

SEVERAL HOMES FOR AGED PLANNED PERMANENTLY MANY TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Perth, May 3

Plans to build several homes for the aged are now well under way. Two acres of land have been made available in the Scarborough area by the Government, and negotiations are being carried on for a further two and a half acre site in the Mount Lawley area, and one of ten acres south of the river.

In addition to these the Church has received by deed of gift a fine property in Murdoch, a sizable residence of 12 rooms, consisting of a substantial brick house and cottage surrounded by an acre of ground fronting the estuary.

The donors of this property, Mr. O. S. W. and Mrs. Anger, desire that the property retain the name of Weira House in memory of Mrs. Anger's parents, Mr. C. F. and Mrs. Weira. The property is to be used in perpetuity as a home for the aged.

Through the kindness of the Minister for Housing and the Manager of the State Housing Commission, sketch plans have been drawn to convert this property into a substantial residence for aged folk of both sexes. The existing house will be converted into an infirmary and a nursing home.

SCHOOL FOUNDERS' SERVICE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 5

Admitted as a Public School some years ago, Caulfield Grammar School was for many years one of the Victorian Associated Grammar Schools, and was founded on April 25, 1881. The much more recent Malvern Memorial Grammar School is now affiliated with it.

On Saturday, April 28, was the Sunday nearest the foundation anniversary, the Annual Foundation Day commemorative service was held at St. Paul's Cathedral at 3 p.m.

Over 1,700 people attended the service, and the offering of over £100 was forwarded to Community Aid Abroad. Throughout its long history Caulfield Grammar School has been very closely associated with St. Mary's, Caulfield, in which parish it is situated.

the existing cottage into rooms for the staff. Around the perimeter of the twelve cottages will be erected for married couples.

Also, there will be a "collegiate" building which will house twenty-five occupants. Each person will have his or her own bedroom, and there will be a community lounge and a community dining-room.

The committee for the Homes for the Aged has approved the sketch plans and the Housing Commission is now preparing working drawings. At some stage these are ready, tenders will be called and the work set in hand. Three other homes in various parts of the metropolitan area are planned. These are part of an overall scheme to set homes in regions where elderly folk already have their interests and their friends, so that entry into a home does not cut them off entirely from the familiar surroundings.

Two of these homes will provide accommodation only for those who are able to care for themselves.

HOSPITAL

The third and fourth home will contain a large C-class home hospital to which inmates of the other homes will be transferred if they become incapable physically of caring for themselves.

This arrangement will provide that every person has been accepted as a resident in an Anglican Home, the organisation will continue to care for him until he passes into the fuller life.

A two-and-a-half acre site in the Scarborough area has already been granted. Site plans for this block are being prepared by the State Housing Commission, and the work out the way in which the land may be used is being used.

The work in this area will be continued.

proceeded with as soon as the planning stage has been completed. Negotiations for the two other sites are not as yet finished.

In order to make possible the committee's plan to accept responsibility for the housing and care for the rest of their lives of those who enter the homes, it is intended within the next few months to launch a public appeal for money to be used to endow the homes in perpetuity.

If this appeal is successful, and the committee feels confident that this particular appeal will be well supported, once the Government has been established it will not be necessary to make any further appeals to Church or State for subscriptions.

A brochure setting out all the details of the scheme will be ready for general distribution shortly, when working plans on the Weira House project are sufficiently advanced to allow the plan for the proposed building to be made.

NEW HOSPITAL AT ERORO WILL MEET URGENT NEED

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Port Moresby, May 8

In the presence of the Right Reverend David Hand and the Right Reverend George Ambro, Mr. John Guise, M.L.C., set a stone at the site of the new St. George's Hospital at Eroro in New Guinea on April 26.

Also present were representatives of the staff of neighbouring mission stations and of local government departments.

The stone was set in the base of an impressive Celtic Cross which will be the front of the new hospital.

The cross, made of concrete, was specially designed and built on the site by mission builders, and will be left to the care of John Grainger, who is engaged in the re-building programme.

Work on the first stage is expected to be commenced later this year after a new dormitory has been erected to house Pagan nursing staff and mission girls (boarders at the mission school). The re-building programme is long overdue, as can be seen by any casual observer of the present hospital. Admittedly, the buildings are in no way in danger of falling down yet.

But during a rain storm, one has to walk through the administration block and wards with an umbrella up, as it is almost wetter inside than out.

The operating theatre is usually regarded as one of the most hygienic of any hospital, and naturally, in the tropics, there must be plenty of fresh air for ventilation.

FLY SPRAYS

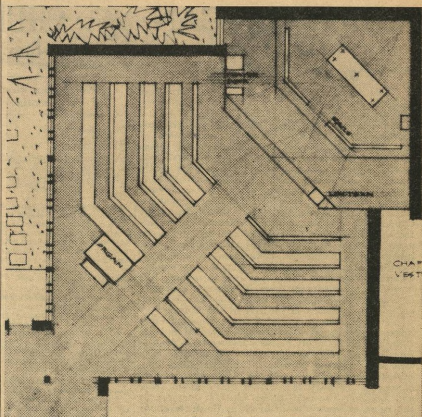
The theatre here, with comparatively modern equipment, is particularly not a source of flies. The ceiling, from which is hung a good theatre lamp, is of broad rain paper, and is badly in need of replacement. Above the lobby ceiling is space—and dirt—and consequently flies.

One of the team at the operating theatre during an operation is continuously shooting at flies with a fly spray.

An Administration surgeon, who is about to be seen by a young man, said on his last visit that at all the hospitals in which he operates whilst on patrol, St. Margaret's theatre is the worst.

It so happens that the operating theatre is the only room in the hospital that has wire and a ceiling.

These are the conditions at the moment. The new hospital is to be built



The plan for the Retiree House Chapel at Cheltenham, Victoria. The architects are Louis Williams and Partners.

CHELTEHAM CHAPEL

STONE TO BE SET SOON

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, May 6

Ever since the death of the late Sister Flora, Mother Superior of the Community of the Holy Name, an appeal for money to be made for funds to build a Memorial Chapel at the Retiree House, Cheltenham, of which she was first Sister Superior.

The success of this appeal has enabled the Council of the Melbourne Diocesan Mission, Streets and Lanes (which is conducted by the Community of the Holy Name) to prepare plans and make arrangements for the commencement of the work.

VERY COMPACT

The foundations of the new chapel will be set on Wednesday afternoon, June 12, at 3 o'clock.

The stone will be set by the Right Reverend A. E. Winter, Bishop of St. Arnaud, and Acting Metropolitan of Victoria. Appropriately enough, the late Mother Flora was a parishioner of the parish of St. James, Ivanhoe, of which she was first Sister Superior, thirty years ago.

The design of the new chapel is very compact, giving a feeling of intimacy, and yet it is spacious enough to seat twice the capacity of the present chapel.

This latter will continue to be used as the Sisters' chapel, and will also provide space for a much-needed library.

"TURN FIREWORKS INTO FOOD"

ACC. STAVROS

A plea to Christians to "turn fireworks into food" has been made by the Assistant Secretary for Inter-Church Aid, the Reverend C. R. Spradell.

Mr. Spradell said that, while millions of people starved overseas, many Australian families would chain-smoke on British Commonwealth Day, May 24.

He said that the Government should set aside for the Freedom From Hunger campaign some or all of the money they could normally spend on fireworks.

Mr. Spradell said that the Australian Council of Churches are raising £50,000 as part of the proper pain for Easter Eve.

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EASTER CAROLS SUNG IN S. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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The choir of St. Paul's Cathedral has a reputation of long standing for its annual Christmas carol service, and this was enhanced by its innovation of an Easter carol service on Sunday evening, April 25.

Coming as it did, on the second Sunday after Easter, when most people think of Easter as being past, because the holidays are over, added a touch of freshness, and brought a new appreciation to the glorified Easter music.

Assisted by the processional choir, the boys and men of the choir advanced up the centre aisle to the front of the choir, and then in pairs to their usual positions at Easter music.

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Workmen cleaning murals and stonework in Christ Church S. Laurence, Sydney. A team of painters, cleaners and electricians are giving the church its first intensive overhaul for 120 years.

PRIMATES' REPORT ON GENERAL SYNOD PROPOSALS TO BE DEBATED

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

New proposals for setting up a general synod for Church government will be discussed at the spring sessions of the Convocations of Canterbury and York this week.

The new draft scheme is based on a report prepared by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

It is designed to straighten out differences between the two Convocations on previous proposals for the setting up of a general synod which would include lay representatives.

Both Convocations are agreed on the need to set up such a body, but have not yet been able to agree upon a scheme.

The archbishops' revised scheme says the general synod will be formed by the union of the two Convocations and the addition of a House of Laity.

It would possess the legislative and other powers at present held separately by the Convocations and the General Assembly.

The report says the archbishops say they consider it important that the Convocations should be able to reach a decision which will command the support of a substantial majority of members of the lower houses. This is because

THREE REASONS

1. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the cumbersome nature of the present organs of Church government.

2. Further delay will strengthen the unfortunate impression already given to many of the laity that the clergy are reluctant to bring them into full decision on matters which are of their concern to them.

It is highly desirable to bring to a conclusion a matter which has been before the Church for the past eight years.

VATICAN MAY OPEN CONSULATES

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—The Observer, London, reports the Vatican is considering opening consulates to look after the interests of Roman Catholic countries where it has diplomatic representatives. It said these would include Western European countries.

A story from Vienna, where the United Nations-sponsored conference on consular procedure is meeting, reported that the Vatican representatives to the conference said such consulates would be established.

Observers commented that the existence of these offices in Communist countries would be "fully in accordance with the Pope's principles" (Pascom in Rome) and the need for co-existence and peace, would also ease the Pope's difficulties in cases like Cuba.

IONA CELEBRATION

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—Plans for the celebration of the landing of St. Columba on Iona, an island off the coast of Scotland, 400 years ago have been announced by Dr. George F. MacLeod, Moderator of the General Assembly.

St. Columba landed on Iona at the end of the year 563. On June 9, 597, he died there. He returned in 1963 (falls on June 2) and it was decided that the eight days from June 2 should be observed as a time of commemoration.

AFRICAN MUSIC

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—A multi-racial organisation has been formed to encourage the development of African music. Known as the All-Africa Church Music Association, it will be run by students at the close of a recent one-month All-Africa Church Music Workshop at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

ORTHODOX IN AMERICA DISCUSSIONS PLANNED

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Archbishop Iakovos, head of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, has confirmed that discussions on Church unity with the Roman Catholic Church will be held on the occasion of the inauguration of the new year.

The prelate said in a television interview in New York that he expected to receive permission to conduct the talks soon from Ecumenical Patriarch Athanasios of Istanbul, supreme head of Eastern Orthodoxy.

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Cardinal Cooke had made the appeal in a lecture on Catholic-Orthodox relations at Boston College's General Theological Colloquium.

Archbishop Iakovos said the cardinal's speech was a "truly courageous statement" and "may well have opened the way for any planning of an East-West dialogue."

Cardinal Cooke had called upon Roman Catholics to make "significant steps" in seeking unity with the Orthodox and had asked forgiveness for the role his Church has played in the centuries-old division.

CO-OPERATION

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Earlier, in a speech in Westwood, Mass., in London, he proposed that Roman Catholics and Protestants unite in co-operating churches to carry out "grass roots" ecumenical spirit which would support "high level" discussions of Christian unity.

Addressing a Protestant congregation in the first of 20 talks in Westwood, Mass., he said that Protestant Church leaders, he said all Christians should co-operate in inter-religious programmes for the community good on national, state and local levels.

"We should work together on a level which will help us to achieve a watering down of our beliefs," he declared.

UNIT MARCHES

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—The Reverend Gilbert W. Kirby, general secretary of the Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain, said at a London meeting that regardless of the outcome of current union talks between the Church of England and the British Methodist Church, the two churches would have strong effect among the other Free Churches in England.

He said the British leader of the Free Churches would lead toward the Church of England and the Church of England would lead toward the Free Churches to stimulate other Free Churches to seek a union with the Church of England.

He observed that the Methodist will very likely have difficulty in reaching an agreement on the issue of historic episcopacy and that the Anglican view of the office of priest.

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TARGET DATE IN NIGERIA CHURCH UNION IN SIGHT

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—Delegates and Presbyterians of the Church of Nigeria have set a target date of 1965 for the inauguration of the new year.

The decision was taken at a three-day meeting of representatives of the Church of Nigeria at a Church Union Committee at Yaba, near Lagos.

The Anglican Diocese of Northern Nigeria, which had participated in earlier discussions, had notified the committee that it felt it necessary to withdraw from the negotiations.

A press release issued by the committee said the committee greeted the decision with regret and said it was necessary to take the step and unanimously expressed the hope that the committee would be able to complete the negotiations.

The committee hopes to complete the negotiations in its final meeting in June, 1964.

It was said that the committee hoped the decision would be greeted with approval of the church members who are expected to sign the new constitution of the church.

As soon as all replies are received and are favourable, a working committee will be convened to decide on a definite date for the inauguration of the church.

On the assumption that all negotiating churches will have expressed their views by July, 1964, it was agreed to close the negotiations by December, 1965, as the target date.

LORD FISHER ON HIRE PURCHASE

ANGLICAN NEWS SERVICE

Archbishop Lord Fisher of London said in a speech on April 26 that hire purchase, which had a very respectable place in the social order, should be replaced with no awareness of social and economic problems.

He said at the annual conference of the Building Societies Association that, while Britain had budgeted for a deficit to meet the provision brought about by hire purchase, the railways were told to pay their own way. "And I see we may soon have this official publication to do the same."

Later he said: "The customer will count, but not for very much. A high-powered industry will justify one advertising and other forms of advertising economic pressure is able to persuade the customer to follow the line of least resistance to like what they have to take away."

Savings, said Lord Fisher, rested on clear moral principles, but was not a matter of temporary convenience. "Our ear we are told to save all we can and the next year we are told to spend all we can. The economic machine will not work."

WOMEN AGAINST RACE BAR

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

Geneva, May 6.—"One Family, One God, Genuine and Full Participation" is the theme of the second phase of a three-year programme to some 12 million Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant churches in the United States.

The aim of the campaign is to end discrimination in Churches and communities.

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