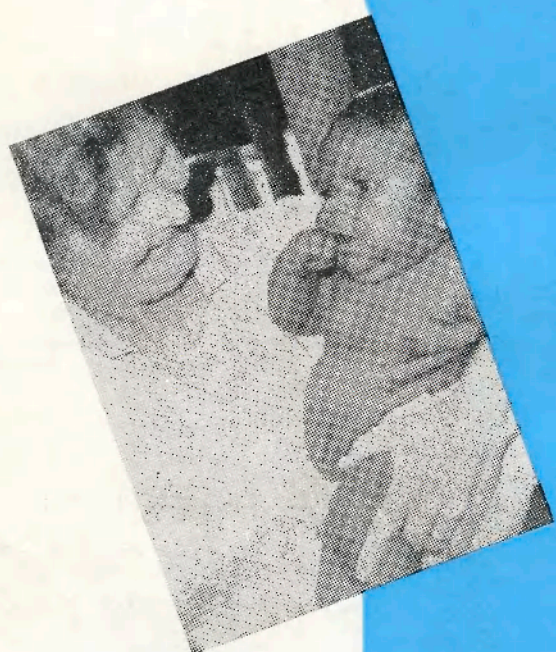


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No one can travel through the countries of Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Philippines without being deeply stirred in every way.

No one who has never been in "The East" can truly say they have seen "crowds". Tokyo alone has a larger population than the whole of Australia. Manila has the highest density of footpath traffic in the world, and most of them are students.

We saw the fast-rising new forms of Buddhism. We saw the tremendous Communist Shops in Hong Kong. We saw the materialism and the poverty of many places.

Thank God we saw missionary work too in every place. We saw Christian literature being printed and distributed everywhere. We visited F.E.B.C. in several cities. We spoke at the Far Eastern Bible Seminary. We saw the efforts of many workers directed towards the firm establishment of New Testament Churches and I think this impressed us most of all.

This is the need of the A.I.M. Field.

Remember the only permanent work in any situation is the local church. Missionaries may have to leave, for furlough, through illness or at gun-point. What remains? Does the dependent child disappear when the parent goes? If so we have failed in the main objective of missionary work — the establishment of an indigenous, evangelizing, New Testament Church.

Will you pray that this may be the vision and objective of all concerned in our work on the A.I.M. Field? That the Churches Guidance Committee may know the wisdom and discernment of the Lord in its vital leadership in these days of opportunity?

Will you pray for missionaries needed and for the financial burden of the whole work? We need your prayers now as never before.

Can we count on you?

EGERTON C. LONG

FRONT COVER: Plump Quinton Dooley, of Woorabinda smiles for Mrs. Knight.

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This is the first instalment of a two-part article on Aborigines, their origin, culture and something of the problems facing the evangelization of these people.

This is part of a message given by our General Secretary, Mr. E. A. Collins, to the students in the Illawarra Bible College, N.S.W.

THE FIELD TODAY

THE ABORIGINES: Anthropologists have classified the Australian Aborigines as being different from all other races on the globe, and have called them Australoids. They differ from peoples on the islands of the Pacific adjacent to our coasts. These are called Polynesians and Melanesians. Tasmanian Aborigines have been extinct for many years. They were a different racial group from those on the mainland, being a Negroid group related to the Melanesians.

It is not known how many Aborigines were in Australia before the advent of our white civilization. Commonly accepted figures are from 300,000 to 500,000 with the emphasis on the 300,000.

They were divided into about 500 tribes. The membership of a tribe varied from 100 to 1,500, and averaged about 500 or 600.

However, the people and their customs are not the same throughout Australia. There is a difference in their physique. Elements of culture also vary from place to place. The boomerang is not common to all tribes. In some places it was a weapon, in others it had only a ceremonial use and in some places it was not known at all.

Some features of Aboriginal culture, namely religion, rules controlling social relationships and regulating control within the tribe were highly developed and complex.

For many years the Aboriginal population has been given as approximately 75,000. The 1961 census figures were Half-caste 39,172, Full blood 40,081 total 79,253. As a result of recent surveys the statisticians give the figure now as 100,000.

There were as many languages or distinct dialects as tribes. The general principles of the language, both as regards its structure and its part in native culture, are the same all over the continent.

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MOTHER'S SONG

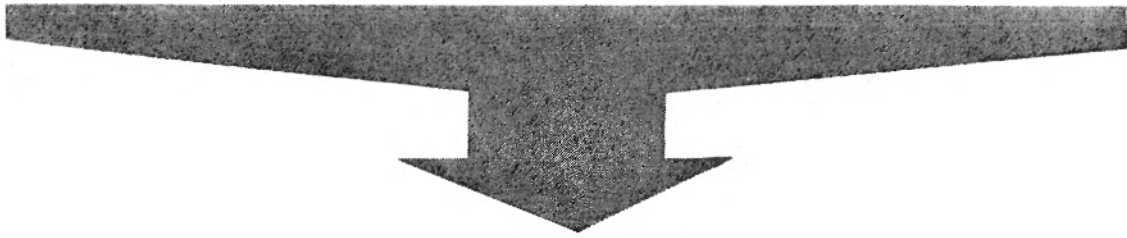
I heard a song that touched my heart
And filled my eyes with tears,
It was a song my mother sang
In long departed years —

"Only trust Him, only trust Him,
Only trust Him now.
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now."

How sweet the words that gave me hope,
That I might be restored
"Come every soul by sin oppressed
There's mercy with the Lord."

I seemed to hear that gentle voice
As in the long ago —
"Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow."

She knows it now — my mother knows
Up there her prayers are heard.
For Jesus gives the wanderer rest,
"I'm trusting in His Word."



PIGEON HOLES OF MEMORY

On one occasion the writer was a fellow-guest in a country home with another missionary who was home on furlough. When the missionary was leaving, she said to her hostess, "I have had such a happy and blessed time in your home that I am tucking away into my mind the memories of the happy times I have spent here. From time to time I shall take them out of their pigeon holes and live them over again." Hence the title of this article.

Reading — Philippians 3:8, 13, 14

We can store away many precious memories of times spent with loved ones, of rich friendships, of trips when we have enjoyed the beauties of God's handiwork, and the many kindnesses we have received.

But tucked away in these pigeon holes there may be memories which bring us not pleasure but pain, and which may even have embittered us. These should be taken out of their pigeon holes once for all and be entirely forgotten. Let us then consider some of the things we should forget.

MEMORIES WHICH SHOULD BE FORGOTTEN

Past spiritual successes and attainments should be forgotten. Perhaps this is what the apostle Paul meant when he wrote, "Forgetting those things which are behind" verse 13. If we dwell in past achievements we shall become complacent and self-satisfied. Olympic competitors are always trying to break past records by establishing new ones. Have we

learned new truths, new lessons, and entered into new experiences? Like Paul, let us press toward the mark, verse 14. We should remember from Whom our gifts and talents come and this will leave no room for self-glorying (I Cor. 4.7).

Let us forget our past service for Christ which is only our reasonable service, for whatever our work for Him may have been we must all admit that we are unprofitable servants (Luke 17.10). Let us also forget anything we may have given up for Christ. Paul counted these things as refuse. It has been noticed that those who have given up the most for Christ think the least about it.

by

V. M. Sullivan

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And what about the service we may have rendered to others? Love does not count service except to regard it as a great privilege. We should forget it but God will remember. He will reward even the cup of cold water given in His name, the loving service for others, the little deed of kindness, the thoughtful act, the loving word and the letter of encouragement. Let us then be willing to go the second mile even though no appreciation may be shown or any earthly reward given.

Which do you remember most, the hardness of the way or the countless mercies, blessings and kindnesses you may have received? Joseph was able to say, "God hath made me forget all my toil." Gen. 41.51. If we are busy counting our blessing we shall not have time to remember the hardness of the way.

Let us forget the injuries we have received from others who may have criticised, maligned and misjudged us. Psychiatrists tell us that a grudge that is harboured sinks down into the sub-

conscious mind, affecting not only the mind and the spirit but health as well. It certainly affects our spiritual health. Hebrews 12:15 speaks of "a root of bitterness" (something which sticks or penetrates). This will trouble not only the person concerned but it will spring up and affect others. Naomi's spirit had become embittered for she said, "Call me Mara for the Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me" Ruth 1:20. Yes, we may become embittered against God also, going over and over in our mind, the circumstances in which we feel He has dealt hardly with us.

If there is something between us and another, even if we are the wronged party, let us try to put it right. Amy Carmichael has said in one of her books, "If love flows in, love will flow out. A cup brimful of sweet water cannot even spill one drop of bitter water however suddenly jolted."

HOW TO FORGET

One often hears it said, "I cannot forget." But let us think of Christ praying for His enemies as He was being nailed to the cross and this will alter our attitude toward those who may have injured us. Then let us remember how Christ has forgiven us. Not only has He forgiven our sins but He has forgotten them. Heb. 8:12. In one of the parables we read, "I forgave thee all that debt shouldst not thou . . . even as I had pity on thee. (Matt. 18:32, 33). Now let us turn to the positive side.

MEMORIES WE SHOULD KEEP,

Deuteronomy 8:2-5.

We are to forget the injuries but remember the kindnesses we have received from others. How particular the apostle Paul was to enumerate in his letters the kindnesses he had received from the Lord's people. From time to time let us not only draw these memories from their pigeon holes but speak of them to those who have shown us kindness.

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We should remember all the way God has led us all through the years verse 2. Sometimes He has had to humble us and suffer us to hunger for the human love and the temporal that we might know the sweetness of His companionship, and the manner of His providing, verse 3. God sees that these seasons of hunger are necessary for the discipline of life. Sometimes He causes us to hunger for easier circumstances or for financial security in order that we might know His tender provision, or it may be for human gratitude and recognition that we might know His "well done". Remembering His provision verse 4, will strengthen our faith in time of need. Does Christ sometimes have to say sorrowfully to us as He did to the disciples, "Do ye not . . . remember the five loaves of the five thousand?" (Matt. 16:9).

We should remember also the cleansing. Satan sometimes comes to us reminding us of past sins, trying

to bring us into bondage about them and thus destroying our peace. We are in danger of forgetting that these sins have been forgiven, blotted out and forgotten by God. Yes, we have forgotten the cleansing, as those to whom Peter wrote in his second epistle (2 Pet. 1:9).

Finally, we are to remember our resting place. In times of stress, strain and anxiety let us remember the Lord Who is our strong habitation whereunto we may continually resort." God said sorrowfully of Israel and frequently has this to say of us. "My people . . . have forgotten their resting place." (Jer. 50:6).

Let us then use this well-known prayer:—

Give me the courage to change the things which can be changed; to accept with serenity the things which cannot; and for wisdom to know the difference."

THREE OF A KIND



Yes, three of a kind, but not too thrilled at being photographed! Three year old triplets, Selwyn, Thomas and Edgar Murphy, live in Dingo, Central Queensland.



"DON'T CLOSE" Pleads Government

Despite acute staff shortage, the SIM has been asked to keep open its seven leprosaria in Northern Nigeria, reports Dr. Ken W. Tracey, SIM Acting Medical Secretary for West Africa.

Although most of the leprosaria do not have resident doctors at present, and work cannot be upgraded, the government has asked the Mission to continue operating them at as high a standard as possible.

"We have been told to do our utmost to keep them open," Dr. Tracey told SIM doctors at West Africa Field Headquarters in Jos last September. Of the nine doctors who attended the meetings, five were due for furlough within 10 months. The matter of replacements was a critical item on their agenda.

Dr. Tracey added that the SIM was actively looking for young Nigerian doctors, and hoped that some now in training would join the medical staff.

—Our Africa.

Slain Missionary's Wife Writes Book, "Keeps Busy"

After Dr. Paul Carlon, medical missionary, was slain by rebels in the Congo in 1964, his widow, Lois, was afraid she would become bitter and resentful about his death, she recently said.

"I prayed the Lord He would not let it happen to me," she told stud-

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ents of Minnehaha Academy at a chapel service. "He has kept me from self-pity by keeping me busy."

Since returning to California from Africa a year ago with her two children, she has written a book that describes the ministry and martyrdom of her husband and has done considerable speaking.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

In March of this year a C.M.S. missionary working in N.T. ordered 21 different dialects on record including such languages as ANDIL-JAUGWA, BUAN, GOBABUINGU, GUNWINGGU. Pray for the records being used among Australian Aborigines.

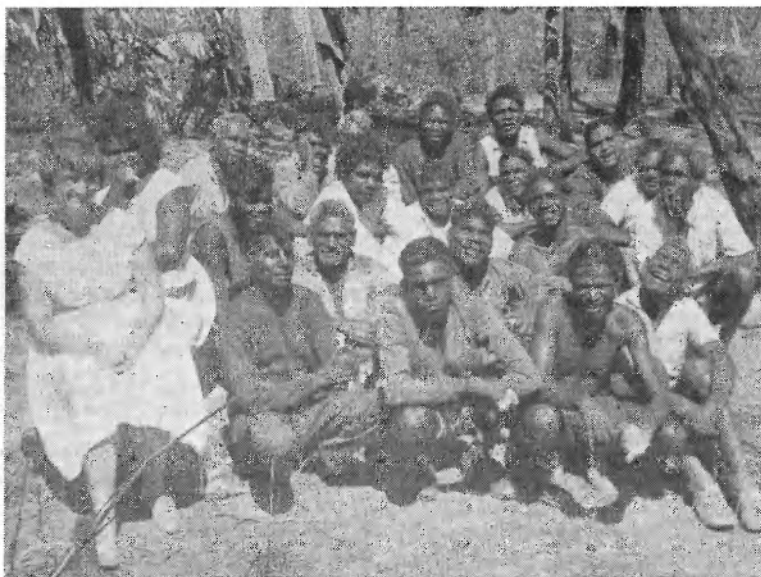
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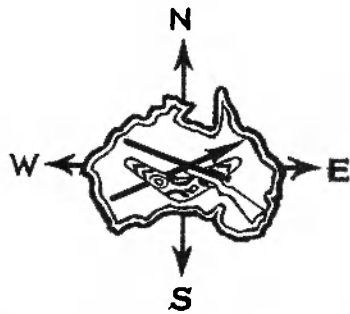
But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out into the uttermost parts of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Neh. 1:9.

ON HOLIDAY

Photographed below is Mrs. Eldridge, wife of Pastor S. Eldridge, of the A.I.M. Community Church, Nightcliff, Darwin, and some of the patients from the East Arm Leprosium. This was taken at a holiday camp earlier in the year.



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From March 13 to April 5 the Eastern-area Superintendent, Mr. W. R. Caddy visited our work in Queensland. The following article briefly outlines his impressions of the work in this northern State.

As I saw it . . .

My first call was to Cherbourg which is situated four miles from Murgon, Qld., in the South Burnett dairying district.

The word 'activity' seems to sum up the work on Cherbourg as I review my three-day visit to this centre.

The new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. Clarke are leading this very active church in deep devotion to the Lord.

Well attended meetings, and junior and senior choirs are encouraging features of this work just now.

Outreach at present includes distribution of literature, cottage meetings, open-air witness, and visitation. Cottage meetings in surrounding towns is also a feature. Real participation by the church members is a point for praise for the Lord's faithfulness.

. . . outreach includes open air witness. Featured here is Mrs. J. Hart of Cherbourg, Q., as she spoke at a recent meeting.

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"We love this work — don't move us yet," said Miss Phillips as she told of the burden of her heart for her people." There are so many in need here," she concluded.

A large Aboriginal population reside in both the inner and outer suburbs of this sprawling city.

Hospital, institutional, gaol, and house visitation occupy most of the time of our workers. This is supplemented by the visitation of male prisoners by Mr. R. M. Living.

A campaign 'by Aborigines for Aborigines' is planned for this city later in the year.

FINGAL

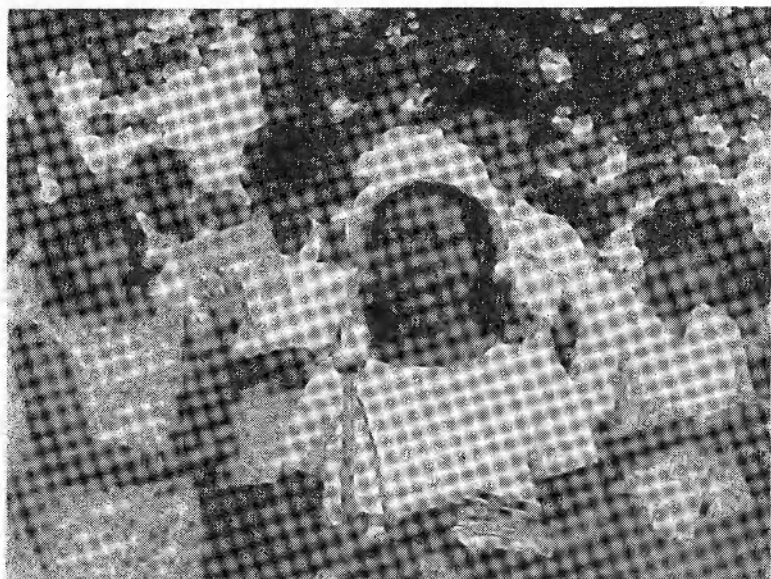
A loan of a car enabled me to pay a brief visit to Fingal. It was good to see Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Bowen and hear something of the work in this centre. Mr. Bowen has been recently called to this pastorate and they are settling into the work. This has not been easy for them after being away from field service (at the Bible Training Institute) for a number of years.

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BRISBANE

Between the visit to Cherbourg and Woorabinda I was able to spend a few days in Brisbane and also pay a brief visit to Fingal.

Misses J. Phillips and P. Naden are actively engaged in visitation in the Brisbane area.





WOORABINDA

It was a pleasant sight to see Mr. and Mrs. Knight walking down the long railway platform at Rockhampton when accompanied by Miss E. Mackintosh. I stepped off the train after a night's trip from Brisbane.

Our travelling from Rockhampton to isolated Perch Creek was the subject of much talk! Would the missionaries know we were coming? Would we need to sit on the little station at Duaringa until daybreak? All our fears were gone when we saw the missionaries and we praised the Lord for undertaking for us.

Top: Mr. J. Bell of Woorabinda welcomes Miss E. Mackintosh.

Lower: Mrs. Neville, teacher in the Kindergarten department of the Woorabinda Sunday School gives a sand-tray lesson.

'Kangaroo sit-down' is the Aboriginal interpretation of the name, Woorabinda. And of kangaroos there are still many in this Queensland area.

Sitting where they sat, was Ezekiel's experience, and as a mission we have endeavoured to do likewise in

order to win men and women for Christ.

Woorabinda, as ever, challenges the heart of the Christian. These lovely unaffected folk have such a real need. Behind the facade of civilization lies hearts that are in need of Christ — in need of His saving and keeping power!

Over the past few years the population of this Settlement has diminished from 800 to 400 as family after family have moved into the community to be assimilated. However, while most of the families have done well, and are being accepted by the community only a few have gone into the existing churches. As elsewhere, our people long to have fellowship with their own colour and seem to appreciate their own way of worship and service. Because of this need, our missionaries must travel over long distances to keep in contact with these people.

Yesterday we drove some 240 miles to visit families who are settled in townships of Dingo, Comet and in Emerald. A word here and there, several pieces of literature left in each home and a meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cubby at Comet, made the day's long travelling well worth while. Two decisions made after the meeting gladdened the hearts of the missionaries.

Poor mail deliveries, bread up to six days old, no electricity, spoke vividly of the isolation in which our missionaries in this centre still live in order to reach men and women for the Lord.

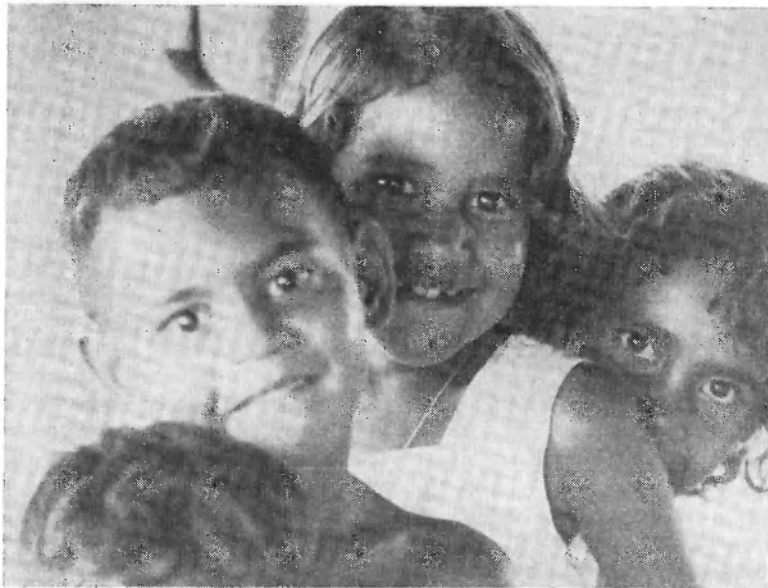
MAREEBA

An early morning flight over the Coral Sea from Townsville brought me to Cairns where our Mareeba workers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bye met me.

As ever the beauty of the tropics was evident as we drove up the steep-graded road from hot coastal plains to the clearer, cooler atmosphere of the tablelands. Mareeba is some 40 miles inland from Cairns.

Since my last visit, the mission

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house had been bought and placed on the very suitable and convenient site in the vicinity of the Reserve. It was good to see this building and be reminded of the wonderful provision the Lord had made.

The work here is very healthy. Evidence of blessing under the ministry of Miss M. Fairfax and her various assistants is apparent. Mr. and Mrs. Bye have been greatly encouraged by good attendances at the meetings and the keen interest by the people.

It was a blessing to worship with the folk at Mareeba over that weekend. Meetings were held under the mission house and were well attended.

A visit around the camp with Mr. Bye gave me a vivid insight into the needs of the people and the problems which our workers face. Space does not permit me to tell of the variety of experiences one can have during one after of visiting, save to mention the spiritual truth learnt as we walked through the high grass. This tropical grass, which is up to seven feet high hemmed us in as we walked from one end of the reserve to the other. Broken areas of grass told of how the children play hide

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. . . from Mareeba come this bright-eyed trio! They are William Waser, Kay and Lynette Grainer.



Pictured below are some of the folk who gathered on the beach to farewell Miss M. Spohn.



and seek. This grass spoke to me of the sin and unbelief which is restricting the spiritual lives of so many who live in this locality.

PALM ISLAND

A five hour trip on the Cannon Bay, brought me to the shallows surrounding the Island. The trip was exceptional smooth and we arrived on the Isle according to schedule.

I was part of a very mixed 'cargo'. Besides the usual stores for the Island, there were passengers returning to their homes, a jeep, a dog, a crate of hens, and a box of ducklings. The flag flying at half-mast indicated that a body was also aboard.

On arrival off shore, the casket was put into a small white boat and rowed to the pier, where it was met by the parents and relatives of the young baby. The passengers soon followed and it was good to be met by Miss J. Procter and Mr. F. Krause, our Associate Worker. Miss M. Spohn and Mr. I. Lymburn were at the church making preparations for the funeral. So my first activity on the Isle was to attend and take part in the funeral service.

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Missionary

MOMENTS



by

E. M. Walker.

A very special friend came to me and said that she would like to sing. She was just a small, frail mite of six!

She stood back ready to beat out the first line of the chorus of a well-known and well-loved hymn. Suddenly the little voice began —

“At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light

And the “BUSINESS” of my heart rolled away.

It was there by faith I received my sight

And now I am happy all the day!

What is the “business” of your heart?

Is it Christ’s home?

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Or is it the bad “business” of sin?

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians 3:16 “That God would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith”.

Someone has put it like this, “That Christ may settle down and be at home in your hearts by faith”.

Away back in the garden of Eden God used to come down and have fellowship with man.

Later God’s presence was with the Children of Israel, filling the tabernacle with His presence and assuring them that He will never leave them.

Next we see God in the temple, filling it with His glory and a place where He had chosen to put His name there.

Now He can dwell in our hearts.

Have we done away with the “business” of sin — and now have Him in our heart?

PLAN NOW FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

A Bible School is planned for January 1967. This will be held at Singleton Bible Training Institute.

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FOR FURTHER
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THE FIELD TODAY (continued)

The Aborigines were a race of food-gatherers. They lived off the land, did not practice any form of gardening or animal husbandry, and were compelled by circumstances to be nomadic.

One division made of the peoples of the world lists them in two groups —the culture races and the nature races. Australia’s Aborigines are in the latter.

It is generally accepted that their intelligence is not lower than all other races as was commonly reported.

In working out their social, economic and religious life they have shown as much intelligence as the average European.

The main problem with the Aborigines has been that of adapting themselves to the changed conditions which have come upon them as the result of the settlement of their country by our white people.

GOVERNMENTS AND THE ABORIGINES: Each mainland State is responsible for the matters relating to Aborigines residing within it. This was an arrangement made when setting up the Commonwealth. It was written in to the Constitution.

The Federal Government has been responsible for Aboriginal Affairs in the Northern Territory since South Australian relinquished control in 1910. The Federal Government also controls affairs relating to any Aborigines in the Australian Capital Territory and at Jervis Bay.

People are often misled when reference is made to an Aboriginal Settlement or Reserve as a “Mission”. In each State there are a number of areas set aside for Aboriginal people. These are controlled by managers through the Aboriginal Welfare Board or its equivalent. They have different titles, for instance in New

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Outstanding in changes here is the great improvement in the mission house. Loving hands have greatly improved this building and now Mr. Lymburn continues the work that has taken so long.

A programme of meetings gave me an insight into the needs and challenge of this work.

Miss J. Procter and Mr. and Mrs. I. Lymburn will appreciate prayer support as they continue in the work. A burden for the fuller development of the local church lies heavy on the hearts of our workers just now.

TOWNSVILLE

This wide-spread northern city is one of our newest centres and in these days of assimilation presents a challenge to us and our local missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kleinschmidt.

Sunday Schools and meetings are held in strategic centres throughout and outside this city. A band of faithful helpers assist the missionaries week by week.

Baptised believers from Palm Island seem to constitute the majority of the congregation and from these it is hoped to form a Townsville branch of the A.I.M. Church later this year.

Today the most urgent need of this city is a central meeting place which



can be used for both services and as a social centre. Groups of Aborigines sitting in city parks and strolling around the streets point to this imminent need.

Outstation work from this centre has long been the plan of this area. During my visit Mr. Kleinschmidt drove out to Charters Towers and we visited several families who are now resident there.

"You're here at last," was the greeting one woman gave us. This spoke volumes to us! At least some of the people were looking forward to the ministry of the Word. Mr.

. . . an afterchurch photo of a Sunday morning congregation in Townsville.

Kleinschmidt plans to visit monthly as the Lord enables.

QUEENSLAND IS CERTAINLY A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY TODAY. New laws relating to Aborigine rights and liberties come into force this month. A new way of life will be open to our people. New liberties and opportunities lie before them. This is all very wonderful but how much more wonderful could it be if new life was found in Christ!

Federal Council Welcomes Director and Family

On Monday, April 4, the Federal Council of the A.I.M. welcomed the Director of the Mission, the Rev. E. C. Long and Mrs. Long and their family. Mr. and Mrs. Long had been in the U.S.A. for three months.

After the dinner, to which Council members and their wives had been invited, the monthly prayer meeting was

held. Mr. Long showed slides of his visit to the States during the meeting.

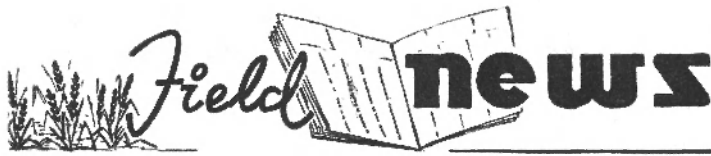
Amongst those who attended the prayer meeting was Mr. B. Bartrop, the first secretary of the A.I.M. which the mission was formed in 1905. Although weakened by advanced years, Mr. Bartrop still takes an active interest in missionary activity.

Housemother for RETTA DIXON HOMES, N.T.

Miss G. Platt, who was recently accepted as a housemother for the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, N.T., arrived at her appointment on April 15.

Miss Platt is from Hamilton, Vic., and has just completed a Social Welfare Child Course in Melbourne.

Miss Platt broke her flight to Darwin in Sydney and stayed at the Headquarters of the Mission for one night.



BORROLOOLA, N.T.

"When the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the Lord and Journeyed not". Numbers 9:19.

"An hour of waiting!
Yet there seems much need
To reach that spot sublime!
I long to reach it; but I long far more
To trust His time."

These words from a daily reading calendar were mailed us by a friend recently. How appropriate they are; particularly at this time when Mrs. Higgins' doctor has advised that she will need a further six months off the field. The truth has been brought home to us that it is not where we are, but what we are, that matters most to God.

There were some three hundred aboriginal folk at Borroloola over the Christmas season. Quite a crowd gathered at the Mission House for the Christmas get-together. As Mr. and Mrs. M. Pattemore and family spent a week at Borroloola before Christmas they were able to assist Mrs. MacDonald in running the treat.

Our thanks go to Mr. Ron Kerr who carted water for Mrs. MacDonald when her supply ran out.

"The enemy has come in like a flood" at Borroloola; and some Church members have been overcome. Praise God for the firm stand taken by Roy over the Christmas period. He faithfully stood out against evil tribal practices and other sins. He and his wife Amy have taken a Gospel gramophone and records with them to the station on the Tableland where they work during the dry season.

A number of women requested to commence private Bible Study with Mrs. MacDonald. Praise God for this, and for two backsliders who have repented of their sin.

Borroloola had very heavy rains this wet. A pack horse and police escort had to go in to collect the ballot box. Roy had to assist Mrs. MacDonald to cross the flooded Rocky Creek so that she could vote.

One of the "faithful women", Dinah, has passed on to her reward. She and her husband used to love to pray out in the bush where they were camped. Let us pray for her husband Jack-in-a-box.

Let us all intercede faithfully for God's work in Borroloola.

G. and R. Higgins.

TOWNSVILLE, Q.

Just recently we had a visit from our Area Superintendent, Mr. Caddy, who stayed with us for a few days. We did enjoy fellowship with him.

During his visit we took a day trip to Charters Towers, a distance of 85 miles, to survey this area in regard to the possibility of future regular visits.

We were able to contact quite a number of our people who are now residing in and around this town. Evangels and Lettersticks were freely distributed and we were well received by most of the people. One woman gladly opened her home to us for meetings — which, God Willing, we will conduct monthly in the future.

Today I paid my monthly visit to the Stewart Prison. About 22 Aborigine men met together for the service, and it was a thrill to hear them sing! It sounded so good ringing through the cells. How we long that these men could sing these hymns right from their hearts. Our literature was eagerly sought by the men as soon as the meeting was over. Pray fervently for this part of our ministry here in the tropics.

Following this visit I was able to call upon all our coloured folk who reside in the Stewart and Walgett areas.

A and H Kleinsmidt.

WALGETT, N.S.W.

The Lord is prospering our Sunday School meetings, particularly at the Government Station, where a good number of children attend each week.

The Welfare Department have recently built about a dozen new homes for the coloured people here at Walgett. These homes are now occupied. Already the Lord has opened up the way for us, in the new homes.

We are planning in the near future to have more of our meetings in the homes of the people (both new

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and old homes). It is possible at some of these meetings there may only be the one family in attendance, but as some of the homes are somewhat isolated, it is often the only way of reaching these folk.

Please pray that the Lord might bless these meetings as we are able to have more of a personal contact with the people.

M. and R. Hallett.

DUBBO, N.S.W.

From the Hub of the West (N.S.W.) we greet you!

March 6 was the date chosen for the re-organising of the A.I.M. Church in Dubbo.

We were happy to have Mr. W. R. Caddy here for this occasion as he is so well known out here and is always a welcome visitor. Folks travelled from Wellington, Gilgandra, Balladoran and Peak Hill for this meeting. As the officers for the Church were chosen we felt the Lord leading in a very real and wonderful way. This followed a message from Mr. Caddy on Nehemiah 1. Verse 9 was a challenge to us, "Yet will I gather them from thence and will bring them into this place that I have chosen to set my name there." This was such a fitting text for the occasion. Our prayer is that we will want to rise, build and work for our Lord as we should.

At the conclusion of the afternoon meeting a fellowship tea was enjoyed by all who were present. This was followed by a prayer session and the evening service.

The church was packed for this night meeting. Items were rendered by Messrs. L. Morgan and V. Shaw.

We were pleased to have Miss M. Fairfax with us for these meetings.

We ask your prayer for this centre. Pray that this newly formed central church will continue to grow and to

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glorify the Lord.

May the Lord bless you all.

(Mrs.) O. Naden.

CHERBOURG, Q.

The Youth Service was planned for Sunday, March 6. The service was to be led by one of the teenagers, with other young people taking part.

Yes, we looked forward to a blessed time at this service.

Little did we realize that the day prior to this service, one of the young men would no longer be with us — for he was accidentally shot dead on the Saturday morning. His funeral was held on the Sunday afternoon. The Youth Service took place as planned and each one did their parts well. A time had been set aside for testimonies.

This time was announced. The pastor waited — but not for long. A young lad stepped out to the front — his mother had died only the week before — then several young women came forward. Hearts were touched as these folk told of their experience with the Lord.

One lad of 14 told how he couldn't believe the news of the death of his best mate. He went on to say how he had given his life to Christ because he now knew that it was possible to die young and be without Christ.

Following this blessed time, an audio-visual was shown after which a number of young folk came forward to surrender their lives to Christ.

THESE ARE PRECIOUS YOUNG LIVES! THE LEADERS OF THE ABORIGINAL CHURCH OF TOMORROW! WILL YOU PRAY FOR THEM?

Yes, we are looking forward to another Youth service!

M. and B. Clarke.

THE FIELD TODAY (continued)

South Wales it is The Aborigines Welfare Board; in Queensland it is The Department of Native Affairs.

In some States Aborigines were compelled to remain on these Settlements or Reserves. Regulations have been changed and Aborigines are no longer forced to stay, except in those States where individual adults or children have been committed to them by the Courts.

There are five Settlements in Queensland; six in South Australia; 15 in the Northern Territory; and 16 residential reserves or stations in N.S.W. The only one in Victoria is now being disbanded.

The Governments spend about \$12,000,000 each year in caring for the Aboriginal people in Australia.

EVANGELISING THE ABORIGINES

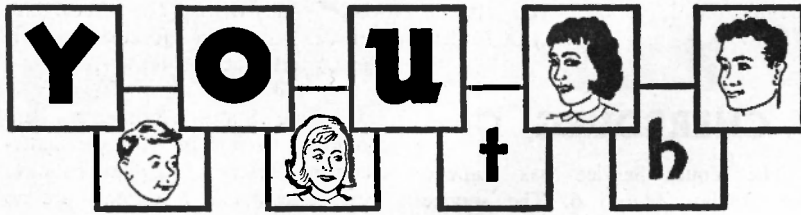
THE AGENCIES: There are Denominational and Interdenominational Missions working for the evangelisation of these people.

Denominational: Church of England through Australian Board of Missions; Church Missionary Society; Church Army; the Presbyterian; Methodist; Baptist; Church of Christ; Lutheran; Brethren Assemblies; Salvation Army; Assemblies of God; Pentecostals; also several orders within the Roman Catholic Church; as well as most of the cults, are working among the Aborigines

Interdenominational: Aborigines Inland Mission; Australian Missionary Society; Australian Aborigines Evangelical Mission; United Aborigines Mission.

In addition there are a number of other groups as well as individuals working to get the Gospel — or their interpretation of it — to these people.

As distinct from what is happening in other lands there is no over-
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THE TERRIFIED CAT

by
G. M. Higgins

The cat in our story is a Northern Territory Cat. To be even more exact it is a Yuendumu cat, for it belongs to Mr. and Mrs. G. Miles of the Yuendumu Aboriginal Settlement where Mr. Miles is headmaster.

I don't know whether this cat is a he or a she!

I don't even know what colour it is.

I do know that mostly this "puss" behaves like any ordinary quiet cat; but that there is one time when he (or she) seems to go quite mad!

Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Miles travel, and have to take "puss" with them. Once in the car, he becomes terrified and tears around inside the car spitting and scratching, tearing at the seat covers, with his hair

standing on end.

Once they had to get him an injection to make him sleepy before taking him on a trip! Another time they gave him a tablet (who ever heard of a cat taking sleeping tablets?).

Poor puss! Yet if he had only known it, there is no need to be frightened about motor cars! They are so safe that he could have curled up and gone to sleep on the back seat.

Sometimes we Christians are afraid of something that we need not fear at all. There is a saying that "Satan makes mountains out of molehills"; and there is some truth in this saying. Often we get afraid of unfamiliar experiences.

Maybe it is fear of witnessing to others!

Maybe it is the fear of telling what God has done for us in the testimony meeting.

Maybe it is praying aloud at Christian Endeavour meeting.

Let us remember that whenever God calls upon us to do anything He always gives us the grace and power to do it.

Let us remember the Scripture chorus which says:—

"Fear thou not, for I am with thee,
Be not dismayed for I am thy God,
I will strengthen thee, yea I will help thee,
I will uphold thee with my right hand."

Like Joshua, we must 'be strong and of a good courage.' Our Saviour will never leave us nor forsake us. Let's not be terrified of those new experiences.



THE FIELD TODAY (continued)

lapping in any way as far as the Gospel ministry is concerned with Aboriginal people. The cults have sought to make inroads on established Christian work rather than to pioneer their own work.

Why missionary work among Australia's Aborigines?

THE MESSAGE: The primary motive of most missionaries, certainly of all evangelicals would be to obey the Lord's command as set out in Matt. 28:18-20.

The message preached is Christ crucified, buried and risen again. I Cor. 15:1-4.

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, recognising that He said "I am the way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father . . ." and there is no other name under heaven by which we or they may be saved.

It is adequate. It has been abundantly demonstrated that whatever may have been the condition of our Aboriginal people the Gospel is still the Power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.



NEWS OF WORKERS

Mr. E. A. Collins, General Secretary of the Mission, visited Victoria during March to talk with the Victorian State Council concerning the future of the work in that State.

Mrs. G. Higgins, who with her husband have been on leave from the mission owing to her health, continues to improve. However, it will be some months before the Doctor will let Mrs. Higgins do field work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Treloar, who have been the Missions representatives in Victoria for several years, have now been appointed to take over the work in the Western Lakes area and will reside in the mission house at Lake Cargelligo. They expect to take up duties there towards the end of April.

Miss E. Webb will be in Melbourne for a short period for deputation and office work.

Miss M. Spohn who has been relieving on Palm Island, Q., for nearly twelve months, has now returned to the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin, N.T. She left the Island on April 1 and arrived in Darwin on April 5. Miss J. Procter is now in charge of the Palm Island work and has the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. I. Lymburn.

Miss E. Mackintosh arrived at Woorabinda on March 19. She will be working with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Knight.

Three missionaries arrived in Sydney by air on Saturday, April 9 to begin their furlough. They were Miss M. Shankelton, of the Retta Dixon Homes, Darwin and Mr. and Mrs. M. Schenk and their children of Bagot, N.T.

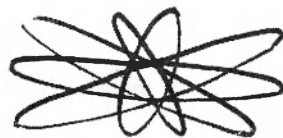
Miss J. Phillips, who underwent surgery some weeks ago has not been well since. Owing to an infection,

Miss Phillips has been under medical attention ever since. The last report was that she had improved again. She is with Miss P. Naden at 65 Lade Street, GAYTHORNE, Q.

Miss M. Fairfax, who has been on furlough, expected to return to Mareeba late in April, in preparation for her going across to re-open the work at Normanton.

Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Parker, both at R.D.H., are looking forward to their mothers spending a short time on holiday with them in their cottages. It will be their first visit to Darwin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stretton were able to give much needed help at the Home in Darwin and have now returned to Maranboy and their work at Bamyili. They are planning a visit to some other centres during the coming dry season.



BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. M. Schenk, of Bagot, Darwin, N.T., a son, Darryl Maxwell, born on February 14 in the Darwin Hospital.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Rev. J. M. Lloyd acknowledges gift of \$30 — Newcastle postmark.



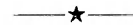
● Love is the diamond among the jewels of the believer's breastplate.

● The happiest people are those who are too busy to stop and wonder if they are or not!

● Praise is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul.

● Prayer is the only force that can quicken information into inspiration — that can transmit interest into passion — and that can coin enthusiasm into dollars and lives.

● The vessel that sails the steadiest is often the most heavily laden.



NEW DARWIN CHURCH OPENED

On Thursday, April 7th, at 6.30 p.m., the new building of the Darwin A.I.M. Community Church was opened to the Glory of God.

The key was turned by Miss M. Shankelton, M.B.E., who was one of the missionaries who opened the A.I.M. work in Darwin during the war years.

This new building has been built under the direction of Pastor S. Eldridge, and is in the Nightcliff area, an outer suburb of Darwin.

Further news of this occasion will be given in the next issue of EVANGEL.

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Fr. 20th. NEWCASTLE WATERS, N.T. Pastor and Mrs. W. Fejo will be preparing for the coming weekend. Ask God's blessing upon the services on Sunday, both at this centre and at Elliott.

Sa. 21st. GENERAL FUND. Pray for the financial needs of this fund. Ask the Lord to provide daily such as is needed for the maintenance and extension of the A.I.M.

Su. 22nd. BORROLOOLA, Q. In this isolated station local Aborigine Christians and Mrs. MacDonald will worship together today. Pray for these folk. Ask the Lord to bless the preaching of the Gospel around the camp.

Mo. 23rd. PERSONAL NEEDS OF MISSIONARIES. Daily the Lord has undertaken for our workers. Just now ask that every need will be supplied — physical, temporal and financial — so that the workers will not be hindered in their service.

Tu. 24th. GRIFFITH, N.S.W. Remember Miss E. Walker and the work at Griffith today. Pray for the new converts, and the further development of the local church.

We. 25th. MOREE, N.S.W. The Girls' Life Brigade is an important part of this particular work. Ask God to bless Mrs. Bird and her work with the girls in this way.

Th. 26th. The need of a CARPENTER to complete the various buildings across the field is a need just now. Pray that the Lord will move in His way in this regard.

Fr. 27th. TRANSPORT. Several missionaries are praying for more reliable transport for their centres. The provision of these needs will make the workers more effective for the Lord. Pray on.

Sa. 28th. CHURCHES GUIDANCE COMMITTEE. The secretary, Mr. C. Grant asks prayer for the further development of the churches across the Field. Pray that the officers in each Fellowship will carry the responsibility given them by the members.

Su. 29th. REDFERN, N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. M. Winson tell of encouragement in this city work. Pray for the newly commenced Ladies Fellowship and weekly Fellowship Tea.

Mo. 30th. WALGETT, TOWNSVILLE and MAR-EEBA. Workers in these centres visualize the formation of churches in the near future. Ask the Lord to prepare for Christians for this step and guide the missionaries in their programming.

Tu. 31st. FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS AND MERCY — LET US PRAISE HIM! By faith we have prayed — now let us praise Him for all that has been accomplished in His Name.

Aborigines' Inland Mission of Australia

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR

Place this Prayer Calendar in your Bible and use it every day. Start with the day you receive it, and continue until the next Calendar arrives.

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Sun. 1st. Today uphold the missionaries and local Church members on Cherbourg, Qld., as they conduct their open air meetings around the Settlement. Pray that the Word will be blessed to all who hear.

Mo. 2nd. MISSION PUBLICATIONS OF AUSTRALIA. Sunday School materials for the third quarter of the year are being prepared now. Remember Mr. H. Miles and his staff in this work. Pray too, for other materials being prepared for publication.

Tu. 3rd. FINGAL, N.S.W. An outreach programme from this centre has proved to be a blessing. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Bowen and the work in and around this coastal area.

- We. 4th. GAOL VISITATION. Today Mr. H. Kleinschmidt, of Townsville, Qld., will conduct his monthly service in the Stewart Gaol. This opportunity for witness among these prisoners presents a real challenge to our missionary. Ask the Lord to bless this meeting and the Christian literature which will be left with the men.
- Th. 5th. WOORABINDA, Q. Tonight the Christians on Woorabinda will conduct their own meeting. Pray for them as they prepare the programme and invite their own people to hear the Word.
- Fr. 6th. HEADQUARTERS EXTENSION PROGRAMME. Ask the Lord to provide for this need. The extension of the second flat is a real need and we look to the Lord to undertake.
- Sa. 7th. MAREEBA, Q. Mr. and Mrs. R. Bye will be holding an informal cottage meeting tonight. Remember those who attend this meeting, praying especially for the dark folk who will conduct it.
- Su. 8th. MOTHERS' DAY. This day we can remember the Aboriginal mothers across our land. Pray that they may realize afresh their need of Christ. Uphold the Christian mothers who so often have to bear much trial as they live for Christ.

- Mo. 9th. DARWIN A.I.M. COMMUNITY CHURCH. Pray for the meetings to be held in the new building today. Ask God's blessing upon the preaching of the Word. Pray too, for souls.
- Tu. 10th. BRISBANE, Q. Misses J. Phillips and P. Naden ask prayer for their visiting programme throughout Brisbane. Pray for their visitation in the hospitals, asylums, and in the women's sections of the gaols also. Remember Mr. R. M. Living in his gaol work.
- We. 11th. PALM ISLAND, Q. The mid-week service will be held on Palm Island tonight. This well attended meeting gives good opportunity to give teaching. Remember Miss J. Procter and Mr. and Mrs. I. Lyburn in this meeting and their many activities today.
- Th. 12th. NORMANTON, Q. This very isolated outpost calls for our prayers today. Remember Miss Fairfax as she plans to re-opening of this work. Pray for accommodation, and a real blessed entry into this centre.
- Fr. 13th. CONDOBOLIN, N.S.W. Mr. G. Smith is relieving at this centre. Remember him and his programme of visiting. Pray too, for the Church members that they will work together for the Gospel and the consolidation of their work.

- Sa. 14th. MURRIN BRIDGE, N.S.W. Mr. and Mrs. R. Treloar have recently been transferred to this centre. Ask God to bless them as they settle down and seek to win men and women for Christ.
- Su. 15th. DUBBO, N.S.W. Prayer is asked for this centre and for the members of the recently re-organized Church. Pray for Mr. W. H. Naden and his wife as they care for the work in the absence of a full-time pastor.
- Mo. 16th. RETTA DIXON HOMES, N.T. Houseparents are a real need in the Home just now. Five more couples are needed. Ask the Lord to provide this need so that the children in our care will have to love and attention they need.
- Tu. 17th. KATHERINE, N.T. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridges ask prayer for the proposed building on the block adjacent to the mission house. Pray to for the Religious Instruction classes held in the schools.
- We. 18th. MIRACLES AND MELODIES. Today this radio programme will be heard over the Cairns (Q.) station. Pray for this session. Ask God to bless the Word given today.
- Th. 19th. LETTER STICK. This magazine for new-literates continues to be a blessing. Pray for the latest issue which will be in the hands of the people now.