

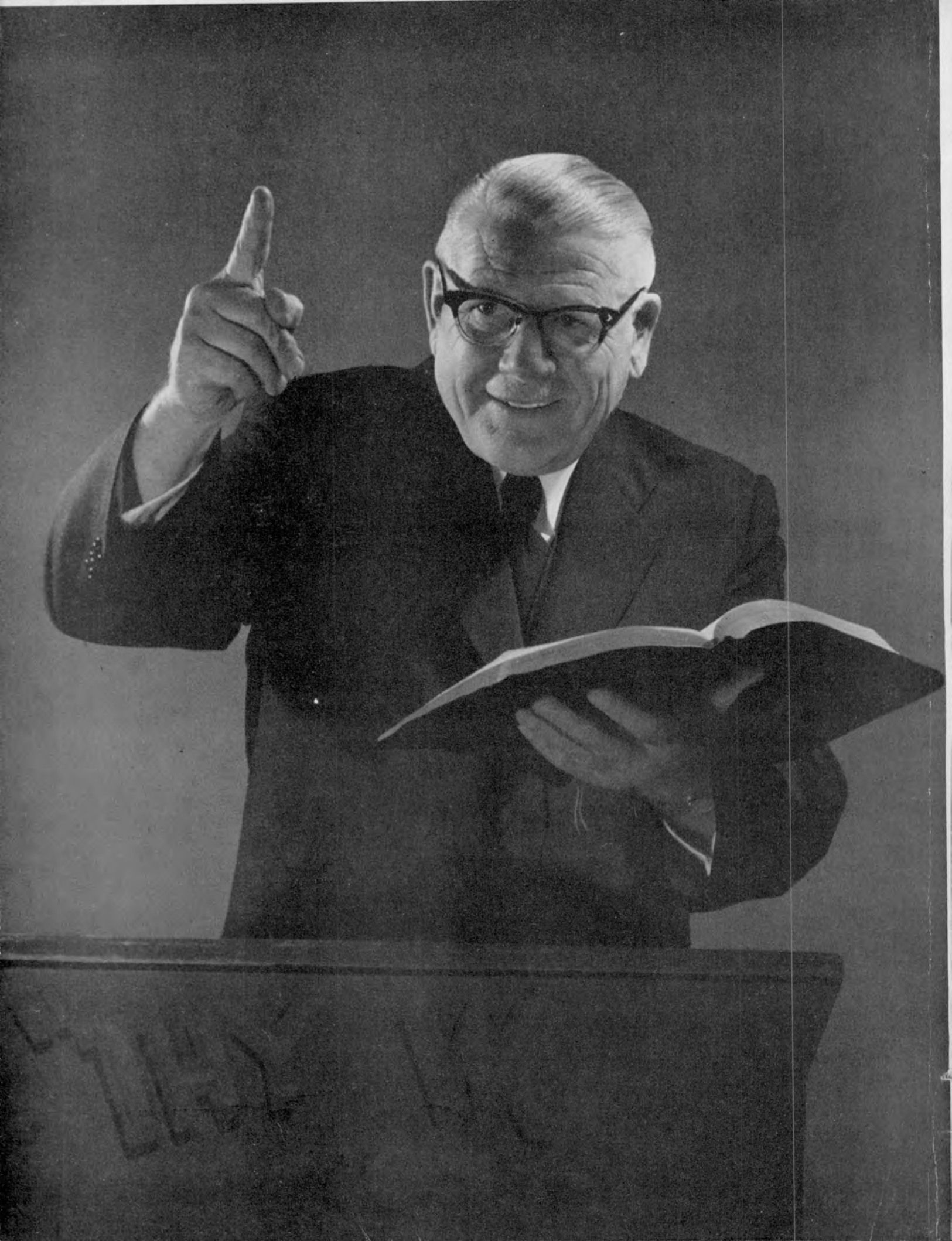
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NELSON C. BURNS, M.A.

a man of God whose sympathy and understanding have kept so many from discouragement; whose love for his Lord and enthusiasm in His service have inspired so many others towards a life of service



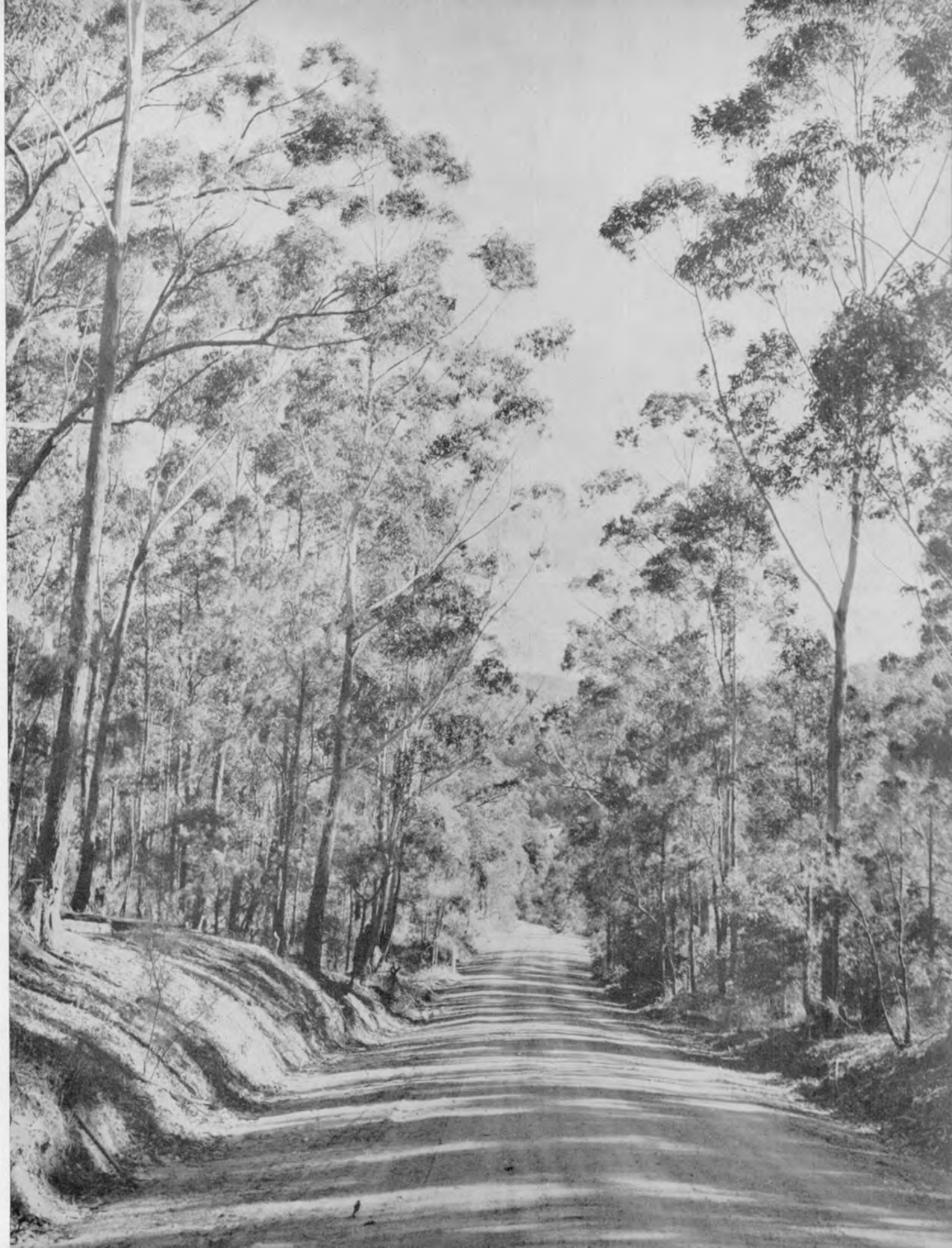
FOREWORD BY R. R. FIGUHR

In this Jubilee Year in the Australasian Division, how fitting to feature Avondale as the road to service in the cause of God!

As I visit from country to country in the interests of our world work, I find many loyal, dedicated workers who have received their training in our Australasian Missionary College. A number of these are associated with us here in the General Conference.

We thank God for what Avondale has meant in the past; may its future be increasingly strong and fruitful in training youth for consecrated service, both in the home conferences and the mission fields.

R. R. FIGUHR
President, General Conference







Removed ninety miles from the rush and jostle of Sydney, Avondale has its own spirit of urgency and speed, tempered by the surrounding hills. Here the quiet restfulness of nature offers a sanctuary to all who will avail themselves of it. Throughout the surrounding countryside, there are features of beauty typically Australian—a gnarled old gum tree, a boulder-strewn creek bed and, beyond, the blue tint of a distant range

Here a log cabin, there a fern-decked
pathway, a mossy rock, or the open
blue sky . . .





. . . It is true that these are only ordinary things, but they all make their silent contribution to the setting of Avondale.
Even Dora Creek, though often turbid, plays its part in making this spot in the bush loved and revered



Andre Hall : the new ladies' dormitory

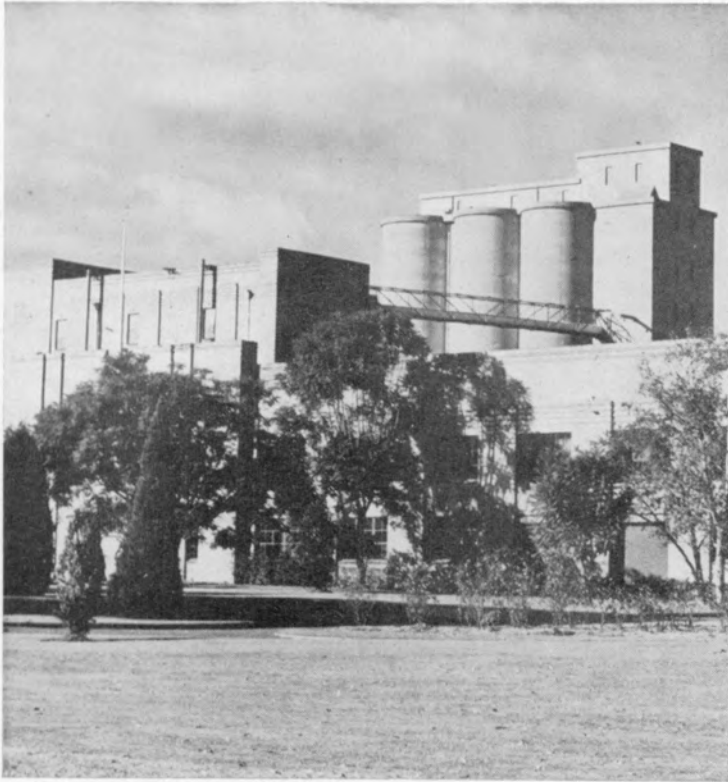


The College chapel

FAMILIAR LANDMARKS

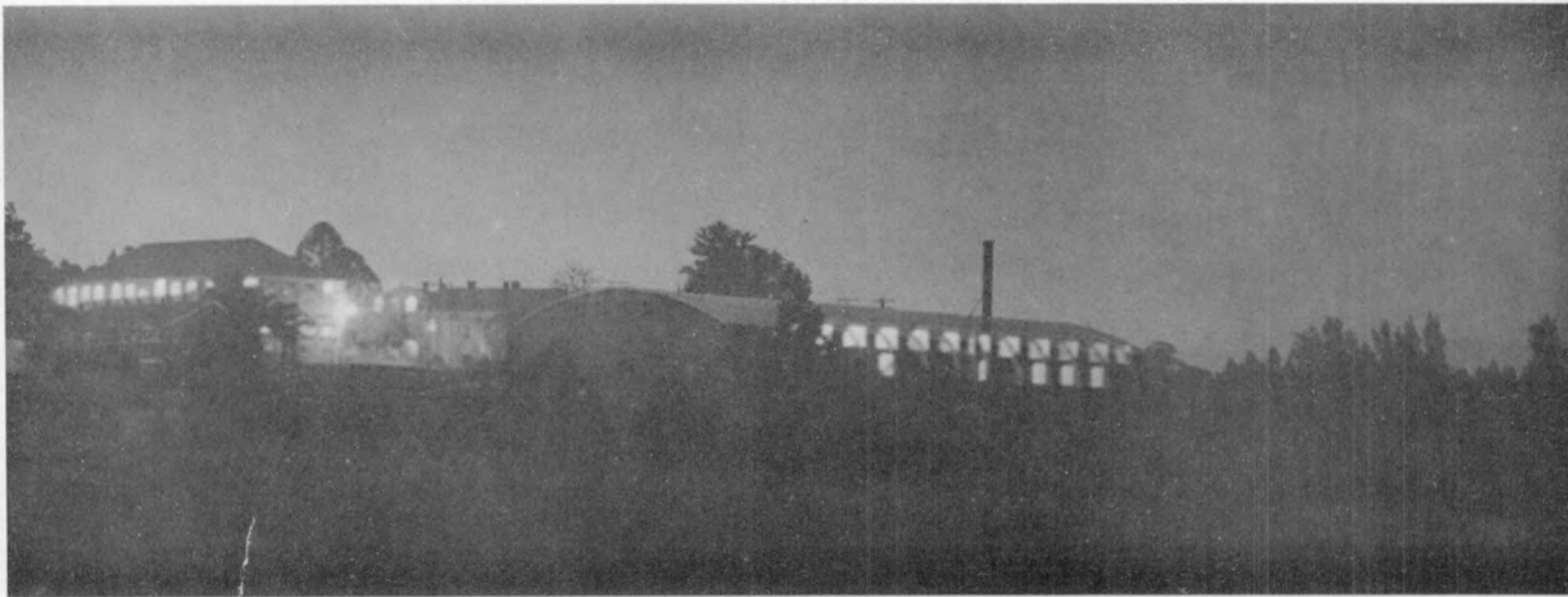
Avondale is being rebuilt and extended. Many of its buildings, the product of sacrificial labour and pioneering ingenuity, are no longer capable of coping with the rising tempo of Avondale's varied life





The S.H.F. factory

Some of these older buildings,
redecorated and improved,
will continue to carry a share
of responsibility in housing
College activities, as well as
providing opportunity for
students of former years
to reminisce



The Avondale campus at night



THE OPEN DOOR: COLLEGE BEGINS AGAIN

What lies beyond the first door of
College life? Many looking from
outside inward have wondered this.

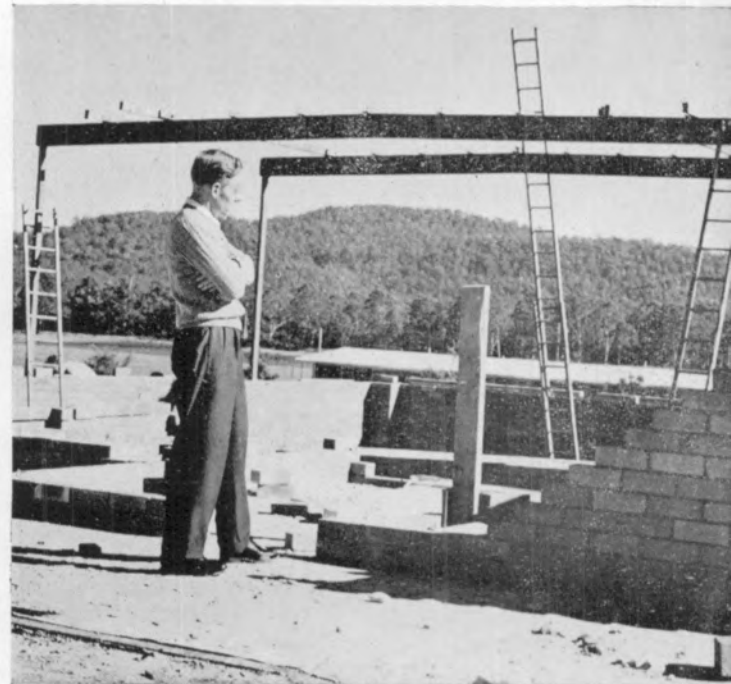
There may be, perhaps, a pang for
home, a little bewilderment, a
stretching of the mental and physical
powers, to meet the challenge of
the new life. But it is a new life.

That door opens upon new and
enduring friendships, a thrilling new
vision of capabilities unrealised,
of wider fields of service, of new
possibilities for ministry, of the call
of God Himself



"Back again, you rogue!"

"Quite a revelation". The new library in the making



"Phew! Colleen, books or lead?"

Mixed company is the rule, but—"We're a bit shy"





REGISTRATION IS . . . WAITING

But it also involves thinking . . . planning . . . the making of big decisions. The choice of a field of study is virtually the choice of a career, of one's life work.

One cannot afford to be careless.

However, the members of the faculty are friendly and experienced, and capable of giving wise advice



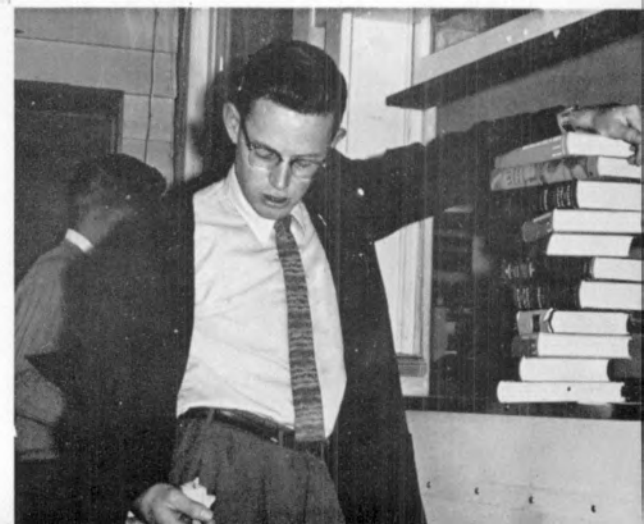
"What am I worth?"



"When was I born?"



"They want my portrait"



"£23 13s. 6d. . . . Broke!"





INTERNATIONAL ...

Christianity has a binding power. Only this can truly unite the nations in love and harmony. Only this can bring about understanding and co-operation between the nations in the fullest sense.

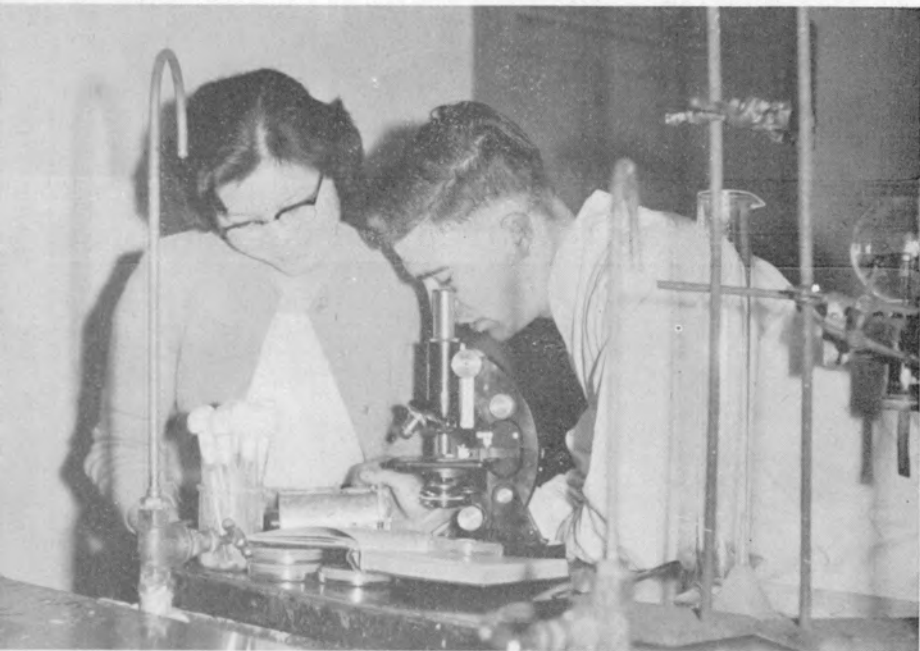
At Avondale, students from north, east, south and west, from extremes of culture, from varieties of backgrounds, meet on common ground and learn to understand and appreciate one another. Here students from Europe, Ethiopia, India, Singapore, Indonesia, Borneo, New Guinea, China, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands study, play, work and serve with their Australian brothers



Nathaniel Lian (Malaya)
Ruth Chu (Singapore)
Truner Selassie (Ethiopia)
Kay Parthasarathy (Singapore)



The Library



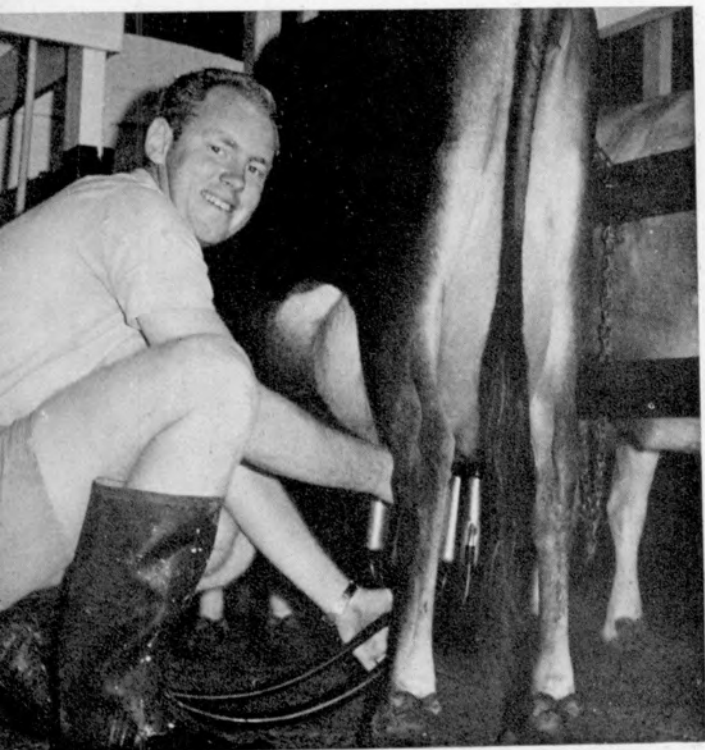
Bacteria ?



Homework !



Thus First Term is soon well on its way. The whirl and grind and fun of study catches all in its grasp. Fortunately study is not all in the realm of the abstract. Practical work and experience under helpful critics form an important aspect of College education. In such classes as "Evangelism", young men learn how to make clear the Bible truths by giving studies to student groups. Students even make their own charts to illustrate their messages



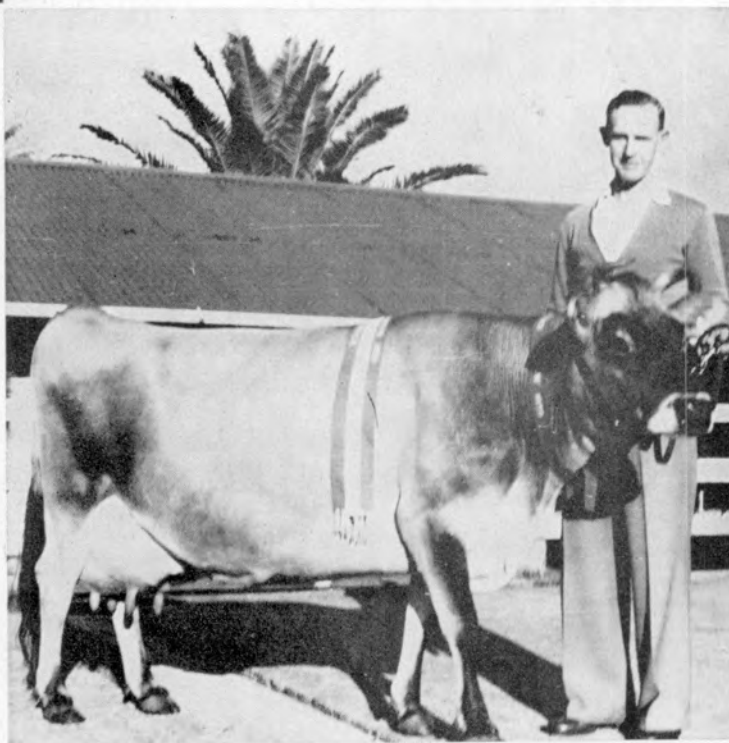
The College dairy herd
is one of the finest.
Here Kevin Parmenter milks . . .

. . . while farm manager Ian Irvine
displays Erlwin Sungold, champion
Jersey cow of the Hunter Valley.
Also in the herd is Australia's top
milk and butter fat producer

Practical training comes in more ways
than by the avenue of study.

One of the aims of the College
is to give healthful and body-building
employment to its students.

In this way, all are able to earn
part of their fees . . .





Every day is wash-day for
Janice and Evelyn

Work on night-shift in the S.H.F.
factory may be one of the less-pleasant
methods of earning fees, but it provides
the necessary means and—
an experience which many will be glad
to look back upon

... It keeps life busy to combine
in one's daily programme
five hours of classes, up to
four hours of work, and a
temperate quota of food, sleep
and private study

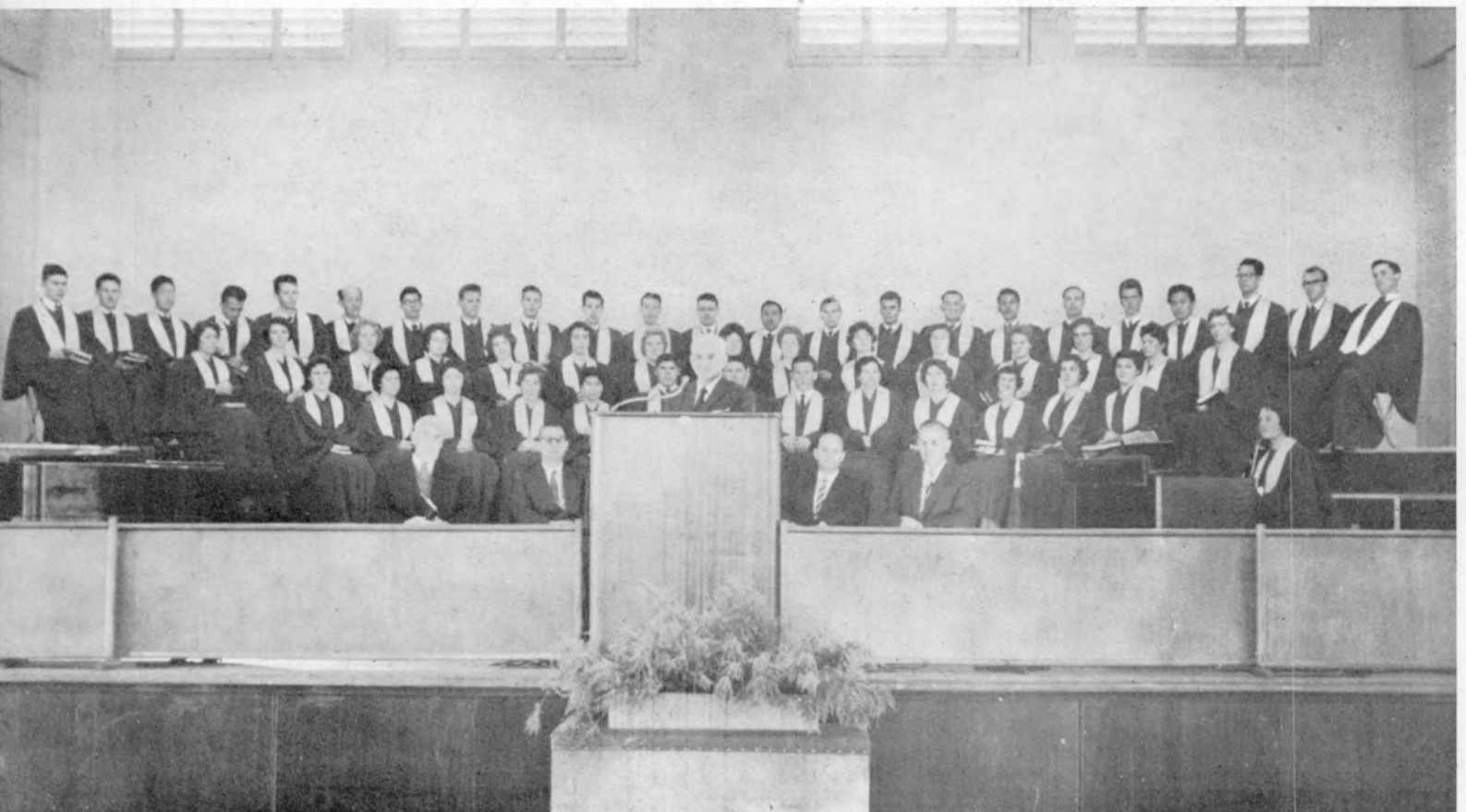


THE SABBATH...

Perhaps many would find College profitable if only for the way in which one learns to appreciate the Sabbath. After six days of high-pressure study and work, the Sabbath is a much needed source of relaxation and uplift. It brings a realignment of perspective and a rekindling of the spiritual flame.

However, the Sabbath is a busy day, crowded with activity of another kind. There is Sabbath School, where students gain experience which will prepare them for leadership in their own home churches. Even the local Primary Sabbath School is a field of training in which the children themselves profit. There is, too, the Divine Service, with the Symphonic Choir setting the atmosphere with its sacred anthems.

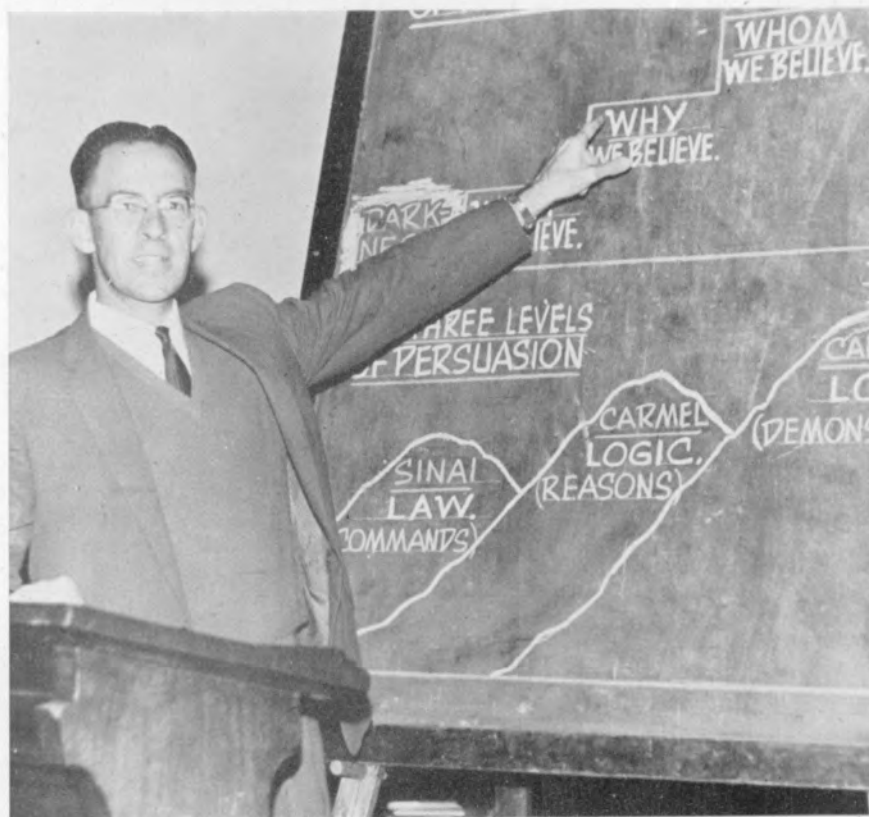
A quiet walk by the creek or in the bush may provide a devotional climax to the Sabbath day at Avondale



Kindergarten
Sabbath School



Week of Prayer
speaker,
Pastor Bredon



A Sabbath walk
by the creek



PICNICS...

The lunch pavilion



The beach at Soldiers' Point



Buses disgorge at the clifftop





The Giant

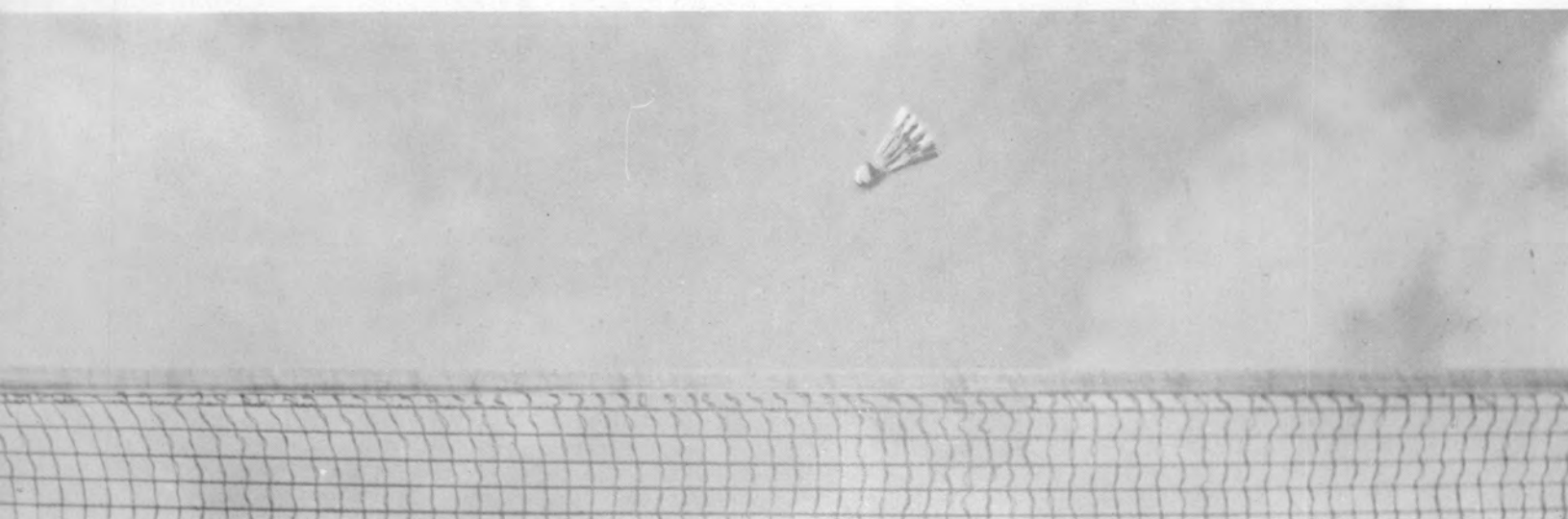
A much-needed break of routine is provided
on picnic day. In First Term almost all turn up
for a glorious day at Soldiers' Point.
At the beach, the rugged coast, the tempting
surf and bracing salt air help all to realise
that life is not all toil

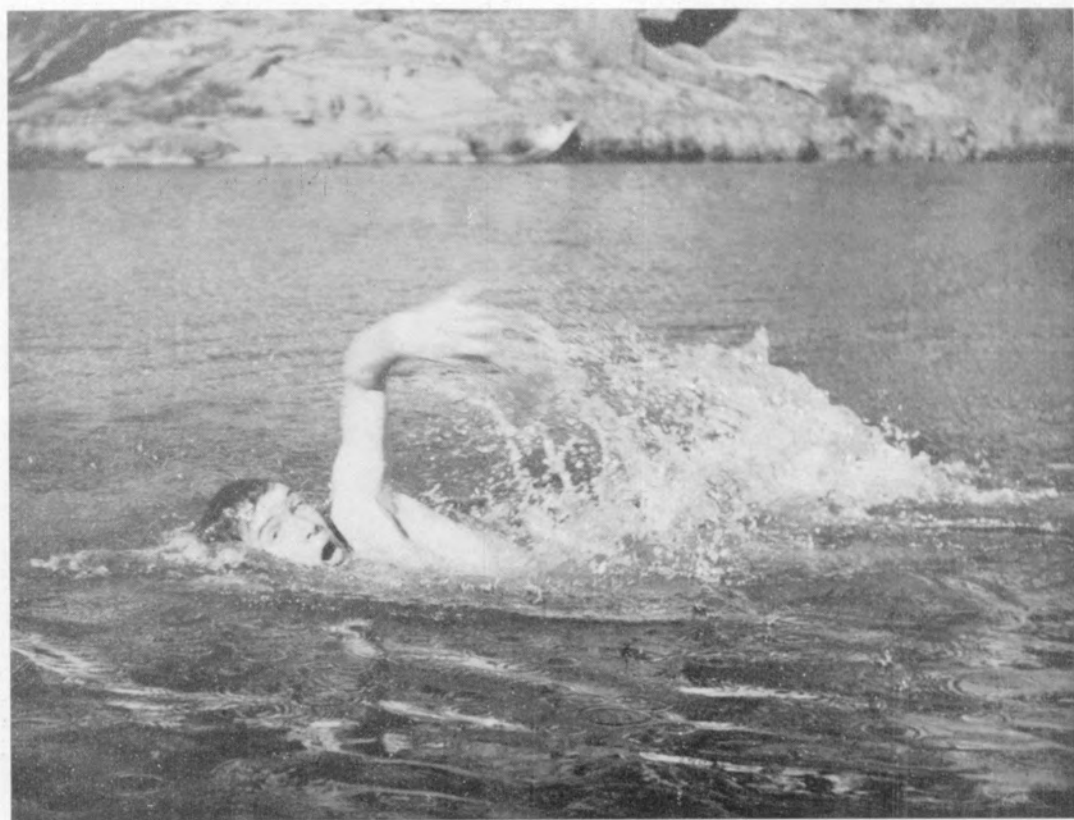
SPORTS . . .

Avondale students believe in keeping fit. Because it is so easy to concentrate on book learning to the exclusion of all else, a variety of games and active exercises are catered for.

Some prefer swimming, others badminton or outdoor games, but each activity is planned to develop efficiency and co-ordination of mind and body.

Thus the neat, attractive group of College students who gave a gymnastic display in Newcastle formed a sound advertisement for clean and healthy living





At the point

Wini Paki winds up



INGATHERING . . .

"Ingathering" is the time when students devote from three to five days to a public appeal for mission funds. A few parties even take a full week in their campaigns to the Queensland border. It means hard work, courage and tact. It means money for New Guinea, but it is also a short course in Gospel work

Andre Hall . . . Saturday night . . .
supplies of food, magazines,
and enthusiasm

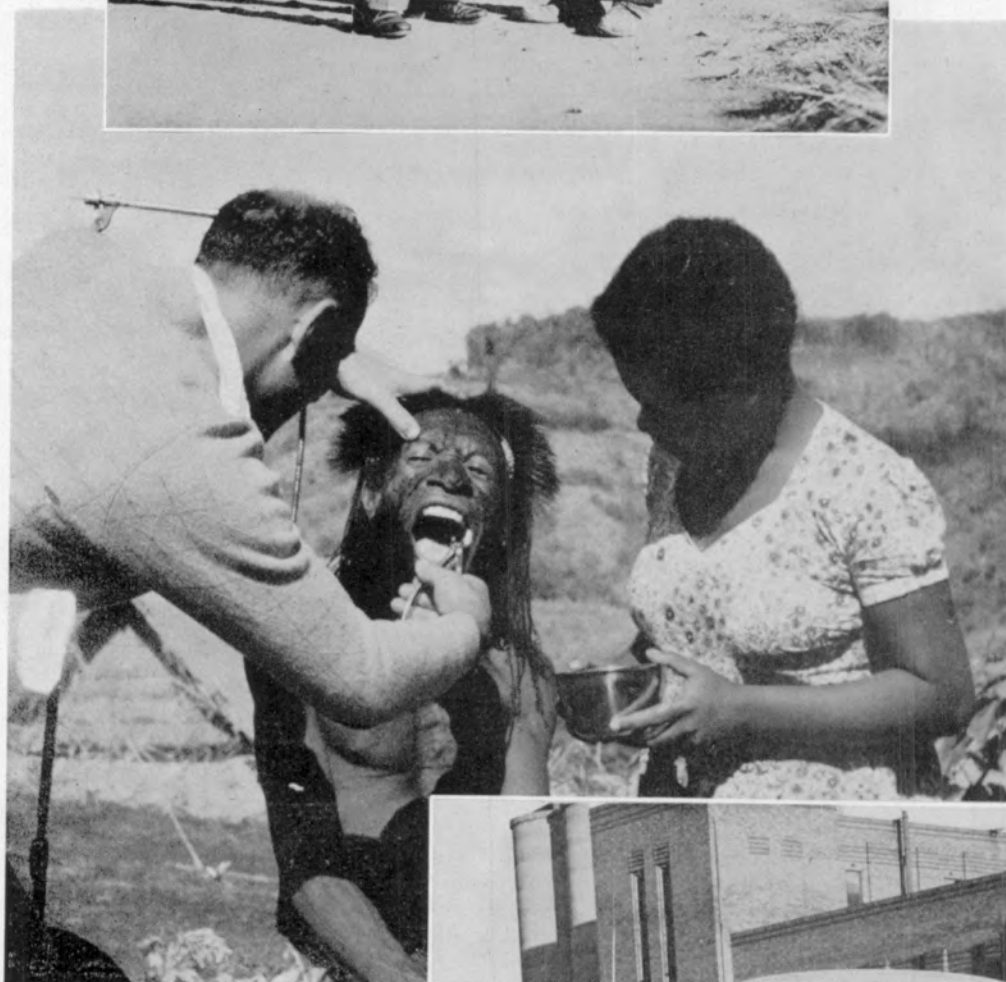
Then a trip through the night
to Grafton or Moree



Contributor? ...



Recipient ...



... The jubilant return !



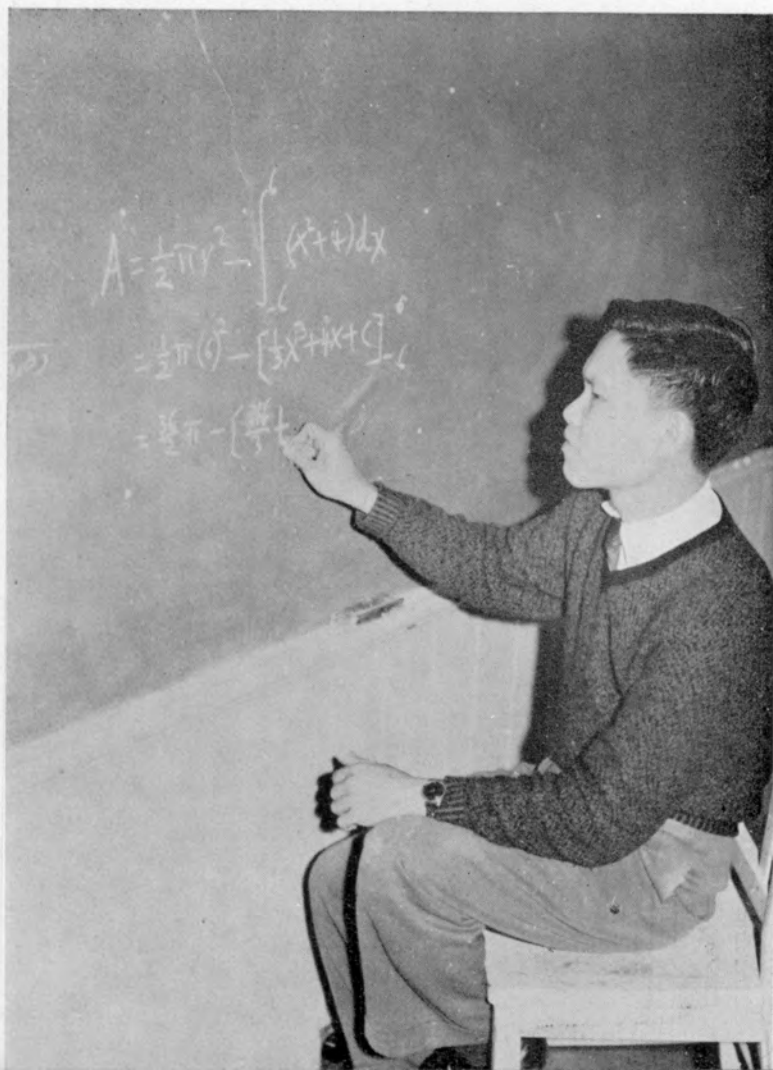
SECOND TERM

Avondale in winter may be bleak and frosty, though often it is sunny. Its activities are therefore more confined. Second Term is a comprehensive term, with a blending of hard study, indoor recreation, and an occasional hike in the hills





The scientists—
Loretta Simmonds and
John Kemp



Ee Tek Ee—
the young Chinese to whom
the involved formulae of
physics are a delight

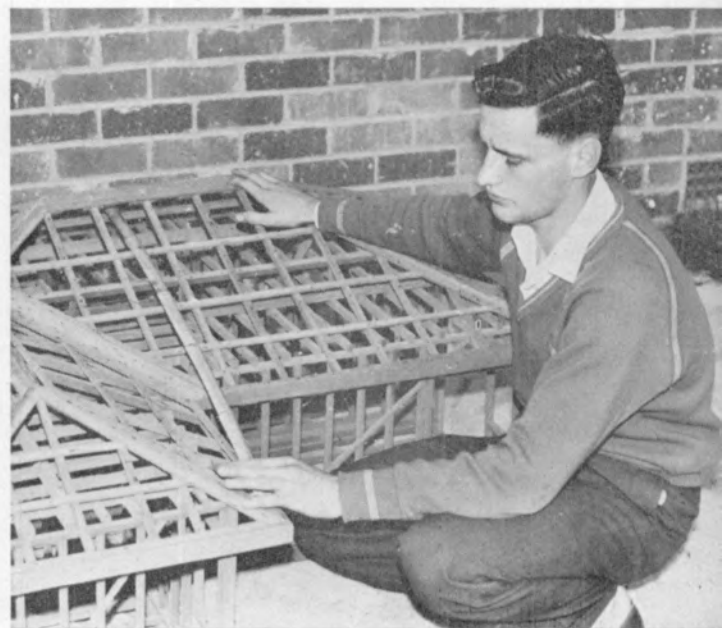


Kevin rehearses for Public Speaking

CLASSES . . .

Each class period has a purpose, and each class member likewise—
to prepare for life, to be useful, to be accomplished—to be
specialists with a universal outlook

Food and Framework—practical classes in cookery and building construction



Bush trophies



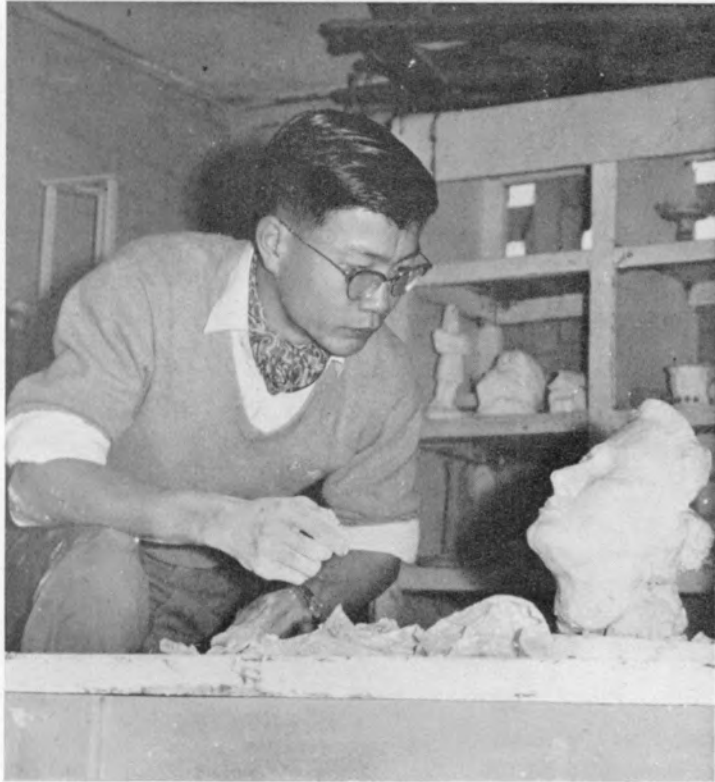
Avondale Male Quartette



HOBBIES . . .

Life offers many intriguing fields for our specialised or casual study. Some prefer to follow nature for pleasure; others seek to gain relaxation and enjoyment from music. A few are fortunate in having a greater degree of creative skill and so branch into the spheres of painting or sculpture, while still others are masters of the camera, the telescope, and even the aeroplane

The sculptor—John Chan

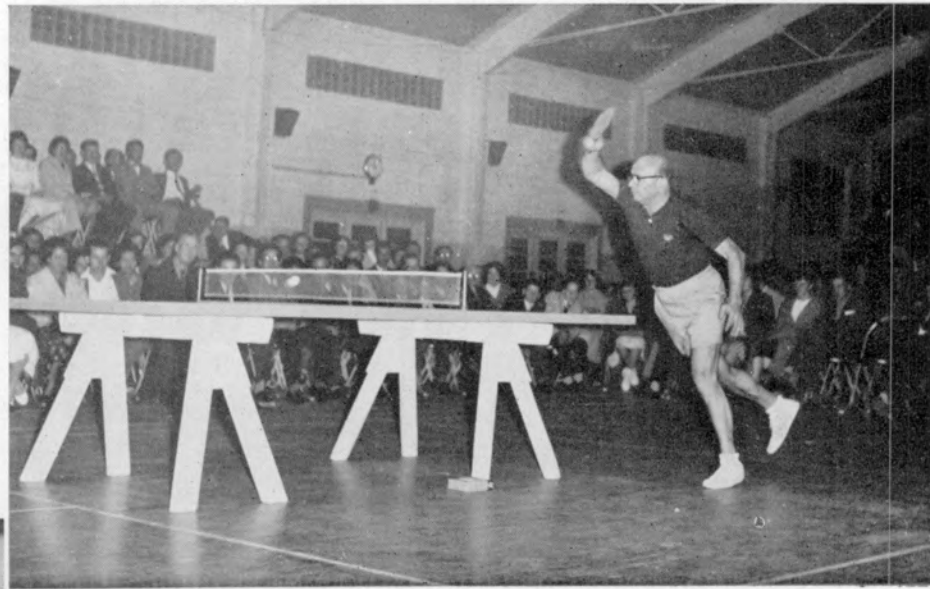


Star gazing with the 10 in. College telescope



Don Bain—the flying pharmacist

Miklos Szabados—
the world's greatest



Albert Smart,
of Armidale Teachers' College,
lectures on American Education

An evening at
faculty homes—
a feature of every term





The Marie ven Hove Trio—
Marie ven Hove, Klara Korda,
Barbara Woolley

SAT. NIGHT...

After a week of heavy concentration, the carefree diversion of Saturday night is welcomed. Entertainment, relaxation and recreation are found in such programmes as a table tennis exhibition, an amateur hour, or a musical evening.

At each of these programmes the students are able to enjoy companionship and social relaxation to refresh for the following week





Bryce Pascoe at the washtub—
a familiar sight on
Sunday mornings



Study room—
4 a.m.



Dorm life is fun . . .
A birthday for Christine !

DORM LIFE . . .

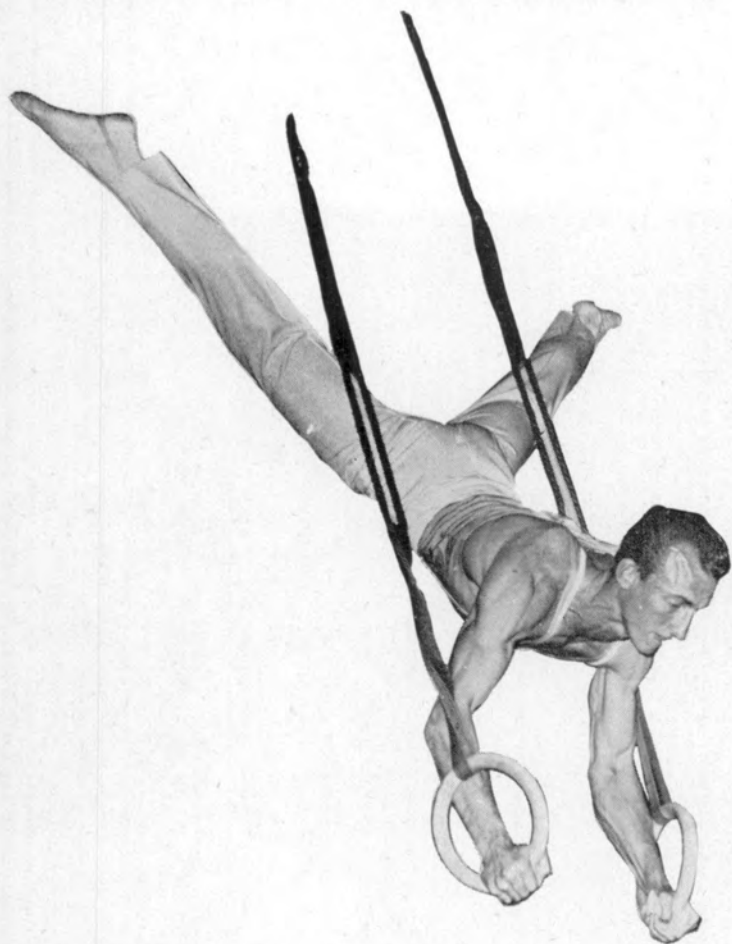
The set of buildings which at the beginning of the year seemed to contain three hundred individual boarders has now become a "home". The family members have learned to co-operate and mix with one another, and to see the other man's point of view. The selfish learn to be unselfish. The solitary learn to mingle with and appreciate friends of all types and of different nationalities

Improvised beauty parlour
with hairdresser
Vernita Roberts



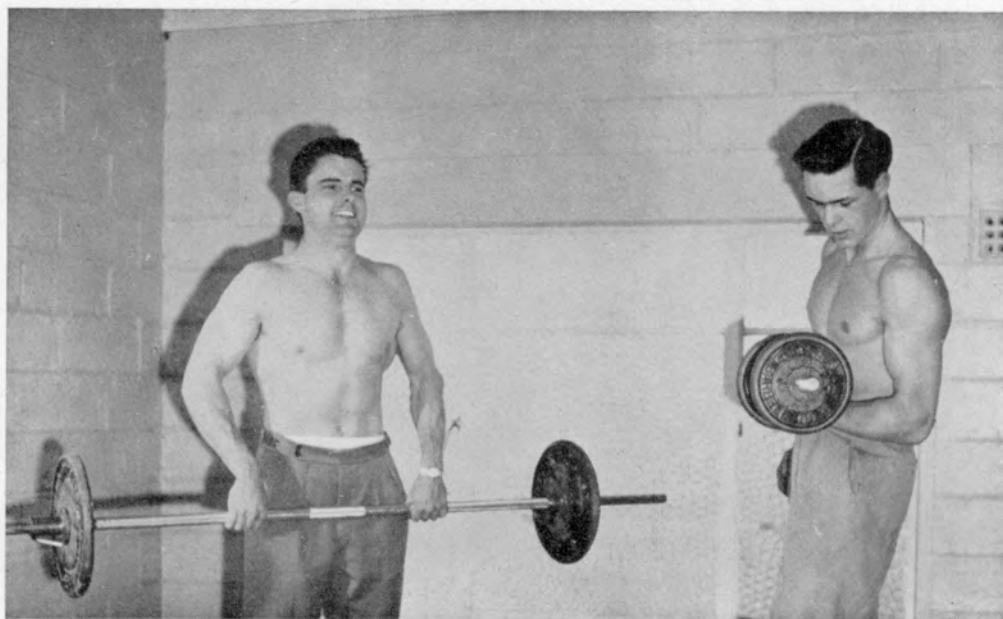
Fire escape forum—
a discussion among
"the boys"





RECREATION

A fully organised routine of sport is not part of the College programme, but physical relaxation and games of various types are provided. In the winter, the auditorium is a great boon; gymnastics, weight-lifting, badminton, basketball, table tennis—all have their devotees



Body building
with Ken Clarke
and David Matthews



Ferns, fungi and forest—
the annual Second Term hike



Friendly competition between
a Sydney team and the College

WORK . . .

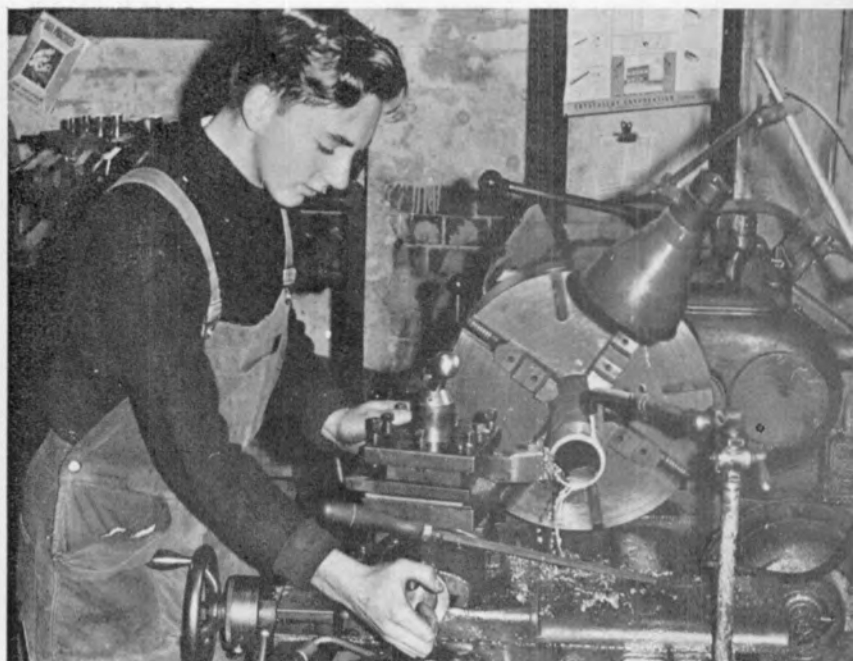
Earning one's way at Avondale brings with it the challenge of skilled tasks. Those with experience in certain lines of employment have opportunity to perfect their skill, and many with very little training find themselves at the end of their College course with a grasp of useful techniques, practical and scientific.

These are broadening to the outlook and may be valuable later to the individual as well as to the work of God



Boiler troubles . . .

Maree prepares attractive salads ; while Ray Jull operates the lathe in the S.H.F. engineering shop



Smiles and service
at the store



The S.H.F. laboratory—
Richard estimates the
food value of Marmite



Rudolph Saya chops wood at the Old People's Homes

A study on Daniel 2

Graham Coombs and his singing group



MISSION WORK...

The Australasian Missionary College is well named, for it forms the nucleus of a large home missions programme. Some students help the aged of the community by chopping wood or doing housework, while on Sabbaths in particular many organised groups regularly visit the neighbouring townships giving Bible studies or musical items, or simply making friendly contacts by delivering "Signs of the Times" and other literature. This is indeed training that inspires the soul, while preparing for even wider mission work in the future





Farewell to the
Symphonic Choir



The ancient and
venerable (?) art—
one means of getting home



TERM END...

Second Term End is a busy period. The sixty members of the Avondale Symphonic Choir hurriedly pack for their eight-day tour to Brisbane; others make their way homeward to Sydney, Melbourne, and even farther afield. Occupations naturally vary from sightseeing to genuine hard work. In the meantime the choir has completed a most successful tour, performing before approximately 4,000 people, besides radio and television audiences. Choir members then join other students in gathering strength for the swift and taxing Third Term

THIRD TERM

Spring and Third Term burst upon us together. The landscape comes to life with brilliant dashes of crimson and gold; while man and bee go busily to and fro.

Third Term cramps much work and many projects into its ten short weeks, yet——





Thursday night ticket tea

Lionel and Joy love branch Sabbath School work



*... What is this life if, full of care,
we have no time to ...*

- Become acquainted with Meryl
- Enjoy Lurline's company
- Find the special friends who will be
life partners in doing God's work.

Although it is perhaps a secondary aim
of Avondale, the association and social life
are invaluable in bringing together
young men and women of similar aims,
ideals and interests



Ken and Lurline
at the concert



"The lawn"—
Graham Coombs
and Beverly Ellis



Beverly Davis contacts the Divine Author

LOOKING ABOVE...

Every day the students of Avondale set aside time for prayer and Bible study. These are recognised as the source of power for the heavy daily programme.

The friends who pray together at College are friends for life: and friends contribute much to the richness of life



Men and nations knit by prayer.
Adrian Craig and Fred Long,
John Bunker and Redai Brru shake
hands after prayer bands



On a rooftop in the
quiet evening air,
Leigh Sandon
meditates on
eternal things



The J.M.V. Camp at Eraring

A nature lesson with
Counsellor Glenda Abbott

"M.V's.", to whom "Missionary Volunteer"
means unselfish service for life



MASTER GUIDE PROGRAMME

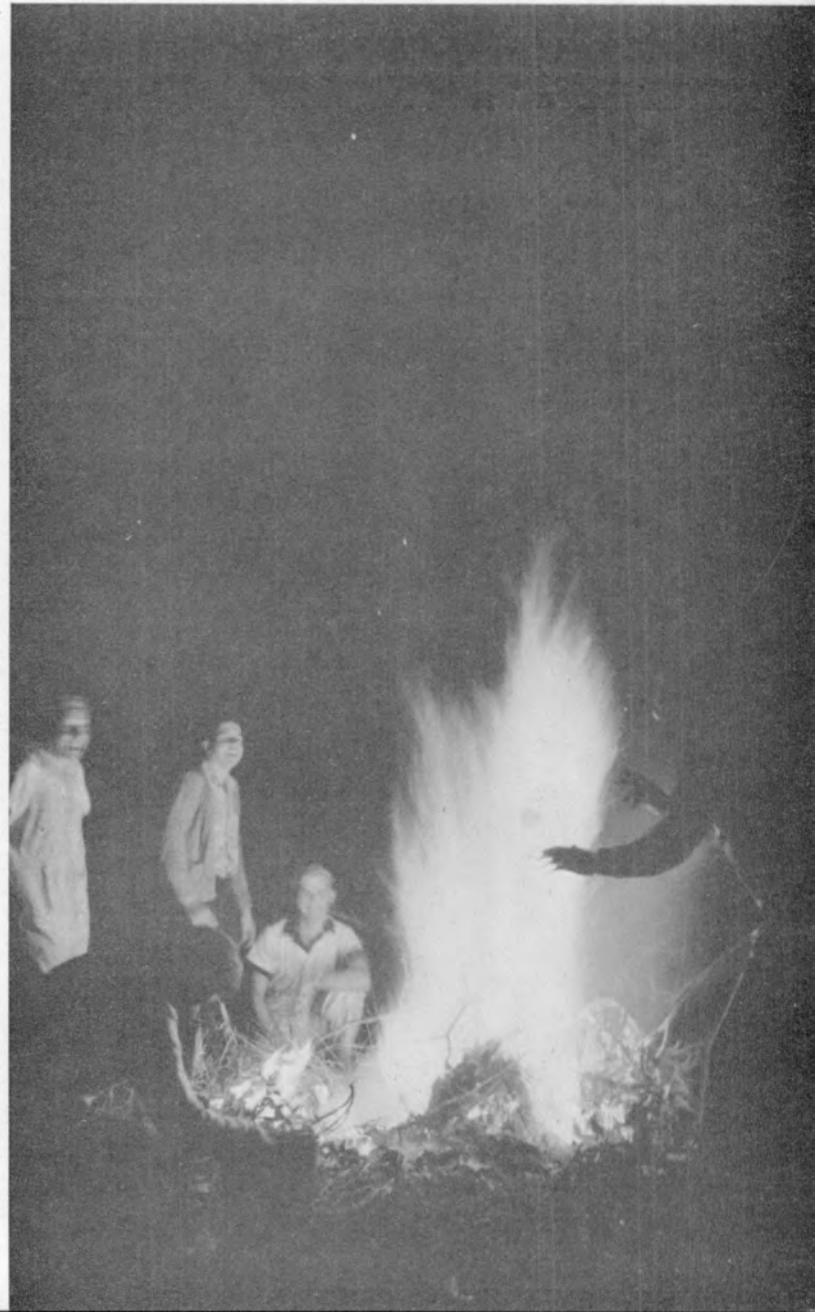
The Master Guide course is a valuable training for leadership.

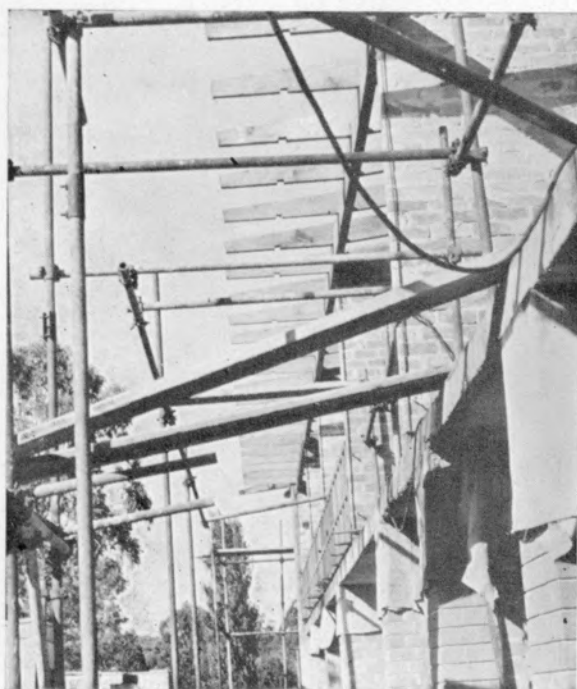
It involves the preparation for leading and guiding children and youth,
by catering for their mental, physical and spiritual needs.

It means training in the Christian way through stories, hobby work,
Bible memory work, songs and
nature study.

The students who attend classes
and training camps, who work
with children throughout the
year, find it far more than
plain enjoyment. They see it
as true service to the
Shepherd and His lambs.

This could well be the campfire
at the annual Master Guide
Training Camp at Crosslands





The new administration block contains eleven classrooms, offices, the library, and a film and lecture hall seating over one hundred students

The high school hostel under construction. This building will provide a home for forty children whose parents are in the mission fields

NEW BUILDINGS ...

1960 is a memorable year for progress.

Students watch in fascination as the new administration and classroom block rises from its foundations. At first it appears like the ruins of Babylon, but this stage soon passes, and by Graduation we proudly point out such features almost completed as the modern circular library with accommodation for 30,000 books.



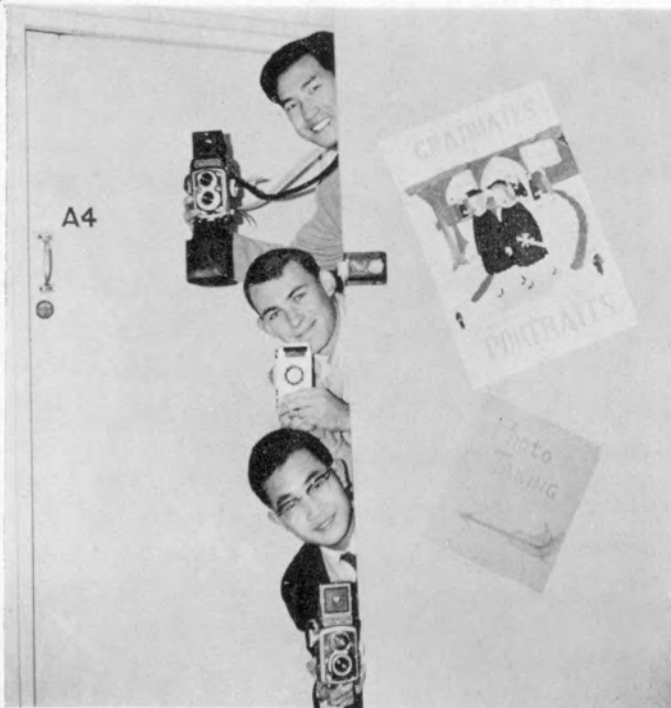


The Jacaranda is not born
in a day. It is the product of a
well-established organisation,
with individuals and committees
of various kinds working on
specialised tasks

Getting the idea—
Paul Landa, Owen Hughes, John Cox

The Jacaranda itself provides
education in the skills involved
in the publication of a book.
The sifting of ideas, drafting,
photography—script writing
indeed

The photographers—
Nathaniel Lian, Len Lawrence,
Leonard Lee



To get a publication out
punctually means planning early.
Tasks must be pushed through
on time. Tasks of considerable
size, such as selling a thousand
copies, and getting those copies
off the press

Literary editor Lloyd Willis
visits the press

JACARANDA 1960...

Marking up sales progress—
Alex Currie and Calvyn Townend



The Jacaranda staff—Lloyd Willis, John Chan, Len Lawrence, Cecil Edwards, Marion Hughes, Don Bain, Miss Thorpe, John Cox, Paul Landa, Dawn Lorensen, Calvyn Townend, Beth Johnston, Owen Hughes, Alex Currie, Nathaniel Lian.
Not pictured: Leonard Lee



GRADUATION . . .

Graduation comes swiftly to Avondale. It brings the excitement of achievement, and the expectation of new tasks ahead. For Avondale is but the roadway to the "lifework".

Avondale's graduates are drawn on by the call of the mission field and the challenge of tasks to be performed in churches, schools and offices, where God's men and women link hands in service

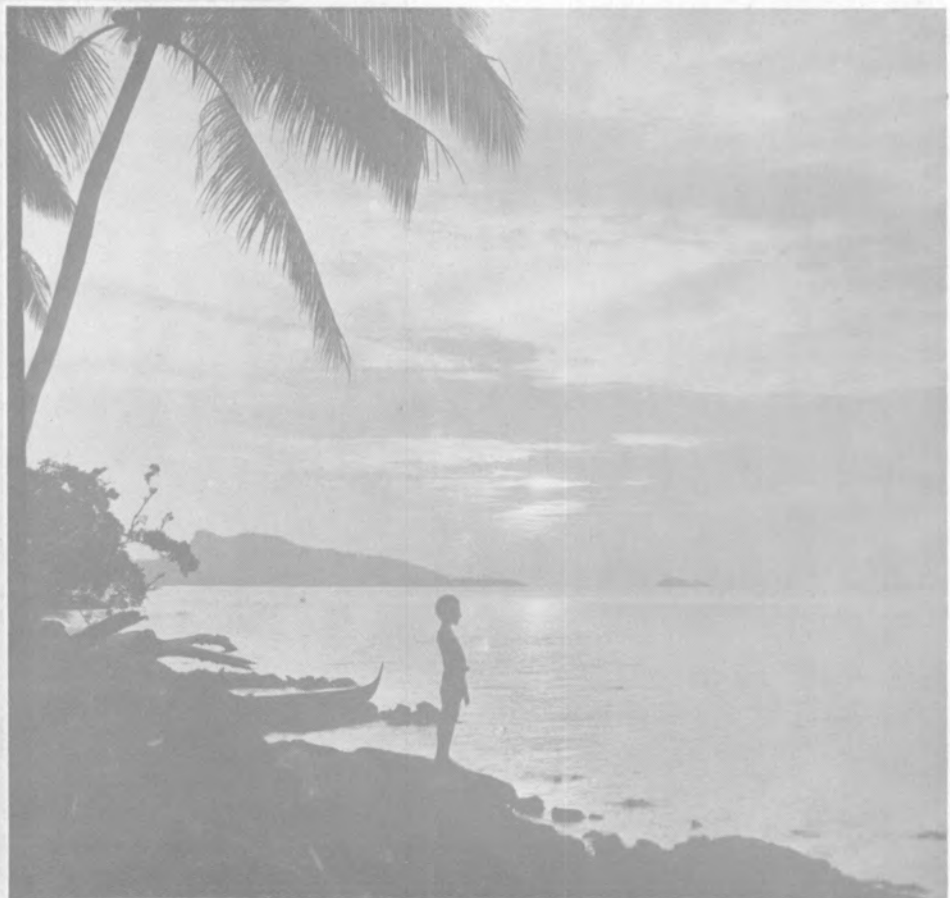


The Baccalaureate Service—
Dr. McDowell presents the
graduates with their diplomas



Meanwhile, proud
parents see their
dreams fulfilled

But graduation is not by
far the end of life;
indeed, it is the gate that
leads to life. For beyond
the glamour of the
graduation march, beyond
the glory of receiving
a diploma, is the honour
of answering the cry
of distant lands—
the call to service





The Graduation Class officers—
Bruce Johnston, June Wiltshire,
Calvyn Townend, Pastor N. C. Burns,
Richard Anderson, Owen Hughes

SENIOR CLASS

- * Richard Anderson,
B.A. Education
- * Edith Bradbury,
B.A. Education
- Ruth Chu,
B.A. Education



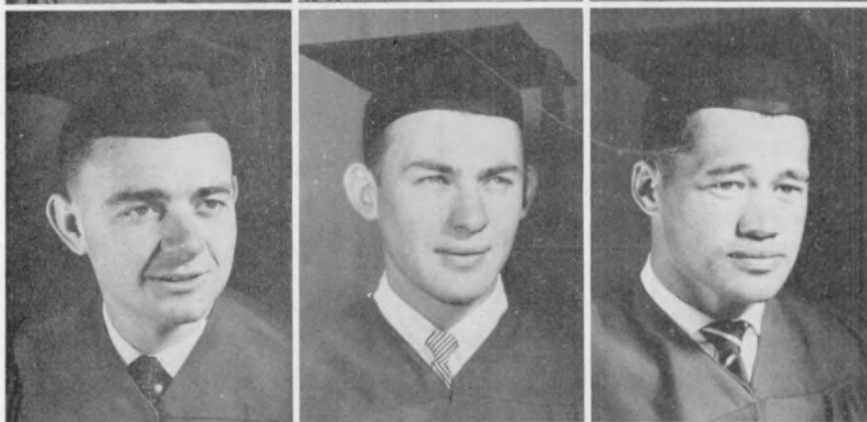
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- * Graham Coombs,
B.A. Theology
- * Ray Faull,
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- Harry Ho,
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- * Bruce Johnston,
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- * David Kratz,
B.A. Theology
- * Len Lawrence,
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- * Wini Paki,
B.A. Education



- Kay Parthasarathy,
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- * Calvyn Townsend,
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- * Ross Wainwright,
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Camera shy: Judith Dunne



The Student-Faculty Council—
an organisation in which students
and faculty can discuss common problems



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- * Marion Aikenhead
- * Judy Allum
- * Janice Anderson



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- * Margriet Austin
- * Beverley Baldwin
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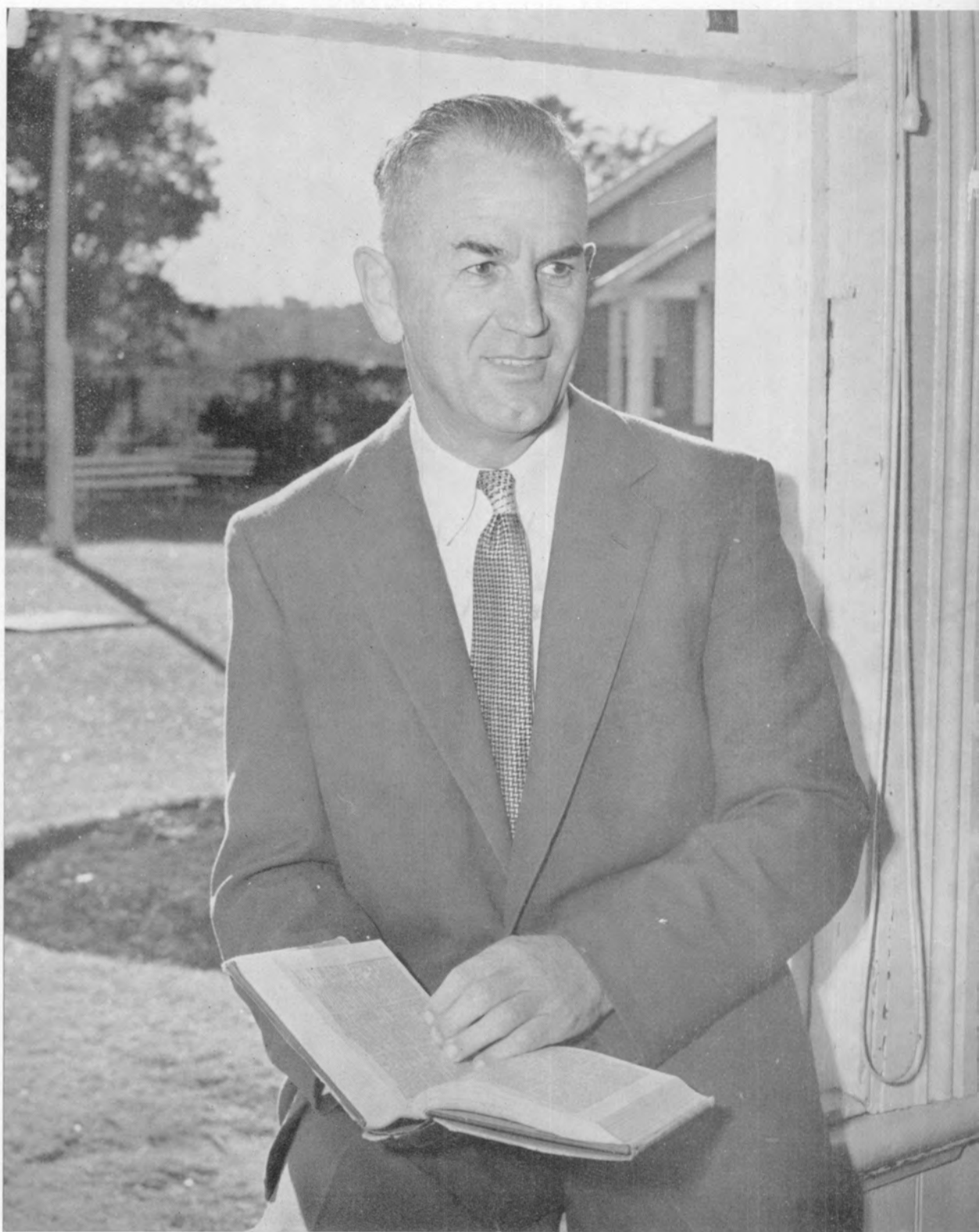
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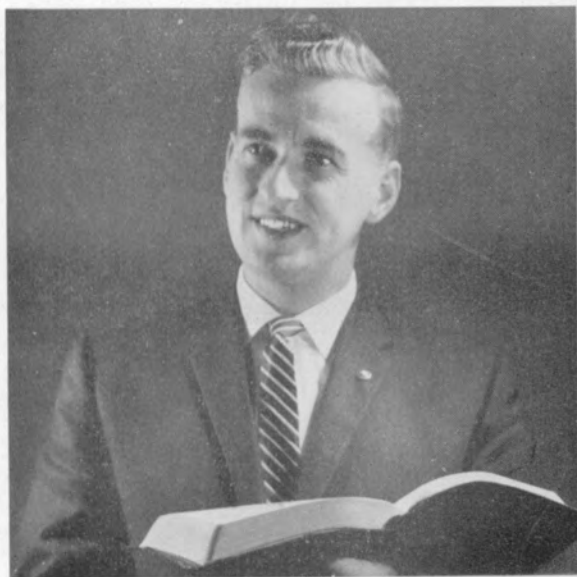
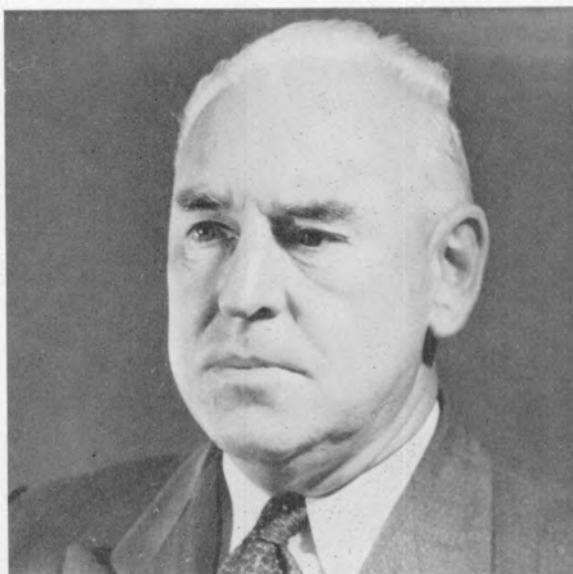


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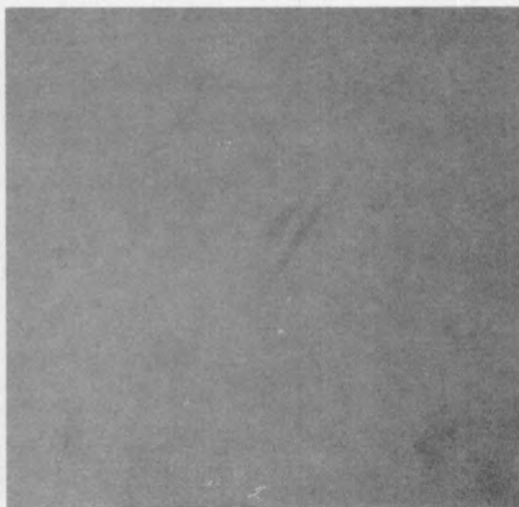
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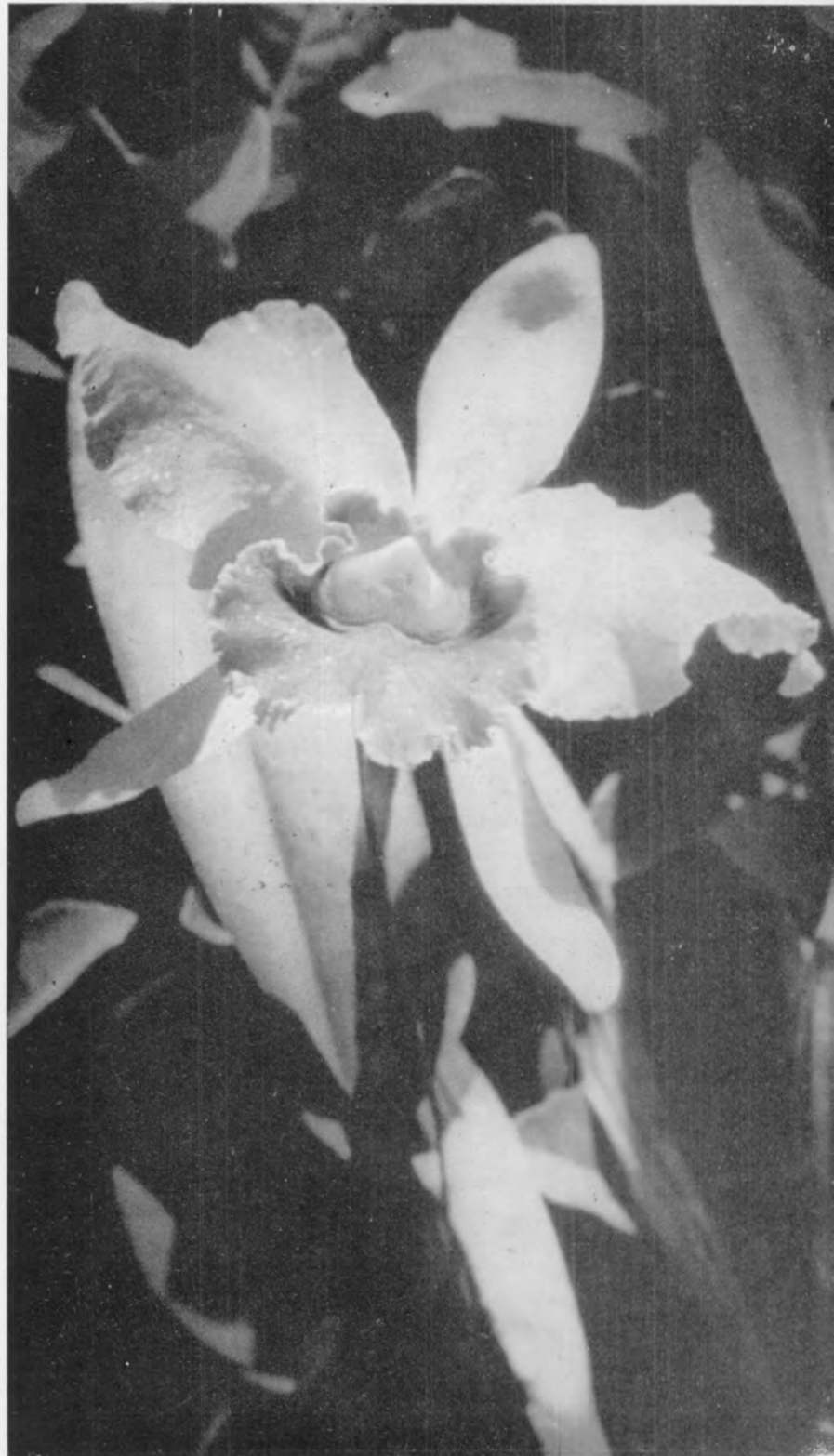
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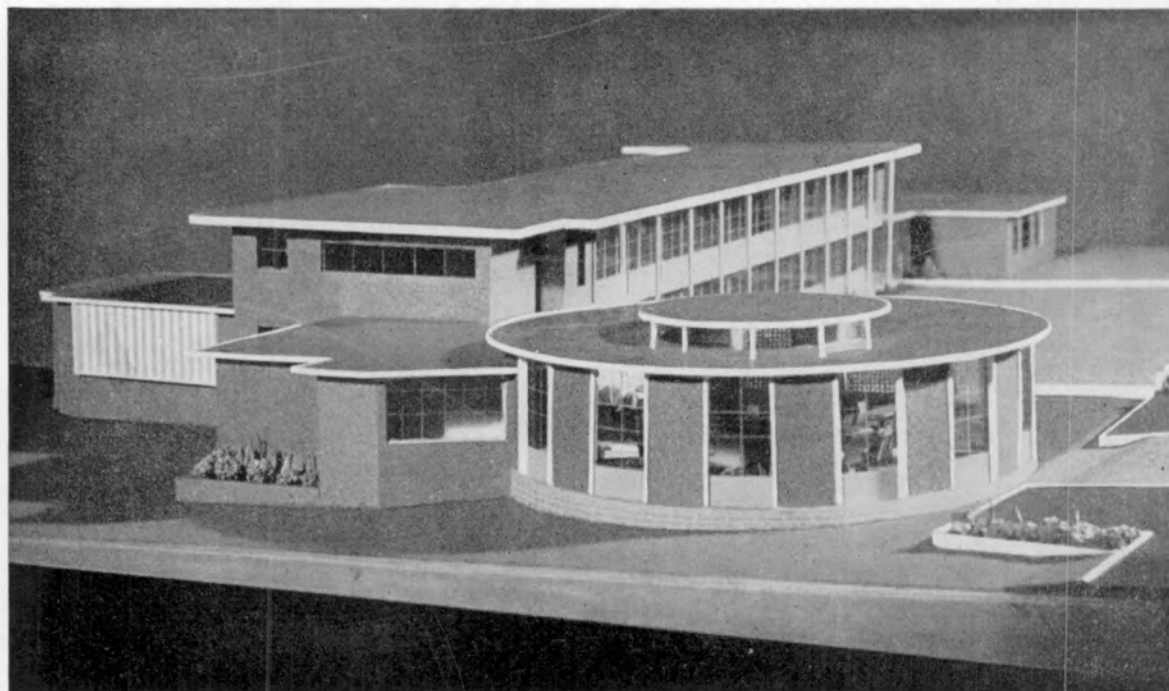
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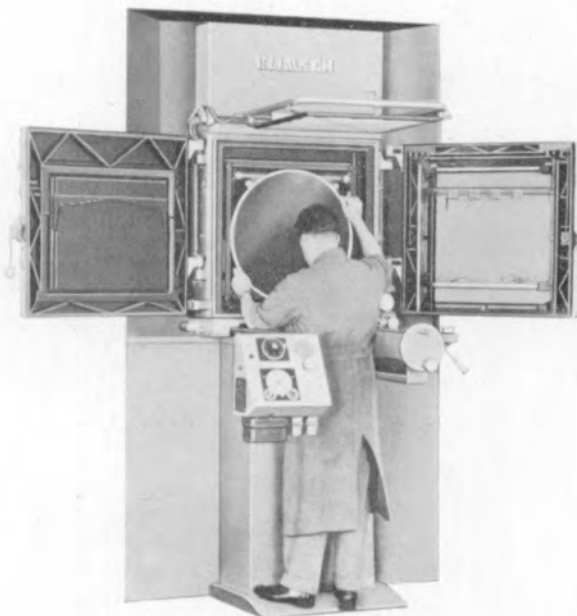
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