

Plan to be at a B.C.A. RALLY in July!

SYDNEY — Friday, July 31st, 1970.

- 6.30 p.m. **Thanksgiving Service** in St. Andrew's Cathedral.
- 7.45 p.m. **ANNUAL RALLY** in the Chapter House, St. Andrew's Cathedral.
- Chairman:** The Archbishop of Sydney.
- Guest Speaker:** The Most Reverend **GEOFFREY SAMBELL**, Archbishop of Perth.
- Archbishop Sambell will have just completed an extensive visit to B.C.A. work in North West Australia.

MELBOURNE — Friday, July 24th, 1970.

- at St. Paul's Cathedral.
- 6.00 p.m. Tea (small charge — tickets available at B.C.A. office).
- 8.00 p.m. **ALLAN CHADWICK, M.B.E.,** and **OSWALD WATT, Gold Medallist.**
B.C.A. FILM "V.K.B. CEDUNA"

NEWCASTLE — Tuesday, July 7th, at 8 p.m.

- at St. Philip's Parish Hall, Edith Street, Waratah.
- Chairman:** The Bishop of Newcastle.
- Guest Speaker:** The Right Reverend **DENIS BRYANT**, Bishop of Kalgoorlie.

CANBERRA — Thursday, July 9th, at 8 p.m.

- at St. John's Parish Centre, Reid, A.C.T.
- Chairman:** The Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn.
- Guest Speaker:** The Right Reverend **DENIS BRYANT**, Bishop of Kalgoorlie.

WOLLONGONG — Friday, July 10th, at 8 p.m.

- at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Wollongong.
- Chairman:** The Bishop in Wollongong.
- Guest Speaker:** The Right Reverend **DENIS BRYANT**, Bishop of Kalgoorlie.

PARRAMATTA — Sunday, July 12th, at 5 p.m.

- at St. John's Parish Hall, Parramatta.
- Chairman:** The Bishop in Parramatta.
- Guest Speaker:** The Right Reverend **DENIS BRYANT**, Bishop of Kalgoorlie.
- (At Parramatta, a Basket Tea — Tea, Coffee, Milk and Sugar provided. The Bishop will also preach at Evening Prayer.)



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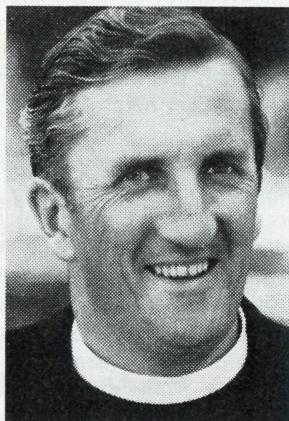
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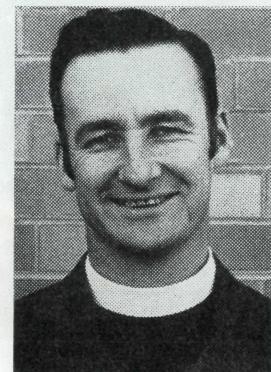
"AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST"

Federal Secretary's Letter



Peter George whom we very warmly welcome to the B.C.A. family. Peter is at present vicar of the Parish of St. Michael's, North Dandenong, Victoria. Trained at Moore College, he served curacies at Baulkham Hills (Sydney) and Essendon (Melbourne). Having worked closely with him in Melbourne, I am confident that we are adding to the team a man who will bring very considerable gifts of spiritual insight and pastoral leadership.

The Townview / Gunpowder Mission is centred in suburban Mount Isa, and the new Mission district includes the suburbs of Townview and Mornington. It also includes the fast growing



The Reverend Peter George.

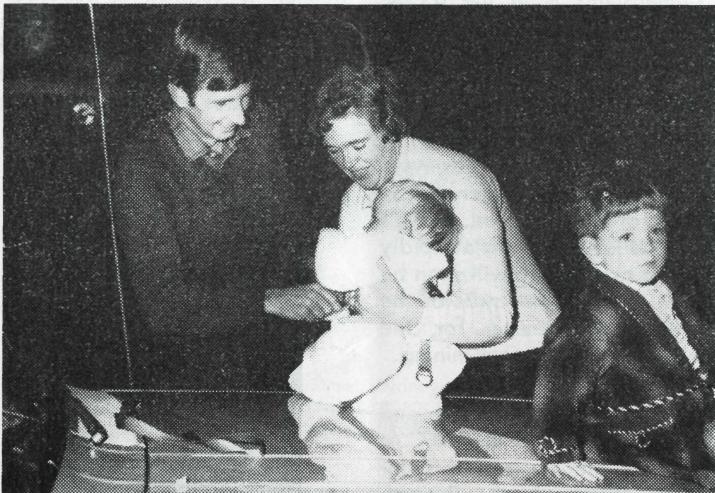
mining community at Gunpowder, 60 miles north, and such other towns as Camoweal, Mary Kathleen and Urandangie, together with a huge area of station country in the far western area of the Diocese of North Queensland.

So once again we see B.C.A. called to one of the bustling cities of the Australian outback, this time to the centre which produces 70 per cent of all the

copper used in Australia, and the heart of a huge industrial complex employing many thousands of people. To a Church struggling because of the shortage of staff, this move will come as a significant help.

I know that I can assure these new workers with the Society of your concern and prayerful interest as they go to these pioneering tasks to which God has called them.

Genieve Austin



"Fasten seat belts and we're off." Greg and Del Ezzy prepare Mark and Adrian for an all night drive as they set out for Blackwater. They will live in a caravan until the rectory is built.

Mail Bag Sunday School

An important decision concerning the Mail Bag Sunday School has been reached by the B.C.A. Council.

The Society's policy has always been to phase out of work when local resources are adequate to meet the needs. This has been done consistently in our parish work, as it was in the case of our Flying Medical Work. For instance, the long-standing B.C.A. parish work at Ceduna, S.A., is no longer a B.C.A. work, and we rejoice that it is now a parish in its own right. This is a sound missionary principle shared by all missionary societies. It enables the Society to move on to new demands which can only be met by B.C.A.

For some years it has been becoming clear that the Mail Bag Sunday School has been reaching this stage. The demand for its services has steadily decreased as local resources have become greater. In recent months the enrolment has been about 360 pupils, of whom a very large proportion have been in the Diocese of Armidale. The readiness of the Diocese of Armidale to begin its own Mail Bag S.S. has led the Council to believe that God is guiding us to gradually phase out of this department of our work and thus

release the very substantial resources involved for other more pressing calls. This phasing out will be done gradually and arrangements will be made for the continuing Christian education of all children involved. The services of a number of our voluntary teachers will still be needed as we support the new agencies undertaking this work. The Confirmation Studies which have proved so popular over the years will continue to be available in the normal way.

That this stage of fulfilment has been reached is a strong testimony to the sacrificial work and wholehearted dedication of many M.B.S.S. workers over the years. The personal contact of teachers with pupils and the faithful teaching of the Christian Faith has been the means of leading many to a knowledge of Christ and we are confident that in its new phase the work will continue to bear a faithful witness to the Gospel. To all concerned, and especially to its Directors, Miss Rose Campbell and, more recently, Mr. Laurie Calder, will go the heartfelt thanks of all B.C.A. supporters. We thank God for His blessing in the past and for the widespread opportunities of the present.

G.B.M.

A Many Sided Ministry



The Reverend Bill Ross.

Having survived our "baptism of fire" through February's heat we are now quite at home here in Kununurra. We are finding our families and friends in Sydney, Canberra and Albury all envious of the very pleasant 80°—90° days we are having right now. No wonder the politicians come to inspect the works at this time of year!

When we arrived at the end of January we found that Barry and Jan Green had been so popular here that three quarters of the congregation had left with them! We were left with virtually three couples who were regular Sunday worshippers and several others. However, these folk gave us a wonderful (it would be the understatement of

the year to say "warm") welcome, and have been a great help in all sorts of ways in these initial months.

This year Kununurra has had a very big turnover of population and it seems that about half the people we meet are newcomers to the town. Some of these have found their way to the little Roman Catholic Chapel to worship with us on Sundays, or to Church House for "cuppas" and Bible study and discussions. These sessions are always interesting and helpful, because they include members of other Churches who join with us and bring a wide variety of background and thought.

With such an influx of new people there is a challenge to meet them and try to provide for their various needs, and to help them see Jesus Christ's part in life here in the northwest.

One of the greatest challenges is to help the large number of Aborigines to some sort of positive commitment and purpose in life. Almost everybody, in town or on the stations, talks about the "native problem", from many different points of view. There are all sorts of theories and opinions, but as yet I have spoken to only a few people who



The Ord River near the main dam site.

have any sort of constructive attitude and approach to this challenge. I myself, am a raw amateur in this field, knowing very little about these people and their ways. For this reason I have been reluctant to begin very much evangelistic work amongst them, at least until I have a better understanding of the situation.

I am interested in the work being done by some members of the United Aboriginal Mission. Here and in Hall's Creek I have met people who are doing full time study of the language and culture of the local native population. This is a long and arduous work, but I feel it is

well in the right direction. The U.A.M.'s method of encouraging the natives to conduct the worship and preach the sermon themselves is, I believe, also worth watching. In the meantime, we are continuing the work begun of providing good clothing and household items for them at a cost they can afford. These sale days provide a regular opportunity for meeting the natives and we are finding that shyness and lack of confidence is gradually breaking down and the beginning of worthwhile contacts are being made.

We thank people all over Australia who have sent parcels of clothing and saleable items,

and ask that you continue to keep such projects in mind when you are clearing out drawers and cupboards. We know, from our own experience, that many garments just hang unused in cupboards these days because of rapidly changing fashions. It is items in good condition that we want. At the present time we also have a demand for baby clothing, bed linen and nappies as we are aiming to provide a layette for each Aboriginal woman who has a baby in the hospital, as most of them come quite unprepared.

Most of all we ask you to pray for guidance and inspiration that we might make the right approach and that whatever we do will be according to

God's will, and so receive His blessing.

It looks like I've got carried away on just one part of the ministry here. Space does not permit to tell of the ministry to isolated people on station patrol (which is really interesting experience in this type of country) or of the ministry among the men and families in the construction camp at the Ord River Dam, or of other facets of the work here in the Ord River Mission. We are grateful that God has called us to share in this exciting life, that the B.C.A. has enabled it to happen, and that so many people are praying for us and giving us the necessary encouragement. We rely a lot on your prayers and support.

Good used clothing may be sent to:

The Revd. W. Ross,
Church House,
P.O. Box 60,
Kununurra. W.A. 6743

Items should be firmly packed in cartons and securely tied with string (it's a long rough trip)! Up to 22 lbs can be sent by parcel post.

Hostel Happenings

Well, here we are into our fourth year at Moree. The time has rushed by so quickly that it seems as though we have been here only a few months.

Looking back on these last three years we can see how the Lord has guided us through our many trials and tribulations. He has indeed, given us wisdom and understanding and a lot of patience.

We have had two changes in the boys here at the Hostel, and it has taken us a while to get to know the new boys. What they like and dislike, how they behave, and settling them into the Hostel life.

When you have twenty four strange boys to get to know, and to mould into one happy family, one wonders just how we would have coped without the strength of our Lord and Master who has led us every inch of the way.

Our own three boys have had to fit in also, and this was a bit hard at first, as they had to share our time with all their new brothers. But they settled down to Hostel life and now accept that they are part of the place. Jim, our eldest boy, has been working for almost two years now and is looked upon as a



Bob Brown.

big brother by the other boys. Our other two boys attend High School now and are doing very well.

We have had a fair bit of sickness and, at one stage during the flu epidemic, we had half the Hostel home from school. We have had pneumonia, scarlet fever, mumps, bronchitis and asthma, as well as stomach upsets and the usual run of cuts and bruises that boys seem to inflict on themselves at the oddest times. We also have had a few cases of Mondayitis which is a bit hard to diagnose sometimes.

The Hostel is always well represented at school athletics carnivals, football carnivals and, last year, we got a few swimming records. We also have at least half the Hostel boys playing in the Saturday morning schoolboy football.

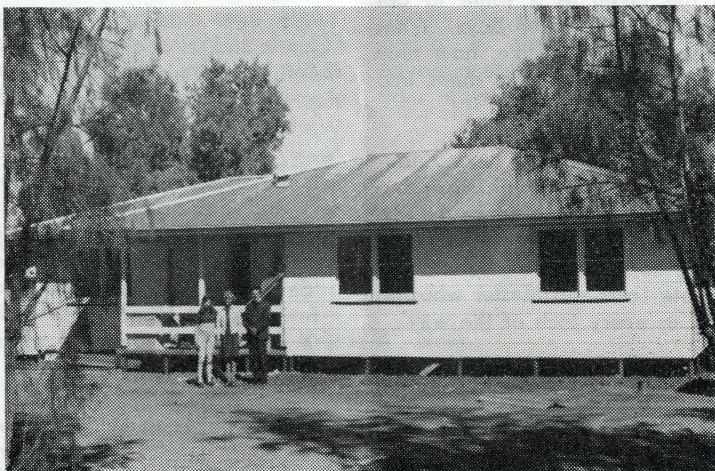
Church is attended by all the boys every Sunday and some of the boys attend Fellowship. There have been at least twelve boys confirmed in the last three years.

The whole twenty-nine of us have been to Lightning Ridge, Mount Kaputa, local rodeo's (and this is no small job when

we have to prepare a picnic lunch for such a large family).

All in all, it has been a very busy and interesting time, and as we go on in the work we feel sure that God will continue to bless us as we endeavour to witness to the boys, and teach them something of our Lord and His wonderful gift of salvation.

New Rectory at Wilcannia

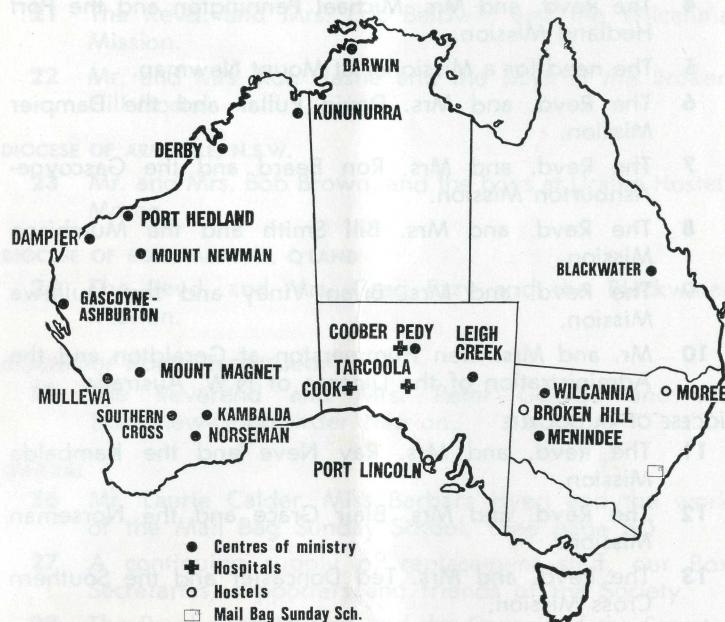


The Reverend Eric Baldwin, his wife Joan and daughter Meredith are pictured outside the new Rectory. It is built on the same block as the Church and is almost ready for occupation. It has three bedrooms and a study and Mr. Baldwin says he expects it will be "very convenient to live in". The necessary finance was raised by the sale of the old Rectory and local and Diocesan assistance.

The Place of Prayer

THE B.C.A. PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us ever mindful of those who live in the remote parts of our land. We ask You to bless those whom You have called into the fellowship of the Bush Church Aid Society. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through healing, and through caring and instruction of the young, the message of Your redeeming love may thus be proclaimed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A DAILY PRAYER

O God, we remember before You those whom You have called to Your service. We ask that You would bless , assure them of Your presence, and call forth others to stand with them in the task. Grant to them, as to us, the joy of service, the ability to achieve, and the serenity of Your peace, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

THE PLACE OF PRAYER

DIOCESE OF NORTHERN TERRITORY

- 1 The Revd. and Mrs. Alan Baker and the Nightcliff Mission.

DIOCESE OF N.W. AUSTRALIA

- 2 The Revd. and Mrs. Bill Ross and the Ord River Mission.
3 The Revd. and Mrs. Bernard Buckland and the Derby Mission.
4 The Revd. and Mrs. Michael Pennington and the Port Hedland Mission.
5 The need for a Missioner at Mount Newman.
6 The Revd. and Mrs. David Pullar and the Dampier Mission.
7 The Revd. and Mrs. Ron Beard and the Gascoyne-Ashburton Mission.
8 The Revd. and Mrs. Bill Smith and the Murchison Mission.
9 The Revd. and Mrs. Brian Viney and the Mullewa Mission.
10 Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hummerston at Geraldton and the Administration of the Diocese of N.W. Australia.

DIOCESE OF KALGOORLIE

- 11 The Revd. and Mrs. Ray Neve and the Kambalda Mission.
12 The Revd. and Mrs. Blair Grace and the Norseman Mission.
13 The Revd. and Mrs. Ted Doncaster and the Southern Cross Mission.

DIOCESE OF WILLOCHRA, S.A.

- 14 Sisters Ruth Hold and Carol Allen at Cook Hospital.
15 The need for two D/C nurses at Tarcoola Hospital.
16 The Revd. and Mrs. Brian Carter and the Leigh Creek Mission.
17 The Reverend and Mrs. Barry Rainsford and the Coober Pedy Mission (from August).

A DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

- 18 Sisters Pat Darby and Anne Dau at the Coober Pedy Medical Centre.

- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Graham Mantle and the girls at Port Lincoln Hostel.

DIOCESE OF RIVERINA, N.S.W.

- 20 The Revd. and Mrs. Charlie White and the Menindee Mission.
21 The Revd. and Mrs. Eric Baldwin and the Wilcannia Mission.
22 Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hastie and the boys at the Broken Hill Hostel.

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE, N.S.W.

- 23 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown, and the boys at Urallie Hostel, Moree.

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON, Q'LAND

- 24 The Revd. and Mrs. Greg Ezzy and the Blackwater Mission.

DIOCESE OF NORTH QUEENSLAND

- 25 The Reverend and Mrs. Peter George and the Townview-Gunpowder Mission.

GENERAL

- 26 Mr. Laurie Calder, Miss Barbara Hyett and the work of the Mail Bag Sunday School. (See page 3.)
27 A continuing supply of replacement staff, our Box Secretaries, supporters and friends of the Society.
28 The Revd. Ged Muston and the Council of the Society.
29 The Revd. Barry Huggett, the Broadcasting and Public Relations work of the Society.
30 The Revd. Ian Booth, Mrs. Winifred Hughes, and the Victorian Committee, and our Representatives in South Australia, Mr. Alban Kirkby and the Revd. Ted Watkins.
31 The Head Office Staff — Mr. Burner, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. B. Wills, Misses Smith and Giddins.



**Garnish your
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1.05 p.m.
EVERY SUNDAY
for
"AUSTRALIA
UNLIMITED"
with Barry Huggett**

After many years of broadcasting each fortnight we have been able to obtain a weekly time slot. Apart from being difficult to remember which Sunday the "Bush Padre" was to be broadcast, the 8.30 p.m. time suffered from the great disadvantage that many potential listeners were not home from the evening service.

The new programme "Australia Unlimited" is now being broadcast every Sunday immediately after the 1.00 p.m. news on 2CH.

The programme is produced by Barry Huggett and features interviews and news from all over Australia.

CAN YOU HELP?

From time to time the society depends heavily on voluntary assistance in the folding of letters and general preparation for mailing.

The amount of material leaving the head office is increasing considerably and more voluntary helpers are needed.

If you are able to spare a couple of hours perhaps two or three times a year it would be much appreciated.

Ring Frank Burner at 26-3164 and add your name to the B.C.A. Voluntaries!

● The Revd. Richard Pether and his wife Anne left Mount Newman at the end of April and Sister Pat Darby completes $2\frac{1}{2}$ years at Coober Pedy on July 31st.

We thank God for the ministry they have been able to exercise in their particular field.

● The Reverend and Mrs. Ron Beard and their three children are finally resident at Exmouth.

The problems of going backwards and forwards from Carnarvon, 230 miles away, are over at last. They are living in the "Padre's Palace", a two-storey Housing Commission flat which will serve as a temporary home until a proper Rectory is built.

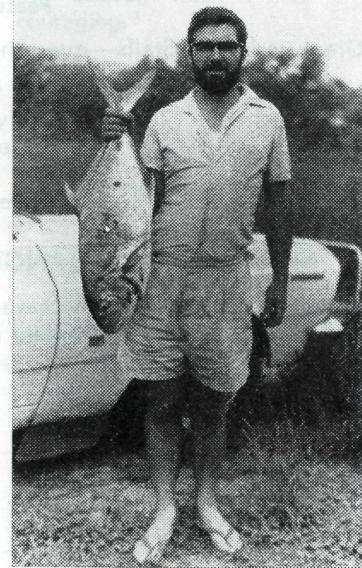


● After having drawn attention to Sister Maud Ross' twenty year term at Cook in a previous "R.A.", the last issue should have recorded her retirement. We do indeed thank God for her time with the Society and pray that God will continue to bless her in the future.

Shortly after Sister Ross left Cook the hospital refrigerator blew up and the 600 gallon water tank burst. Parting is such sweet sorrow.

● Blair Grace reports from Norseman that recently he had a Salvation Army band playing at an Anglican service conducted in a Roman Catholic church. How's that for the ecumenical movement!

● We welcome Miss Doris Smith to the Head Office staff. She will be involved in general secretarial and public relations work.



OUR MAN IN DERBY!
The fish is for dinner and the beard is for the Boab Festival.

THE B.C.A. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

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Coober Pedy News



Sister Pat Darby writes: "It looks as though we will soon need help with some of the non-medical tasks to allow us to concentrate on the growing medical needs. Our outpatients for the first four months of this year totalled 1600 compared with 1000 in the same time last year and the inpatients rose from 16 to 31. We are averaging around 50 children each Sunday at Sunday School, which is most encouraging."



Sister Shirley Manning has her bags packed ready to join the Coober Pedy team in July when Pat Darby completes her term. From the Parish of St. Alban's, Belmore, in Sydney, she has been working at Wollongong Hospital.

Shirley is no stranger to Coober Pedy as she did a short term as a relieving sister last year while one of the girls had holidays.

News is just to hand that the Reverend Barry Rainsford, at present Curate-in-Charge of Pendle Hill, Sydney, has been accepted as a Missioner for

Coober Pedy. It is expected that he will take up this new work in August.

At the Cross

There is a chorus with these words in it, and now B.C.A. is "at the Cross" too. In February this year, the Society became responsible for the provision of the ministry in the Parish of Southern Cross, in the Diocese of Kalgoorlie. "The Cross" as the main town of the Parish is called, hit the headlines in 1888 when gold was first discovered there, and the church was soon on the scene, proclaiming the "faith more precious than gold" (1 Peter 1, v. 7). In 1907, the first half of a small brick church was built, and to-day, it stands on the hill as a stark reminder that the Church's task is also still unfinished. The gold has long since petered out, but the Church remains to show men a more excellent way.

The Yilgarn District is now mainly a wheat and sheep area, with an occasional mine or band of hopeful geologists. In the last couple of years the farmers have been badly hit by drought, and this, coupled with the introduction of the wheat quota system, has caused the Church finances to fall far below the standard required for the running of a Parish. We thank God that the Society has been able to come to the rescue until the time when the Parish can again meet its full responsibilities.



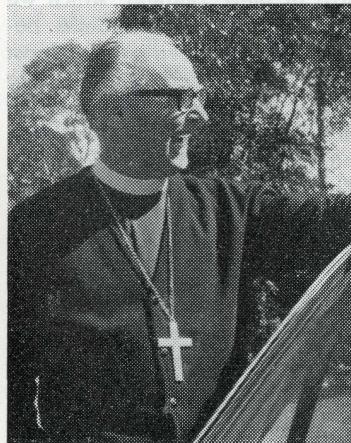
The Revd. Ted Doncaster.

Services are held regularly at Koolyanobbing where there is a community of 250 people engaged in the mining of iron ore; at Bullfinch where a Church was built in 1953 when it was a booming gold centre; at Bodallin and Moorine Rock, in the heart of the wheat and sheep country; and in St. Luke's Church, Westonia, the centre of another farming community. This little Church (on the Trans line) was first built to serve the isolated railway workers during the early construction period. In recent months two more places have been opened up as worship centres; Marvel Loch, where services were held many years ago, but lapsed when mining declined; and at Mt. Hampton, where there is only a wheat bin and a small school for the many farms round about.

Our efforts are now being concentrated on the formation of a Young Women's Group and a Girls' Brigade, to be followed by one for the Boys. According to the Parish records, there has not been an organised Bible Study Group for years, and it was therefore, not surprising that only one person turned up at the Rectory for the first study recently. Please make it a matter for prayer that there may be a better response when next we try. The numbers of children coming on Sunday morning have increased, and now we are plan-

ning to unite the Methodist and Anglican Sunday Schools. Already there have been a few "combined" services, and these have been well received. It is encouraging to see that people are coming to Sunday worship in greater numbers, and that some interest in the Mission of the local Church is forthcoming. We ask your prayers that the "faith more precious than gold" may be effectively proclaimed "at the Cross", and that many may come to know and love our Lord.

Bishop of Kalgoorlie at Rallies

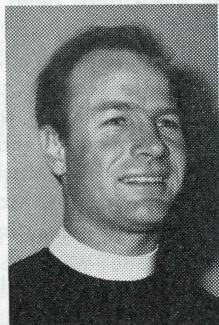


After the Country Conference at "Gilbulla" Bishop Bryant will stay in N.S.W. for a week and address Rallies at Newcastle, Canberra, Wollongong and Parramatta (full details appear on the back cover).

There are three B.C.A. men at present in the Diocese of Kalgoorlie. The Reverend Ted Doncaster at Southern Cross, author of the article above, the Reverend Blair Grace at Norseman, and the Reverend Ray Neve at Kambalda.

As well as bringing first hand news of these men the Bishop will detail some of the developments taking place on the nickel mining scene.

"Like the Children of Israel"



The Revd. Bill Smith.

This should be dated fourteen days A.D., standing for "After the Deluge" — 97 points to be exact, but more rain than we have seen in the nine months since we arrived. It took me back to the day we left Dongara, in steady rain. When we arrived in Geraldton, to get our marching orders from the Bishop, it was raining hard for the Sunshine Festival there, and we drove to Mt. Magnet in intermittent rain, under a cloud that seemed to go with us all the way. When we arrived here, down it came in earnest. We thought it was a dismal arrival because we got wet. The town thought it was a marvellous arrival because they got wet! I couldn't help hoping we were like the children of Israel who set out under the cloud, were led by the cloud, and camped when the cloud stopped.

That cloud certainly did shadow a dry thirsty land, both ways. A drought was going on then and has not really broken yet, though the recent rain has helped. The spiritual drought likewise, can only be answered by good long showers of blessing.

In our first week we had Bishop & Mrs. Claxton of Blackburn, England, and the Reverend Gordon Williams of Northampton, as guests, and together, we visited all the Churches for Induction Services. We did about 850 miles on this introduction to the Parish. It didn't cheer us up much when someone pointed out that the Parish was only twice the size of New Zealand, which we had left just eight months before. Having been around most of the inhabited part of the Parish now, we realise that the area we have to cover is in fact, only equal to the size of New Zealand — the eastern half of the Parish is desert, looked after spiritually by the Warburton Mission.

During the first four months I set out to cover as much of the Parish as I could before Christmas, and to reinstate the previous pattern of monthly services (the Parish had been with-

out a Rector for nine months). However, the last station trip I did, at the end of April, I tried to take it rather more slowly, and to spend a lot more time with people. I hope this will be my pattern from now on. I have divided the Parish up into eight lists of about fifteen stops — stations and mining exploration camps — and hope to take five days over each list, and do two lists a month.

During January we were away from the Parish for four weeks. We used Margaret's teaching pay to fly back to New Zealand. We had planned this for Christmas, 1970, but did it a year early because it was becoming obvious that there would be three of us (at least) by Christmas, 1970. We returned at the end of January, via the B.C.A. Conference in Perth, fit and well, full of energy and good resolutions — until we saw the thermometer!

Again I must comment on the weather. Cyclone Glenys didn't worry us much — just a few showers and a little wind — but it did bring an invasion of trucks. The Great North West Highway runs right through the middle of the parish, but the heavy traffic always takes the longer, but far better North West Coastal Highway. Glenys made this impossible for a week, so the worst duststorm we got was

caused by all the traffic.

On the other hand Ingrid swept inland and caused a lot of trouble. To the very south of the parish they got up to seven inches of rain in a night (twice the annual average). Roads and railways were washed out, and though the roads were soon passable it was three weeks before



All Soul's, Mt. Magnet.

the trains were able to get through again. Meantime the local employees at the station had a lot of fun learning to shunt with the one that got stranded here. We missed the rain here, but what we did get was wind, and lots of it, up to 100 mph and heavily loaded with dust and gravel. This was general through the whole area.

At the time it began I was teaching scripture in the Cue school. The first we knew that

we had anything more than a breeze on our hands was when two windows suddenly shattered and covered the whole class with broken glass. I put on an impromptu concert with the piano accordian while the teachers cleaned up and nailed blackboards over the windows, but by next day the school had no roof. After school I carried on towards Meekatharra. Two pilots who were flying above at that time later told me they had a 100 mph head wind. The wind got stronger and stronger as I went north until it was moving the whole countryside in a layer about six feet deep. It took me nearly an hour to cover the last ten miles of gravel road. As I came into Meekatharra I met several cars heading out, but I later heard that they couldn't find the road and had to sleep in the cars that night. I had to get out and clean my air filter at one stage, and next day I found my windscreens had been sandblasted by the gravel. Driving towards the sun at dawn and dusk I now have to put my head out the window.

Next day driving south again I was able to see the damage. One station had no roof and several walls missing, two woolsheds were all in a heap. Most of the buildings in Cue had lost iron off verandahs etc., and here

in Magnet, Margaret had gone to sleep with friends in a house that was probably not as solid as the Rectory. She was fine, but one family of parishioners had lost a roof and some walls during the night, and had to go out in it to find shelter with friends. Whether damaged or not, every place had an inch or two of red dust over the floors and in the cupboards.

We can hardly blame the storm, but a few days later our bed collapsed, and temporary repairs now mean that our marriage is now based on the Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church.

There is a wide open door in the Murchison for sharing the Good News — with those on the stations who are going through very difficult times with the weather and the markets at present — with a "suitcase" population of school teachers, government workers, geologists and miners — with hundreds of Aborigines, some of whom are adopting a "European" way of life, and others who prefer to stick to a kind of modified tribal way. Our main problem is an all too common one — we have many people who want to hear, and too few Christians willing to share.

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