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FAULKNER-Holiday

The date -- 6 March, 1963! The time -- 10:00 p.m.! The occasion -- Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner and son Nathan were leaving for a month's holiday in the United States.

After 2 years and 9 months in the Work of God in Australia, they were anxious to once again visit God's Headquarters in Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner write the highlights of their journey as follows:

"We left Sydney at 10:00 p.m. Tuesday night and landed in Honolulu at 1:00 Tuesday afternoon! (Pretty fast traveling, huh?) It rained the day we were there but God blessed us in being able to rent a car so we weren't bothered by the rain. While listening to the radio in the car we received a pleasant surprise. The announcer was saying, 'Listen to the scintillating, thought-provoking program, 'The World Tomorrow.'" Of course, we agreed wholeheartedly.

"We left for San Francisco on Wednesday afternoon arriving at 7:45 that evening. We were to meet my wife's

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Feast at PASADENA ...Report by Miss Bayley

A recent letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Cole and the Office Staff from Miss Nancy Bayley (Miss Bayley, with her mother and father, from the Sydney congregation are on an extended holiday around the world) reports an inspiring Passover in Pasadena. We wish to share this letter with you. Miss Bayley writes:

"Greetings to you from the Bayley family. We have just completed a most unforgettable experience -- one that we would have wished you and the brethren could have shared with us, had we not been sure that the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread had been observed as never before in Aus-

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Brisbane Study Grows

The Conference Room in the Queensland Master Builders Exchange at 26 Wharf Street is suffering from the ef-

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RECENT FESTIVAL Very REWARDING

God's own people in Australia have recently kept a most REWARDING, encouraging Passover Festival with new attendance records being established.

This was unquestionably a most meaningful, truly enjoyable Passover season. God is giving steady growth numerically and spiritually, and our lives are being enriched accordingly year by year. The instruction and the fellowship, commanded by God, becomes more evidently vital and priceless each Festival Season.

In Sydney special preaching services were conducted each day or evening, except one evening for which our meeting hall was not available. Twelve new converts were buried in baptism just before the Passover and during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Just prior to the Passover, Sydney had its largest weekly Sabbath Day gathering ever with 200 in attendance. The following night 139 brethren partook of the Passover service and the next night 219 attended the Feast. Attendance held near 220 throughout the Festival.

This year Mr. Winner reports that, "Old attendance records for Melbourne fell and new ones were established." Melbourne had a total of 62 observing the Passover this year. The next night 114 were present at the Feast compared to 51 last year. Mr. Winner stated that everything moved along very smoothly and every indication showed that the Festival was enjoyed very much by all.

Offerings given on the Holydays substantially demonstrated the congrega-

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A Shepherd's Adventure

This letter from Mr. Percy Neale was so interesting we asked permission to print it for all of you readers. It is inspiring to notice what a shepherd will do for his sheep...and remember, Jesus said, "I am the Shepherd"!

"On 28th March I had a yardful of sheep and the rain came suddenly. I just had to let them go on a bit of high ground and go home. It rained until Saturday (nearly 7 inches) and the whole country was well soaked.

"On Sunday morning I drove as far as I could on sandy ground, and then walked to my downstream neighbors to help him get some of his sheep out of the river channels. We just had to throw them into the water and make them swim out the other side. We accomplished that after much heaving and splashing, and then walked a few more miles to his brother's place to get a car and truck out onto high ground on the other side of the river. By the time we had bogged them a few times it was dark, and we were well stuck, so we walked to a neighbor's place and borrowed a tractor to pull us out.

"After walking back to the river and rowing across, we started for home. Went about a mile in a Land Rover and then climbed aboard another tractor which was parked on the road, but could only go about 2 miles, and it became necessary to walk again. They

just don't make a vehicle to negotiate this mud. ("Go anywhere," say the ads.) Oh yea! Anyway I got home at 1:30 A.M. and my feet were sore next day, because I'd left my boots somewhere in the mud and there are plenty of sharp thorns.

"The river came down next day and rose to 1 ft. of the '56 mark which was the highest since 1910. It came under one side of the house, and cut me off properly, and I didn't have much tucker except some wheat and honey, and that has been my main diet for the past 3 weeks.

"A few days later, I decided to go out and see how the sheep were, and I was swimming across a channel, holding my clothes clear of the water with one hand. It was hard work, and I began to lose altitude and take in water. I grabbed a tree, and coughed and spluttered, and out shot my teeth into the water. I made a swipe at them, and missed the first time, but was successful next try, for which I was thankful. I never would have been able to chew some of that unleavened "bread" I made, without them. Boarding house steak has a gentle nature by comparison. Of course my clothes and matches got wet, so I might just as well have left them on. The sheep were all right, but a bit hungry, and I was able to move them on to some feed.

"The weather is going crazy, as everywhere else. It seems to be easy enough to get the years' average rain in one fall. I feel a sense of loss in not being present at the Days of Unleavened Bread, but I have my sights on Pentecost."

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fects of congregational "growing pains" -- in fact, it is literally bursting at the seams as regular attendance to the Brisbane Bible Study jumps into the high seventies. This increase comes as a result of recent baptising tours and local visiting in the Brisbane area itself.

Recently baptised and now regularly attending the Brisbane Bible Study are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Strudwick of Fairfield; Mr. D. J. Terbeek of New Farm; Mrs. Beryl Wyatt of Gaythorne; Mr. Reg Wright of Chermside; Mrs. Jacqueline Florentinus of Morningside; Mr. Victor Laurie of Manly and Mr. Kenneth M. Gee of Carina Heights. Besides counselling for baptism, Mr. Simpkins and Mr. Don Abraham visited a number of interested Co-workers; who, desiring a more personal contact with God's work, barraged the men with a wealth of questions. As a re-



Introducing...

Mrs Lilian Ranson

Most of you Sydneyites are familiar with just about every member of God's Church here in Sydney. There is one member, however, who is attending the Sabbath services regularly that most of you have not met. She is Mrs. Lilian Ranson of Cronulla. Mrs. Ranson is with us each week in spirit even though a physical disorder will not allow her to be physically present.

Mrs. Ranson moved to Sydney from Tasmania. Her present address is 18 Lewis Street.

Contact with God's Church began in early 1960 through the ads in "Reader's Digest." Mrs. Ranson requested The PLAIN TRUTH magazine and later enrolled as a student of the Correspondence Course. In September, 1961, she received personal contact with God's Work via the Visiting Program.

The local Church newspaper has been a big help to Mrs. Ranson, enabling her to become familiar with many of you. As the occasion arises and any of you are in the Cronulla area, I'm sure Mrs. Ranson would appreciate having you pop in for a get-acquainted visit.

sult, four more were invited to the Bible Studies where they will have the privilege of learning more fully their purpose in life and to live, as Jesus mentioned, "by every word of God." Those invited were Mr. Walter Scott from Lawnton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nielsen from Sunnybank and Mr. Robert McGuinness of Greenslopes.

You who attend these Studies, get to KNOW one another! God has called you to be a part of His Church, typified by a well-functioning, physical body (I Cor. 12). Each addition either helps or hinders the body. You need these Bible Studies to become the well-nourished, efficient member you must be!

SYDNEY CHURCH ATTENDANCE SOARS

With each passing week, more new faces are being observed at the Sabbath services here in Sydney. Regular weekly attendance is climbing upwards to the ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY mark. Recent additions come from a wide area. Let's introduce them:



Joan Young and Sigrid Henning

Miss Joan Young, attending regularly for the past couple of months, moved to Sydney from Condobolin, New South Wales. Her first personal contact with God's Church was in December, 1961, when she met the baptising tour in Rockhampton, Qld. She was then attending Nursing School. Following a series of vocational adjustments and a move to New South Wales, Miss Young attended the 1962 Feast of Tabernacles and was baptised there.

Mr. Neville Hinricks, a transplanted Queenslander, was contacted for the first time in Rockhampton, when he was met and baptised by Mr. Cole and Mr. Abraham on the recent Queensland tour. While attending the Festival of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Hinricks decided to remain here in Sydney.



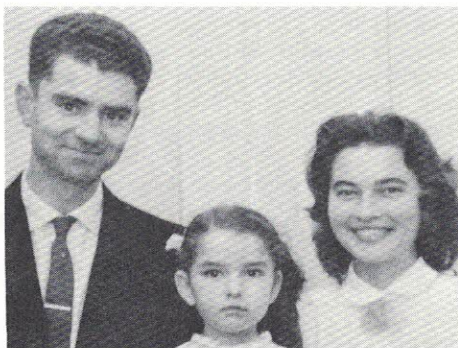
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Dawes

More Queenslanders...this time from the Brisbane Bible Study comes a portion of the Dawes family -- Mr. and Mrs. Barry Dawes. Arriving just prior to the Passover, Mr. and Mrs. Dawes are residing permanently in Sydney and enjoying the privilege of weekly church attendance. Mr. Dawes was blessed with almost immediate employment as a carpenter for a local plumbing concern.



Raymond Bateup and Douglas Cox

Two of the recent additions to the Sydney congregation are draftsmen. The first is Mr. Raymond Bateup; the second, Mr. Werner Hopf. Mr. Bateup designed and built his own beautiful home in Caringbah. Mr. Hopf attends with his wife and young daughter, Gabrielle. The Hopf family came to Australia about 3 years ago from Germany.



The Hopf Family

The office staff has also been increased with the recent additions of Misses Jeannette Whalan and Helen Beecher. Miss Whalan had quit a



Jeannette Whalan and Helen Beecher nursing career. She now holds a position in the Correspondence Course Department. Miss Whalan was one of twelve baptised during the recent Passover Festival. Miss Beecher was formerly employed at the Mount Isa

Mines Company, Brisbane. She now works in the Co-Worker Department.

Mr. K. T. Wan, another recent addition to the congregation, came to Australia from Malaya in order to study at the University of Sydney. Mr. Wan came into personal contact with the Work of God through a roommate, Mr. Koay Chee Lee, who began attending some months before.



K. T. Wan and Koay Chee Lee

During the recent Unleavened Bread Festival, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Staples and their two children were invited to attend services. They recently moved to Sydney from Newcastle. Mr. Staples has been doing sales and representation work. Also



The Staples Family

invited during the Festivals... Mr. Douglas Cox, a hopeful, prospective Ambassador student, migrated to Sydney from Tasmania in order to have personal contact with God's Work. With the experience from his University work in Tasmania, Mr. Cox is presently employed by a local G.O. Physical Survey Company, working with aerial mapping. Another recent addition is Mr. Stefan Bromirski of Dee Why West. Mr. Bromirski is a Volkswagen mechanic. Lastly, we introduce Miss Sigrid Henning who left Berlin, Germany for New Zealand and recently came to Australia. Miss Henning is employed in the A.M.P. Building, North Sydney.

To each of you we extend one big "Texas size" WELCOME!

N.S.W. & QLD. TOUR

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). The fulfilling of this scripture was witnessed recently, during a baptising tour sent from God's office in North Sydney! The tour, planned in three stages, was led by Mr. Frank Simpkins in the first and final stages, with Mr. C. Wayne Cole leading the second stage. Mr. Don Abraham assisted in the fulfillment of all three stages.

Mr. Simpkins and Mr. Abraham left Wednesday 13th March on the Sydney-Brisbane stage. Several coastal stops were made. Four were baptised out of 17 counselled.

The team reached Brisbane Sunday 17th March for the bi-weekly Bible Study. Following the Study, Mr. Cole and Mr. Abraham flew to Rockhampton where the next morning four people were counselled in a cow pasture! Two were baptised in a swamp where cows drink. Other stops on this section of the tour were at Mackay, Townsville and Cairns. Fifteen of the 21 people counselled for baptism on this northern section of the tour were baptised. Having completed all contacts, Mr. Cole flew back to Sydney on Sunday, 24th March, and Mr. Abraham rejoined Mr. Simpkins in Brisbane. During the time Mr. Cole and Mr. Abraham were making the northern stops, Mr. Simpkins was working in and around the Brisbane vicinity.

Thursday, March 28th, the team headed south from Brisbane making additional stops on the return to Sydney, arriving home on Sunday, March 31st.

God's intervention throughout the tour was evident in many ways -- especially in the weather.

During the entire tour, a total of 70 people were counselled for baptism, and of these 42 were added to God's Church, making this the most fruitful tour to date. WELCOME to you recently baptised brethren!

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tralia's history.

"The group which met in Pasadena was the largest ever, being 2,546 at one of the services. It was a wonderful sight to see all those brethren pouring into the Civic Auditorium, to take part in the rousing hymn-singing, to listen to the breath-takingly lovely Chorale numbers and to be privileged to hear Mr. Armstrong's preaching."

"The serving of the Feast and moon-day meals on the tennis courts and

areas around them, was one of the most wonderful pieces of organisation one could have wished to see. The food was delicious, the weather for those out-door occasions was perfect and the fellowship we had with the brethren was so uplifting and enjoyable."

Miss Bayley continues: "There were many... whom we met and all showed deep interest in the progress of the Church in Australia.

"A most interesting happening (it was miraculous in my estimation) occurred at one of the evening preaching services. The service was about to commence when the leader of the hymn-singing announced, 'Well, we could commence our singing, if only we had a pianist. Can anyone play?' In the next moment I was offering my services and had the privilege of playing all the hymns that evening. Next morning one of the Church members rang me to say that God had surely intervened for me. In all her six years she had never known an occasion when a pianist had to be called for. Perhaps God used me as a link between the brethren of His Church in Australia and His Headquarters in Pasadena.

"Please give our regards to the brethren with love to you all in the service of Jesus Christ, (signed) Nancy Bayley."

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tion's thankfulness toward God and willingness to sacrifice for God's Work right along with brethren worldwide.

It was heartening to have persons present from distant areas. One couple, from Christchurch, New Zealand, were baptised the day before the Passover. One New Zealand lady, already blessed with long life, set a fine example of willingness and determination coming alone, by plane, from Auckland. Another "first" in attendance is a man who came from Tasmania and is now residing in Sydney. We have now had persons in attendance from all areas except South Australia and Northern Territory.

Sermons by Mr. C. Wayne Cole unfolded to us the PLAN OF GOD. Sermonettes were primarily exhorting us not to trust in ourselves but to look to God's Word as our guide.

All in all, it was a stimulating Passover season and brethren have already expressed their anticipation of the next Festival, Pentecost, when once again a burgeoning attendance is expected as God's Church continues to grow in Australia and southeast Asia.

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parents in Fresno that night and pick up their car that we were to use while in California. This indeed was a blessing from Almighty God.

"No one at the College knew we were coming to the U.S., so everyone was completely surprised when we drove up. Upon arrival at the College in Pasadena, among the first people we saw was Mrs. Armstrong. What a moment it was, too! She is such a sweet person and knows all of the students, past and present, by name.

"We had an added blessing the first Sabbath there. Mr. Armstrong invited us up to his office to give us the '\$64.00 tour.' After talking with Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong a while, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong walked in. He was getting ready to make the broadcast. So very quickly we went to the radio studio and saw the broadcast 'live.' It is really fantastic to watch.

"Then we went to spend one week with my wife's parents in central California. We were to leave from San Francisco on Saturday night. This made it possible to attend the Oakland Church where Mr. McCrady is preaching.

"After a stop off in Omaha, Nebraska, we arrived in New York. Here we had quite an experience. We boarded a helicopter that took us right to the heart of the city!

"We left for London Monday night and we arrived in London Tuesday morning about 7:00. And, of course, it was raining! But this didn't dampen our excitement in the least. After going through customs we walked out and met Dr. Rea who had come to pick us up. As Dr. Rea was the minister that performed our marriage ceremony, we knew him quite well and were very happy to see him again.

"When we arrived at Bricketwood we went first to Memorial Hall where we met Mr. Raymond McNair. Mr. McNair then took us on the '\$64.00 tour' of Ambassador College, Bricketwood. It is even more beautiful than the pictures we all have seen.

"We were able to take a private tour of London the next day and the weather was beautiful.

"The students are just the same in Bricketwood as in Pasadena. Full of love and joy and real happiness! Our 'Aussies' are all very well, too. They all send their love and greetings to the brethren in Australia.

"We left then the next morning to start our homeward journey. Truly, during the whole trip we looked upon Australia as home. We are very happy to be back to the 'land down under.'"