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The Murat Bay District Hospital.

PENONG, S.A.

The Penong Memorial Hospital.

COOK, S.A.

The Bishop Kirkby Memorial Hospital.

TARCOOLA, S.A.

The Tarcoola Hospital.

RAWLINNA, W.A.

The Nursing Hostel.

WUDINNA, S.A.

The Central Eyre Peninsula District Hospital.

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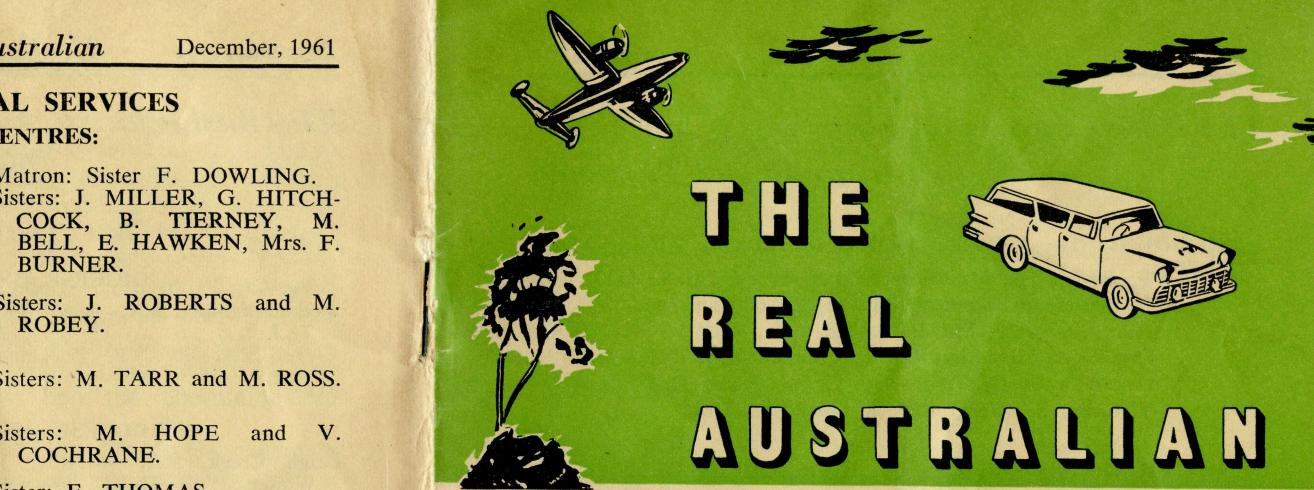
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St. James Church, Wilcannia.
Rev. Ray Neve and Mrs. Neve (right) with Sunday School Children.

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THE BUSH CHURCH AID SOCIETY

EXTENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"Unto you is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

The Organising Missioner's Letter

Dear B.C.A. Supporters,

There lie ahead many opportunities for B.C.A. staff and supporters which can best be accomplished as we heed the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Be of good courage".

HELP FOR NULARBOR

A woman with Christian courage and faith has an opportunity to exercise an effective ministry along the Transcontinental Railway Line, based at Rawlinna. It will not be an easy task, but it will prove fruitful for a woman with spiritual power and training. She will have opportunities for religious instruction, Sunday School work and counselling as well as giving help in cases of marital troubles. I shall be pleased to hear from trained women workers.

DOCTOR FOR WUDINNA

At Wudinna, in South Australia, the need exists for a doctor. Here is a splendid opening for Christian medical staff to exercise specialised ability in the service of One Who calls men and women "to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick". Experience both in Christian witness as well as medical service awaits some doctor. Despite the widely advertised

need, the response has not been made as the local Council had hoped. The call has now been given to B.C.A. for help. "Who will come over and help us?"

NURSES NEEDED

Nursing staff is sorely required to relieve the situation in our hospitals. Too many country hospitals must close their doors because trained nurses are unwilling to leave the cities. The only solution is to provide something more than monetary reward. To this end B.C.A. maintains nursing services as a means of Christian missionary enterprise. However, if Christian nurses will not leave the cities, then we can make no claim to being people who will go where needs are greatest. In many cases some people will only hear the Gospel when they are in a hospital directed by such an agency as B.C.A.

If you are a trained nurse you are urgently needed.

**CLERGYMEN
CHALLENGED**

Clergymen are not in as large numbers in scattered areas as around the cities. In some parts of Australia the Church's ministry urgently requires men who will go where needs are indeed

urgent. Too many of our fellow Australians are being given the impression that they have been forgotten.

Readers are asked to note an article in this issue written by a layman who, amidst his busy life, is helping to give a ministry in North West Australia.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The figures for our activities during 1961 give every indication of showing an increase over 1960. During 1960 payments from Head Office were a total of £60,806 while receipts were £60,901. Aircraft in the Flying Medical Service in 1960 flew 37,642 miles and for 1961 this total was passed in the first nine months.

Increased activity within the Flying Medical Service has shown the need for a second aircraft. At the end of November £3,280 had been received for this objective with £7,220 needed.

"IN JOURNEYINGS OFT"

A recent visit to Wilcannia Mission gave an opportunity to visit White Cliffs, Tilpa and Tibooburra. Despite the drought then prevailing, the Reverend Ray and Mrs. Neve were giving a devoted service

under most trying conditions. Such a vast area with only one ordained man to maintain the ministry is extremely taxing on both man and vehicle. Mrs. Neve, like other B.C.A. Rectory wives, is making her contribution to this important work of the Church. The clergy wives are commended to the prayerful support of B.C.A. friends.

TRIBUTE

The Melbourne, Sydney and Wollongong Rallies have been most encouraging this year. Apart from the financial result, the inspirational and encouraging fellowship gives promise of increasing support for our work of winning "Australia for Christ".

THANK YOU

Maintenance and expansion call for the continued help of supporters and means gaining the interest of our friends.

I commend to you the work of the Society and trust you will remember with your Christmas Thank Offering the missionary services maintained by B.C.A.

May you all know the joy of Christmas which is Christ centred.

Yours in His Service,
JOHN GREENWOOD.

PRAY FOR B.C.A.

SERVE IN B.C.A.

GIVE TO B.C.A.



Thomas Samuel Holt, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer

1920 — 1961

The late Mr. Holt, together with his wife in her lifetime, had a deep conviction of the virtues of Christian life. The Society will thank God for the memories of sacred friendship.

Mr. T. S. Holt was a foundation member of the Bush Church Aid Society. His passing removed from our midst the last Council member present at the memorable meeting on the 26th May, 1919.

He will be remembered by many B.C.A. friends as a man of God who persevered in Christian service and activity.

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St. Mary's Church,
White Cliffs. Rev.
Ray Neve and con-
gregation.



Beyond Ceduna

(Rev. Brian O'Grady, Ceduna)

As the Reverend Tom Jones and I drove away from Ceduna and made our way north-west, we travelled along the back roads to Penong. I realised the vastness of our Australian outback with its many plains of blue-bush, saltbush and mallee trees, scattered throughout the land amongst the farms and finally merging into the sandy expanse of the Nullarbor Plain.

And yet it is to the people of this land, many living on sheep stations, that we bring the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was to be my first trip to the north of the Ceduna Mission, and as we sighted the Nullarbor Station, with its white disused refrigerator, now a mail and parcel box,

sitting outside the main entrance, the pangs of hunger began to take a grip upon me.

As we drove up the road to the house, standing in a huge expanse of flat country-side studded with small salt bush, dogs came yelping from the back of the building heralding our arrival to this far western sheep station. Here was a group of people separated from fellowship with other company owing to the conditions of their daily duties and our welcome was indeed warm and heartening.

We creatures of God were made to have fellowship with one another and with God and I realised how important it is for these families to meet outsiders and to hear pieces of news from other parts of the country, or just to talk

**B.C.A. Van on the Nullarbor Plain.
Mail Box at Nullarbor Sheep Station.**



about everyday topics. It is through these casual and light-hearted conversations we lose our shyness and reserve and a friendship is often begun on which a foundation is laid for far weightier and deeper things of this life.

After tea we had nearly a hundred miles to travel, three gates to open, a slight shower was falling, indeed a blessing to this part of the country, and we said farewell to our hosts, leaving the station buildings behind to be swallowed up into the darkness of the evening.

The rain was falling heavily, wombats scurried across our path, rabbits darted from the side bushes and occasionally foxes with their green eyes peered at us from the gloom. We pressed onwards towards Cook, stopping only once to check our direction on this mighty plain by sighting the stars through the banks of cloud. As we drove through the misty rain we passed a rabbit chiller which the sur-

rounding trappers use for storing their game.

It was 1.45 a.m. as we drove down the one and only street of Cook with its fifteen houses facing the railway line; all was quiet except for the noise of an engine driving the town's electricity supply.

As we stepped out of the car we felt cold and tired in the fresh winter morning. We tiptoed, only as men can, to the back of the silent hospital. The Sisters were in bed as we made our way down the spotlessly clean corridor and we were delighted to find a comforting fire and supper awaiting us in the lounge room.

Later I sank into the warm blankets and drifted silently to sleep. Those last twelve hours were just the beginning of a trip lasting twenty-one days in which I was to visit the Railway camps along the Trans-Australian Line, stopping off at these camps to hold services and to minister to the spiritual needs of these isolated communities.

BUSH PADRE BROADCASTS

2CH	Alternate Sundays	8.30 p.m.
2NX	Alternate Sundays	9.30 p.m.
2KA	1st and 3rd Fridays	4.30 p.m.
2GN	2nd and 4th Sundays	9.45 a.m.
2GB	Daily announcements.		

Darwin Hostel

The erection can now proceed with the official approval of the Loan granted by the Minister for Territories. There will be, however, a change in the plan for administration of the project.

This is a result of the Society's Council deciding to give co-operation to the Diocese of Carpentaria. A local Committee has been established to administer the Hostel and thus enable the Church of England to take a more prominent part in the development of the Northern Territory.

The Society exists to give AID where needed by the Church of England, and by persistently negotiating the Hostel project has been instrumental in securing the lease of a good building site and the loan to pay erection costs. These can now be transferred to the Diocese of Carpentaria and so allow the Bishop to proceed with the development of the Church's ministry in the Northern Territory.

It is good to know that the Society's expanding services are gaining recognition as an essential factor in the development of Christian work and

influence in many parts of Australia.

Letters from those directly concerned in the Darwin Hostel project are reproduced for supporters' encouragement as they continue to pray and give, that B.C.A. may be used to win "Australia for Christ".

From the Right Reverend S. J. Matthews, Bishop of Carpentaria:

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

The Diocese of Carpentaria deeply appreciates the interest and willingness of the Bush Church Aid Society to undertake the forward move to secure a Hostel for children in Darwin.

At the time when nothing further was being done, it was a bold venture of faith to secure the land and call tenders for the building. These preliminary arrangements have indeed enabled the Church of England to prepare for a greater contribution to Northern Territory development.

Now that the Diocese is prepared to undertake this project your co-operation is appreciated.

We are grateful for the offer to assist with the project at this stage or in its future

development and will not be unmindful of the initiative shown by you on behalf of the Church of England in the Northern Territory part of the Diocese.

I am pleased to advise that a Committee in the terms of the Diocesan Ordinance has been formed to proceed with the building of a Hostel and its management. The property, vesting in the Corporation of the Diocese, will then be under the control of this Committee.

The supporters of your Society will, I am sure, be thankful that your plan to have the Church of England provide a valuable contribution to Northern Territory development, is now moving to fulfilment.

Yours sincerely,
John Carpentaria.

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From Mr. H. C. Giese, Director of Welfare, Northern Territory Administration:

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

Thank you for your letter in which you advise me now that the Hostel Project at Darwin will be administered by the Diocese of Carpentaria and that in these circumstances the lease of land and the loan allocation should now be transferred to the Corporation of the Synod

of the Diocese of Carpentaria.

I had the opportunity for a brief discussion with Bishop Matthews before he left Darwin for overseas recently and he then informed me that this transfer would be taking place.

I feel I must place on record my appreciation of the work which you and other members of the Bush Church Aid Society have undertaken to see this Project commenced; I am sure that you will watch the growth of this Hostel with a great deal of interest and will always be prepared to assist in whatever way is possible, the development of welfare work in the Northern Territory.

Yours sincerely,
H. C. GIESE,
Director of Welfare.

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From Mr. R. Marsh, Darwin:

Dear Mr. Greenwood,

I have your letter of 4th September, 1961. We in the Territory, and especially those who are Anglican, shall always have a debt to the B.C.A. for its initiative and courage in grasping the opportunity presented by the Government's Hostel Loan Scheme. Bishop Tom Jones, and you yourself, have started what will grow into the first

Church of England School to serve the Territory.

The Bishop of Carpentaria has asked me to accept nomination as his representative on the Diocesan committee to establish and conduct the Hostel. I have informed the Bishop that I accept his invitation. I believe that you would have wished me to do so. You may be sure that I shall do my best to see the project carried through quickly as you hope, and that its genesis is remembered. As you so truly say, the goal is

to see the work of the Church of England develop in the Northern Territory. That is something that even now we do see developing, and one of the first needs when things were at the nadir was the faith of B.C.A. in taking up the challenge presented by the Hostels Scheme. I am sure B.C.A. will always have a parental interest in the project.

With all good wishes to B.C.A. and yourself.

Yours sincerely,
R. MARSH.

Far West

(Rev. Ray Neve, Wilcannia)

"What, Wilcannia! That is Australia's nearest to the American wild west." "If you walk down the street at midday the most you will see is one man and his dog. Wilcannia, hardest drinking town in Australia"; so went the comments as we told people we were going to Wilcannia.

But to us it is now home. The place where God has called us to live and witness to the reality of the power of Jesus Christ in everyday life. A mission district which stretches far west to the S.A. border, north to the Queensland border, east to the Darl-

ing River and south below Wilcannia.

Wilcannia, 125 miles northeast of Broken Hill, on the Darling River, a town once called the Queen City of the West. In its boom days it boasted a population of six to eight thousand people and fourteen hotels; today, eight to nine hundred people, three hotels and a native Mission Station just outside the town. The approach to Wilcannia is over an almost treeless plain but the town is in a pleasant situation with many trees along the streets.

Most of the aborigine and part coloured population sit around town all day and live on Social Service. There are frequent fist fights, and at times some member of the local police force has a bad time. The local gaol has up to 25 government boarders after a busy weekend. The consumption of alcohol is tremendous; after a Sunday afternoon at the golf course members drink an amazing quantity of beer..

Into this situation the B.C.A. Missioner brings the Gospel message of the reality of a personal faith in Christ which can answer the problems and needs of every man.

Over the years, the people as a whole have become indifferent to the Church and its message. It takes last place in their thinking and once they have lost the habit of regular worship, it is diffi-

cult to regain it. With a regular two services each Sunday we have seen a small increase. As I write this article we lose one of our regular members, a sister from the local hospital, who returns to England. Pray that God the Holy Spirit will stir the hearts of the people of Wilcannia from their indifference, and that those who profess and call themselves Christians, will show Christ-likeness in their daily lives.

The Church of St. James, a large sandstone building built in 1883, to accommodate a large population, is in need of extensive repairs. It will cost over a thousand pounds to plaster the walls which are badly cracked and broken in places. Perhaps there are some Christians in the building trade who would be willing to donate their time and come to Wilcannia and



Wilcannia children
ready for an outing.

help restore the Church. Is there someone who will respond to this challenge?

Over the past few months we have seen an increase in the Sunday School. A youth group has been commenced for the 10 to 14 age group and we have up to 25 youngsters meeting in the Rectory each Thursday. Meeting in a room 21ft. by 14ft. and also on the back verandah, you can imagine the difficulty this can be when our baby is trying to sleep. As in their school work, they take little care in the activities they do, and think that everything must be done in two minutes.

During the school holidays I took 15 of them in the Mission utility to Menindee, 95 miles away, and there we spent the day with some youngsters from the Menindee Mission around the huge Darling River Water Scheme. Until we are able to get sufficient money to build a Hall the activities of this youth group and other work is curtailed.

Will you pray for a deep movement of the Holy Spirit over the town of Wilcannia and that men, women, boys and girls will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Epidemic Strikes Coober Pedy

(Mr. Allan Chadwick, Pilot of Flying Medical Service)

On Sunday, 1st October, 1961, a severe gastro epidemic struck suddenly among the large number of native babies at the opal mining field of Coober Pedy, in the far north-west of South Australia.

Medical and flying staff were enjoying a quiet afternoon at Ceduna, and our radio operator had travelled to a beach some 12 miles away after completing the afternoon radio session.

Having one of our portable transceivers with him, he

switched it on at intervals during the afternoon. In doing so he heard the voice of the Native Welfare Sister calling from Coober Pedy hoping that some station on the network might hear her. Calling her in reply, Mr. Cameron then quickly retraced his steps to Ceduna, opened the station and called the Doctor.

A native baby had been brought to Sister who noted that breathing had stopped. Her efforts to revive the infant were successful and when

Doctor had given her instructions for further treatment, we prepared for the flight to Coober Pedy. A permit to fly through the prohibited area was quickly sought together with a weather report, and the flight commenced before these had been received. The permit and report were both received in flight, which is the usual practice adopted under emergency conditions.

The flight took place in the late afternoon and it was dusk when we arrived over Coober Pedy. At the airstrip there was a line of cars waiting for us with their headlights shining to identify the edge of a newly graded landing strip. After landing, Doctor was immediately taken into the Native Welfare Centre, and by the time we had parked and locked the aircraft, it was quite dark.

At the Welfare Centre, Doctor had his hands full. The baby's heart had stopped again but Doctor had been able to set it beating once more. The condition fluctuated up and down during the evening until about 8.30 when there was no further response to any treatment that Doctor and Sister could give, and the little life slipped away.

Returning home next morning, we had not been in the air very long when an emer-

gency radio call was received from our base to speak to Commonwealth Hill on the transceiver. As a result of this, Doctor asked if we could divert to Commonwealth Hill; there was a man ill on an outstation some 50 miles from the main homestead. Arrangements were made for the patient to be brought towards the homestead by car, and for Doctor to be taken to meet him. The cars met about half-way, and after diagnosis, satisfactory arrangements were made for treatment at the outstation.

The following day we were called to Tarcoola to see a mother who had developed complications following the birth of her baby. Suitable treatment and a longer stay in hospital provided the answer here, and she was soon able to go home, well on the way to complete recovery.

Next day it was our routine flight to Cook, and everything remained routine until the mid-day radio session when another emergency call came from Coober Pedy, and then the epidemic started in earnest. We evacuated a native baby and his mother to Cook where an intravenous drip was set up. Later in the day further reports came of more sick babies at Coober Pedy, and therefore next

morning we made an early start from Cook for Coorabie where the people had been advised of the intended earlier arrival of Doctor. They co-operated well and we were able to fly Doctor to Penong where we left her, and the aircraft was at Ceduna before lunch.

To explain how the area is covered by our medical staff, Dr. Mueller does the flying necessary in the Cook, Coorabie and Penong direction, and Dr. Chambers in the Tarcoola, Coober Pedy and Kingoonya direction.

When the aircraft had been refuelled we left for Coober Pedy where during the morning more sick babies had been brought to the welfare centre. On arrival, it was evident that if we were to save the lives of three of them, they would have to be taken to hospital where more intravenous drips could be given, so with three babies and a mother on board, the aircraft flew to Tarcoola. With the drips going and instructions left with the Sisters at Tarcoola for continued treatment, we took off and returned to Coober Pedy that night.

Next day, with things apparently in hand at Coober Pedy, we flew to Tarcoola to check on the condition of the little patients there, and so

home to Ceduna.

With more babies reported ill and the condition of those we had already treated fluctuating, we returned the next day to Tarcoola. Whilst there, Coober Pedy called on a radio session with a report of more babies ill, so we flew on to Coober Pedy, and brought two more to hospital at Ceduna. During the flight home, we received an emergency call from Kingoonya where there was a young woman with a suspected attack of appendicitis. With two babies in the aircraft hanging on to life by a thread and badly in need of the life-saving intravenous drips, we had little option but to continue the flight home, hand the babies over to Dr. Mueller to organise treatment, and return to Kingoonya for our appendix patient. By the time that operation had been carried out later in the night, one and all had experienced another busy day.

The following day we had another flight to Coober Pedy to bring two more babies to Tarcoola in the hope that early hospital treatment would prevent any further deterioration of their condition. However, this did not achieve the results expected and we were back at Tarcoola next day.

The following day being our

routine Tarcoola flight, Doctor was faced with the prospect of seeing all the routine patients likely to come on "doctor's day", besides those babies stricken by the epidemic. In the middle of it all, a radio message was received from Ceduna to say that the doctor visiting Wudinna would be ringing soon to discuss with Doctor the condition of five young people, the victims of a motor accident between Kimba and Wudinna. The doctors considered that one of them suffering from shock would be better flown to Ceduna rather than taken by road.

The nose of the 'plane was therefore turned south-east this time, and using the well-defined shore-line of Lake Everard salt lake, we flew across familiar country from a different angle from usual, crossed the Gawler Ranges just west of Mt. Sturt, and picked up Wudinna in the haze soon afterwards, the paddock in use for landing being indicated by the doctor's car driving over it as we flew overhead.

Flying from Wudinna to Ceduna we were able to get up high above the broken cloud into the clean calm air where the Cessna rode steady, unaffected by the turbulence

below. Our patient was met at the aerodrome and taken home to bed, while we refuelled the aircraft and returned to Tarcoola to pick up the normal schedule next day, to be followed by the routine flight to Tallawon and Penong the following day with Dr. Mueller.

The short respite of two days scheduled flying was followed immediately by three more days of emergency flying to the epidemic babies. Firstly to Tarcoola from where we returned one making a good recovery, to Coober Pedy, but two more were flown out to Tarcoola where treatment was set up, and one more of the several overnight stops was made.

Returning home the following morning, we welcomed the opportunity of being at the base with most of the day in front of us to do some well merited maintenance on the aircraft. The engine oil was changed—for the second time while all this intensive flying was going on—the air filter was removed and cleaned, complete aircraft and engine bay washed down, and one of the main wheel tyres renewed.

Sunday, 15th October, dawned bright and clear, and several of the babies we had brought to Ceduna were well

on the way to recovery, and thought well enough to return home, so, when the radio at Coober Pedy called us once more to those who were still sick, we took three back with us. At Coober Pedy, Doctor thought that one more baby ought to be in hospital so we brought that one out, intending to fly direct to Tarcoola. En route another emergency radio message was received from Ceduna to say that Mabel Creek Station wished to speak with Doctor on the transceiver.

While this conversation was in progress I looked around and Doctor pointed in the direction of Mabel Creek, so swinging the aircraft's nose to the west we headed in the direction of Mabel Creek. There the overseer's young child had been ill for a day or so, but Doctor was able to advise suitable treatment which could be carried out at the homestead, and we took off again and headed for Tarcoola once more. Here we left the baby we had brought from Coober Pedy, and relieved Sister of the one very sick little one that was causing them all some concern, and so home to Ceduna after flying on 15 consecutive days, including three Sundays.

During that time we flew 5,782 miles, with 40 hours

flying, saw 286 patients, and carried 22 in the aircraft.

On 27th September, Mr. John and Mrs. Lindridge arrived in Ceduna. Mr. Lindridge has come to us from Tasmania to share in the expanded flying programme that will be possible with the purchase soon of our second Cessna. With hardly time to get the furniture straight in the house, he was sharing in the busiest flying programme we have ever known, and his introduction to the work and the country was rather severe, to say the least.

Along with Dr. Chambers, he often found himself nursing a little bundle of wriggling, crying, black humanity when the babies were evacuated without their mothers, and I note that he has acquired the art of handling a feeding bottle quite well! May I also say in conclusion that Dr. Chambers, besides attending to the medical needs of the many young babies taken ill by the epidemic, would always stay up late at night, and be up again at 2 a.m. when we were away overnight, to help the Sisters with the feeding of the babies.

There can be no doubt that, besides his medical skill, this untiring devotion to the tremendous task which faced him during that hectic two weeks,

did much to relieve the heavy strain placed on the Welfare Sister at Coober Pedy and our B.C.A. Sisters at Tarcoola, and contributed in no small way to the fact that only one life was lost.

Besides what I have written about the flying we had in the north, there must be added the numerous similar cases that Dr. Mueller had to deal with at Tallawon to the west. Here, owing to the shorter distances involved and the ready access by road, it was possible to

evacuate the few requiring hospital treatment to Penong by car, although in at least one case the aircraft would have been welcomed had it not been flying north.

Both our doctors had their problems, but as I write, no further cases have been brought in and we are all very thankful that the epidemic has passed, and that we all have been kept in health and strength to give what was required when so much was demanded of us.



The B.C.A. family has received additions recently with a son (David Edward) for Mr. and Mrs. Hummerston, a daughter (Gillian Maree) for Mr. and Mrs. Lindridge, and a daughter (Deborah Pauline) for Mr. and Mrs. Calder. May God bless the children and parents.

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From Perth comes Sister E. Hawken with timely relief for the nursing service, but the departure by the end of the year of Sisters A. Haywood

and N. Wilkins emphasises the need for more trained nurses. Both Sisters will be sorely missed from Wudinna where they have given acceptable Christian service.

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Welcome to Miss Sue Dawson who is providing valuable assistance to Mr. N. and Mrs. Mellor. Miss A. Ramsay is now installed as an office assistant in Sydney, replacing Miss P. Tisshaw to whom we regretfully bade farewell as she took another situation.

Thanks to Mrs. A. Dyer for a very successful Coffee Morning at her home in Austinmer and also to the Chester Street Players, Epping, for their entertaining evening.

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Mrs. Dean of Broken Hill had a quick trip to Sydney in September when her father passed away. God bless and uphold those who mourn.

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The Reverend Ray Brooks at Menindee needs a Lectern and Sanctuary Furniture. Is there some Church refurbishing or someone desirous of providing a memorial?

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Canon E. Cameron has been under medical treatment since our last issue. Friends of B.C.A. will remember him in their prayers together with Mrs. Cameron and the family.

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Enthusiasm by two of our younger supporters is worth noting. They sold silkworms to provide a donation for the second aircraft.

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The late Mrs. H. W. Boyd was an enthusiastic Box Secretary for B.C.A. Her work in the parish of St. Paul, Canterbury (Vic.), was helpful for our services. Christian

sympathy is extended to Mr. Boyd.

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The Melbourne Women's Auxiliary Fair was a great success and the effort most commendable. This second such function was organised and directed entirely by the women of the Organising Committee. The net result of £354 will be applied to the provision of two cooling units, the Flying Medical Service and General Funds.

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A Cinesound Newsreel recently showed B.C.A. work on the Nullarbor Plain. Such publicity is appreciated.

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A movie projector is still the need for the far west of N.S.W. The Reverend Ray Brooks, the Reverend Ray Neve and Broken Hill Hostel could put one to good use between them.

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A portable font is needed by the Reverend Bill Warburton at Minnipa.

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Gifts to the Flying Medical Services are Income Tax Rebatable. Please remember this when you send your gift for the new Radio Equipment. About £700 is needed to pay for machinery being installed.

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Miss Margaret Snee of Villawood (N.S.W.) has commenced at Wudinna to help the trained staff.

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Mr. R. Stokes of Sans Souci was elected by B.C.A. Council to succeed the late Mr. T. S. Holt as Honorary Treasurer.

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Keen interest in the second aircraft is being shown by some Church Youth Groups, Sunday Schools and Church Schools.

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Two centres receiving B.C.A. Flying Medical Service help have reciprocated with their assistance for the second aircraft. Thank you, Coober Pedy Progress Association and Kingoonya Medical Committee. Mr. V. Churches, of Kokatha Station, has provided almost £400 from scrap metal from his and neighbouring sheep stations. From scraps an aircraft will fly.

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Can you cook and would you like to do this as a Christian service? A cook is needed for the Old Folk's Home at Port Lincoln.

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Broken Hill Hostel will have an increased number of boys in 1962. The next project here is work on the kitchen which needs renovations and alterations. That will mean about £1,000 from somewhere or someone.

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Derby (North West Australia) is still before clergymen as a challenge. It is a long way but an ordained man will find encouragements. Enterprise and Christian courage will find much blessing.

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Stamps are useful even after they are used. Save them for B.C.A. and bring them to B.C.A. House. Small or large quantities are welcome. Please

St. Alban's Sunday School, Five Dock.
Cheque for £100 towards B.C.A.'s new aircraft handed by the Rev. D. Langshaw (Rector) to the Rev. C. W. Rich.



leave the perforated edge intact.

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When making your Will please remember B.C.A. Our faithful supporters have enabled the Head Office Building to be free of debt by kindly remembrance with their legacies. It is most encouraging to receive unexpected gifts from those whose memory lingers with us. Capital expenditure and sudden expenses not anticipated can be relieved. Please make sure you specify the correct name of the Society.

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A film-strip and slide projector is a need at Cook Hospital.

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The parent Society, Commonwealth and Continental Church Society, London, will have the Reverend J. R. Hassett, Vicar of St. John, Worksop, Diocese of Southwell, succeeding Canon S. J. Harland in 1962. Canon Harland will be doing Chaplaincy work in East Africa.

An extension of Com. & Con. deputation work in England will bring B.C.A. services before increased numbers of people.

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Nurses, there is a lot to be done by Christian women willing to join B.C.A. Thank

God for women like Sister Hope, Tarcoola, who writes: "Probably you are up to date with proceedings in this 'neck of the woods' and know of the gastro epidemic at Coober Pedy which up till yesterday (15th October) had us with seven babies under two years and two of their mothers, plus another mother and her new baby which had to arrive in the midst of the infection. One baby went home yesterday, one went to Ceduna and we admitted one, so still have six."

This might settle the idea that it's no use going to an outback hospital and have little to do.

Christian nurses with Double Certificates are urgently needed. Our Lord looks to you for His Kingdom to be extended.

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Mrs. G. Kneeshaw has left the Sydney Office after earning grateful thanks for her devoted and loyal service as our bookkeeper. Miss E. Thomas is now settling into work in that capacity.

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The Reverend Bruce and Mrs. Woolcott will be at Port Hedland early in 1962 to replace the Reverend O. Weaver now in Sydney.

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Kimberleys and Beyond

(Contributed by Mr. T. Herzfeld)

I have only just returned from two months in the Wyndham area amongst some of the most breathtaking scenery I have seen in the north. When I tell you that its beauty is more startling and more extensive than Wittienoom country you may appreciate how breathtaking the East Kimberleys really are. Some of the most magnificent is on Forrest River Mission which I was able to see and where I spent five days. I was glad to have the opportunity of seeing our Western Australian mission in action because it was very humbling to see the dedicated and hard work being put in by the missionaries. The results of their predecessors' achievements are very evident in the "old boys" of F.R.M. in Wyndham. I was very moved by the wholehearted participation of thirty or more ex-Forrest River people and their families in Holy Communion at the Wyndham School one Sunday. Their response when Bishop Frewer visits Wyndham is sufficient to answer any critics of the value of F.R.M. and rather showed up all but the very few Whites who attended, in

a very poor light.

It has been a very depressing thought to me that whilst so much is done for the Forrest River people while they are on the Mission, so little can be done once they leave and settle in Wyndham. The Mission Chaplain comes in once a month for services which is really most inadequate in a community where no one is available to provide the continuity so vital in keeping the Church functioning. Wyndham is growing rapidly and Kunimurra, the centre for the Ord River project, will also grow very rapidly in the next ten years. I feel sure that already there is a need for two ordained men in the Kimberleys—one to minister to the eastern half: Wyndham, Kunimurra, Halls Creek; and another the western half: Derby, Broome, Cambollin and Fitzroy Crossing. I hope you will pray with all of us here that somehow the men and necessary means will be forthcoming.

I am at the present time drawing up plans and specifications for a Church at Wyndham for the Bishop—we hope to have it erected before the wet sets in this year. Be-

cause of the costs of everything at Wyndham, it has been quite a job to design a building to be economical yet functional. Do you happen to know anyone with a spare £500 for Wyndham? It would make all the difference.

Recently Bishop Frewer dedicated our new St. Paul's Church at Derby which, after many Saturdays of hard work, was barely completed in time. I flew back from Wyndham for the consecration, arriving mid-day on the day before,

only to find myself stripping down to working togs immediately I arrived and working till seven that night. Our little Church well and truly bulged at the seams when 115 attended. Tonight 25 attended Evensong. So you can see that Derby has the nucleus of a very strong Church if only we had the continuity and leadership.

Note. The above was made available in a letter from a layman, who works in and knows, North West Australia.

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