



Teacher Assistants at the seminar: Back row standing—Mrs Ping, Mrs McGuinness, Mrs Roberts, Miss Williams, Mrs Goolagong, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Millgate, Mrs M. Clark, Mrs Vincent, Mrs Thorne, Mrs Bradshaw, Miss Simpson, Mrs Vale. Second row seated—Miss Kennedy, Miss Rose, Mrs Wright, Mrs Jerrard, Miss Marshall. Front row kneeling—Mrs Hoskins, Mrs Morgan, and Miss Davis. Mrs Craig is missing from the picture.

S.C.F. TEACHER ASSISTANTS SEMINAR

Assistants from the 10 pre-schools operated by the Save the Children Fund in New South Wales country towns gathered in Sydney on Wednesday, 8th August, for their annual seminar.

There was a great deal of activity at the airport as hosts and hostesses—members of the Save the Children Fund—met their guests and whisked them home.

On Thursday morning Miss Robinson of the Kindergarten Union led a discussion on the books that children like to read. The assistants had prepared themselves and brought with them various books which had proved popular to discuss with Miss Robinson.

This was followed by a discussion on children's puzzles, concentrating on their advantages and disadvantages for certain groups and on the amount of sheer learning and skill acquired by young children from puzzles.

A quick lunch was followed by a trip to Revesby to see a Kindergarten union pre-school with a marvellous adventure playground. This small school (run very much on the lines of the assistants own schools) and its playground equipment proved extremely interesting.

Following afternoon tea, some shopping and a rest the assistants travelled by bus to the home of Mr and Mrs Blaiklock in Castlecrag where they rejoined their hosts and hostesses for a buffet meal followed by two films, "Belinda" about the pre-school at Walgett, and the "Princess and the Children."

On Friday morning Mrs Renate Harding, senior nutritionist at the Health Commission, led discussions on children's favourite foods, how children are encouraged to try new foods, etc. The general interchange of this information between the assistants was most useful. Generally it would appear that more milk is needed in the children's diets. There was also a lengthy and interesting discussion of "Belinda".

Friday lunch proved a glamorous and exciting occasion when the assistants went to the Summit restaurant on the top of the Australia Square Tower for a buffet lunch, general chatter and talk, and the taking of some photographs.

Assistants attending the seminar: from East Armidale came Mrs Helen McGuinness and Mrs Diane Roberts; from Ashford Mrs Barbara Jerrard; from Coffs Harbour Mrs Anita Craig, Mrs Susan Hoskins, and Miss Evelyn Williams; from Cowra came Miss Leonie Simpson, (Miss Coe and Miss Bamblett were unable to attend due to sickness); from Griffith Mrs Margaret Millgate and Mrs Gloria Goolagong; from Murrin Bridge, Lake Cargelligo Mrs Merle Clarke and Mrs Vincent; from Greenhills, Kempsey came Mrs Thora Wright, Mrs Shirley Vale, and Mrs Merle Bradshaw; from Bellwood, Nambucca Heads Miss Lorraine Marshall and Miss Gail Davis; from Purfleet, Taree Mrs Barbara Clark and Mrs Marcia Ping; and from Walgett Mrs Dorothy Thorne, Mrs Carol Morgan, Miss Karen Rose, and Miss Roslyn Kennedy.

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