

SKY PILOT FELLOWSHIP

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ALL
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TO

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2CH

47 YORK ST.,
SYDNEY

DON'T NOBODY WANT ME?

OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Children of aboriginal descent now living in the congested areas of the city. Many of them are uncared for and unwanted.

HOW WE WORK.

By radio broadcasts, books and leaflets to arouse public interest, and a mission farm and home to care for and train these needy ones.

RADIO. The "Sky Pilot's Log" commenced as a daily session on station 2CH in 1948. After several years the daily session was discontinued but the Saturday session at 11 a.m. continues, as does the Children's Session between 5 p.m. and 5.35 p.m. every Tuesday. Owing to lack of finance the yearly contract (which fell due in May last) was not renewed but we intend to carry on from week to week as funds permit. The full commercial rates have to be paid for broadcast time and these amount to £6/6/- a week for the quarter hour session. Other expenses such as cost of tape for recording the sessions, postage and other office expenses have also to be met. We ask for your prayers that this work may continue. Many thousands of listeners from all walks of life—many of them non-church goers—have been helped by these sessions. Some have dedicated their lives to God as a result and are now in training for the ministry, the mission field and other Christian work. Some are already in the foreign field. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of this work is stressed by the many Christians having friends and relatives indifferent to the claims of Christ who refuse to listen to what they call "religious" sessions and yet who are quite ready and anxious to hear the dramatised stories with their moral application as broadcast in the "Sky Pilot's Log."

Although a friend has offered to sponsor the "Sky Pilot's Log" for twelve months over a country station this has been held up temporarily owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable times on a chosen station. It is expected that an announcement regarding this may be made shortly.

It is a great pleasure to have our old friend Sid Everett back with us once again to help with the many "characters" in the stories. Ted Husband, Jack Keniry and John Sutton continue to give an evening every week to assist with other "voices". We do appreciate this generous and voluntary action which means so much to the success of the sessions.

MISSION FARM. In spite of many difficulties such as dry weather and then floods the farm work is progressing. The main laying shed has been divided into twelve sections to take different varieties of breeding fowls; also many new follow-on brooders and fattening pens have been added. Our flocks of American Bronze and White Holland turkeys are increasing. We now have ten breeding sows and about thirty young pigs in our stud. Owing to the work involved we did not exhibit any stock but pigeons in the Royal Easter Show. A total of eight prizes was won by birds from these lofts: one Champion, three First, two Seconds and two Thirds. At the bigger Fanciers' Show in June (where over 850 birds competed) we won 45 prizes, including a Special and eleven First prizes. A number of pigeons, mice, white rabbits and guinea pigs have been sold recently and this has helped considerably with our stock feed costs. A pair of pea-fowls is expected from the country any day and this will add to our variety of birds.

We had a good crop of plums but these were mainly of the later varieties and though we received very good prices for the earlier crop, over 150 cases of choice plums sent to market were dumped and so proved a total loss. A large bush house 32 ft. x 16 ft. has been erected. This will be invaluable for raising seedlings and also for use for the tuberous begonias and orchids. The electric fence has been installed and is proving very effective, especially with the pigs. Over six acres were ploughed and we commenced sowing legumes and grasses in the Autumn. Owing to the dry weather the rest of the plantings had to be postponed, but we have small plots of oats,

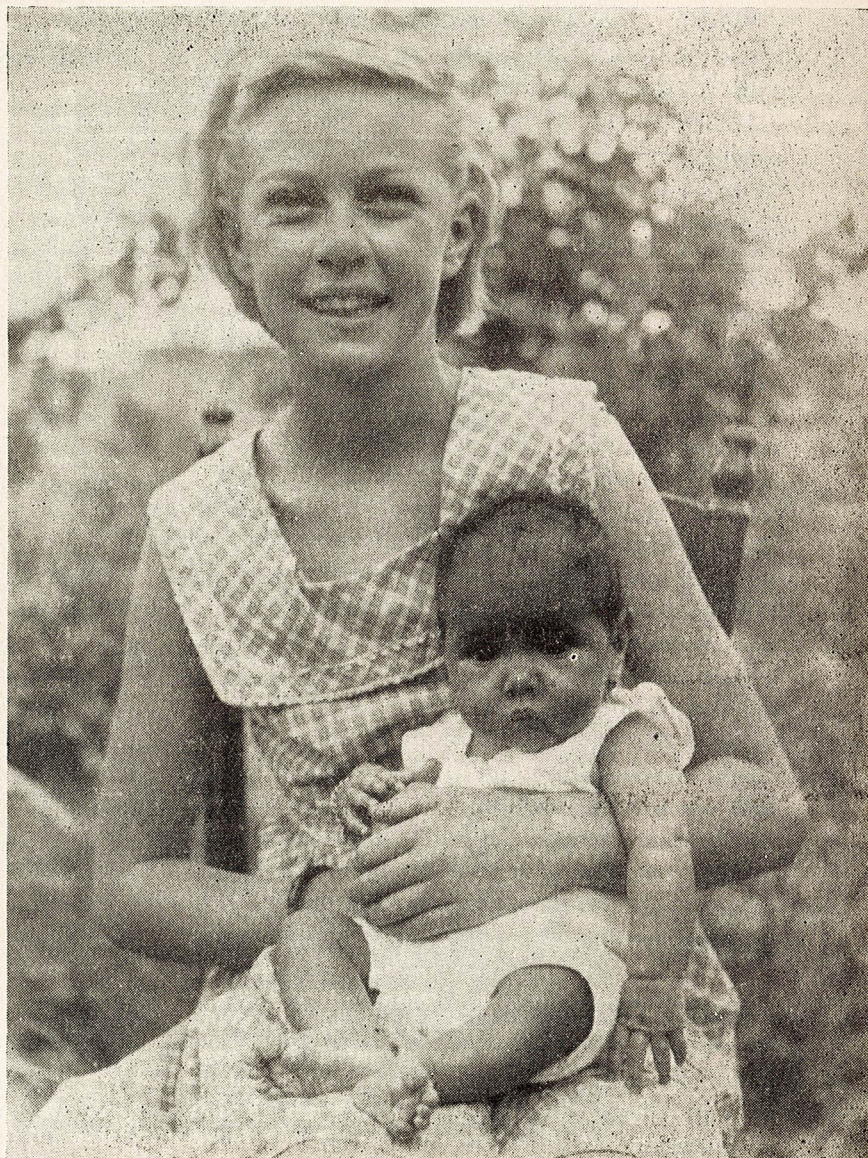
rye-corn, phalaris tuberosa, red clover, sub-clover, rye grass, lucerne, barley, etc., which we hope will grow through the winter in spite of the cold.

MISSION HOME. It will be some time before we can commence the building of a special home for the dark children. One reason for the delay is the time that has been taken with legal matters (referred to later). The other cause of the delay is the great financial cost of building to the standards required by the various interested bodies—such as local Council, Aborigines Welfare Board, Child Welfare Dept., etc. In the meantime we have converted an existing building, previously used as staff quarters, into temporary accommodation for dark children. Although we have to wait 'till legal formalities are completed before taking children permanently we are now in a position to take any needy dark child temporarily. As a matter of fact the first infant has already been cared for, and Christine—whose photo appears in this leaflet—came to us with her mother at the request of the Aborigines Welfare Board. They stayed here until the mother was able to secure suitable employment where she could take her babe. We trust that many others may find the help and loving care they need at Marella Mission Farm as the years go by.

We found it necessary to form the Sky Pilot Fellowship into a non-profit making company in order to comply with regulations. All the main work has been done and regis-

tration has been applied for. This will also include registration under the Charitable Collections Act. Probably this will be completed before this leaflet is printed.

COUNCIL. We regret to announce the resignation of Mr. W. I. Dalrymple from our Council through ill-health and pressure of business. We will always be deeply grateful to him for his able and willing assistance.



"The first aboriginal baby to be cared for at Marella Mission Farm with Ruth Langford-Smith"

through the years and we wish him a speedy recovery and God's richest blessing in his many Christian activities. A very fine body of Christian business and tradesmen have come forward as the foundation members of the new company. They are drawn from many different professions and trades and will be a great asset to our work. Further particulars will be given later.

STAFF. Our Dutch gardener has resigned from the staff. He proved to be unfamiliar with Australian conditions and the results did not justify our carrying on with the market garden under his direction. We are developing the pig farm as our main and most profitable section of the work and we will concentrate on growing as much pig and poultry food as possible together with improved pastures. Six acres have already been cultivated and manured with superphosphate. Mr. Wallace McDonald has also left the staff in order to take up Christian work in the north of the state. We wish him every success in his new venture. This means, of course, that we now have no tractor driver. Mr. Langford-Smith is able to do all that is required on the farm and has undertaken a few local contract jobs, but his time does not permit much of this. Miss Norma Porter took a part time position with a store at Kellyville for several months but unfortunately has had to give this up because of ill health. She is badly needed full time at the Mission Farm and we trust her health will stand the strain, as there is much extra office work involved in the formation of the non-profit making company to conduct the business of the Sky Pilot Fellowship.

HOME OFFERING BOXES. As a means of regular giving many friends have taken home offering boxes and we will be glad to hear of others who will join them. If we had a thousand such boxes out instead of the present one hundred it would do much to

solve our financial difficulties. Please send your name and address to the Secretary, Sky Pilot Fellowship, 2CH, Sydney, or Marella Mission Farm, Kellyville, if you would care to have one posted to you.

NEWS BULLETIN. A monthly news bulletin is sent out to all friends who write in during the current month and also to those who indicate that they would like to receive it regularly. It will gladly be sent post free to all who apply for it.

"DRAKE'S DRUM". The book of stories taken from the "Sky Pilot's Log" named "Drake's Drum" which previously sold at 10/- has been reduced in price and is now available on application to the Secretary, price 5/6 posted, while copies are available. This book, which contains sixteen complete stories is excellent for Christmas or birthday gifts or to give to friends who are not interested in the usual type of devotional book. The simple message contained in the stories has already been greatly used of God in the extension of His Kingdom.

PRAYER. We need, above all else, your prayers for this work of the Sky Pilot Fellowship. There is now no regular staff on the Mission Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Langford-Smith, with the assistance of Isabelle Thorne, our faithful little coloured worker, do all the farm work. Miss Porter and Mr. Langford-Smith attend to all the office work, correspondence, etc. There have already been about 14,000 letters received from listeners. Many of these letters tell the story of lives changed through the power of God working through the radio or by contact with the Mission Farm. It is a wonderful ministry and eternity alone will disclose the full value. We need your letters, your donations and above all your prayers, that this work for God may continue so long as it is to His honour and glory and for the extension of His Kingdom.

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Patron:

Rt. Rev. Bishop W. G. Hilliard, M.A.

Director:

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You are invited to attend the combined Rally and Sale of Work
in aid of the

- Sky Pilot Fellowship -

To be held (D.V.)
Morning
Afternoon
Evening

SYDNEY TOWN HALL
(LOWER HALL)

Saturday 26th. June 1954

DOORS OPEN 10.30 a.m.

STALLS:	Knick-knack	Novelty & Children's
Refreshments	Plain Work	etc.
Produce	Jams	Soft Drinks
Flowers and Plants	Fancy Work	Baby Wear
Sweets	Cakes	Jumble
Books	Ice Cream	Grocery



FREE CUPS OF TEA WILL BE AVAILABLE MORNING
AND AFTERNOON



PUBLIC MEETING 2.30 p.m.—Radio personalities will be present.

FILM 7.30 p.m.—“God Is My Landlord”



Gifts for Stalls are urgently needed and should be railed to the “Sky Pilot” Parramatta Railway Station, or posted direct to Marella Mission Farm, Acres Road, Kellyville. If more convenient they could be brought to the basement of the Sydney Town Hall on the day of the Rally.