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A TABERNACLE is to be built in Australia! This important decision, discussed during the last ministerial conference with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, was confirmed recently with the purchase of a MAGNIFICENT 40-acre property at Blackheath! The property, situated on Wariga Street, juts into the vast expanse of the Kanimbla Valley. It was previously the site of a ladies college (which was destroyed

by fire almost one year ago).

BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL VIEWS of the Kanimbla Valley are obtainable from the tabernacle site, as it folds back in a gigantic panorama of sweeping green fields, rolling up to the foot of rugged hills some miles across the floor of the valley.

The site, which lends itself naturally to development, contains many magnificent trees, including Oaks, Cypress, Blue Spruce, Waratah, Liquid Amber, Holly and Pines. A relatively flat, level area leads away from the Wariga Street

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## LOCAL ELDERS ORDAINED --- SYDNEY

Sabbath, June 6, was a memorable day in the history of the Sydney Church of God, and in the lives of six of its members. The brethren rejoiced as six persons were ordained into three different offices in God's Church!

This was the largest number of persons ever ordained at any one time in Australia or in the Southern Hemisphere in this era of the Church. The total number of ordained servants in the three Churches of God in Australia now stands at 10. And with the scheduled arrival of Mr. Royston Page to pastor the Brisbane Church, it will soon be 11! To date seven persons have been ordained within Australia. Six of all those ordained are native Australians! One of the number just ordained was raised in rank from

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**ELDERS**—Continued from Page 1  
Deacon to Local Elder; that's another first for Australia!

The ordination service was both sobering and very inspiring. Following his introductory remarks, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist in charge of the Work in Australia, ordained three very surprised men to the office of Local Elder. They are Messrs. Frank Simpkins, Clarence Huse and Don Abraham.

The first to be ordained was Mr. Frank Simpkins. Mr. Simpkins, with his wife Bernice, arrived in Australia from Pasadena on June 21, 1961. They have two children, a daughter, and a young son born Sabbath, June 27.

Mr. Simpkins, a graduate of Ambassador College, has worked mainly as a



ministerial assistant, first under Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and currently under Mr. Wayne Cole. Four baptismal tours have taken him through much of Australia and the length of both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. With his ordination, it is certain that Mr. Simpkins will become a more powerful instrument in the hands of God.

Second in order of ordination was Mr. Clarence Huse. Mr. Huse has also graduated from Ambassador College, Pasadena. He arrived in Sydney on October 18, 1961 with his wife Billie Kay. Mr. and Mrs. Huse have one child, a son born in this country about two years ago.

The biographical record of Mr. Huse since his arrival in Australia is similar to that of Mr. Simpkins. He too has been a ministerial assistant to Mr. Cole and a leader in the Visiting and



Letter Answering Departments. His sermonettes and occasional sermons have encouraged and inspired many in the three Churches in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia. Mr. Huse is in the process of planning his fifth baptismal tour since arriving in Australia to assist in the Sydney Office. The tours have taken him through New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand. The forthcoming tour will be on the other side of the continent in Western Australia. The growth Mr. Huse has shown while faithfully performing these duties proves that it is Christ's will for him to be ordained to the office of Local Elder, thus equipping him to be a more useful servant in God's hands.

Third to be ordained was Mr. Don Abraham. Mr. Abraham, unlike the other two, is a native Australian. He came into contact with the Work in 1956 while working as an announcer for radio station 4TO, Townsville, Queensland, a station that was airing the World Tomorrow programme once weekly.

Mr. Abraham with his wife and three



children moved to Sydney over four years ago to be employed in the Sydney Office. Mr. Abraham was the first Australian hired to work in the Sydney Office soon after its establishment. Dedication to duties in the Office and the Church preceded his ordination into the office of Deacon about eighteen months ago. Mr. Abraham has delivered many encouraging and helpful sermonettes and a few sermons in Sydney and Brisbane. He has been active on the Visiting Programme and in the Letter Answering Department. He has also served as second man on a baptismal tour which covered parts of New South Wales and extended along the coast into the northern part of Queensland. He is now preparing for the imminent tour with Mr. Huse into Western Australia. Though Mr. Abraham is not a graduate of Ambassador College, he has proved himself dedicated and zealous in his wholehearted willingness to be corrected and led by the Spirit of God. His ordination as Local Elder equips him for greater service in God's Church.

Next, Mr. Cole announced that two Deacons were to be ordained. Mr. Edward Tupper and Mr. Aubrey Pye were then called to the stage.

Mr. Tupper and his family came to Sydney from near Perth in Western Australia in 1960 for fellowship and instruction in God's Church. Mr. Tupper has been a member of the Sydney Spokesman Club since its beginning in 1961. He has been President of the Saturday night Club since November, 1963. Recently Mr. Tupper was employed in the Sydney Office and is on the sermonette list. As a willing servant, Mr. Tupper has qualified himself for the office of deacon in God's Church.

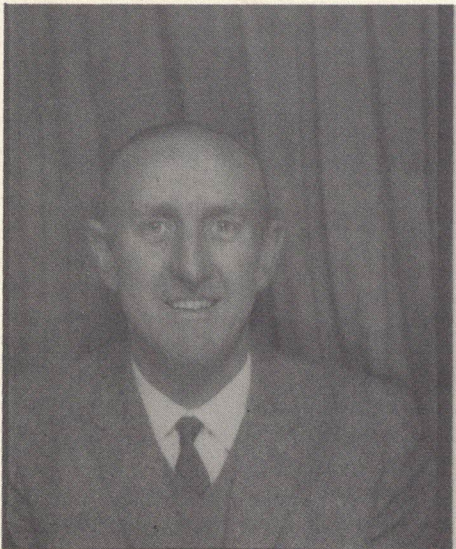
Mr. Pye is also a long-standing member of the Church and has been a member of the Sydney Spokesman Club since its inception. He has previously served as Sergeant of Arms and is presently Vice President of the Saturday night

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## MELBOURNE ORDINATION

The afternoon of Pentecost, Monday May 18, was a truly memorable and joyful occasion for the entire congregation of the Melbourne Church. After reading the qualifications of a Deacon from I Timothy 3, Mr. William D. Winner called a surprised and thrilled Mr. David Neil to the front. After showing that God's ministers had observed Mr. Neil's fruits over a period of time, Mr. Winner said that he was able, by the authority and inspiration of Jesus Christ, to ordain him to the office of Deacon.

Prior to coming in contact with God's truth, Mr. Neil spent a number of years in the R.A.A.F. and the C.M.F., emerging as a Troop Commander in 1958. Soon afterwards, a workmate, Mr. Gunnar Froiland (now in his second year at Ambassador College U.K.), introduced Mr. Neil to The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. Since then, his his-



tory reads a fascinating array of firsts! Along with his wife, only four months later he was the first from Melbourne to be baptized and to partake of the first Passover in Australia (in April, 1960), and subsequently, the first Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacles. Later (in July, 1961), Mr. and Mrs. Neil were among the first twenty-one to assemble at the beginning of the Melbourne Church. Less than a year later, Mr. Neil had the honour of being the first President of the Melbourne Spokesman Club, and now the FIRST DEACON! Mr. Neil has also been privileged to give a number of sermonettes to the Melbourne Church.

During that time, Mr. Neil has won the love and respect of God's people in Melbourne for his obvious dedication and enthusiasm, and his warm personality. Certainly our best wishes and heartfelt

prayers go with you, Mr. Neil, in your new office. May you continue to grow toward further fruits in God's Church.

If you've made up your mind you can't do something--you're absolutely right.

## Presentation To Mr. & Mrs. Cole

During the recent Sydney Spokesman Clubs' combined Ladies Night, Mr. Trevor Higgins, the presiding officer for the evening, interrupted the delicate onslaught most were making on a delicious meal, to call the Clubs to order for an eagerly awaited event. With great celerity and a flare of secrecy rivalled only by M15, members of both Clubs had banded together to purchase for Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole a silver Tea and Coffee set.

Top level security precautions had succeeded and now this handsome set, consisting of a silver salver, coffee pot, tea pot, water jug and cream and sugar dispensers, was being uncovered before Mr. and Mrs. Cole. Mr. Higgins presented the gift on behalf of Sydney Spokesman Clubs A & B, as an expression of appreciation for the dedication, service and example Mr. Cole has shown the Sydney Clubs since being in Australia.

Mr. Cole, in accepting the presentation on behalf of Mrs. Cole and himself,



expressed deep gratitude for the gift. Not merely "for the intrinsic value of the set, which was of the best quality made in this country, but for the thought behind it, for the attitude it portrayed." Though Mr. Cole disclaimed any worthiness for such a gift, all present were unanimous in disagreeing with this view.

If a beetle, which in proportion to its size is the strongest creature on earth, were as large as a man, it could lift a weight of 60 tons.

Half of the 25,000,000 golf balls produced every year are lost.

## PENTECOST—1964!

THREE HUNDRED THREE, an increase of over thirty-seven percent above last year, came together to observe the Feast of Pentecost in Sydney. This year the Sydney brethren and those coming in from "outback" were afforded the added blessing of all-day services on the weekly Sabbath and Sunday, making the Festival a full three days.

The well appointed Anzac House in the city was used for the first two days and the pleasantly located Municipal Council Chambers in the north shore suburb of Lane Cove, on Pentecost. Both halls provided complete facilities for an inspiring Festival.

Sermons by Mr. C. Wayne Cole included a descriptive panorama of today's society, directly paralleling the conditions God said would exist; man's last-ditch hope in the panacea of science which admittedly offers no salvation; how we are either being digested and assimilated into the body of Christ as useful body-building food, or vomited out as refuse; why God has called each one of us, and how little we had to do with it; and the meaning and purpose of Pentecost.

Mr. Cole expressed the confidence that all of the sermons and sermonettes were inspiring, moving and beneficial.

Further north, Pentecost saw the completion of one full year of festival observances in the Brisbane Church -- the first annual holyday being the Feast of Trumpets 1963. Pentecost was eagerly and joyfully kept by 135 who were able to carry out the command to assemble together on this day. An all-day meeting was complemented by a very fine feast and fellowship. Sermons elucidated the plan of God with special emphasis on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, trying the spirits, qualifying to rule and appreciating conversion and salvation. All went smoothly with many willing hands making the Feast a total success.

## LADIES NIGHT— CHEVRON HILTON

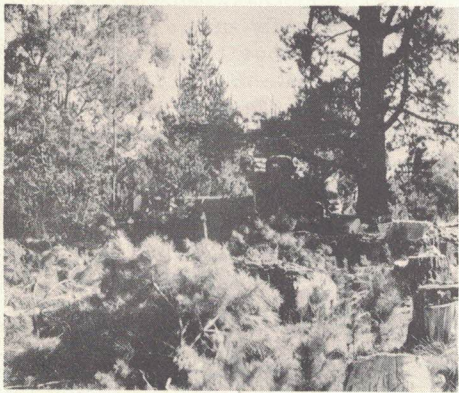
Though the weather in Sydney on Wednesday evening, June 10, was extremely wet and windy, the spirit of the 130 Sydney Spokesmen and their guests was very much alive and warm. This was more than obvious as they appeared in small groups in the lounge

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entrance, until the property descends in a series of natural terraces towards the floor of the valley.

The property is in an ideal location, in that it is easily accessible to both road and rail transport (Blackheath railway station is less than five minutes drive away). Yet, it is private and well secluded, with little or no chance of it ever being hemmed in by surrounding properties.

Much of the beauty which once graced the site is still easily discernible in the well laid out paths and walks, though these have long since been overgrown with weeds and undergrowth. To aid in the task of restoration, and to ensure that full advantage is taken of the properties natural beauty, one of Australia's leading nurserymen and landscape artists has been engaged to map out and plan a proposed garden layout. This will



provide a basis upon which the area may be developed as one of the finest properties in the Blue Mountains.

The grounds offer plenty of scope for the development of ample sporting facilities. The remains of a tennis court can still be seen on the property. It is planned to eventually build a softball

diamond, with sufficient area for volley ball and other games, and also to construct a playing area for small children.

The property offers ample space for



very adequate parking facilities, and a well laid-out parking lot is now in the planning stage. It will be so designed as to allow passengers to alight at the Tabernacle entrance, before the vehicle is parked by the driver, thus eliminating any possibility of their having to walk in rain or cold weather from the parking lot to the building.

At the time this paper goes to press, the foundations of the Tabernacle have been completed, with a section of the cement flooring also laid. Much of the preparatory work for the complex system of plumbing pipes and drains has also been finished. Work is surging ahead on foundations for a caretaker's cottage, and the out-building, containing garages and a workroom, is almost completed. It is hoped to have the amenities block finished in the near future. Present plans call for erection of the steelwork to commence almost immediately. Following this the walls will be constructed.

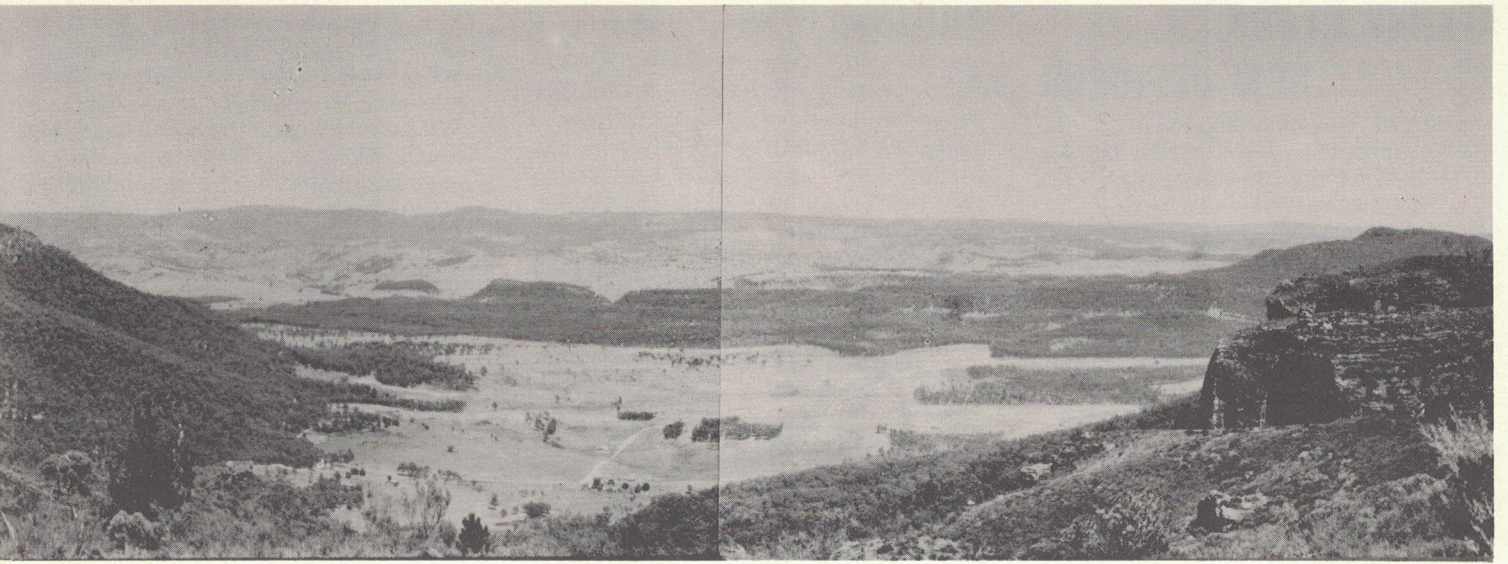
An added blessing which this particular property affords is a wealth of bricks and other building materials which can be obtained from the remains of the old college building still left standing. It has been estimated that well over 200,000 bricks -- still in useable condition -- remain on the site,

and these are in the process of being cleaned ready for use on God's Tabernacle and out-buildings, etc. Despite the magnitude of the task, many dozens of willing helpers have been travelling up to Blackheath each Sunday from Sydney, to assist in this, as well as on the many other jobs which this tremendous project provides. It has been -- and is -- a pleasure to observe the willingness with which those privileged to help on the site have gone about their responsibilities. Despite the very cold weather that is experienced in the mountains at this time of year, and the discomfort that this causes, many of those engaged on cleaning bricks can be heard singing their way through their task.

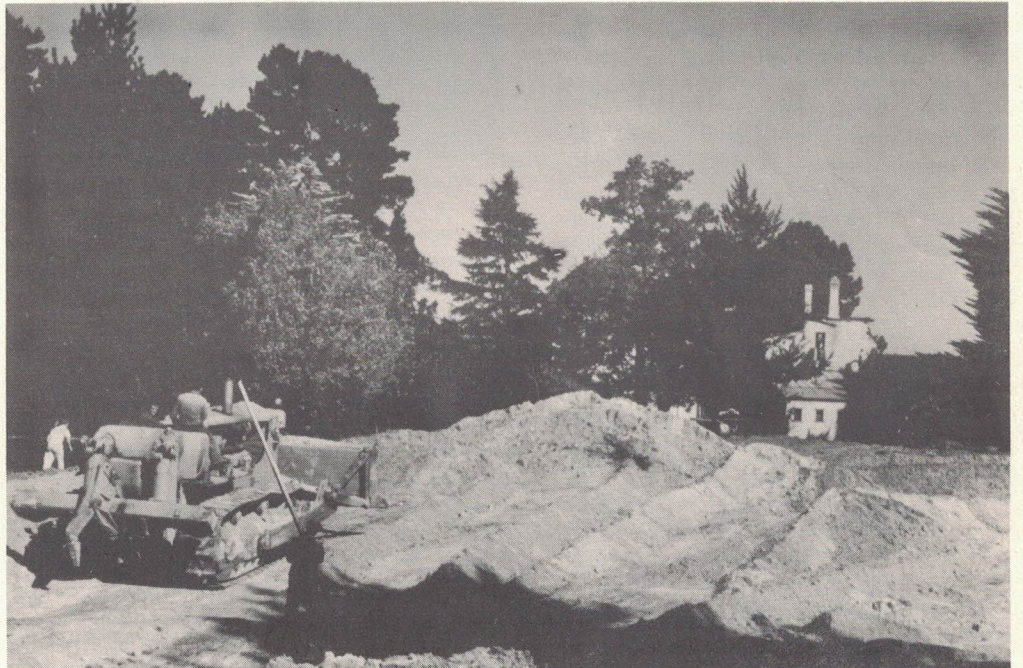


The months yet ahead will see vast changes overtake God's property at Blackheath. Roads are to be graded; scenic walks -- long hidden by thick undergrowth -- recovered and rebuilt; gardens planted; lawns laid out; a parking lot prepared; and sporting facilities developed. All this apart from the tabernacle itself, and its outbuildings! This will help you understand the huge scope of the job yet ahead of God's people! Yet, the work MUST be finished, WILL be completed! The tabernacle must be sufficiently completed to





allow for its use during the coming Festival of Tabernacles. Many of the unconverted may secretly scoff, believing that the job is too big to be finished in time. But brethren, they do not allow for the GREAT POWER OF GOD! We KNOW, we are FULLY PERSUADED, we are COMPLETELY CONVINCED, that IF WE DO OUR PART, the tabernacle WILL be sufficiently completed to allow God's people to use it for the coming spring feast! Brethren, God Almighty NEVER FAILS! He WILL do HIS PART! This is above questioning. It remains only up to US, as the very CALLED and CHOSEN PEOPLE of the Ever-living God, to do our part, to see the tabernacle built! Will YOU do YOUR part? Will YOU ASSIST, in whatever capacity you can? Will you PRAY, and support this big undertaking with offerings, being willing to SACRIFICE, in order to see God's House finished? This is YOUR privilege, YOUR blessing! Will you accept it?



## SYDNEY CLUBS NEW OFFICERS

During the Business session of the recent combined Spokesman Club Ladies Night held at the Chevron Hotel, Mr. Cole, the over-all Spokesman Club Director and Co-ordinator in Australia, announced the appointment of several new officers. This is in accordance with the policy of granting the privilege of officiating to as many members as possible, as they are able to contribute to individual and Club growth.

Mr. Don Abraham was appointed to the Office of President of Spokesman Club B, filling the position vacated by the retiring President, Mr. Trevor Higgins. The Office of Vice President, formerly held by Mr. J. Van der Wende, will now be the responsibility of Mr. Leonid Kaagjarv. The man with all the say in Club finances will be Mr. Lachlan Benson, who will take over as treasurer from Mr. Ron Lyons.

In Spokesman Club A there were also new appointments. These were, Mr. Clive Leske, Secretary, taking over from Mr. Forest Finlay, and Mr. Richard Quinsey who, as Treasurer, will take control of the purse strings from Mr. Georg Karlov.

While thanking the outgoing officers for their splendid example and diligent service during their tenure of office, Mr. Cole reminded those present that only those officers who had been serving for some considerable time (about eighteen months) were being replaced. Others who had assumed office in recent months would continue in their present capacity.

The present officers of both Clubs are now as follows:

### "A" Club

President: Mr. E. Tupper  
Vice President: Mr. A. Pye  
Secretary: Mr. C. Leske  
Treasurer: Mr. R. Quinsey  
Sergeant at Arms: Mr. G. Davies

### "B" Club

President: Mr. D. Abraham  
Vice President: Mr. L. Kaagjarv  
Secretary: Mr. K. Lulham  
Treasurer: Mr. L. Benson  
Sergeant at Arms: Mr. E. Tainton

One out of every 3 persons you meet on the street, according to a recent survey, would like to lose weight.

DEFINITION: "Flashlight." A case in which to carry dead batteries.

## ORDINATIONS

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Club. He was employed in the Sydney Office in March of 1963 and is now in charge of the Mailing Department. His willingness to serve has revealed that Mr. Pye should be ordained to the office of Deacon.

Finally Mr. Cole announced there was to be one more ordination that afternoon. Mrs. P. J. Lehmann was called to the platform and ordained as Australia's first Deaconess.

Mrs. Lehmann has endeared herself



Mr. Pye, Mrs. Lehmann, Mr. Tupper

to the members of the Sydney Church by her example and willing service wherever she is needed. She has a daughter, Judy, attending Ambassador in Bricket Wood. According to current plans, Mrs. Lehmann will soon leave for Bricket Wood, where she will be employed on the College kitchen staff.

God surely is gracious to add more labourers to the body of workers busily engaged in serving Christ in the field. Let us pray fervently for yet more servants, for truly the "harvest is plentiful, but the labourers few."

## Change Officers

### Melbourne Clubs

Members of Spokesman Club "A" in Melbourne recently had their first meeting of the new six month period. This meeting found the newly installed officers having their first opportunity to exercise their new positions.

The President, Mr. Dennis Gover, and Vice President, Mr. Colin Batt, have much valuable service logged in the Club, and are now entrusted with the responsibility of improving the Club's ability beyond the present level. A "star recruit" from Club "B," Mr. Gordon Ames, is the new Secretary, and has an excellent understanding of both clubs' needs. He will have the task of co-ordinating some of our common aims.

Mr. Colin Power is the new Treasurer, and he is responsible for maintaining

a check on club finances. Mr. Ken Slade is now Sergeant of Arms, and is responsible for members comforts at the meeting.

All members will be wholeheartedly behind these new officers, striving to serve the LIVING GOD in this wonderful opportunity afforded to less than 50 men, in a state populated by some three million people!

Outgoing officers were: Messrs. G. Thomson, S. Chivers, G. Ingamells, C. Batt and D. Gover.

## LADIES NIGHT— MELBOURNE

Monday, May 8 was the evening set for a Ladies Night by the Melbourne Spokesman Club "B." A capacity number of wives and friends attended, and were entertained with a most enjoyable evening. At the close of the meeting, the Director, Mr. William Winner, announced the office bearers for the next six month period.

The appointment of Mr. M. Kernot as successor to Mr. D. Neilas President met with popular applause. Mr. K. Gray, who is showing remarkable growth, was appointed as Vice President in place of Mr. R. Rees. Mr. E. Bonell, a member of only months, was appointed Secretary to occupy the position previously held by Mr. K. Crouch. Mr. J. McGrath, also a very new member showing growth, succeeds Mr. L. Morley as Treasurer. Mr. A. Morrison, a very willing worker, replaces Mr. M. Kernot as Sergeant at Arms.

As these officers are really showing the benefits of the Club, the positions allotted will enable them an even greater opportunity to show growth in this Great Work of God.

It was the Babylonians in ancient times who devised a foolproof system of finding husbands for even their homeliest daughters.

Once a year at the great May Fair a wife-auction was held. All the marriageable girls were assembled before the temple and offered for sale to the highest bidder. The most beautiful brought the highest prices and the money from their sale was turned into a fund to benefit the less attractive girls who had not been purchased. The fund was divided into a kind of dowry and with this added "attraction" every girl ultimately won a husband -- a practical solution to an old problem?

One of the troubles with the world is that people mistake sex for love, money for brains, and transistor radios for civilisation.

# BITS 'n PIECES

News has come directly from Manila that The WORLD TOMORROW is now being broadcast DAILY on station DYKR in Kalibo, Aklan! This is the second station in the Philippines to carry the broadcast daily. DYKR is on the Visayan Broadcast Network. That puts the broadcast on two networks in the Philippines -- the VBN and the ABS (Alto Broadcasting System).

● Advance copies of the 1964 ENVOY have been delivered from Pasadena! And, instead of attempting to describe it in this small space, we will merely state that we could almost guarantee that once you pick it up and open the unique cover, you will not want to put it down until you've seen every page. Even then you'll want to go through it again and again. It's fabulous! The final shipment should be arriving at any time.

● The pastor of the Wichita and Liberal, Kansas, Churches of God and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster, are now the parents of a son born April 25. The infant's name is Richard Michael. He weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs. at birth. Best wishes to the Fosters!

● It is unofficial as yet, but Mr. Guy Ames, acting-Director of the office in Manila, may be in Australia for the coming Feast of Tabernacles! Many of you will remember Mr. Ames from last year and will surely want to renew your acquaintance with him.

● A number of the members of the Sydney Church are volunteering their services each Sunday to help build the Tabernacle in Blackheath. The recent long weekend, charged with all kinds of circumstances, brought an additional opportunity to the weary commuters -- developing their patience! Floods and road repairs caused the cars of thousands celebrating the holiday to choke the only highway open between Sydney and Blackheath. The literal bumper to bumper, stop and go traffic caused some to take five hours and more to traverse the 70 odd miles!

● Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins are very happy to announce the birth of their second child. A boy was born to them on June 27 at about 2:03 p. m. The baby weighed an even 10 pounds. A name has yet to be selected for the child. The Simpkins have one other child, Marilyn Sue, who was born in Australia about 2 years ago. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to the Simpkins!

● The parents of Mr. Dexter Faulkner's wife arrived in Sydney recently from the United States aboard the

"Mariposa." Their trip is for pleasure and to take in the sights of Australia.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. Payne, after the recent sale of their farm near Too-woomba, Qld., are in Sydney. While searching for a house to rent, they are staying with Miss Jessie Emmett in her flat in Kirribilli.

● Mr. and Mrs. R. Couston of Brisbane now have a new address: 35 Logan Avenue, Oxley, Brisbane, Qld.

● During the recent long holiday weekend, Miss Jessie Emmett, telephone operator and secretary to Mr. Cole, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Druce on their farm in Kamarah, N. S. W. The Druce's also had two guests from Victoria, Mr. Graeme Ingamells and Mr. Robert Mitchell. And, some of the Mancy family were over to make for a fine weekend of fellowship in the home of members of God's Church.

● To help out with construction of the Tabernacle in Blackheath, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dawes have set up temporary quarters in their caravan at the site. They plan to return to Brisbane after the close of the festival.

**HILTON** — Continued from Page 3 of the "Matthew Flinders" room of the Chevron Hilton Hotel, Kings Cross.

The extra special occasion was the combined Sydney Spokesman Clubs' Ladies Night, the largest yet held in Sydney. While it was not planned, it is noteworthy to mention that this night also marked the anniversary of THREE YEARS of Spokesman Club activity in Australia.

An outstanding feature of the evening, and apparent throughout, was the friendliness, charm and obvious joy radiated by our lady guests. This, no doubt, contributed immensely to the success of the evening, and both Clubs join in extending a BIG thank you to those ladies who were present!!

Understandably, business for the evening was very brief, allowing the Table

Topics Chairman, Mr. Harley Porter, to lead members in a session designed to give EVERY one an opportunity to express his views on a variety of subjects. Mr. Ted Tupper was adjudged as having given the best comment during the Table Topics programme.

Following a period of relaxed conversation over drinks and coffee, Mr. Colin Stanford, as Toastmaster, began to introduce the four speakers for the evening.

From Mr. Trevor Higgins was heard a brief, but descriptive and humorous resumé of some of the problems encountered in purchasing the present Tabernacle site at Blackheath. Mr. Johan Van der Wende, our second speaker, also spoke on the subject of the Tabernacle, relating the need for this building and what it means to us. Mr. Georg Karlov, the Club's third speaker for the evening, related an account of the hardships and risk of death men will endure for the physical, temporal glory they receive in scaling a mountain peak.

The Most Effective Speaker's award of the night was presented to Mr. Forest Finlay, for his gripping description of an ex-serviceman's fight from apathetic despair to unqualified success. Mr. Higgins received the cup for the "runner up" speech of the evening. At the completion of the regular Club format, Mr. Cole spoke on the purpose and value of the Clubs and individual speech assignments. In his closing remarks, Mr. Cole informed the members and their guests that the evening was not yet quite over, for the dancing would start almost immediately!

While white-coated waiters quickly removed the carpeting from the dance floor, the lighting was dimmed and soft music began to fill the room. Soon, the stage was set for a most enjoyable period of dancing and fellowship, which brought to a conclusion the first Sydney Spokesman Clubs' combined Ladies Night.



