

## ***The Brotherhood of St Laurence on the Radio - 1949 to 1963***

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### **1949**

Radio broadcasts on behalf of the Brotherhood were made by a Mr. Barratt on 3UL (Warragul) and 3XY (Melbourne) (BSL Notes August 1949 (No.77) p.2: The broadcasts were on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm from 3UL, Tuesdays at 3 pm from 3XY and Thursdays at 12.45 pm from 3XY)

### **1950**

The August 1950 edition of "BSL Notes" advertises that the BSL is on the air –

- From 3UL (Warragul) on Tuesdays at 2.30
- From 3XY on Tuesdays at 3 pm
- From 3XY on Thursdays at 12.45

### **1951**

The February 1951 edition of "BSL Notes" has 3 pieces of info:

- Father Tucker wrote "for some time I have been asking my 3XY and 3UL listeners to concentrate on this need" (i.e. for a permanent camp for children's holidays)
- That the "3XY Bungalow ... is to be opened by Mr F.R.Mogg, General Manager of 3XY on Saturday, February 10th at 3 pm"
- The program times are as for August 1950

### **1952**

Holiday Scheme for Aged Pensioners began following a radio appeal in April. From May, each week groups of pensioners went to guest houses in the country or by the sea for week-long holidays. Semi-invalid Coolibah members were taken to a rented country house and cared for by BSL staff. (BSL Annual Report 1952 pp.19-20)

The June 1952 edition of "BSL Notes" has a photo of "John Ford of 3KZ chatting with three of the old age pensioners as they left on a holiday sponsored by the BSL 'Postscript' programme". Another item in that issue says "an appeal for funds for this purpose was made over station 3KZ, and the need for funds was also mentioned by the A.B.C. and the Herald".

The December 1952 issue announced that "'Brotherhood Story', a new BSL session will be broadcast over 3GL Geelong every Thursday at 2.30 pm".

In June 1953, Father Tucker wrote: "Those of you who listen to me from 3XY ..." and "Thanks to the response of the 3KZ listeners ...". An advertisement then mentions the BSL Broadcasts

- 3KZ, Sundays at 10 pm, Rev G. Sambell conducts "Postscript"
- 3UL, 3YB, Tuesdays at 3 pm, Father Tucker
- 3XY, Wednesdays at 4.30 pm, Mrs Rogers (the BSL Friends session)
- 3XY, Thursdays at 12.45, Father Tucker

### **1955**

June 1955:

"In the two years it has been broadcast "Postscript", the Brotherhood's Sunday night radio programme, has built up a big listening audience. The half-hour programme, broadcast from 3KZ each Sunday at 10 pm, is conducted by the Rev. Geoffrey Sambell. The musical programme has something to suit all musical tastes, and Mr. Sambell tells of Brotherhood activities and needs, and comments on questions of the day."

August 1955:

“The Brotherhood radio talk broadcast over 3UL Warragul, on Tuesday, now goes on the air at 2.45 pm instead of 3 o’clock. Other BSL broadcasts are 3KZ, Sundays at 10 pm, and 3XY, Wednesdays at 4.30 pm.

September 1955:

A short article by (Mrs) Winifred Rogers & (Miss) Marie Perry, “3XY Brotherhood Broadcasters”, mentions the formation of a “Wireless Listeners’ Group”. These ladies appear to be also workers at the City Opportunity Shop (February 1956).

### **1956**

Postscript, “the Brotherhood’s weekly radio program of news, views and music, is broadcast over 3KZ every Sunday at 10.10 p.m.” (BSL Annual Report 1957-1958 p.10. The program probably began in 1953, since it was discontinued in 1959 “after six years” (BSL Annual Report 1958-1959 p.11)

### **1959**

The Brotherhood’s radio program Postscript discontinued after six years, owing to the difficulty of presenting the program on Sunday nights. Miss Nell Rawlins, the Brotherhood’s Auxiliary Organiser conducts a program from 3XY every Monday at 12.45 pm. (BSL Annual Report 1958-1959 p.11)

### **1960**

Miss Nell Rawlins, the Brotherhood’s Auxiliary Organiser conducts a program of BSL news and comments from 3XY every Friday at 1.45 pm (BSL Annual Report 1959-1960 p.11 (no numbering))

### **1963**

Miss Rawlins, the Auxiliary Organiser for seven years (and broadcaster), retired (BSL Annual Report 1962-1963 p.26)

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