

# NEW LIFE BEGINS FOR AVALON

## HISTORIC HOME

Avalon, the historic homestead on Corio Bay given to the Brotherhood by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Austin, will begin a new phase in its life in the New Year when it will become the home of the "Avalon Community," an experiment in Christian fellowship.

In the past Avalon has been used by the Brotherhood as a conference and educational centre.

Under its new set-up, Avalon will be administered by a committee consisting of the Archbishop of Melbourne (Dr. Woods), who is chairman; Archdeacon Blake, of Geelong, deputy chairman; Bishop Sambell, Father G. K. Tucker and Father Peter Hollingworth, of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence; Mr. T. Garnett, headmaster of Geelong Grammar School, the Rev. J. Howells, of West Footscray; the Rev. Francis Foulkes, warden of St. Andrew's Hall; Mr. Alan Armitage, secretary-treasurer; and the Rev. Vernon Cohen, of Christ Church, Mitcham, who will be warden.

The community will comprise Mr. Cohen and his wife together with two women helpers—Yorkshire nursing sister Ellen Hick and Miss Thelma Nicoll, a former Methodist missionary. They will have some outside help with the running of the property.

From October until Easter businessmen, housewives and young people will be invited as paying guests to stay in holiday house parties sharing recreation and Christian experience.

From Easter on the community plans to hold conferences and training schools for laymen, clergy, University students and so on.

Mr. Cohen says that the idea on which the formation of "Avalon Community" is based is new to Australia but communities work on similar lines in other parts of the world.

Anyone interested in obtaining further details should get in touch with Avalon, Lara 901 5206.

## Carrum Downs Fair

The sum of \$2,000 will be handed over to the Brotherhood as a result of the successful village fair recently held at Carrum Downs settlement for the active elderly.

Of this amount, \$1,200 was raised on the fair day and \$800 from sales of goods during the year.

Thanking residents on behalf of the Brotherhood, Mr. Ken Williams, Carrum Downs Manager, says that their efforts are particularly appreciated because the proceeds will go to help Brotherhood work outside the settlement.



• Attractive view of lovely, historic old Avalon, the homestead which was originally given to the Brotherhood by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Austin.

## RECORD CITY FAIR

The annual fair held by the Brotherhood of St. Laurence in the Lower Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, November 4 raised a record \$2,793. A large crowd attended, and selling was brisk. There were many interesting and unique articles on the white elephant stall, and the jewellery stall was also very popular.

Miss Olive Ruttledge, auxiliary organiser says:

"The stall-holders and their helpers are to be congratulated on the way their stalls were so well stocked, and the Brotherhood thanks them for all their hard work which brought about such a splendid result.

"This extra effort by the auxiliaries is greatly appreciated."

## Interest in Lara

Interest in the development of St. Laurence Park, Lara, the Brotherhood's settlement for the active elderly is vividly shown by the growing number of week-end visitors.

There is a steady flow of visitors at week-ends mainly from the Geelong district.

The settlement has much to show people interested in modern development concerning the housing of old people.

Visitors show their interest in St. Laurence Park by purchasing some of the various goods for sale. These include shrubs and trees from the settlement nursery and garments made by residents.

Week-end visitors are welcome at Lara at any time except Sunday morning.

## YOUTH LEADER APPOINTED

Another step forward has been made in the Fitzroy youth project with which Father Peter Hollingworth, director of the Brotherhood's youth work, has been involved over the past two years.

Mr. Ian Plant, a qualified youth leader has been appointed to the position of youth leader in connection with the project.

Mr. Plant, with Mr. Graeme Bull of the Brotherhood's youth department, is completing his course at the Social Welfare Department's youth leadership training division.

He has had considerable experience with the Y.M.C.A. in youth work.

A group of youth workers, including Brotherhood staff, have been meeting regularly to plan and co-ordinate youth services for Fitzroy.

One of the purposes of the group has been to provide fellowship and support for Mr. Plant in his pioneering job.

## Annual Report

The 1965-66 annual report of the Brotherhood's work, now published, breaks new ground as well as providing interesting information for supporters.

It is presented largely through pictures of the Brotherhood's various departments at work, illustrating graphically that "actions speak louder than words."

The report covers what has been a difficult year financially for the Brotherhood. But, in spite of this, it records a year of real achievement, showing that the Brotherhood "is continually looking to see where it can be useful as an independent, flexible welfare organisation."