16th July when the guest-speaker, Mrs. Saxton, will be talking about Malaya.

ORMOND AUXILIARY

At the Annual Meeting of this group in April, Mrs. Utber was elected as President, Mrs. Brown as Secretary and Mrs. Ryde as Treasurer. The shop continues to do very well, but new members would be welcomed.

WARRANTYTE AUXILIARY

The next activity of this group is a two-day stall on Friday, 10th July and Saturday, 11th July. On Saturday night, 19th September, the auxiliary is arranging an Eastern Dinner to be held in the Recreation Hall. The group very much appreciated the most interesting talk on Pakistan which Mrs. L. E. Beavis gave at their last meeting.

MELBOURNE YOUNGER SET

This Auxiliary of young folk has agreed to conduct the Brotherhood stall at the Southern Cross Charity Bazaar on Saturday, 5th September. The Brotherhood will be conducting a stall at the Southern Cross from the 3rd to 12th September, and a different Auxiliary will be in charge on each of the nine days.

WANGARATTA AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of this Auxiliary will be held on Monday night, 13th July, after which a Social Service worker from the Brotherhood will speak. The Auxiliary has sent down many cartons of goods to Salvage since Christmas.

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*The Superior,
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