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## BISHOP "ON THE TRACK" FOR THREE MONTHS VAST AREAS COVERED IN THE NORTH WEST

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Carnarvon, December 11

"No Fixed Abode" might well be the address of the Bishop of North West Australia, the Right Reverend Howell Witt, for he has been "on the track" since mid-September and will not be home until just before Christmas.

And that will be his first Christmas at home with his family since becoming a Bishop.

It all began on September 14 when the Bishop went up to Derby, a mere 1400 miles by road north of Geraldton, the See town.

He journeyed with the Reverend Brian Viny of Derby who was taking delivery of his new car, and they were able to call in at the rectories en route.

The Bishop aims to spend about ten days at a time in each parish, enabling him to share fully the life of the rectory and to get to know many of the parishioners personally.

This means an immense amount of travelling in the vast parishes in the North West, often under conditions made far from ideal by the heat or the floods and cyclones.

From Derby the Bishop went to Kununurra, Wyndham and the Forrest River Mission where he signed with the Reverend Harry Green.

It is in this parish, of course, that the Ord River Dam is to be built, and there should be great enthusiasm in the area, so much so that the Bishop is already planning to put another trip to the district.

By October 8 the Bishop was in the most southerly parish in the diocese — Dongara, for a Confirmation.

Then he went down to Perth and over to Sydney for the annual Bishop's Meeting, calling in at Adelaide on the way home. But it was not his own home that he was bound for — he saw his wife for a few moments on the airport at Geraldton — as he was bound for Carnarvon to do another ten-day round.

**SIX-HOUSE TOWN**

No sooner had the plane landed on October 31 than the Bishop was driven out to visit some of the station homesteads in company with the rector, Archbishop Ted Denham.

They visited 37 families in the outback in nine days, travelling 1560 miles, to do so.

This mileage included visits to Perth, where a vocationist, Baptism-Confirmation-Communion service was held at the Court House, and to the little six-house town of Gascoyne Junction, where the Bishop spoke to the school children.

At one station, Williamsburg, a double "bus Christmas" was held in which grand-parents, guests and friends came from miles around, and this gave the Bishop an excellent opportunity of meeting many of his scattered flock.

Before everyone returned home the next morning, a Communion service was held on the

verandah in the light of the rising sun.

At some stations the men were off on their mustering and other duties at a very early hour and so the Communion was held at night before retiring in order that all might be present.

From Carnarvon the Bishop motored to Northampton, some 270 miles south, to be present for two Confirmation services in that parish, under the care of the Reverend Gordon Williams. One service was held in the parish church and the other in the little C.W.A. Hall at Yuna, a small farming town on the outskirts of the parish.

The next day the Bishop flew up to Dampier, the new iron-ore port on the north-west coast. Here the Reverend Len Greenhalgh and his wife live in what must be one of the few air-conditioned rectories in Australia. But they really need it

thousands in their gold-mining heydays, as well as to about 180 sheep stations.

On the Vigil of St. Thomas the Bishop spent his cathedral at Geraldton for the ordination to the priesthood of the Reverend Wally Devitt, who in the New Year will be going up to Derby as a work-priest.

So, when all you good people start your travelling for your Christmas holidays, give a thought and a prayer for the Bishop of North West Australia who will start his Christmas by stopping his travels.

## SCHOOL PRIZES GIVEN FOR SOME UNUSUAL "SUBJECTS"

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Townsville, December 11

"It is the northern 'Timberot', said a visitor at St. Barnabas' School, Ravenshoe, prizegiving this year when awards were given not only for academic subjects but also unusual performances as "call riding" and caring for the bulls, all thoroughbreds worth from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

St. Barnabas' School has a rigidly restricted enrolment of 90 boarders and has a pupil-teacher ratio of nine to one.

Set in 100 acres of green dairy country on the Atherton Tableland, it is the only agricultural school conducted by the Church of England in Queensland.

At the prizegiving, Canon D. W. B. Robinson, Vice-Principal of Moore College, Sydney, gave an address and after the boys sang carols, a film was shown of Matthew Arnold's poem "The Mermaid".

**FILM ACTED**

The film was acted by the boys, the musical score was written and performed by the boys, and the commentary was given by the headmaster and a group of boys.

The film is a feature of the school life to which parents and boys look forward eagerly each year.

The school staff is regularly

assisted by seniors from English public schools who come for a period to help the brothers.

One Etonian is at present teaching French before returning to Oxford to read Turkish and Persian and another is coming in the new year.

**GUITAR GROUP**

The Eton College lent collection was given to the school enabling them to buy a motor mower and 48 clocks.

Deaconess Monica Aysochouk is a member of the staff teaching Mathematics, tennis, swimming and life saving. She is also in charge of the school sick bay.

The headmaster's report referred to such diverse activities as bee keeping, the guitar group, the swimming carnival, the new mathematics, the quiz club, the school gymkhana, restocking the herd after an infertile period, South, and the abolition of compulsory Evensongs which are replaced by periods of silent and voluntary prayer.

The headmaster is the Reverend Robert Waddington.

## B.S.L. SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Melbourne, December 11

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Melbourne, is administering three scholarships worth \$1,000 p.a. each for young men and women interested in professional youth leadership as a vocation.

The scholarships will be available to successful applicants for the Victorian Social Welfare Department's two year professional youth leadership diploma course.

The minimum academic requirements are the Leaving or Matriculation certificates.

Applicants are then selected on the basis of personal maturity and suitability.

Enquiries should be directed to the Reverend P. J. Hellingworth, Brotherhood of St. Laurence, 67 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065.

## NEW CATHEDRAL FOR HONIARA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Honiara, December 11

A tender of a local firm has been accepted for the building of a new cathedral for the Diocese of Melanesia at Honiara.

This is to replace the old Quonset Hut cathedral which was erected soon after the end of the war.

This cathedral is most necessary as a parish church where Sunday by Sunday there are about 500 communicants at the Sung Eucharist and also at Evensong.

Work on the foundations has now begun. The stone is to be set by the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific, Sir Robert Foster.

The stone will be blessed by the Bishop of Melanesia, the Right Reverend John Chisholm, and the Right Reverend Dudley Tait and the Right Reverend Leonard Alufurani, on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6.

The new cathedral is to be dedicated to St. Barnabas, the patron saint of the diocese.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOLIDAY PRINTING

Our next edition, to be dated December 21/22, will be the Christmas edition, and it will be the last for this year.

The first issue for 1968 will be that of January 4. Unless by some happy variation of the normal course of events a great volume of news reaches us for inclusion in that edition both in the edition of January 11 will probably be of reduced size.

## ARCHBISHOP COMMENDS A.V.A.

"The opportunities for Australian Volunteers Aboard and the work they are now doing ought to be made much more widely known," writes the Archbishop of the diocese paper, "Southern Cross".

"The three hundred volunteers who have gone out should be multiplied many times over if Australia is to make an adequate contribution to the civil aid and development of the underdeveloped countries," he writes.

"There are many students who are new to the work of the diocese and many who might be encouraged to think in terms of civil volunteer service."

It is interesting to note that during the last three years at least 11 A.V.A. volunteers have worked on A.B.C. missions in New Guinea.

"Mr. and Mrs. R. Small, who served twelve months as teachers at Manau, have volunteered for another two years' service and will return to Manau in January."

"It is also a pleasure to know that Miss Barbara Ferguson, who

has recently completed her training at Deaconess House, has now gone to South Viet Nam with Asian Christian Aid.

"She has become a member of a team which is responsible for the relief of the refugees."

The Archbishop says that between 1964 and 1968, 500 volunteers will have gone out under the Overseas Service Bureau.



Before the launching of Australia's missile from Woomera, the churches made a combined effort to carry out a survey by a planned visitation campaign which concluded with a mass meeting in the Woomera Theatre on November 12 attended by representatives of all Christian churches when the Bishop of North Queensland, the Right Reverend Ian Shevill, spoke. He is seen here discussing the rally with (left to right) Captain F. E. Irvine (Superintendent, Woomera), Chaplain G. S. Brown (United Church), Chaplain N. Canny (Roman Catholic Church) and Chaplain Ian George (Anglican Church).

## BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

ANGELIAN NEWS SERVICE  
London, December 11

The Reverend G. F. E. Thomson has been appointed Director of the Bible Reading Fellowship in Australia. He succeeds Canon Jeffrey Mann who has been director since 1963.

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# CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SPEECH NIGHT

## PROGRESS SHOWN IN ALL FIELDS

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The Chapter House was crowded with boys, their parents and friends for the annual Speech Night of S. Andrew's Cathedral School on December 5.

On the raised dais of the historic school hall, the staff and distinguished visitors in academic dress brought colour and distinction to the scene.

The Dean of Sydney, Dr. A. W. Morton, chairman of the advisory school council, presided.

The official party included the Headmaster, Canon M. C. Newth, Professor F. Cheng, head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics at the Macquarie University, members of the cathedral chapter and of the advisory school council.

Following the National Anthem and the opening prayer by the school Chaplain, the singing by the cathedral chorists (boys of the school) delighted the audience.

The Headmaster then presented his report of the school's activities and achievements during the year.

His showed splendid progress and results in all branches, school sports, musical and religious.

He also mentioned that very extensive extra-curricular activities had been enjoyed and generous support given by the boys to charitable efforts.

The Headmaster paid glowing tribute to his staff for their work, beyond the regular hours of service, and their kindness to and affection for the boys.

He also expressed appreciation of the Parents and Friends' Association, the cathedral chapter and school council and the sports groups and people whose help, interest and support contributed to the life and well-being of the school.

In reviewing the Headmaster's report, Professor Cheng presented the prizes, trophies, and certificates.

### PROFESSOR CHONG

The happy recipients ranged from the youngest and smallest boy in the school to tall sixth formers who have recently completed the Higher School Certificate examinations.

Congratulations to prizewinners were coupled with praise for all those boys who, without winning tangible rewards, made their effort during the year, developing in character and giving their contribution to the strength of the school.

Professor Chong's address followed, was a memorable one.

He presented a striking analogy between the task of a school and the functions of the mathematical calculus, namely, in differentiation and integration.

School days, he said, were times of physical growth and it was important to develop strength and energy.

But the primary function of a school is to develop the mind.

There is the acquisition of information, but the real goal, to stretch the mind to its limit and use the golden opportunity of education.

Physical and mental growth should be allied to artistic and cultural interests.

### GOLDEN JUBILEE

Canon Ivan Butterworth of Newcastle, North Queensland, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at a special service at St. John's, Cairns, on St. Thomas' Day, December 21.

These three were the different aspects of school life and they could only be brought to fruition by integration with spiritual development, enabling one to see life steadily and to see it whole.

The address was lightened by anecdotes from the speaker's travels and experience and it made a deep impression on his audience.

The chairman's vote of thanks and good wishes to all concluded the proceedings.

## CHRISTMAS TREE EXPLAINED

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Perth, December 11

A pamphlet circulated by the Cathedral Chapter and staff to explain the presence of the Christmas Tree in St. George's Cathedral so early in Advent states:

Why a tree? The pine tree and the other evergreens become symbols of the unchanging nature of God. His constant love for us, because of the depth of the winter in Northern Europe when we have no trees to look at with him, the evergreen was the only sign of living vegetation.

At Christmas pagans of olden times were decorated with lights and boughs to express the joy of the season of Christ's nativity.

But can a gaily trimmed tree express the true meaning of Christmas? It does not move us to remember all those who have suffered and suffered by hunger or persecution?

Why is the Cathedral? If we are to express our joy in Christ's birth by remembering the needs of others, this must begin here at the centre of church life, at the mother church of the Diocese.

The many people who see the tree may be moved to respond generously to the Christmas Appeal.

Why in Advent? The traditional message of Advent is one of warning to be watchful for Christ's coming.

Most of us spend some considerable time in preparation for Christmas by buying gifts for

the family, sending greetings to friends, and sharing hospitality.

The Christmas Bells Appeal asks us to include real thought for others in our preparation for Christmas.

What can I do? Talk about the appeal whenever you are going to have a box of your table at Christmas dinner — a Bowl of Remembrance, into which each member of the family

can place their own offering towards the world's need.

What will my contribution do? Although we focus your attention on making Christmas more joyful for those who would otherwise find it bleak and joyless, what we really achieve through the appeal is something far more lasting.

We aim to rehabilitate families and individuals who with out our aid have nothing else to live for or to hope for.

## NEW SCIENCE BLOCK OPENED FOR GIRLS

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

A new Science block costing \$50,000 was opened on December 8 by the Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School at Moss Vale by the President of the Legislative Council, Mr. H. V. Budd.

The new block provides modern science facilities for more than 200 pupils at the school, set in 500 acres of lush farmland approximately 90 miles from Sydney.

Addressing the large crowd of parents and friends at the opening ceremony, Mr. Budd said the entire cost of the block had been provided by the Commonwealth Government under its scheme of grants for the building of science laboratories in independent schools.

Mr. Budd said that altogether the four schools conducted by the Sydney Church of England Grammar School for Girls were receiving \$223,035 in Commonwealth grants for science buildings.

Parents, old girls and friends of the school had also contributed generously towards meeting the cost of building extensions at the schools.

"Over the years, their gifts had totalled \$210,207," Mr. Budd said.

S.C.E.G.G.S. Council of Schools conducts four main branches, and two preparatory schools at which there are 1880 pupils.

In the past twelve months, some \$400,000 has been spent on the building and development programme for S.C.E.G.G.S. schools.

The programme concerned Christianity and the war in Viet Nam, and was received by Reverend Alan Walker.

In a statement after the last week, the council affirmed that the normal channel of communication with the radio station was the secretary of its broadcasting committee or its programme convenor.

The report about the incident from Dr. Knox was received by the council, which decided not to pursue the incident on November 14 any further.

Through the W.C.C.'s Refugee Programme donors have enabled thousands to be resettled in the last two years for fourteen aged refugees in Canada who are not within the mandate of the UNHCR.

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## NORTH QUEENSLAND VISIT

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

Townsville, December 11

After the meeting of the Liturgical Commission, Canon D. W. B. Robinson visited the Diocese of North Queensland at the invitation of the Bishop.

Two meetings of clergy were held in Townsville and Cairns to discuss liturgical trends in Australia today.

The canon also spoke at the prizegiving at St. Anne's School, Townsville, and St. Barnabas', Ravenshoe.

He also paid a visit to All Souls' School, Charters Towers, and St. Gabriel's School, Cairns.

Canon Robinson explained to the clergy the ways in which the Liturgical Commission was carrying out its work and this was of particular interest because no members of the commission come from Queensland.

## A.M.I. QUERIES

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## IN OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

By BROTHER DAVID NOBLE, BUSH BROTHERHOOD OF S. PAUL

**Joint Patrol Work:** For the first time in the history of both Bush Brotherhoods a member of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, Brother Hartley, accompanied a Brother, S. Paul, Brother Noble, on a 2,000 mile outback Queensland patrol. Such co-operative sharing of personnel forebodes closer union of the two Brotherhoods in the near future.

The account which follows relates some of the incidents on a typical outback patrol which Brother Noble regularly undertakes in the "Corner Country" of Queensland.

In a vast parish of 40,000 square miles where many people in many areas obviously can't come to church, the Church must go to them.

Such patrol work has become an effective catalyst in the Brother's ministry, and is often mutually referred to as "Round-ary Riding for the Lord".

**"Westward Ho!"** For the first leg of the journey Brother Hartley began by leaving Broome, considered by many coastal dwellers to be in fact the very end of the world, for us, to be a mere beginning.

Reaching Cunnamulla, 180 miles to the north, both Brothers then proceeded down west to Tharandah.

## RED JEEP

Here there was a change of vehicles from a Toyota truck to the Red Jeep, affectionately named throughout the length and breadth of the outback as "Puff the Magic Wagon".

We then travelled overland to Bulloo Downs, a huge holding of 100 square miles.

A neighbouring property to the east is 1,000,000 acres in extent. The 100 square miles is but a tiny bit again, from this point on the patrol is registered in square miles to avoid figures which are astronomically large.

**"Gather up the Crumbs..."** Next morning at 5.30 A.M. Holy Communion was celebrated upon the dining-room table. What had been a very busy and domestically was now invested with a sacred purpose.

Likewise in that common meal shared sacramentally, the fabric of daily life upon a cattle station was sanctified and blessed.

As for the altar, a wall of books provided an impromptu reredos. Two book titles, I dimly remember because of the contrast involved, "The Waits of Woolloomooloo" rested quietly happily beside the "Red Book of the Saints".

Here was a parable close at hand of the sacred and the secular, and the angels, heaven and earth!

The people kept about (some back, some went) on covered cushions converted into kneelers.

Leaving off their daily tasks, they gathered there, two or three, to receive the Living Christ into heart as well as soul.

So the assurance of His Presence was fulfilled, "There am I in the midst of them."

## GIGANTIC BOULDERS

We next arrived at "Ticklers", another cattle station. After lunching with the family there, and seeing the man at work, we left the outback town which nestled in the bottom of a bowl and boulders which were being branded.

As the road in store for us was very rough, huge wash-outs and rocks extending driving speed to fifteen miles per hour.

We passed through "Wompham Gully" into New South Wales, and continued on to Tibbooburra, where the outback town which nestled in the bottom of a bowl and boulders which were being branded.

Characteristically this shimmering town maintained the highest New South Wales temperature of the day at 110 degrees.

**Tracking the Explorers:** Brother Hartley and I set off next morning with movie equipment

to record on film the site of "Depot Glen" where the explorer Stuart was killed while on his way in a dry oven, during the drought summer of 1845.

Top temperature recorded was 157 degrees. After that, the thermometer was broken. "Stone Age Museum": The fence-keeper's tiny dwelling with its corrugated walls contained not only a headless rat but also a huge collection of extremely valuable Aboriginal stones, all of which were beautifully displayed.

How all could occupy that space is nothing short of miraculous, but the family managed to all move up a place at an already crowded table.

Here we had a very pleasant meal and a good old yarn. Outside, the shimmering heat reflected off the high red sand dunes, radiating a diffused pink glow.

We were told how it was often a continuing battle to maintain the fence at its statutory height of six feet.

**LONELY SPOOT**

In a "big" dust storm pile up the sand against the netting in one place and erode it in another.

The above-ground level height in one place was 10 feet, and the netting or removing panels of netting together with detachable sections of the metal posts.

In some places the original fence is as much as 20 feet under the sandhill. New attachments continue to be added and it's still going.

**Split Personality:** "Omicron", a cattle station fitting snugly into that corner on the Queensland side, was our first port of call that evening. That corner is not only the boundary of the property but also the furthest extent of the Cunnamulla parish, the entire north of the Bulloo Shire and the periphery of the Diocese of New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

At this lonely spot amid the sandhills, the dust storm took photos of each other before night enveloped the darkening horizon.

Its an odd sensation to be seated in New South Wales with one leg in Queensland and the other in South Australia; certainly not to be recommended therapeutically for one with schizotypal tendencies.

All about were the serried ranks of sandhills stretching to the horizon.

**DINGO BARRIER**

Like the imaginary meridians of Pagan Deceit which, centuries ago, divided South America down the middle, one side the Empire of Portugal, the other of Spain, this border fence running north and south divides vast tracts of territory.

On one side is the sheep country of New South Wales securely

enclosed by a fence of posts and wire.

Waka and "Fort Grey" in the northwest, "Lindon" and "Bollard's Lagoons" over in South Australia, and "Omicron" in far south-west Queensland. At each place we were given a welcome so characteristic of people in the outback.

To get across into South Australia we had to cross successive ranges of hills and sand dunes. The claypan till we came to a river bed all along the border.

Here was a fence-keeper's little hut beside a huge six foot high netting fence which runs for miles as an effective dingo barrier.

**JOINT EFFORT FOR WEEK OF PRAYER MATERIALS**

ECUMENICAL PRESS SERVICE

**Geneva, December 11**

Christians in the northern hemisphere will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January under the title, "To the praise of His Living" (Ephesians 1:14).

This year for the first time a prayer leaflet has been written by the W.C.C. Faith and Order Secretariat and representatives of the Anglican, Catholic, ecumenical centres acting on behalf of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity.

The W.C.C. group included a representative of the World Council of Evangelical Alliance.

The jointly-written leaflet was suggested at a consultation of the Week of Prayer held in Geneva last autumn.

The suggestion was approved by the joint W.C.C./R.C. working group and its parent bodies, which in the case of the World Council met the Central European mittee meeting in Crete last August.

Churches and councils of churches are free to adapt the prayer texts to local conditions, but as the 1966 consultation the topic was expressed that any changes made would be in keeping with the spirit of ecumenical co-operation.

## ORDINATION IN NEWCASTLE

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend J. A. G. Housden, will hold an ordination service in Christ Church Cathedral on December 16.

The Rector of The Entrance, the Reverend W. Griffith Cochrane, will preach the sermon.

John Dixon and David Pullar will be ordained priests; Stuart Benson and Brian Koch will be made deacons.

## THE WORLD OF CHRIST

by R. MINTON TAYLOR

*The Archbishop of Sydney, the Most Reverend M. L. Loane, writes as follows about this highly readable book:*

Mr R. Minton Taylor, who spends much of his time in called "The World of Christ". This is a survey of the background material of the New Testament.

## FLYING MANES

It was a wonderful sight, like a battlefield of old - pawing hooves and flying manes and neighing nostrils.

In this type of country, no mechanical device of men is ever likely to fully replace what is that miracle of motion, which has always been the heart of the horse.

Tired as they were after some weeks out in the mastering camp, the horses were still full of spirit, which was shown on the face of the horse, and a pleasant diversion after their hard work and they all enjoyed it.

**Half Way Across The Continent.** The next evening we reached Cooper's Creek, the main artery of the "Dead Heart" of Australia. Here the banks beside a beautiful waterhole, we rolled out our swags under a Coolibah tree.

It was, however, not just any tree, but one which is unique in Australian history, the famous Dry Tree of Burke and Wills.

Leaving stores and men here in 1860, Burke split his party and made a lightning dash to the Gulf of Carpentaria. On returning exhausted, Burke and Wills abandoned only hours before.

The tree under which we camped 100 years later was that one on which the retiring party had made their last camp, from the tree the "Dog".

**COOLIBAH TREE**

Supplies when dry, were too inadequate to permit them to cross the desert wastes, and finally both explorers perished, with only a few survivors.

**"On the Spot" Celebration:** Next morning being Sunday, Holy Communion was celebrated in the shade of that Coolibah tree. Our altar on that occasion was the tailboard of the jeep.

Yet, still the service had its own peculiar dignity and gave thanks (as Christ commanded), over Bread and Wine: thanks freely for the courage of the explorers who dared even today to venture into the unknown.

For these people, the frontier is not a desert and they face it and bear upon it, drawing from the Christian faith that lives within which is the spring of endurance and provides the grace to persevere.

(To be continued)

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