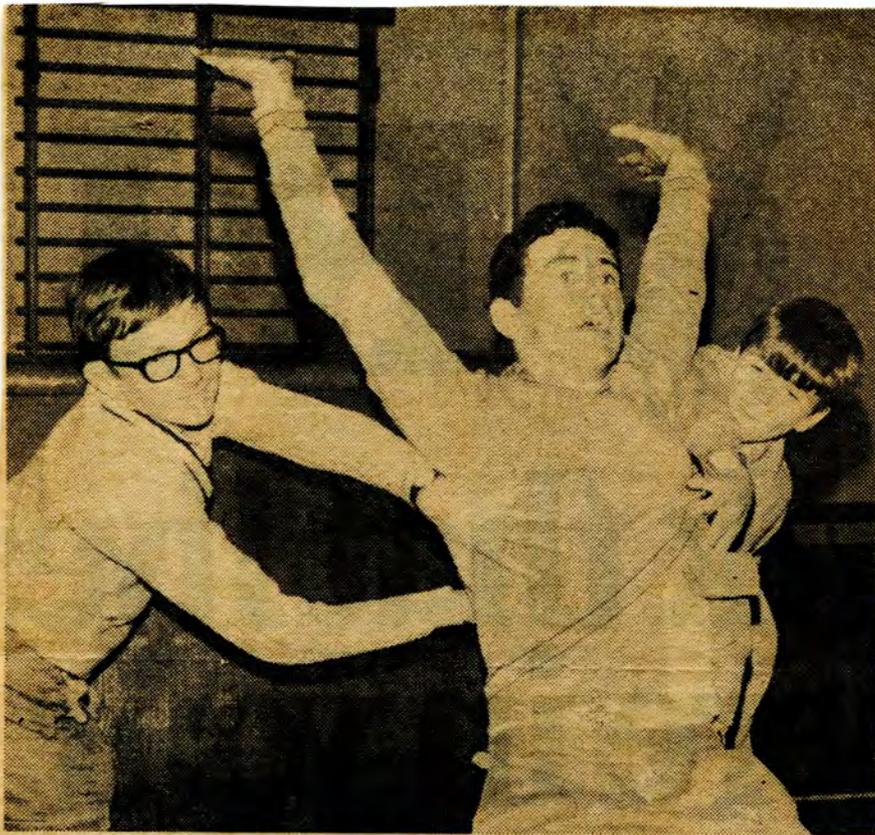


**BUCKINGHAM
COTTAGE**

RUTH + BRIAN Robins
COTTAGE PARENTS





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The first cottage was built in 1965, the second in 1966 and the third this year.

A fourth cottage being built would be ready in October.

The cottages have been built to give a family atmosphere.

Meals are prepared in a kitchen beside the gymnasium. They are taken to the individual cottages and served there.

STUDY DESKS

The children sleep in single, two or three bed rooms. Their rooms are individually decorated and they have personal wardrobes and dressing tables. Some students have study desks.

A big television room is a main attraction in the cottages. Four tables are used for meals in a dining room.

The children of different ages are mixed in the three cottages.

They help themselves by taking part-time jobs where possible. If they do not earn money and their parents cannot give them any, the centre gives occasional pocket-money.

"We ask parents to pay what they can afford towards their child's keep," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

"This helps them to realise that they have a

SATURDAY: DOUBLE OPENING

AT Hollywood on Saturday afternoon there were two official openings associated with the West Aust. congress. The first began at 1.45 p.m. when the mayor of Nedlands, Mr. Charles Smith, who was accompanied by Mrs. Smith, opened a swimming pool at the children's village section. Then an hour later the federal minister for social services, Mr. William Wentworth, opened another section of senior citizens' flats, named Wyvern. Commissioner Harvey presided on both occasions.

The pool was a gift to the village. Wyvern was a \$1,225,000 scheme, the largest project in the history of The Salvation Army in the territory. This single building consists of 15 single and 18 married flats.

Heavy rain forced alterations to

the opening gatherings, which were transferred to the large gymnasium hall.

For the initial gathering Brigadier Kowalick (S.M.S.S.) introduced the Commissioner who warmly commended the numerous friends "who came to the Army's aid again and again."

Commissioner Harvey said that the pool had been a donation by Wood and Grieve, consulting engineers, who had had a vital part in the Wyvern project. Other supporters recognised were the Nedlands city council for excavation and earthworks, Martin and Laurence Pty. Ltd. for material and labour to the electrical installation and the services of their representative Mr. John Boyle.

In a bright and friendly manner the mayor offered his congratulations to all concerned, gave some sound advice to the young people who will use the pool and then declared it officially open. Owing to the rain it was impossible to unveil the commemorative plaque.

(The opening of Wyvern, and a feature, will appear later.)

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