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# foreword

to bind between two fabric covers and capture in cold print

a college . . .
its history . . .
its spirit . . .
and its people—

this is the purpose of the 1959 "Jacaranda".



"Sunnyside"



Swing Bridge today



Library of tomorrow

# a college is born

". . . Today our school is but a small, dim room. But from this humble beginning will one day spring a college which will train missionaries for Africa, for India, for China, and the islands of the sea."

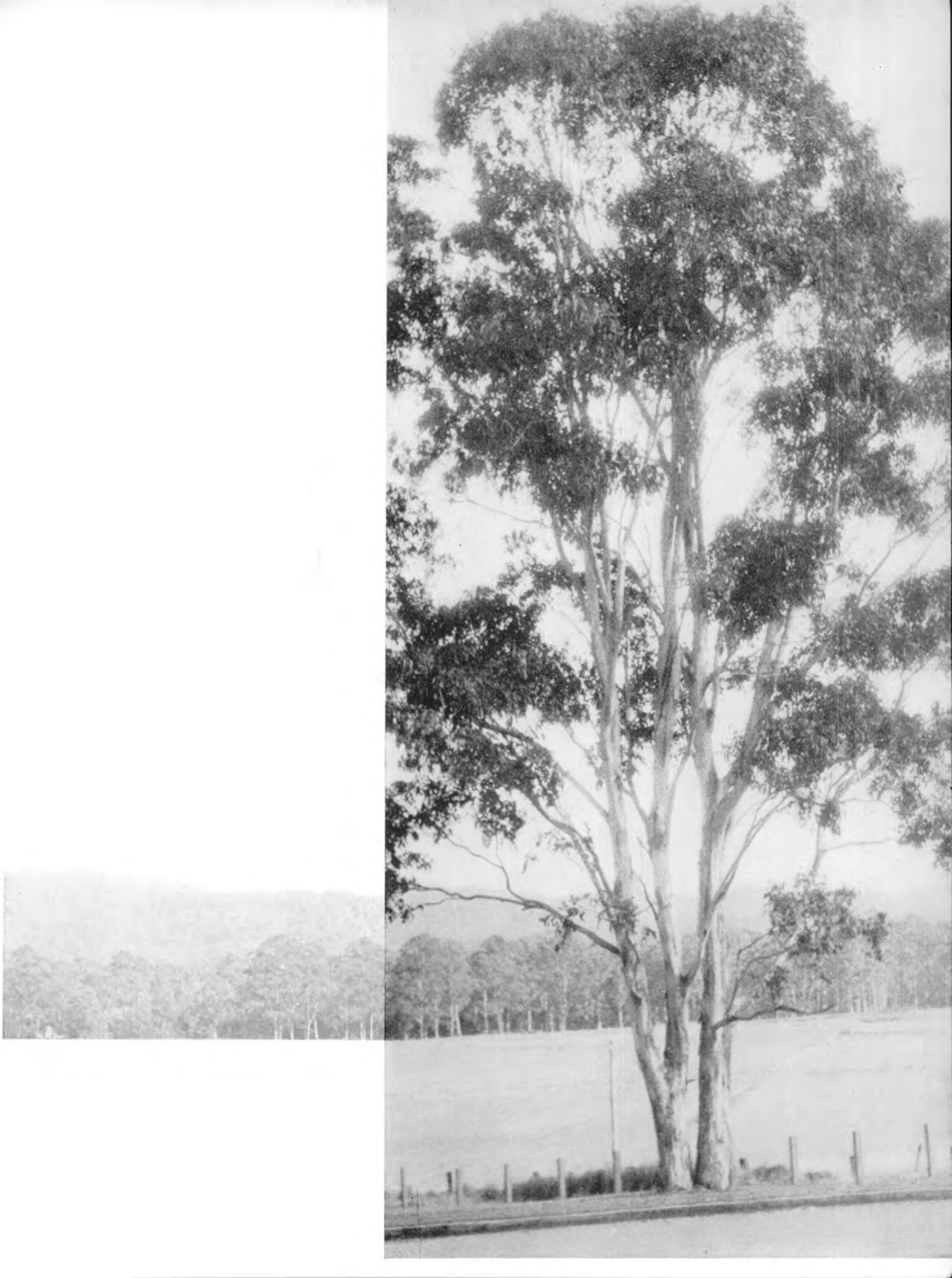
So ended a thrilling address by Ellen G. White to the students of the first Adventist school in Australia, in St. Kilda, Melbourne. In time, many forgot her words, but Mrs. White did not forget.

The next year, 1893, found her writing detailed recommendations for the new school, a school to be set in the country, where students could work to strengthen muscle as well as brain. The sober patrons of the school, at first indifferent, finally began, under pressure from Mrs. White, to search for a site. Land, however, was unfortunately dear, and nothing was achieved until 1894, when a tract of 1,450 acres was offered at Cooranbong for only £1,000.

The brethren were not satisfied with Cooranbong, a drab timber village of bygone glory, a village where bullock teams strained amid dust and oaths, and Australian life appeared at its roughest. Hardly the place, they argued, for a Christian school.

## choosing the site . . .

To confirm their doubts, the brethren visited Cooranbong with Mrs. White. As they roamed the ground in the drizzling rain, the outlook was surely discouraging. About midday, they happened upon a furrow "about two yards long and a quarter of a yard deep", cut in the bush where no plough had ever been. Dismally kicking a sodden lump of earth, the leader of the party remarked on the poverty of the soil. But Mrs. White knew better. "False witness has been borne of this land", she said. "The other night I saw this very furrow in a dream,



and heard a voice that told me the life-giving properties of the various layers of soil. Here indeed is the land God would have us use."

In spite of this sign, the party retired for the night, gloomy and undecided. The next morning, before setting out for their final inspection of the ground, they prayed for some other sign that at least they were looking in the right direction. The prayer was suddenly interrupted. One of their number, a retired preacher seriously ill with tuberculosis, jumped to his feet. "I am healed!" he cried. "I am healed! I am healed!" "It broke us all up," wrote A. G. Daniells. "We were just there in tears." All present were now strangely sure that this was the land God wanted for His school.

## in spite of doubt . . .

As the weeks dragged on, and nothing was done, doubts returned, and finally land experts were called in.

"This place would not support a bandicoot", reported the first. "My opinion is that the wisest thing you can do is to abandon it at once, no matter what you have paid down. That will be your smallest loss."

The foreign missions board, learning of this gloomy counsel, promptly halted the work. Discouragement was rife.

At this time, when the outlook was blackest, Mrs. White was given a dream which brought great hope. "Suddenly a great peace came upon me", she wrote. "Angels seemed to be in the room, and then the words were spoken, 'Look ye!' And I saw flourishing cultivated land, bearing its treasure of fruit and root crops . . . I saw the school filled with promising students . . . [and] I could not fail to understand that the light of the Lord's countenance was lifted upon them." Inspired by the vision, Mrs. White herself borrowed £1,000 and paid for the land. The Avondale school, so long a dream born of an ideal, was now a reality.

## from small beginnings . . .

In 1895, the school was opened at Healy's hotel, an ancient building which occupied a block of land opposite the present Catholic church. Life was tough in those early days. Since there was so little room in the hotel, most of the men had to brave the winter frosts in tents and in a barn. Though sixty-two years of age, Mrs. White herself lived for almost a year in a tent while her home, "Sunnyside", was being built. Many of the first students were axe-men and farmers—rugged men—men who were glad to toil six hours a day clearing the bush in return for two studies, and board in a tent. They sang their songs by

old Dora, and made the hills ring with their axes as they worked. Then at night, draped with the snakes they had killed by day, they returned over Dry Log to their tents—to study.

* * *

It was evening, October, 1896. In a small clearing on the grounds, thirty people watched with grimly thoughtful faces as Mrs. White laid the foundation stone of Bethel Hall. The future was far from bright but at least the building had begun. For some months the work went rapidly as timber was hauled from the surrounding bush, and bricks were made from clay obtained near the water tower. But then funds ran out. The leaders, in a desperate bid to finish the first two buildings on time for the opening, now called for voluntary labour. And volunteers there were—of both sexes. Indeed, the floorboards of the dining room were laid by the wives of two Conference officials. Far into the night they toiled, some holding candles while others drove nails, till at last the work was done.

## . . . Avondale

On 28th April, 1897, the Avondale School for Christian Workers finally opened —with ten students. A happy place it was, though more countrified than today, for tracks were rough and muddy, galoshes were indispensable. The students' day, which began at five, included an hour's study before breakfast, class periods (mainly practical) in the morning, and afternoon work in the bush, the sawmill, the printing press, and the dairy of six cows. All were required to work fifteen hours a week, for which they received between 3d. and 8d. an hour. There were but two full meals a day, and showers were available only to those who were prepared to hoist up their own water in large drums. In spite of the lack of organised entertainment, the students of the 'nineties were a happy lot. Those who could swim spent leisure hours clearing the creek of snags, while the girls, on occasions, amused themselves by chasing each other around the campus with lawnmowers.

Indeed, so popular did the school become that, by the end of the first term, the enrolment had increased to sixty. But there were hardships. Funds were short, facilities were often crude, and the academic standards were by no means high. Yet all these things paled into insignificance when compared with the undying devotion, the unflagging spirit of Christian service, that burned in the hearts of those early youth. They saw the world's need, and strove to meet it. They sallied into the battle of life, and won it. Though often discouraged, and always poor, though pressed by trials on every hand, they gladly fought for the greatest cause that ever was—the cause of service.



Sixty years have passed. On the shaded banks of the silent Dora, Avondale still stands as the training ground for Christian youth. The creek glides by as it has always done, and the winds still play among the gaunt gums.

Yet somehow Avondale has changed. Its boards, once fragrant with the tang of yellow wood, are dry and grey. The paint clings thickly to the walls, and the stone steps are worn, hollowed by the countless feet of time. New buildings have appeared, and new faces.

But in all this change, the spirit of service is the same. Though the years have fled, Avondale still stands

# for a greater vision of world needs

As workers in the homeland, "as missionaries to Africa, to India, to China and the islands of the sea", the youth of Avondale, fired by that vision, still sally like an army from these halls, to bear the gospel message to mankind.



Mrs. C. James—one of the earliest living students of Avondale (1897)

Avondale for wider service was Mrs. C. James, pictured at left in her home at the Entrance, N.S.W. After working for three months at "Sunnyside" as cook for Mrs. E. G. White, Mrs. James spent a term at the college in 1897. She never saw the mission field, or joined the organised work, but she gave of her best in the noblest of all duties—that of a mother.

Of those at college before the turn of the century, not many remain today. Among the few still alive are Pastor H. Harker (N.S.W.), Mr. P. H. Neale (Vic.), Mrs. A. March (Qld.), and Mr. W. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Rowe, of Cooranbong, N.S.W. Miss V. M. Rogers, Bible instructor and one-time editor of the "Australasian Record", attended Avondale not a great deal later. No doubt there are also others—men and women of character, who faced the hardships with a message,

# echoes of the past

In the days when the college was mostly bush, when roads were mere bullock tracks, and the Chapel had not been built, the first graduates of Avondale found their way into the field of service. Not for them was the thrill of mission life, of adventure in lands afar. Such joys were for other men. But as time passed, the influence of Avondale was to spread like a fire driven before the wind. The work which began in the homeland extended to the Pacific, to Indonesia, to India, Africa and China, until at last it encircled the whole world.

## the first graduates

One of the earliest living ex-students to leave

and placed on a sound foundation the work of evangelism in the homeland field.

## the great expansion

But now, with measured pace, the years move on. The bush at Avondale is receding as lawns and orchards take its place. A Chapel appears, then a new dormitory, and a factory by the creek. The graduates of the past ten years have firmly established the work in the homeland, and now, as the college enters its second decade, the evangelistic flame they kindled bursts into a blazing fire which sends the men and women of Avondale as workers into far-off lands.

Among those who found their way to the mission field was C. S. Palmer, who in 1917 graduated from Avondale as a teacher. "I shall not forget", he writes, "the day when I signed for my first week's wages as a teacher—£2 10s. 0d. Money came hardly and had to stretch far." Then came the call to the mission field—firstly as principal of the training schools in Fiji and Tonga, and later as superintendent of missions. Of those thirteen years in the islands, he writes as follows:

"Memory looks back and we see 'miracle' written large over many a life. The loneliness, the misty heat, yes, the mosquitoes, the launch that wouldn't go, the constant stare of sombre eyes, the seeming impossible, have merged in one lasting conviction—the grace and glory of God shining out from once darkened lives."

Others who shared at this time the thrills and hardships of mission life were A. G. Stewart, E. B. Hare, G. Peacock, M. Munson and Norman Wiles —the missionary who died of blackwater fever on the lonely island of Malekula, and whose memorial tablet still challenges the students of today as they enter the college Chapel.

## from Avondale to supreme responsibility

We must not imagine, however, that this great expansion was confined to the mission fields alone. For at this time there came from Avondale men who in later years would find their way to America as officers even of the General Conference. Such a one was W. G. Turner, who graduated from the missionary course in 1914, when the college enrolment was only about one hundred all told. From a humble beginning as college mail boy, and later as a tentmaster in the Victorian Conference, Pastor Turner eventually rose to be vice-president of the General Conference. Indeed, his thirty-seven years of active service included eight as president of the Australasian Division, five as president of the North American Division, and four as vice-president of the General Conference.

E. E. Roenfelt, impressed with the nearness of the end, crowded a six-year ministerial course into four years (1915-18), and graduated from Avondale at the age of eighteen. After four months in the work he was placed in charge of a mission effort, and from that time on was never under the direc-



Pastor W. G. Turner, Miss M. Howe and Pastor A. E. Cook were among those who carried the spirit of Avondale to other lands

tion of another evangelist. Today he is associate secretary of the General Conference.

But the name of Avondale was emblazoned above all in 1930 with the election of C. H. Watson as president of the General Conference. A graduate of 1911, Pastor Watson guided the Church safely through the worst financial depression the world has ever known. During his administration, in fact, the world membership was increased by 90,000, 48 new missions were established, 184 new countries and islands entered, and an additional 654 workers employed. As Pastor Watson himself afterwards stated: "By the blessing of the Lord we have been enabled, with $54,000,000 less income, to carry the work forward fruitfully; and because of His help, threatened disaster has again been turned into glorious victory."

Thus the youth of Avondale, fired by the vision of world needs, surged forward in a great expansive movement which in three decades carried the influence of their college throughout the Pacific islands and America, and which not long after embraced the world.

## from Avondale to China

In June, 1937, a young Australian girl graduated from the school of nursing in Shanghai, China, and was posted to a mission hospital buried 2,000 miles away in the lonely mountains of Kansu. Her name was Muriel Howe, an ex-student of Avondale, who in answer to the divine call had left her home and gone as a nurse to the land of China. A full life it was in that first mission outpost. Equipment was crude, as the nearest railhead—360 miles away—was accessible only by a rough and narrow track twisting up over mountains 12,000 feet high. The nearest water ran three miles away in the Yellow River, and had to be hauled by mule-cart every day. For lighting, the hospital staff used small wicks floating in saucers of oil, and at night major surgery was done by flashlight. But although there were hardships, Miss Howe enjoyed it just the same.

Today Miss Howe is in charge of a fine, well-equipped hospital in Taiwan. A master of science, she spends most of her time training Chinese nurses for work among their own people. "I am always busy", she writes, "and I know that this is where God wants me to be.' Such is the spirit that Avondale imparts.

## . . . to Africa

It was 1939 when Pastor Alvin Cook first entered the gates of Avondale to begin the ministerial course from which he graduated in 1942. Today, after seventeen years of successful evangelism, we find him, inspired by that greater vision still, leading a brilliant mission campaign in the city of Johannesburg, South Africa. Having rented the Plaza Theatre, with its 2,000 seats and Wurlitzer organ, the Cooks planned two sessions for the opening night. But seat bookings were so heavy that they were obliged to arrange for a third meeting. As the curtains opened, the eighty-voice robed choir sang with moving enthusiasm "All that thrills my soul is Jesus" to an audience of 2,000 people, while hundreds more commenced to queue for the next session on the streets outside. Over 5,500 people listened to the opening sermon, while audiences in the first five months of the campaign totalled some 40,000. Not until the twentieth week could the Sunday audience be crowded into one session.

Alvin E. Cook was just a man from Avondale. But he was more than that. He was a man possessed with Avondale's vision—driven by the call of the world's needs, as are so many who come from those halls.

## . . . to India

It was 1945, and another young man filled by that vision trudged with his Bible the ill-paved

streets of Boolaroo. The man was E. P. Wolfe; the vision was one which ten years later called him as a missionary to needy India. His first evangelistic effort there was conducted in a town of 400,000 people—of which about 600 attended the weekly meetings. But opposition soon developed, and the crowd, always unruly in India, surged forward to hear the shouted epithets at the end of each lecture. Some evenings, Pastor Wolfe had to turn out the lights to empty the hall of agitators, and when they rushed to take over the microphone, he had to switch off the amplifier, too. Finally the opposition became so violent that, rather than close the meetings, he spoke to the district police officer about the noise and the shouting. Imagine his surprise when the following week two soldiers with fixed bayonets strode up the hall and sat one on each side of the ringleader of the opposition. Some time later, Pastor Wolfe had the joy of leading to Christ one of the agitators themselves.

## into all the world . . .

Thus, through years of trial and days of triumph the vision gained at Avondale has carried generations of men and women into the field of service. At the call of God they have gone as workers to the homeland, and as missionaries to China, to Africa, to India and the islands of the sea. Today, and tomorrow, the work which they began is to be sped to all the world by the graduates of Avondale—men and women qualified in theology, education, accountancy, secretarial science, building, art and music—by the youth inspired by that greater vision.

To the students of the past, Avondale is now but a thrilling memory. "But for today's generation of far-visioned youth, Avondale remains an inescapable challenge—its walls and walks redolent with a fragrant tradition—its halls magnetic with new and exciting possibilities—its fellowship throbbing with vibrant hope."



Ron and Noreen Thomas — recent graduates of Avondale at present engaged in evangelistic work in Timaru, South N.Z.

# today . . .

Avondale is a busy place.

Its stairways and corridors echo the tread of incessantly hurrying feet, called by the clang of the Chapel bell to worship, to study, to eat, to work, to pray.

Its people are vigorous and happy, with sparkling eyes and laughing lips. Their speech is lively, and their faces glow with the buoyant enthusiasm of youth.

Avondale is a warm, vibrant, friendly place—a place of happy memories and cherished associations.

It is a place to work,
to pray,
—to think.



Indeed it is a home away from home—
a point of departure into the larger life.



Norma Lettis and Lynnette Morris

Home is a busy place—
especially at mail time



Ray Swendson finds it a
place for meditation



Home can be lively, too



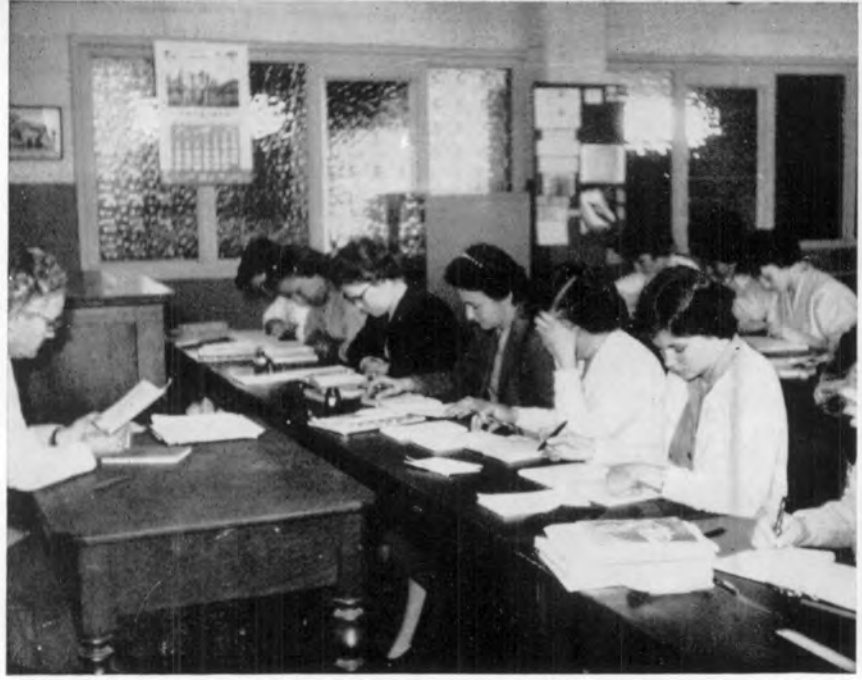


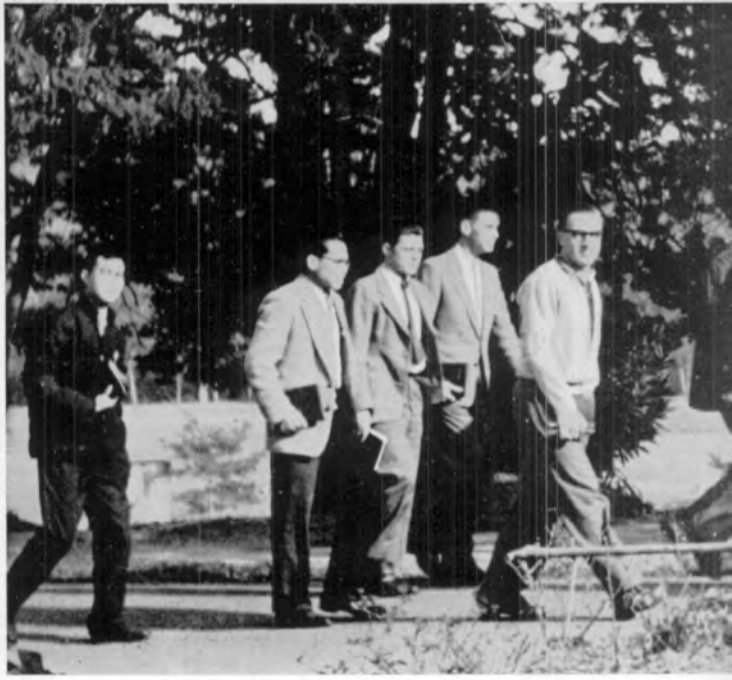
# monday—friday . . .
# a day like all others

Worship at sunrise
scribbled shorthand
dinnertime wit
those pots!

A typical day—sixteen hours with their ceaseless round of bustling activity.

Typical days are filled with decisions, the making of friends, the grasping of new ideas; and the attractiveness of it all is that life is filled with typical days.







Classes edify . . .
work preoccupies . . .
meals satisfy





Bev Salmond, Glenda Abbott, Gwen Hilton, Wanda Swendson, Lilly Halligan, Norma Hunt and Beth Johnston enjoy an afternoon's chit-chat



John Peters—"the beauty of line and colour"



Lew Parker coaxes fragrance from the soil

# a time for relaxation

It's Friday afternoon, and the scholar, bleary eyed, tosses aside his Hebrew Testament or dull term paper, and with his friends finds solace in the garden, in the workshop, or on the playing field.

Roy Cooper ponders the magic of string and bow



. . . but Cecil just dreams

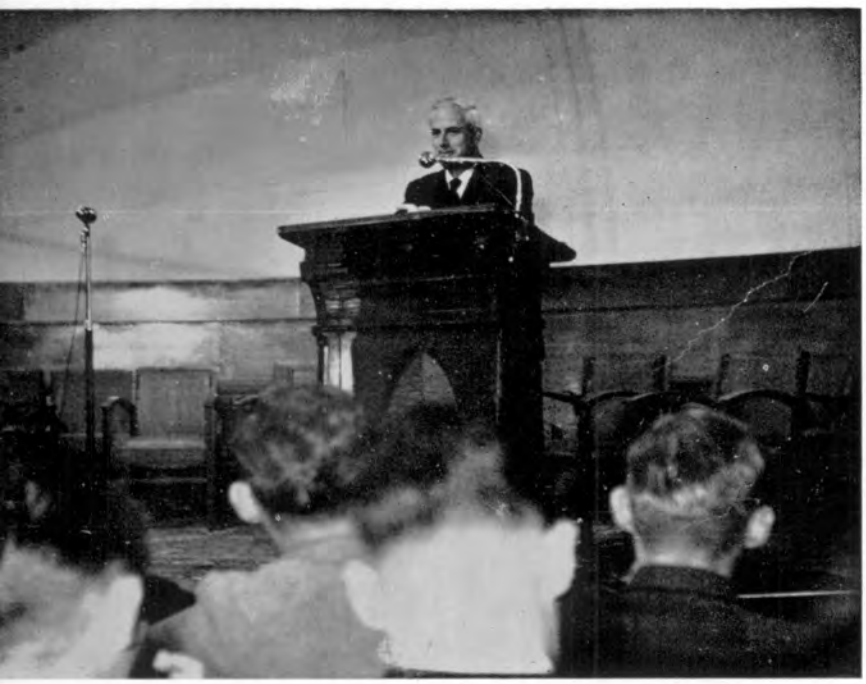


How those girls talk!



The Laxtons pause for family worship as the tolling of the Chapel bell heralds the beginning of another Sabbath





As the shades of night deepen, the Sabbath is hallowed in vesper song and prayer



# friday evenings . . . a needed rest

Man must work and strive, but without rest and the renewing of the spirit, he cannot live. On Friday nights, the labour of the week is crowned by simple things—the sounding of a bell, the singing of a hymn, and above all the stillness of communion with God.

The lofty grandeur of sandstone crag . . .

the sportiveness of new-born calves in spring . . .

feathered magnificence . . .

the silent creek . . .

To the pensive wanderer, all these, and many other things of Nature, speak of God.



Graeme Shell, Robert Symes,
Lynn Crombie, David Johnston













Choir organist: Janita Austin



Symphonic male quartette:
Carl Ford, Paul Landa, Harold Pauner, Ralph Rayner



Symphonic ladies' trio:
Georgia Douglas, Annette Bailey, Ruth Miller

From out the joyful heart there springs a song—

"O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight" . . .

"Send forth Thy Spirit" . . .

"Let all my life be music".

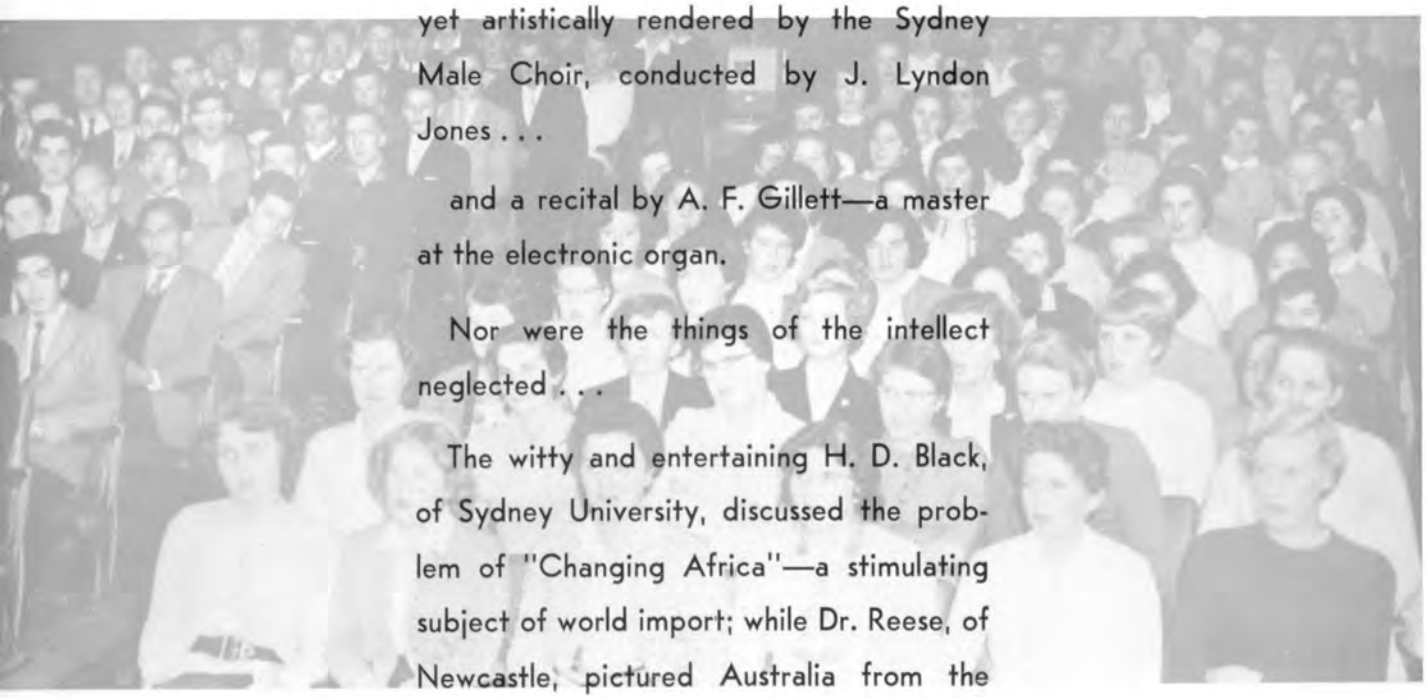


The Avondale Symphonic Choir in the Wesley Church, Ballarat

Saturday evenings are times of cultural benefit and musical delight, when students love to forget the cares of classes and grades and work, and relax with pleasant company to enjoy entertainment at its best.

This year's musical highlights included a visit by world-famous hymn writer and pianist, Robert Harkness . . .

a programme of choral music, powerfully yet artistically rendered by the Sydney Male Choir, conducted by J. Lyndon Jones . . .



and a recital by A. F. Gillett—a master at the electronic organ.

Nor were the things of the intellect neglected . . .

The witty and entertaining H. D. Black, of Sydney University, discussed the problem of "Changing Africa"—a stimulating subject of world import; while Dr. Reese, of Newcastle, pictured Australia from the English point of view.

The Sydney Y.M.C.A. presented in the college auditorium a superlative gymnastic display—a fast and thrilling programme of international Olympic standard.

Even when visiting artists were lacking, students of talent performed in concerts which invariably provided quality music and excellent relaxation.



The sacred cantatas, "Daughter of Jairus" and "Song of Thanksgiving", were presented in the college auditorium by the Avondale Philharmonic Society

Mr. H. D. Black, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Sydney University




A display of badminton by students of Sydney University





Life at college is largely made of thoughts, and words, and books . . . of sweat and toil. But when study is hard, when duties press, and multitudes of cares benumb the brain, the students love to throw aside their coats, and leave their books . . .

to find amusement in a hearty game.



Games . . .

indoor . . .





. . . and out



Cramming at 11 p.m.



The Primmer girls at study



The great day—Jim Johanson pauses for "inspiration"

Examinations are exercises in self-expression. They are the milestones of the college year, indicators of progress, the culmination of each term's work.

Term-end follows with cases crammed and crowded cars.

A holiday with friends . . .

a needed rest.



Bruce Johnston, Lorraine Morton, Alex Currie, Bev Salmond and Alan Whatson depart in an atmosphere of gaiety

a gust of laughter . . .
the clatter of cutlery . . .
social graces



mirth





relish



satisfaction



abundance

# jacaranda banquet

Pleased with the company,
stirred by the gala spirit of the hour,
relaxed in the assurance of a goal achieved . . .
the students eat!



A speech from the
Editor-in-Chief

# jacaranda 1959

Eyes smarting in the darkroom's amber glow . . .
business interviews . . .
grinning piles of unnamed portraits . . .
floor strewn with trimmings . . .
glue . . .

Of such things is a "Jacaranda" made.



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Few things warm the heart so much as favourite hymns well sung: Kevin Moore leads a vesper song service in the Chapel

# weeks of prayer

"To pray well is the better half of study"
—Luther



Victory comes when hearts unite in prayer



Meditation: Lynette Burton



Edmund Parker preaching in the Student Week of Devotion



It's Appeal for Missions time, and the students of Avondale head for the country.

Left: Robin Harris, Bert Sonter and Ralph Rayner find the "Highway Cruiser" troublesome. Right: Derek Reye canvasses a farmer



## Public Relations:

Beryl James, Alex Currie, Beverley Ellis and Norma Hunt prepare a highway sign to advertise the college

## Missionary Activities:



Kevin Moore, Jill Pullman, Allan Hedges and Ena Carey lead out in branch Sabbath School work



Beverley Buchanan and John Carter "ringing doorbells for God"

The college temperance float, which won third prize in the May Day procession in Newcastle





# sports

A feathered shuttle poised above the net . . .
slip fieldsmen crouching for the catch . . .
the fast click-click of ball on table . . .
a tangle of arms and legs . . .

—the students play



Ian Matthias, Harold Harker, Bill Johnsson, Ross Goldstone

## Badminton:

May Eisen and Helen Hall





Wini Paki, Francis Pohan



Ken Holliday, David Johnston



Hanon Tang, Bill Johnsson

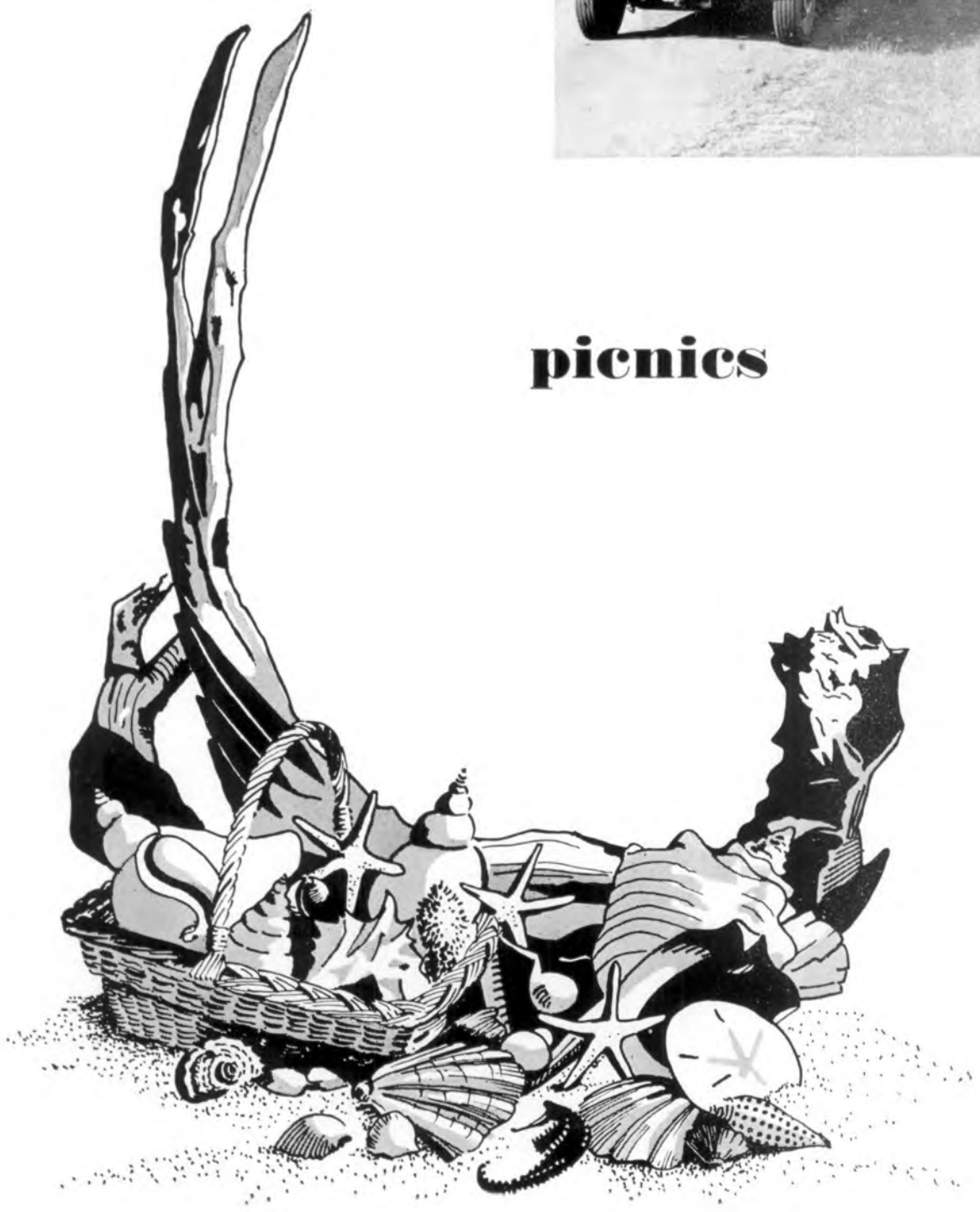


Hanon Tang, John Lu, Bruce Peng

Filled with expectancy, we board
the buses




# picnics





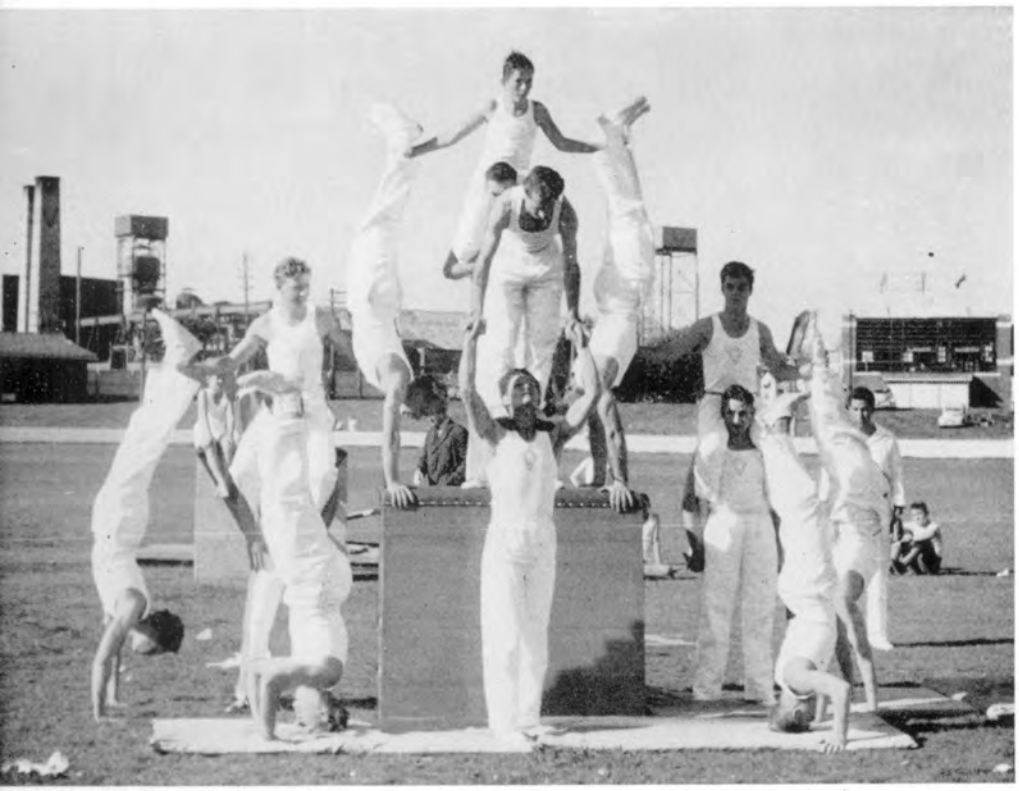
Checking is much more pleasant at the beach. Barry Taylor and Lloyd Willis take charge of dinner



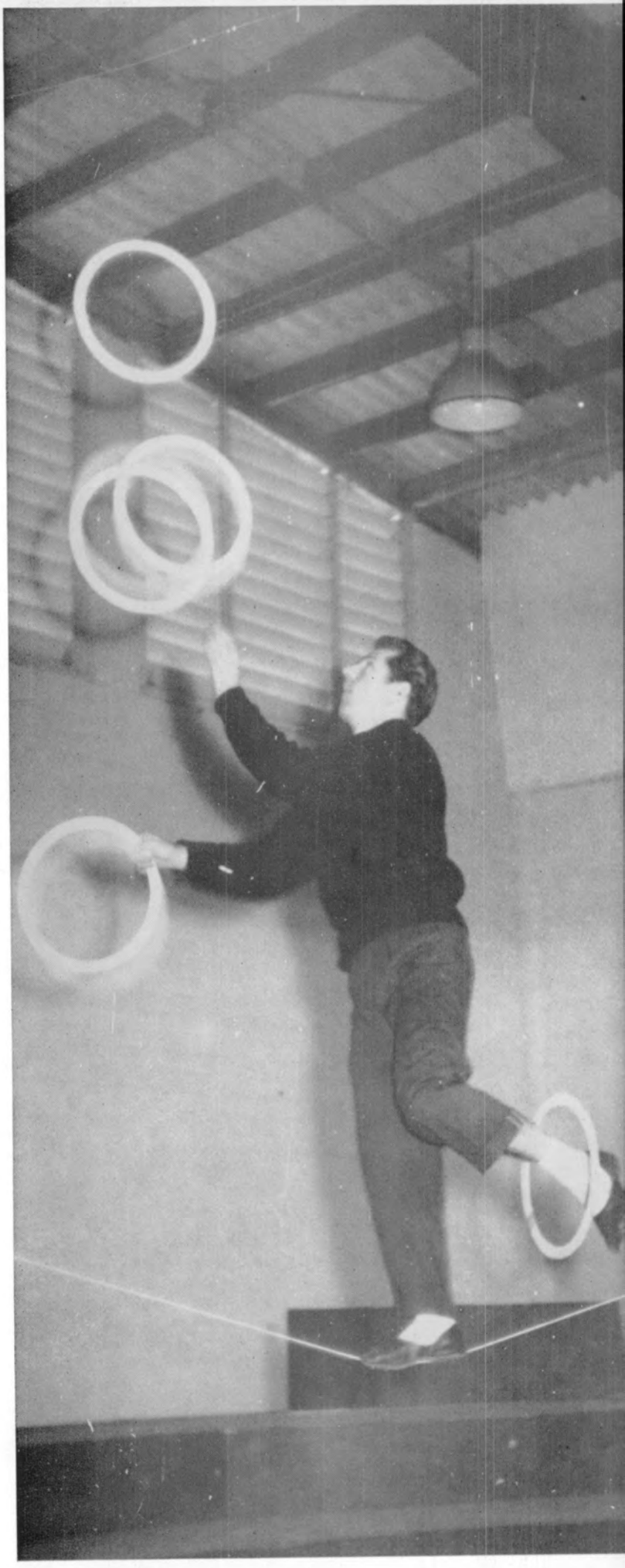
Golden sands, booming surf, a cool sea breeze . . . and food!



Twenty miles from college, but "a thousand miles from care"



Without a sound body, an educated mind is of little value. Hence Avondale provides, in addition to its classes, a gymnastics club which trains its members to lift, to vault, to balance, and to move with power, grace and co-ordination.



Carl Ford — the slack wire artist

It is a summer afternoon. A sleek form arches from the springboard, and plunges with a splash into the cool waters of Dora Creek. Nearby, a group of students learn floating, sculling, and surface diving, while three or four on the bank practise artificial respiration . . .

Life-saving needs concentration . . . but it does provide good fun.




The Life Saving Club drills its members in rescue and release techniques



David Matthews and Ian Matthias practise the Holger-Nielsen method



Fire! Fire!



A hooter blasts, and the boys are away




Ladder up . . . hoses out . . . last man on—and we're off at 70 m.p.h.



Water on!

Avondale is above all else a place of friends. Its halls are pervaded by a warm, homely atmosphere — an atmosphere that welcomes the stranger, and makes him feel that he is one of the crowd. It is a place where youth learn to do things in common—to talk together . . .



The music makers: Gordon Yates, Lionel Hughes, Ken Holliday and John Davey

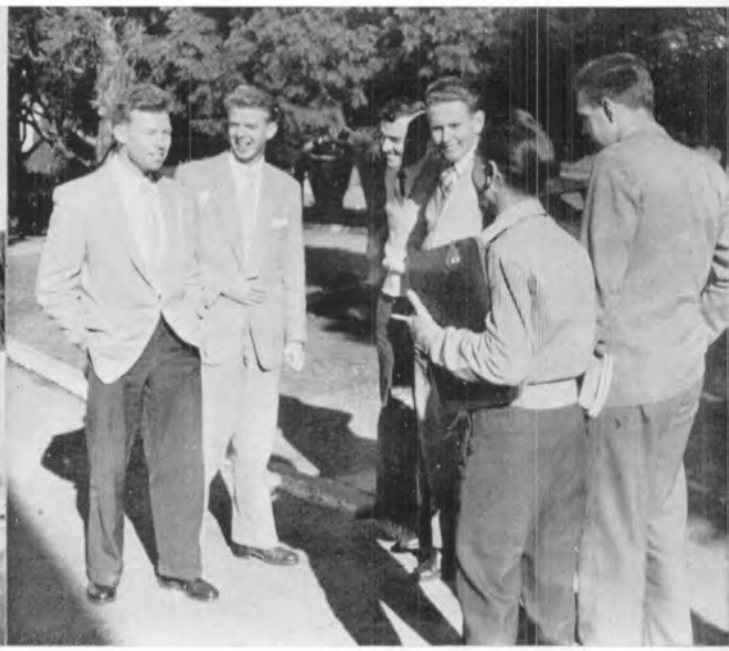


Meal time is a time to chat with friends: Norma Hunt, Denise Brown, Doreen Pascoe, Maureen Delaney

"Praying together knits hearts"—John Kite and Peter Theuerkauf



John Carter, Alan Starkey, Neil Lawson, Ray Smith, Paul Landa, Jim Johanson



. . . to work together, to study together, to pray together. Whether eating in the cafeteria, playing in the auditorium, or simply talking in someone's room, the student of Avondale is given exceptional opportunities to appreciate the opinions and attitudes of people who come from different races and different walks of life.



He asked her one evening at the cafeteria store



Is every hair in place?



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College has its special friends, too. As Bill and Noelene know, ticket teas, Saturday evening programmes, and hours spent together on "the lawn" do much to bind hearts as one. They have found that Avondale is not merely an institution of learning, but a place where men and women make lifetime plans.



Somehow in the complex of A.M.C. life, Noelene and Bill find time to get to know each other. The lawn is always a pleasant place to share a book



September 1—he gave her a watch



Wedding bells, 21st December. In the routine of married life, Bill complacently washes dishes, while Noelene, just as satisfied, dries them

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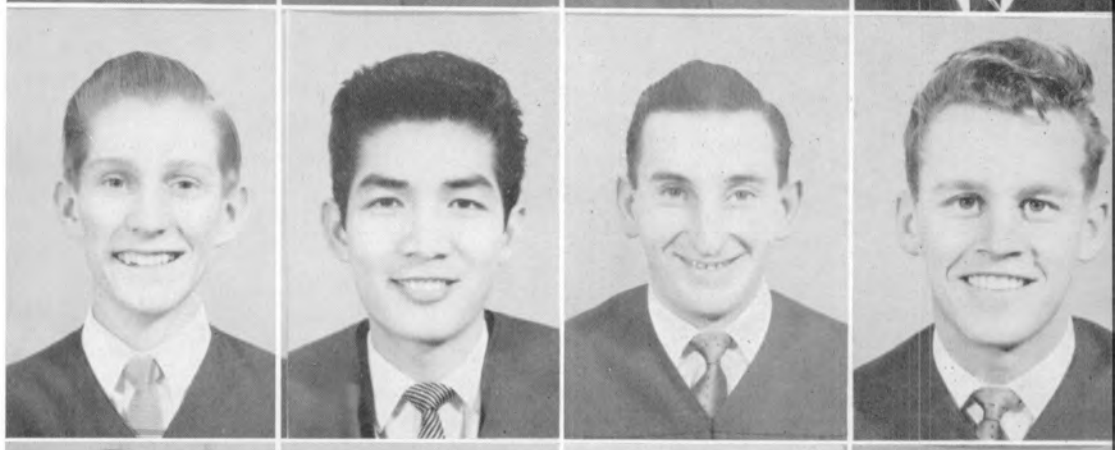

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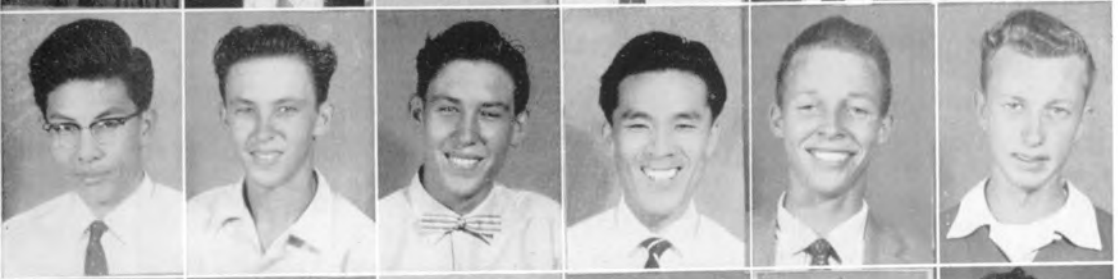

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Much of the success of Avondale, then, depends on its students—upon the youth whose talent and enthusiasm preserve it as a place of devotion, friendship, and lasting achievement. But . . .

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Behind the bustle of student life, these men too are incessantly active—guiding, thinking, planning—working to make Avondale the ideal place for Christian youth.

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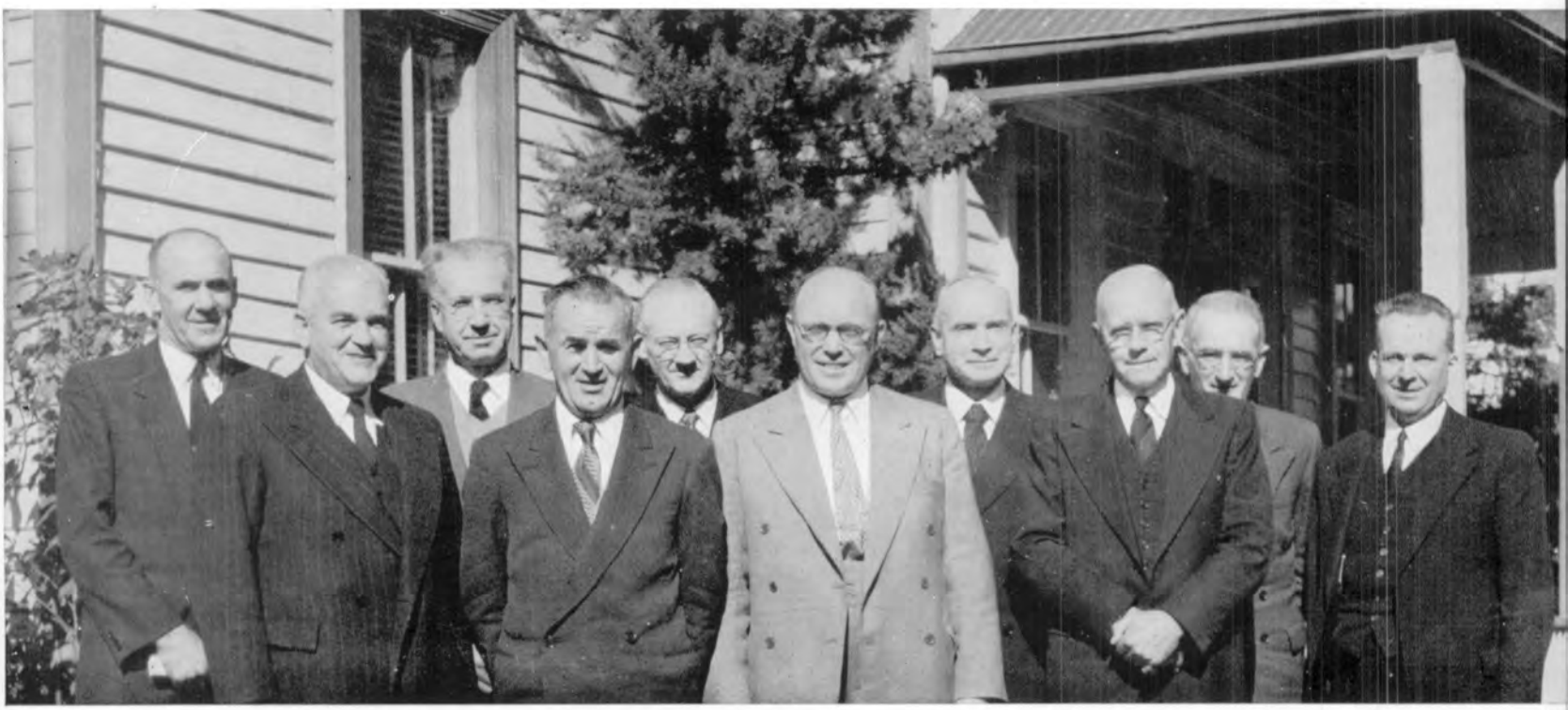

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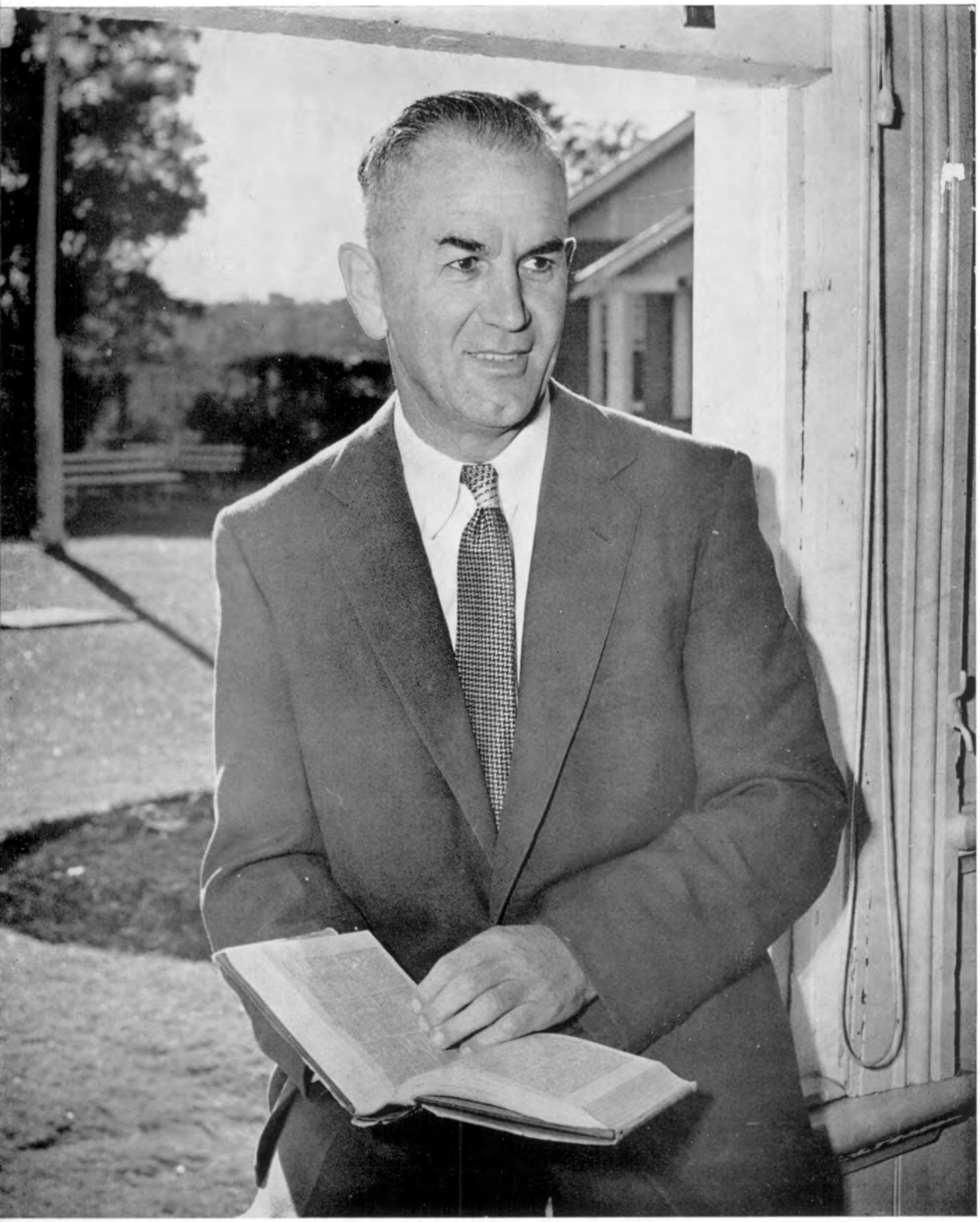

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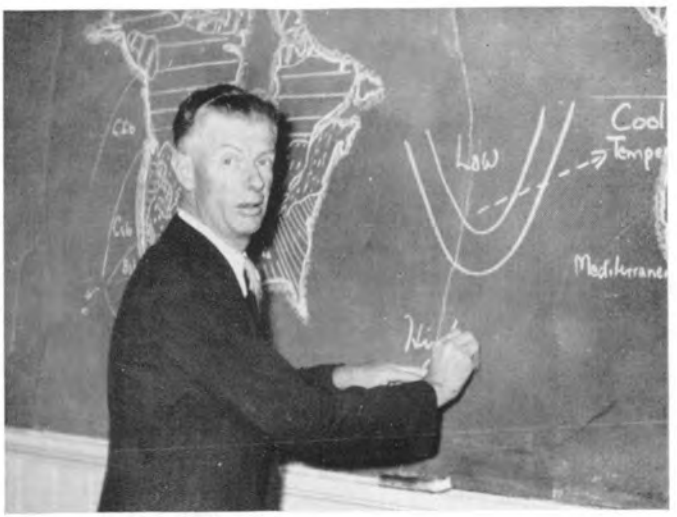


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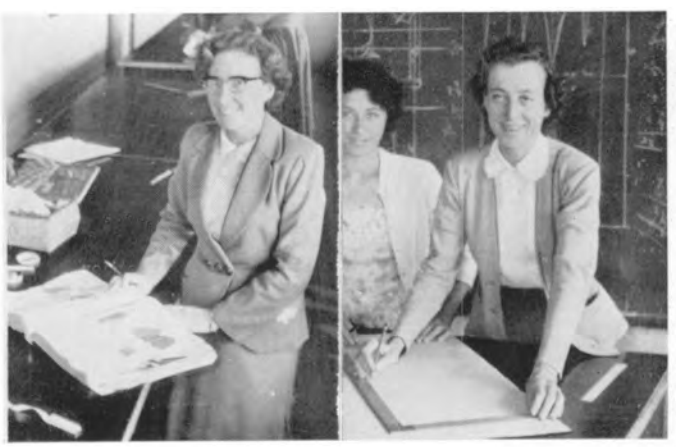



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Piano



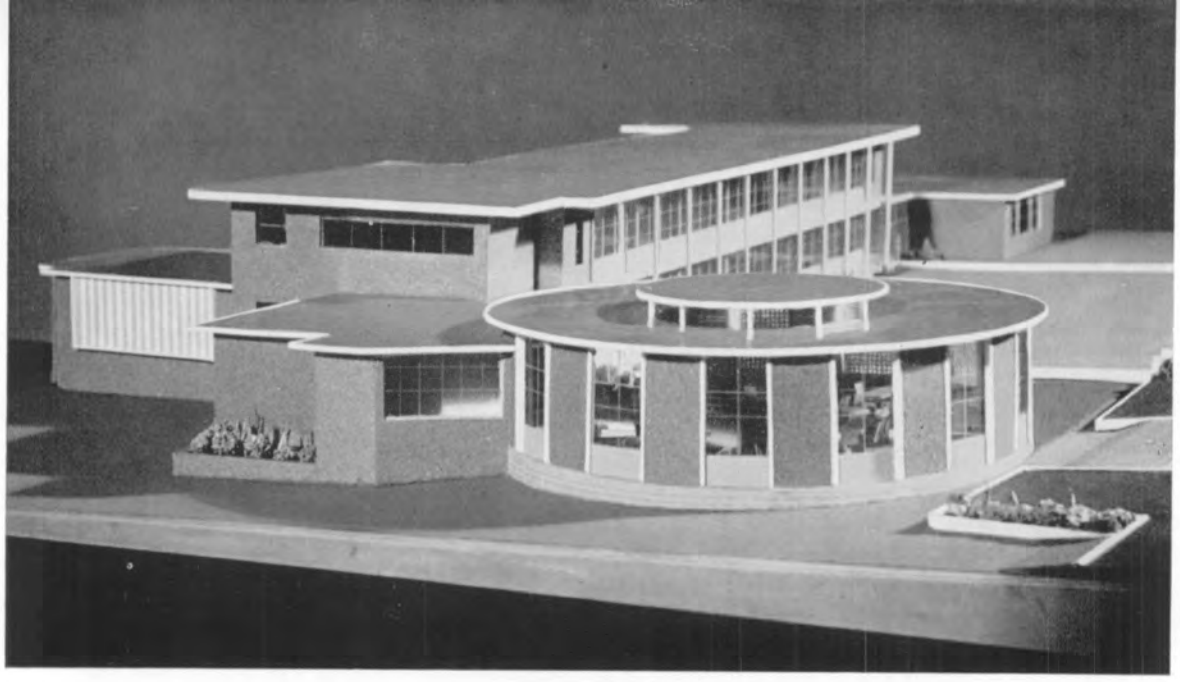
# a look at tomorrow

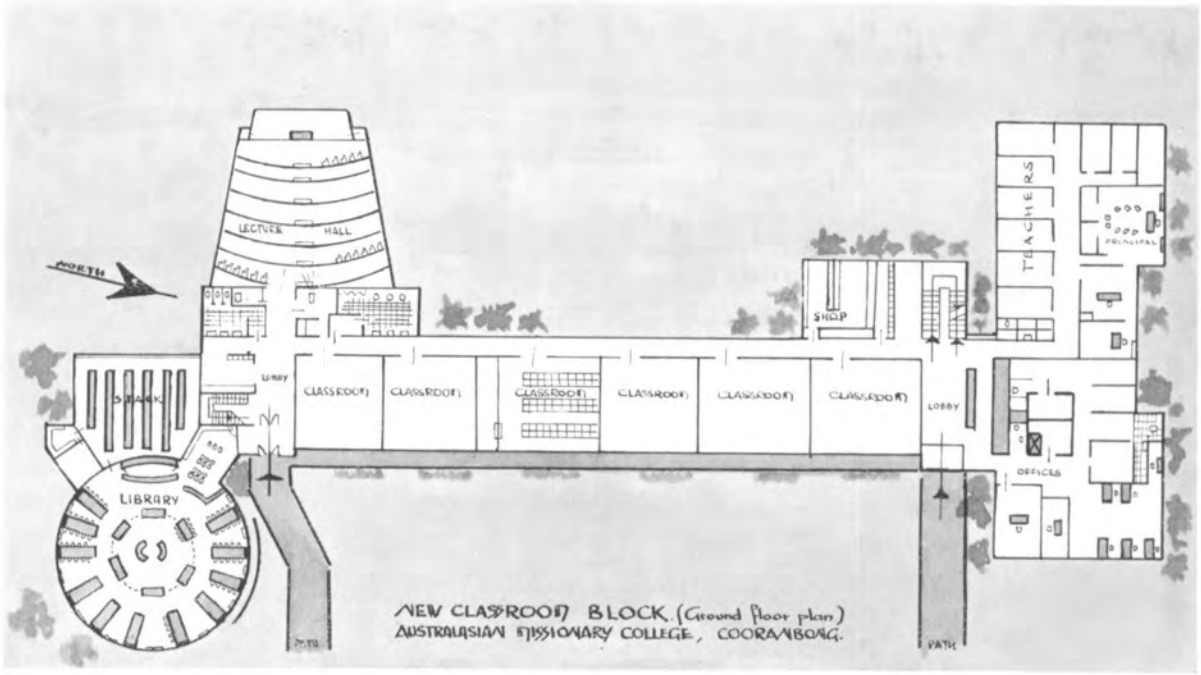
But the faculty and board of Avondale are busy not only in guiding the affairs of to-day, but also in planning for the College of to-morrow. Ever conscious of the need to keep pace wth the times, they envisage bigger buildings, more modern facilities — a better education for tomorrow's youth.

They have planned first of all a hostel for missionaries' children — a comfortable building which each year will extend the benefit of Christian education to forty children whose parents are in other lands.

In addition, they have planned a modern, two-storey administration and classroom block to be erected between the high school and the chapel. Almost 300 feet long, this structure will include eleven classrooms, a lecture room seating ninety-six, offices for the principal, registrar, business staff and faculty, and a circular library with study facilities for 160 students and stack space for 30,000 books.

Nor are these plans idle dreams. Work on the hostel has already begun, and the administrative block will be erected next year.





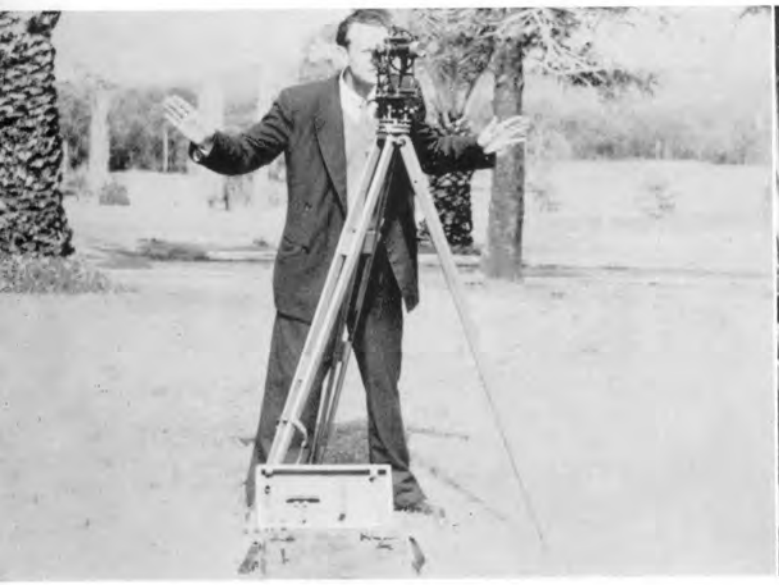

The buildings of the future:

Top: A view of the modern administration and classroom block shortly to be erected on the college campus.

Bottom: A ground plan showing the lower floor.

According to the architects, this building will be the most modern of its kind in Australia.

Moreover, the basement of the Auditorium, now a maze of pipes and planks and bricks, is soon to be converted into a spotless home science unit, replete with sewing and cooking facilities. With the addition of an extra teacher, the home science course will thus include not only dressmaking, tailoring and cookery, but also the practical training in home management which every girl should have.



Garnett Skinner surveys the site of the new administrative building



The store room which soon will become the clean and modern home science unit described above

So ends the story of Avondale — the story of a college, its founding, its busy life and selfless spirit.

In the past, the name "Avondale" has spelt success to the thousands of men and women who have left its halls.

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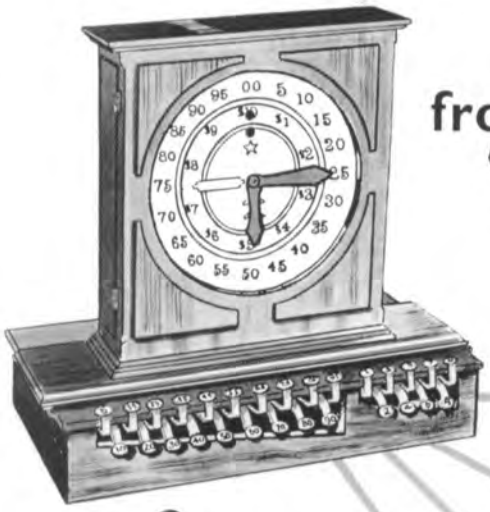

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