

Out Among the People

Former S.A.
Teacher Here
From Hobart

By VOX

HERE from Hobart again is Mr. P. H. Mitchell, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Winifred Mitchell.

"I met so many of my old scholars last time. I thought I would come over again for a month," he told me yesterday.

"I brought my car and want to get out and see a few of the people I missed before."

They are staying with Miss Marjorie Mitchell, Nora street, Maylands.

S.A. Fellowship

Mr. Mitchell, carrying on the good work of the late Elliott Monfries, told me they had a meeting in Hobart of the South Australian Fellowship,

which now embraces SA-born women in its constitution.

President is W. E. Nelson (born at Peterborough), superintendent of mails; vice-president, G. Cashmore (Torrensville), estate agent; secretary, R. B. Wake (Cowell), designing engineer, Electrolytic Zinc Co.

More than 40 attended the Christmas meeting at which films were shown of Port Augusta, Whyalla,

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Some prominent members: F. A. Allen (Victor Harbor), Fire Underwriters' Association; R. A. Young (Norwood), Commission Agent; Mrs. A. R. Kempster (Kadina), and Mrs. R. H. Nelson (Tumby Bay), both on committee.

L. W. Avery (Broken Hill), chief workshop engineer, Electrolytic Zinc Co., past president; von Alwyn (Mount Gambier), MacRobertson's chief agent, past president; A. G. Buring (Adelaide), retired, Education Department, past secretary.

G. V. Brooks (Adelaide), retired Director of Education, past president; Alan Limb (Gawler), musical director; L. H. Hambridge (St. Peters), War Service Homes; P. C. Piper, ex-Chief Electrical Engineer, Electrolytic Zinc Co., past president; Alec Vollprecht (Hyde Park), ex-Headmaster, Goulburn School.

Frank Hanton (Unley), a leading restaurant owner, and his two sisters; Dr. F. Phillips (Nackara), eye specialist; Professor P. H. Tuck (Clare), electrical engineer; W. N. Oats (Kapunda), headmaster Friend's School; Harold Mura (Peterborough), tramway manager.

Handing Over Trams

Alderman Mitchell, who is chairman of the Hobart trams committee, told me the City Council is about to pass control over to the

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"They were being run at a profit, but cost of living rises have caused losses," he said.

Outback Midwife

Interested was Mrs. L. M. Hurst, of 100 Irish Harp road, Blair Athol, in my reference to the Gaffney family, as, she says, in January, 1915, she set out

to attend a midwifery case.

"Reaching Hergott Springs (Marree), I was the only passenger on the coach bound for Birdsville," she tells us.

"Miss Howie, later DBNS matron, was the district nurse at Hergott and she and all the inhabitants turned out to see us depart.

"We contacted such stations as Mungeranie, Mirra Mitta, Mt. Gason. I think it was at the latter place I had the only bath on the trip, as they had a bore.

"As it was drought year, the horses poor and the coach late, my patient's husband, Mr. Hagan, of Alton Downs, met us at Goyder's Lagoon with a bush buggy.

"We went across the camel pad where, I was told, no white woman had been before.

"Mrs. Hagan, my patient, had been taken to Annanvale station to be with Mrs. Gaffney, where the baby was born.

Courteous Bushman

"I shall never forget the wonderful courtesy I received from those bushmen, all through nature's gentlemen," Mrs. Hurst writes.

"Mr. Hagan then took me in the same bush buggy to Birdsville, where I boarded the coach, again the only woman, with men coming down to enlist.

"I contacted these same men a little later in the year in Egypt.

"Those wonderful people of the outback will always have a pleasant spot in my memory."

Visiting Engineer

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of Roy Raphael again provides this news item. He told me yesterday he was at Jack Durham's service station, Junction road, Rosewater, waiting for Jack Netherton and Ralph Hains to join them, when a man came up to him and asked:

"How would you like to be out in the New Hebrides again?" He turned out to be Jim Cooper, of 3 Pelham street, Double Bay, Sydney, engineer for Burns, Philp and Co. and Shell Company representative at New Hebrides for six years, and in New Caledonia for two years.

He is back in engineering in Sydney and over here on business.

"We got talking about old times and Jim told me that the Anbriam volcano that blew up when we were there in 1911 blew up again in 1949 and practically wiped out the island," Roy said.

Yacht Mavis

"In 1911 we evacuated a lot of the natives down to Vila in the schooner-rigged yacht Mavis.

"Mavis was on the Royal Yacht Squadron (Cowes) register. She came out here and was acquired by the Melbourne Pilot Service. Then Mr. Henry Dutton of Anlaby, bought her.

He sold her to Claude Lever and he and Percy Lever and I in 1909 took her to the South Seas. Sutherland and Chambers, traders, bought her from us. Last owner was a Frenchman when she was wrecked on a reef.

"Jim Cooper said photos of the Mavis are still seen at Petersen's plantations at Melee.

Ideal 1955 Wish

With charming discrimination, Mr. Hector Leech (manager of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company) expressed this sentiment in a greetings card, beside a colored print of a Whinnien watercolor of the mouth of the Inman River, near Victor Harbor:—

Our seasonal message to you cannot be better expressed, perhaps, than in the words of Mme. Curie to her daughter Irene, De-

the words of Mme. Curie to her daughter Irene, December 29, 1923:—

I send you my best wishes for a happy New Year—that is to say, a year of good health, good humor and good work, a year in which you will have pleasure in living every day without waiting for the days to be gone before finding charm in them and without putting all hope of pleasure in the days to come.

"The older one gets the more one feels that the present must be enjoyed! It is a precious gift, comparable to a state of grace."



Mr. Mitchell