

27 Orlando Avenue
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Dear Phyllis,

The enclosed comes with our love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I hope that you are well and able to make a new life for yourself.

I also enclose a cutting from the paper. We knew that someone was doing this and were waiting for one to turn up. I think it shows a sense of humour so often missing from protests; it is better to get people to laugh and think about something than to annoy them and get them to over react. Gary Player had his troubles while over here too.

I have not heard from Elsie Wakefield recently, but will get in touch with her before Christmas if I can. She does not get around much now, so I do not meet her at the sort of meetings we are both interested in.

Robert lent us his caravan three week-ends ago, and Bill and I went down to Kangaroo Valley for the night. Robert's girl friend cooked for the boys, which was very nice of her. The Quakers have some bush by the river down there which is used for people who wish to unwind, or group gatherings. The water board is building a dam on the river, or trying to as it has been washed away in a flash flood once, and then there will be more river and less land. It was lovely and peaceful. There was one other caravan there and the owner said that when he got up at 5.00 a.m. there was a kangaroo in the clearing. There were plenty of parrots and also orchids although I am not very clever at finding the latter. In England orchids are so expensive they are sold one flower at a time, but here they positively rampage. It was lucky we had a caravan and not a tent as it rained quite heavily.

Graham has been given a church in one of the western suburbs of Sydney, and they are thrilled. This is the kind of work they want to do. It is a very small church, so Graham will have to find a part-time job, at least for the time being. Bill has taken Alison over to look for a job and a flat. It is difficult to get a nursing job without night or Sunday work, but I expect she will find one in time. They will probably have to take an unfurnished flat, and as they only own a bed will start off in the simple style.

How are your three? I am not sure how South African schools are run. Here it is exam time and Peter will be taking his School Cert. He works hard, so it should not be any problem. Jamie is rather evasive about his exams, so we will have to wait for his report card. Michael got a B for his exam and seems to be pleased with it. I have not seen his teacher, so do not know if she is pleased. There is a lot of writing, most of which we cannot read and the rest we cannot understand. Anyway, he passed. Alison now wants to learn the piano as her church has a piano but no pianist. If only I had known when she was young!

When I post this I will also send your Christmas cake. I have no idea how long parcels take, but if it arrives too early you will just have to keep it.

Love from all of us,

Susan