

CAVERSHAM



Presbyterian Church of
Australia

Assembly of Western Australia

Dedication and Official Opening of

“BENMORE”

Middle Swan Road, Caversham

Saturday, May 17, 1947, at 3 p.m.

Chairman

Council Presbyterian Children's Homes

Dr. H. R. Pearson, M.S., B.M.,

Presiding

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Order of Procedure

National Anthem

United Song of Praise—"The Old Hundredth"

Choruses by the Boys of Benmore

Welcome to Visitors

Response: H. T. McMinn, Esq. (Child Welfare Department)

*Dedication: Right Reverend The Moderator,
Rev. R. M. Herriman.*

(Introduced by ex-Moderator, Rev. D. McKenzie Baird)

*"Bless This House"—Choir of St. Giles, Mt. Lawley
(Eric Bray, Esq., Conductor)*

Official Opening Mrs. Grace Tulloch

Choruses by the Bairns of Burnbrae

*Vote of Thanks proposed by Rev. J. G. Thrum, Moderator
of the Presbytery of Perth.*

*Expression of Thanks to Voluntary Helpers—
Mrs. Agnes A. Robertson, Honorary Secretary to the Council.*

United Song of the Home—"O Happy Home"

Announcement of Afternoon Tea and Inspection

Doxology

Benediction

The Presbyterian Children's Homes "Burnbrae"

Impressed by the need of destitute and orphan children, as an expression of thankfulness and as a service to the community, through the Council of the Children's Homes, the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of Western Australia established "Burnbrae," Hills Road, Byford, which was officially opened by Her Excellency Lady Mitchell in



"Burnbrae," Byford.

December, 1938, consequent upon an initial gift of £1000 from the Late Sir James Burns of "Cowan Brae," Parramatta, N.S.W. Through the continued and expanding generosity of our friends and supporters, numerous extensions have been made, and today "Burnbrae," which is filled to capacity, is making a splendid contribution to the community, providing a home of the highest standard for hapless and homeless children. Constantly the Council commends "Burnbrae" to the continued interest and generous support of those to whom the plight of destitute children appeals. The following list of major contributions shows that, in the past the appeal has fallen on receptive ears and generous hearts—

Sir James Burns, £1000,
 The Hanlin Dormitory,
 The Lowden Play Room,
 The David Ross Bible Class Furnishings,
 The Harper Wing,
 The Paterson Hot Water System,
 The Misses Simpson Piano,
 The Mrs. Hobbs Organ.

The following additional donations and bequests have been thankfully received and faithfully applied:—

McNess Bequest, £250; D. J. Carmichael Bequest, £100; W. J. Rogers Bequest, £350; Mr. C. M. Purdie, £36—special donation towards 12 beds in R. Hanlin Dormitory; McCalum Smith Bequest, £237/16/8; Sara Stevens Bequest, £100; Lydia Hudson Bequest, £50; A. Harvey Bequest, £300; E. S. Hume, £50; Emma Woods Bequest, £50; P.W.M.U., £25—special donations annually; P.G.F., £20 annually; Bairds Ltd., £25 annually; Bon Marche Ltd., £50 annually; Boans Ltd., £100—Anniversary gift; Mr. C. M. Wilson, £100; Mrs. E. Osborne (St. Andrew's), £100; P.Y.M.F., £22/10/-; Combined Charities Appeal, £100; Hon. A. H. Panton, £25—furnishing Clinical Ward; Miss E. McKenzie, £20; Miss Henderson (Ross Memorial Church), £20—for purchase of clock; A. H. MacDonald & Co., £20/14/-; Powell, Cameron and Chisholm, £131/10/7 (donation of half Fees Harper Wing); St. Andrew's, Perth, £220/10/6; H. V. McKay Charitable Trust, £350; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mercer, £10—"Benmore"; Economic Store Ltd., £20; Daily News Christmas Cheer, £355.

With appreciation it is recorded that innumerable small gifts from a vastly wider circle also played a tremendous part in connection with the establishment and maintenance of the home week by week.

"Benmore"

For the older boys at "Burnbrae" it became evident that their future development could be the better cared for by the establishment of another supplementary home, where the principles of intensive farming, market gardening, horticulture, dairying, poultry and animal husbandry, viticulture, trades and higher education could be readily taught. "Benmore," Middle Swan Road, Caversham, within two and a half miles of Midland and Guildford, consisting of fifty acres of good land right in the heart of one of the best natural grape districts in Australia, and capable, in a small way, of being utilised

for all the purposes intended, was purchased and in a few months considerable transformation has taken place both within the substantially built large residence and on the outside grounds.

Notable gifts received up to date for "Benmore" include £1000 from J. Doran, Esq., for the Amy Doran Memorial, £250 from the Walker Family towards Science Laboratory, Writing Desk from Mrs. and Miss Anderson, Organ from Councillor Andy Paterson.



"Benmore," Caversham

For the establishment of a first class pedigree dairy herd registered in the Stud Book for both "Burnbrae" and "Benmore" Doctor Pearson recently presented to the Council "Mokine Heroine 12th," reg. No. 77794, and "Mokine Amy 4th," Reg. No. 68039, both in production and mated to "Grassvale Topsy Duke," and the young bull "Wykeham Skipper"—all aristocrats of the Jersey Breed.

THE NEEDS OF "BENMORE."

Even a casual glance reveals many needs.

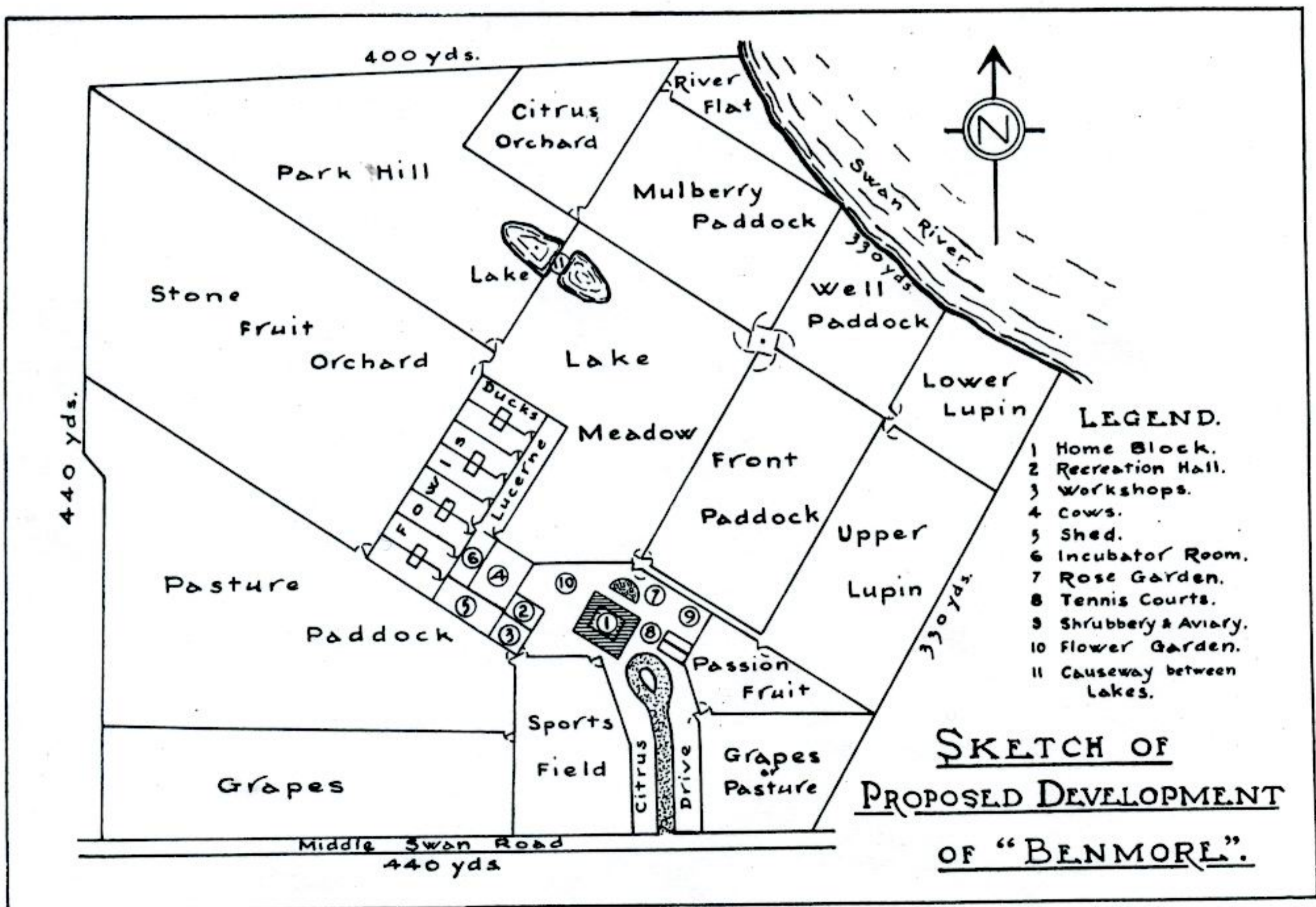
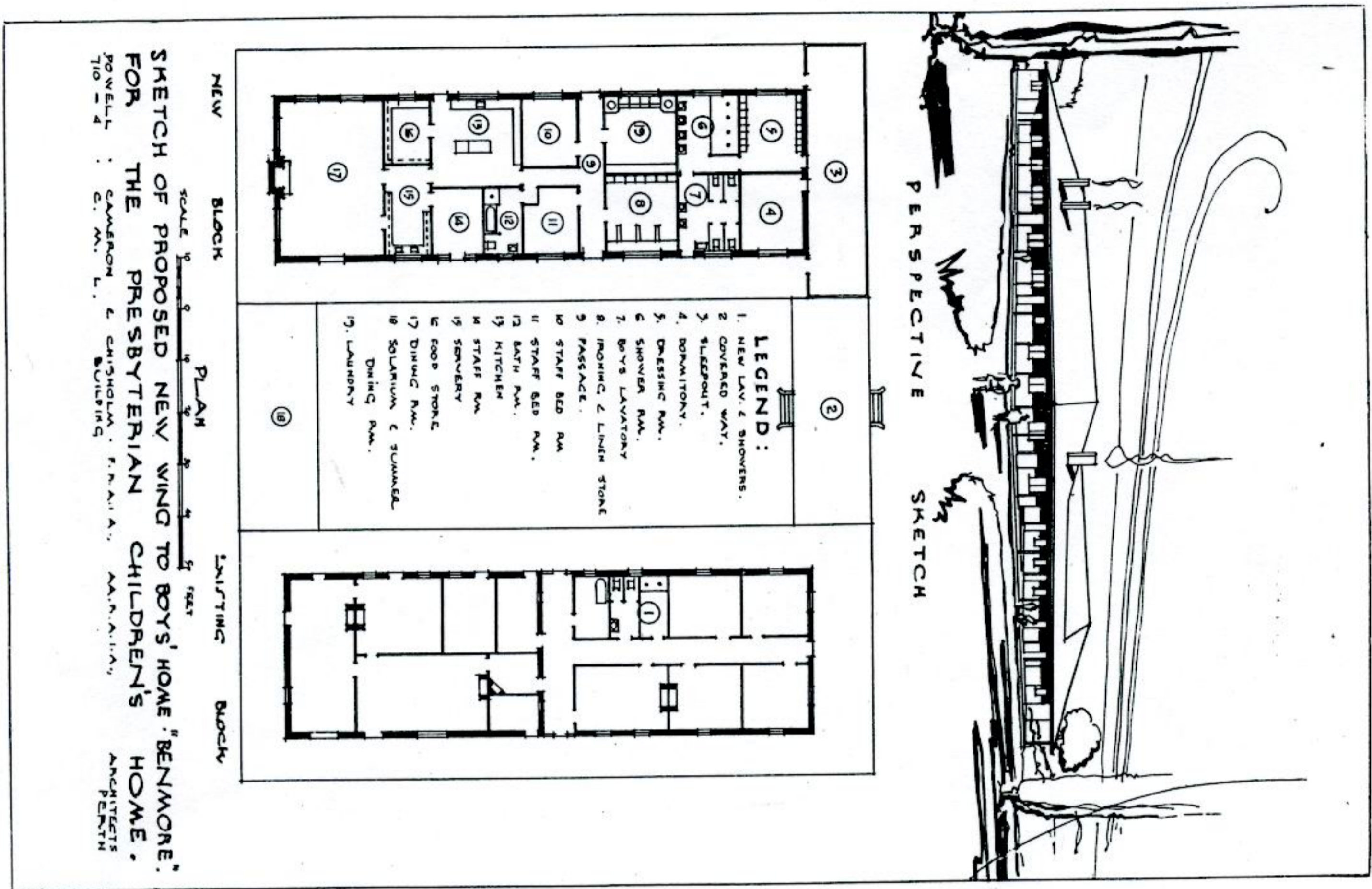
Believing that many would help if they knew what was wanted and with confidence that a ready response will be received, the following major requirements are listed:—

1. Glass enclosure of "sleep out"

Donated by.....

2. Conversion of room adjoining inside bath room into boys' toilet

Donated by.....



NEEDS OF "BENMORE" (Continued)

- 3. Wireless set (electrical)
Donated by.....
- 4. Piano (present one on temporary loan)
Donated by.....
- 5. Installation of Septic Tank
Donated by.....
- 6. *Rotary hoe (ideal for intensive culture)
Donated by.....
- 7. *Farm equipment—plough, scarifier, harrows, hay rake-
meadow mower
Donated by.....
- 8. *Stump jack for clearing
Donated by.....
- 9. Work shop and tool shed
Donated by.....
- 10. Cow sheds to provide shelter for boys and beasts
Donated by.....
- 11. Farm water supply essential for summer use and farm de-
velopment
Donated by.....
- 12. Fowl yards and houses urgently needed
Donated by.....
- 13. Clearing, fencing, ploughing, preparation for and pro-
vision and maintenance of
 - a. stone fruit orchard by
the.....of.....Church
 - b. passion fruit vineyard by
the.....of.....Church
 - c. mixed varieties grape vineyard, by
the.....of.....Church
 - d. citrus drive and orchard by
the.....of.....Church
 - e. shrubbery and shade house by
.....of.....Church
 - f. provision and maintenance of carnation garden by
the.....of.....Church
 - g. clearance and improvement of pasture lands by
.....of.....Church
 - h. reconditioning of present and provision of additional
tennis court by
.....of.....Church

- i. grading and planting of playing field and equipment
for
by.....of.....Church
- j. gravelling or bitumenising entrance road way by
.....
- k. approved mural decorations by
.....
- 14. Additional donations to Jersey Herd
by.....and by.....
- 15. Poultry: good quality birds for commercial poultry
farming and incubator and brooders
.....
- 16. Kennels and foundation stock of pedigree Scotch Ter-
riers for boys' pleasure, and profit
Donated by.....
- 17. Large aviary and "pet birds" (a touch of home for the
boys)
Donated by.....
- 18. Half a dozen painted substantial garden seats
Donated by.....and by.....
- 19. Clearing and grading "The Lake," providing two stock
dams divided by willow girt turfed causeway
Work done by.....in memory of.....
- 20. A dozen cyclone gates
Donated by.....
- 21. *Electric refrigerator
Donated by.....
- 22. *Wardrobes and beds
Donated by.....and.....and.....
- 23. Conversion of small front room into library for reception
of suitable books to be gifted year by year
Donated by.....
- 24. A light utility car
Donated by.....
- 25. Apiary, hives, extractor, etc.
Donated by.....
- 26. Recreation hall—gymnasium and equipment
Donated by the..... Club
- 27. Hygienic pig sty and pigs
Donated by.....

28. Barn and harness room

Donated by.....

29. Lawn mower, hoses, sprinklers and garden equipment

Donated by.....

30. Concrete swimming pool, near tennis court, utilisable as water reservoir for garden reticulation and for safety of smaller boys

Materials donated by.....

Work done by.....

31. Additional Bungalow Block connected by south and north solarium

Donated by.....

32. Something useful and needed not listed

Donated by.....and by.....and by.....

Loads of fuel and fodder will always be needed.

*Items have been purchased as matter of urgent necessity by arrangement with the bank against the overdraft, and money to be credited against their purchase would be welcomed indeed.

It is firmly believed that groups and clubs and organisations existing within the churches could undertake to satisfy the needs outlined above especially under section "13," and "as the heart grows rich in giving" the congregations will be enriched rather than impoverished. The young people of St. Giles P.F.A. have undertaken to prepare, provide and maintain a 300 bed rose garden, which will give them pleasure, the boys instruction, and beautification plus financial gain to "Benmore." Already they have given many hours enjoyable service to the home.

The plan herewith, prepared by our architects, Messrs. Powell, Cameron and Chisholm, presents an idea for the proposed additions, which will cost approximately £6000, and when completed provide for one hundred boys, and the machinery has been set in motion to obtain these from overseas, and it is desired to have a completed home ready for them.

Donations are recognised as allowable deductions from Income Tax.

It is proposed to prepare Annual Reports and Pictorial Calendars, which will publicise gifts received and appeal to the sympathy of others.

"Old Hundredth"

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His Praise forthtell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God indeed:
Without our aid He did us make:
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto:
Praise, laud and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

"O Happy Home"

*O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving Friend and Saviour of our race,
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honoured place.*

*O happy home whose little ones are given
Early to Thee in humble faith and prayer—
To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of heaven,
Dost guard with more than mother's care.*

*O happy home where Thou art not forgotten
When joy is overflowing, full and free:
O happy home where every wounded spirit
Is healed, Physician, Comforter, by Thee.*