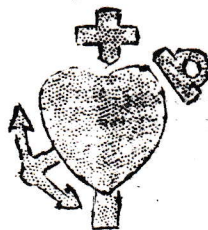


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This Newsletter No.10 contains in place of our regular Profile feature, two articles - one written by Spiro Moraitis in May 1980 and a further History by Con. S. Economou of Perth, West Australia. Both articles are of interest, keeping in mind when they were written. DON'T forget bookings close for our Poker Machine Albury Trip on the 16th October 1983. PLUS details of our next Youth Function.

NEWSLETTER: This is the 10th issue of the Castellorizian Newsletter. However, one can't help but feel that the concept of having a Newsletter is of little use if people don't contribute and support it.

It shouldn't be the burden of a few people, but a collective effort aided by the support of community contributions. I have no doubt that the young and the old have something to contribute. As a community Newsletter, it is open to all forms of expression whatever that may be or who-ever they may come from, for it is not only important that the Cassie News be made available, but also that it be utilised by the community members as a communication link with each other. I hope that from now on individuals will involve themselves with our Newsletter and not feel hesitant or embarrassed about contributions.

NEW SOUTH WALES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS: We congratulate the new Board of Directors of the Castellorizian Society of New South Wales. They are:-

President: Mr. C. Vertzayias.

Vice President: Mr. N. Paul

Treasurer: Mr. N. Malaxos

Secretary: Mr. P. Tsolakis

Committee Members: Mr. P. Kallis, Mr. J. Valsamis, Mr. J. Penklis, Mr. J. Calopedos,
Mr. J. Vailianos.

EVANGELISMOS CHURCH:

I would like to remind members that the Appeal for the restoration of the Church is still open. Mr. Nick P. Zervos, who is the Appeal Co-Ordinator, has informed us that \$20,000 of the \$50,000 has already been raised and further donations should be forwarded to:-
APPEAL CO-ORDINATOR C/- 209 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE 3000.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EVANGELISMOS CHURCH: In 1900 there were only 482 Greeks in Australia. However, Melbourne Greek Community was well toward establishing Victoria's first Greek Orthodox Church.

22 AUGUST, 1897: Church Building established. Initial Subscription:-£116/13/6.

7 MARCH, 1898: Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne and Victoria formally appointed. Letter sent to Greece requesting Priest.

JUNE 1898: Father Athanasios Kantapoulos arrived and a temporary Church established at Chalmers Hill, Gipps Street West. (Now Parliament Place.)

JULY, 1899: Church property purchased on the corner of Lansdowne and Victoria Parade for 600 pounds.

6 DECEMBER, 1900: Foundation stone laid.

31 AUGUST, 1902: Official opening of Church. The Church cost 3000 pounds to build.

1916: The Church was fully paid for.

The English title for "Evangelismos" is the "Church of the Holy Anunciation."

CASSIE YOUTH CLUB:

During the 1965-1969 Youth Club Series, we were fortunate enough to win many trophies and cups. Could any Member who has a cup or trophy which is the property of the Cassie's, please return them for permanent placement at our Club Rooms. We thank Andrew Caripis for the return of a football trophy.

AUSTRALIAN GREEK WELFARE SOCIETY:

At the Annual General Meeting of the AGWS which was held on 27th September, the following Members were elected to the Board of Management.

PRESIDENT:	Mr. Jack Bisas
VICE PRESIDENT:	Mr. Kevin P. Zervos
CHAIRMAN:	Dr. Spiro Moraitis

ENGAGEMENT

- Nick Paul Zervos to Georgia Skliros on October 29th 1983. Nick is the son of Paul and Pogy Zervos.

- Kevin Paul Zervos, with Cr. Nick Paul Zervos have recently opened a law practice in Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

We wish them luck in their new venture. (Nick P. Zervos is a Melbourne City Councillor.)

SOCIETY FOR THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY:

We congratulate Mr. John B. Salvaris, Mrs. Marika Bisas and Jacob Fronitsas on their re-election to the Committee of the Society For the Care Of The Elderly.

EDUCATION:

To all our Members who are interested in education in a multi-cultural Society should obtain a copy of "UNITY IN DIVERSITY". This is published by the Australian College of Education - Carlton, Victoria 1983. Read the contribution by one of our Members in this publication, by A.V. Piperoglou.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING:

Lynette Kyriakos to Cameron Anderson at Evangelismos Church, East Melbourne, on the 22nd October (Saturday) 1983. Lynette is the daughter of Herbert and Maria Kyriakos of Elwood, and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Mangos.

The Reception is to be held at "NINE DARLING STREET".

The wedding took place at Efstathios Church, South Melbourne of John C. Adgemis to Joanne Pacholli. The reception was at "LE CHATEAU" Queens Road. John is the only son of Con and Chrissie Adgemis, and Joanne is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pacholli. Mr. Pacholli is the publisher of the "Toorak Times". At the wedding from NSW were Mrs. & Mrs. Angelos Adgemis with daughter Despina.

VALE

The death occurred in Athens in September 1983 of Mr. Harry Spartels - aged 89. Mr. H. Spartels was a Member of the well known Spartels family who were amongst the earliest settlers in Melbourne.

The Family consisted of Harry, John, Nick, George and Maria (Peronis). The Society extends its deepest sympathy to the family. The funeral took place on the Island of Castellorizo. Further details in our next Newsletter.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Society will hold its Annual Christmas Party for 1983 early in December at Cassie House. The Christmas Party will be organised by our Youth Club and will be fully supported by the Senior Board. Details in our Newsletter next month.

HOLIDAYS:

Jack Marika Bisas to Hayman Island to celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

HOLIDAYS CONT.

In Melbourne staying with Peter and Kathy Christofas - Mrs. Maria Patrikeos - Kathy's mother. Mrs. Patrikeos previously lived in Brisbane and has recently returned to Melbourne after 12 months holiday in Athens and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Whilst in Brazil, Mrs. Patrikeos stayed with her brother Basile Peretzis whom she had not seen for 10 years. Mr. Peretzis migrated to Brazil from Castellorizo, after a short period in Melbourne in the late 40's.

CONCERT

The Society has decided to organise a concert as soon as arrangements can be made. The concert will feature dances, songs and poems of Castellorizo. We have organised a sub-Committee to begin arrangements. The Youth Committee will commence to form a dancing group. We request all persons interested to contact the convener of the sub-committee, Betty Exindaris - 288 8159. Other members of the sub-committee are:- Leah Pavlou, Christina Pavlou 598 2925, Dianne Spartels 211 3201, Jack Bisas 25 6233.

This concert will be staged at a venue to be named. Any person with talent or able to organise lighting, etc., please contact any Member of the committee.

YOUTH FUNCTION

The Youth Club are holding a dinner at Cassie House on the 8th October 1983.

PRICE = \$10 for Members, \$12 for non-Members.

The Dinner will commence at 7.30 pm. ALL WELCOME.

For details and bookings, contact Flora Adgemis on 848 8547 or Zefi Bisas on 848 4769.

* THE YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT *

(Membership Available at Door.)

DON'T FORGET THE DATE - 8th OCTOBER

WEDDING: -

On the 1st October at Evange Iismos Church, the wedding of Paul Velissaru to Chrissi Zombos took place. The Reception was held at Leonda. Chrissi is the daughter of Stephen and Nellie Zombos. Approximately 300 guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening. A highlight of the evening was KOUMBARI!!! Mr. Nick Verginis also highlighted the Night with a very moving speech. The couple are honeymooning in Fiji.

In Memory of the late Mrs. P. Christopher, the following have donated to The Castellorizian Society:

Mr. & Mrs. C. Christofas	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Stabelos	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. A. Exintaris	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo M. Miriklis	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zervos	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. C. Lazarkis	\$10
Dr. Andrew & Chrissie Varigos	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. P. Christofas	\$10

In Memory of Mrs. P. Christopher, the following have donated to The Home for the Frailled Aged:

Mrs. P. Diamond	\$10	Mrs. E. Salvaris	\$25
Mr. & Mrs. Vamvakis	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. P. Paltos	\$10
Mrs. M. Lolatgis	\$10	Mrs. Flora Barbayannis	\$5
Mr. & Mrs. George Adgemis	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Mangos	\$15
Mrs. Evangelia Mangos	\$15	Mr. P.J. Mangos	\$15
Mr. & Mrs. A. Salvaris (S.A.)	\$25	Mr. & Mrs. Ioskakis (S.A.)	\$10
Mr. Vanyia Pitsikas (S.A.)	\$10	Mr. Nick Adgemis	\$20
Mr. & Mrs. T. Karayannis	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. A. Hatsatouris (NSW)	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. E. Kondilios (NSW)	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. A. Stavrynios (NSW)	\$10
Mr. K. Adgemis (NSW)	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. Palassis (S.A.)	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Koutsoukis and family		Mr. & Mrs. Nick Zographou	

In Memory of the late Savvas Bollos, who died in Townsville on 20th August 1983, the following have donated to the Castellorizian Society:

Mr. & Mrs. B. Piperglou	\$20	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bisas	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Mirikilis	\$10	Mrs. Anna Adgemis	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zervos	\$10	Mrs. Christulla Kanis	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Alexander	\$10		

In Memory of the late Sevi Mangos, Mrs. Anna Adgemis has donated \$10 to the Castellorizian Society.

In Memory of the late Mr. Nick Stratikis from Perth, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Stabelos have donated \$5 to the Castellorizian Society.

In Memory of the late Alex Georgouras from Sydney, Mrs. Anna Adgemis has donated \$10 and Mr. & Mrs. A. Stabelos also donated \$10 to the Castellorizian Society.

In Memory of the late Marika Paizis, Mrs. Maria Karpoozes has donated \$10 to the Castellorizian Society.

In Memory of the late Mrs. C. Alexander, the following have donated to the Home For the Fraild Aged:

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Koutsoukis and family		Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Salvaris	\$10
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Adgemis	\$10	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Zographou	
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Adgemis	\$10		

To the Castellorizian Society, in Memory of the late Mrs. C. Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. P. Zervos have donated \$10, as have Mr. & Mrs. N. Exindaris who donated \$10.

The following have donated to the Hostel For the Fraild Aged:

In Memory of the late Mr. Harry Gregory	In Memory of the late Mrs. A. Papadoloupous
In Memory of the late Mr. J. Kalafatis	In Memory of the late Mr. Pitsikas
- Mr. & Mrs. Leo Koutsoukis and family	- Mr. & Mrs. Nick Zographou and family

VISITING MELBOURNE

- Mr. Kyriako Janis (Barbayannis) - visiting his mother Mrs. Flora Barbayannis and sister Mrs. Maria George Adgemis.
- From Perth - Con Zembilas and mother Mrs. Dialekti Zembilas with Mrs. Maria Boylatzis.

CANCELLATION OF CAR RALLY

Because of Inclement weather, the combined Car Rally, which was to be held on Sunday 11th September, had to be unfortunately cancelled. We will advise of a new date in our next Newsletter.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

- As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, the Phar Lap film night is to be held on the 31st October.
- ALBURY BUS TRIP: Have you booked for the Albury Bus Trip on the 23rd October? DO IT NOW!!! We have been informed by A.A.T.(Bus Company) that only one bus is available because of the heavy bookings. Don't forget ALL BOOKINGS close on the 16th October. PRICE = \$12.00 - Including lunch.

BOOKINGS FOR BOTH FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE MADE BY RINGING EITHER PETER COATES ON 861 8428 or DIANNE SPARTELS ON 211 3201.

- * Home after a stay in hospital, Mr. Paul Zervos and Mrs. Christofas.

PHAR LAP: Film Night on Cup Eve, 31st October. BOOK EARLY.
LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE.

HOME FOR THE FRAILED AGED

Following up on the Motion passed at our Annual General Meeting that we donate \$2000 to the furnishing of a multi-purpose room at the Hostel, the following Members have selected and ordered furniture. Delivery will be made in 3 weeks. This fits in with the admission of the first residents into the Home on 10th October. We thank the following for their time and assistance: Mrs. Christina Pavlou, Mrs. Marika Bisas, Michael and Dianne Spartels.

To all Members who wish to inspect the Home, every Sunday is Open Day and the Board of Management has pleasure in extending a welcome to all Members, families and friends to inspect the Home. If Sunday is not a suitable day, please ring our Supervisor, Mrs. Joyce Pallasas on 551 6556, and make arrangements for any other day.

HISTORIC

In 1974 the Castellorizian Picnic was held at Ferny Creek. It is interesting to note that over 300 people attended! We print the results of the Picnic Races.

<u>UNDER 6 BOYS:</u>	1st	Nick Mangos	<u>UNDER 6 GIRLS:</u>	1st	Flora Adgemis
	2nd	Nick Spartels		2nd	Evelyn Spartels
	3rd	Steve Miriklis		3rd	Evelyn Adgemis
<u>UNDER 10 BOYS:</u>	1st	Nick Spartels	<u>UNDER 10 GIRLS:</u>	1st	Melissa Moraitis
	2nd	Sauvas Miriklis		2nd	Angela Costopoulos
	3rd	George N. Bisas		3rd	Sue Conos
<u>UNDER 14 BOYS:</u>	1st	George Augustos	<u>UNDER 14 GIRLS:</u>	1st	Kim Jackomas
	2nd	George Adgemis		2nd	Barbara Bisas
	3rd	Nicholas Miriklis		3rd	Faye Conos
<u>OPEN 120 YARDS:</u>	1st	Ian Bisas	<u>OPEN MILE:</u>	1st	John Mangos
	2nd	Bob Janis		2nd	John A. Adgemis
	3rd	Michael Zervos		3rd	Michael Zervos
<u>OLD BUFFERS RACE:</u>	1st	Peter Mangos	<u>WOMEN'S RACE:</u>	1st	Tasia Moraitis
	2nd	Nick Bisas		2nd	Susan Tsiloglou
	3rd	Jack Bisas		3rd	Vivienne Bisas
<u>NOVELTY RACE</u>			<u>OVER 30</u>		
<u>PIGGY BACK:</u>	1st	Michael Jackomas	<u>WOMEN'S RACE:</u>	1st	Margaret Moraitis
	2nd	John S. Adgemis		2nd	Val Mangos
	3rd	George Verginis		3rd	Jan Conos
<u>SACK RACE:</u>	1st	Noel Augustes			
	2nd	John Kanis			
	3rd	Sam Miriklis			

NEWS FROM CASTELLORIZO - NEWS ITEM - 22ND APRIL 1983:

The Australian Government is making a donation towards the development of Medical Services on the Island of Castellorizo.

In announcing this, the Australian Ambassador, MR. M.L. JOHNSTON, recalled the close ties which exist between Castellorizo and Australia. "A large number of people of Castellorizian origin live in Australia". The Ambassador said, "And retain a warm affection for the Island from where their forbears came."

The Ambassador said he had visited the Island and developed a keen interest in its Welfare. He was interested in plans formulated by the Government of Greece in conjunction with the Castellorizian Association of NSW to provide a new medical centre for the Island. The Government of Australia was offering a small donation of \$2000 (Drachmae 148,000) towards the purchase of Medical Equipment for the Centre. The Ambassador said this was a symbolic gesture to underline the continuing close relations between the people of Australia and Castellorizo.

The island is reached by boat from Rhodes, the trip taking 5½ to 7 hours to complete depending on the weather. The boat was clean and comfortable. The island lies about 10 km. from the Turkish coast.

The town of Megisti has 282 residents, 10 national servicemen, 3 policemen and a navy corvette. There were about 10 foreign boats docked in the harbour.

MEDICAL: One of the soldiers is a qualified doctor, who does a one year stint looking after the inhabitants. He is also in charge of the pharmacy, which appears to be well stocked with basic drugs such as antibiotics, analgesics and sedatives. No dangerous drugs e.g. morphine are kept and for severe pain novalgin is administered. Medicine is free and is recorded meticulously when prescribed. Serious medical cases are referred to the mainland because of a lack of adequate facilities such as operating theatres, nursing staff. This poses a problem during acute emergencies. Under these circumstances the army and navy assist in transportation of the patient because the ferry boat only calls in twice weekly.

EDUCATION: There are only 23 children in the local school. Sadly, there were 60 in 1975. There is one teacher.

INDUSTRY: The carpet factory had to close because of lack of staff.

RELIGION: One priest, who was born in Castellorizo, cares for the spiritual needs of the residents and tourists.

INHABITANTS: Very few appear to be descendants of Castellorizians. Most have lived in Megisti after 1940. Most people do not know the past history and certainly few remember notable Castellorizians of the pre-1930 era. Their depth of knowledge appeared to be rather meagre. In spite of their protests, most residents have little interest in working hard. They certainly desire changes but are unwilling to work hard to accomplish improvements, for example in agriculture.

HOUSES: Many houses are owned by people who live overseas. There are many in Australia and often one house may be owned by several descendants of the original owner. Many houses are allowed to fall into disrepair and decay. Overseas owners are often unwilling to renovate, rebuild or sell. Many tenants of houses have 'squatted' in the homes and they feel insecure when owners return to there for a holiday. There is even resentment towards these expatriate owners.

FARMS: Only one farm appeared to be inhabited and viable. It was sad to see what remained of the farms with their boundaries of rock.

FISHING: There appears to be sufficient fish for local needs but fishermen from outside of Castellorizo are exploiting the area. Vessels utilise the facilities of the harbour but pay no fees. In fact, there is circumstantial evidence that archeological expeditions have been stealing underwater antiques.

PUBLIC FOOD HYGIENE: Could be markedly improved in the 9 coffee bars and restaurants.

YOUTH: There is little future for them at present on the island. They can study in Athens or find work on the mainland or other islands such as Rhodes, or ships or emigration.

DENTAL HYGIENE: is poor.

FRESH WATER: barely covers the needs of the island. There is no desalination plant.

ELECTRICITY: Is supplied by a generator.

TELEVISION: is owned by some people.

FUTURE OF MEGISTI: The future of Megisti appears to be bleak in my opinion. There is the impression that it is too far away from the tourist track. It was however noticed that there were some non-Greek tourists who wanted to stay at an island "which had not been destroyed by tourists." For Megisti to become economically viable it requires immigrants, particularly people with expertise in basic needs such as agriculture, artisans, plumbers, builders, carpenters as well as professional people such as chemists and experts in setting up "cottage industries."

Megisti requires immigrants with their families. It requires Government help in establishing "cottage industries", farming (olives, oil, herbs, cactus, fruit, pomegranates.) Megisti needs a few more tourists, but not in massive numbers. Otherwise, it will destroy the character of the area. There is talk of starting to build a small airport in June, 1981 to bring in more tourists. This will mean bringing in motorised vehicles, the bane of other islands on the tourist circuit.

If Castellorizo is to develop, then present owners who presently reside outside of Greece will either have to sell their properties, or the Greek Government will have to either compulsorily take over the properties and build holiday shacks to rent to people for 2 - 4 weeks, or it will have to place a land tax on properties owned by the diaspora.

COMMENTS ON THE ISLAND OF MEGISTI (CASTELLORIZO) CONT.

SUMMARY: Castellorizo is a scenically grand and magnificent island with a beautiful harbour. It has a rich soil, despite its rockiness, and despite its lack of water. Sadly, it is an island in decline. It is sad to witness the end of an island-town, a decline which began about sixty years ago. Much can be done to make the island viable but it will need an influx of active migrants, Government support and understanding, a more dynamic approach to the problems by the present inhabitants and a broad mindedness and selflessness by those Castellorizians who live overseas and own property on Megisti.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Airport has commenced and is nearly complete.

K A S T E L L O R I Z O N

Kastellorizo dates back to the Neolithic Stoneage era (14,000-9000 B.C.). Archaeological remains of tools, implements and other artifacts suggest this. Further, the discovery of inscriptions in some of the caves suggests that the first inhabitants of Kastellorizo were the Dorians (The Dorians were one of the three great branches into which the ancient Greek Race was divided).

Tradition has it that a Greek, Meges, son of the Greek King of the Islands of Echinada, near the Acamania coasts, was its first settler. The Greeks though, were the later population; their name was Doreis and it is they who are the fore fathers of the Kastellorizo settler.

A privileged place, by nature, with its secure harbour, Kastellorizo had always been on the proscenium of history. Sometimes powerful, sometimes suffering under the hardships of wars, sometimes with its ships and prosperity bringing in its wake, pillage after pillage. Its invincible navy was the most sought after and it played a distinguished role in Homer's Iliad, whilst Athenians sought its assistance in their wars against the Persians.

Kastellorizo's real name is 'Megisti'. The native Megistic was first used by the Ancient Greeks (Ptolemeos, Plinius and others). The name Kastellorizo is in fact an Italian word which means 'red-castle' or 'red-fortress'. This name probably is derived from the red colouring of the soil or the coat of arms of the island that features seven golden Castles on a red background.

Kastellorizo has no villages except a unique town where once the 4000 two or three storey houses, amphitheatrically built around its natural and very safe port, offered a magnificent aspect. To this port Kastellorizo owed not only its richness (surpassing all the other Aegean and Mediterranean islands in ships and gold) but to its merchant fleet, which was sailing all over the seas and reaching a number of 500 ships of all kind and tonnage. The Kastellorizians valued gold above every other metal to the extent that every Kastellorizian family had some gold in its household. The ancient Kastellorizians like the ancient Greek mainlanders also worshipped many gods. The god of the island was the Lycian Apollo - this is so, as the coins that have been found on the island have the face of the god on one side and the following inscription on the other: "APOLLONI MEGISTI".

The arrival of St. Paul on the south coast of Asia Minor, and his sermons, particularly at Myra (Later residence for some Kastellorizians) created the time for the inhabitants to accept Christianity (the Eastern Church). In the years to follow Kastellorizo was invaded by Christians of the Western Church and Non-Christians from Asia Minor and the Middle East. From about 350-100 B.C. Kastellorizo was administered by Rhodes. The Rhodian administration was then abolished by the Tyrant of Alikamassos Idreus and later by the ship leaders of Alexander the Great. After his death all the Aegean islands including Kastellorizo came under the authority of Ptolemeos Lagos until the Roman Invasion. The Roman occupation (59 B.C.-17 A.D.) added a different perspective to Kastellorizo but at the same time also had an effect on the conquering Romans themselves. This effect was purely cultural. A few years later the island was occupied by pirates and it became headquarters for them for years.

KASTELLORIZON CONT.

After the separation of the Roman Empire, Kastellorizo became part of the Byzantine Empire and enjoyed much prosperity. In 1306 it was occupied by the Knights of Rhodes and in 1440 by the Egyptians until it was retaken by the Roman Catholics. In 1525 Suleiman the Magnificent conquered the island as well as the rest of the Dodecanese Islands but in 1659 the Venetians took Kastellorizo. Kastellorizo was occupied a number of times in the years that followed until finally the Turks took the island till 1913. Encouraged by the successes of the Greek army during the Balkan Wars the Kastellorizians revolted against their occupants, overthrew the Turkish Authorities and proclaimed their union with Greece. History reports that the Greek government of the time disapproved of this - one only wonders why?

The Kastellorizians after having recovered from the hardships of war, prospered and extended their activity to the opposite coast, where they created flourishing colonies, e.g.: Kalamaki, Phinika, Antifello and Myra. Many writers quote some of the schools that were built by the Kastellorizians to give their children free education:

1. Santrapia Primary School (donated by Santrapee Louka) - 8 teachers, 480 pupils
2. Girls College (donated by Theodosios Penglée) - 7 teachers, 400 pupils.
3. Mixed School (donated by Nicos Stamatoglou) for little boys and girls.
4. Kindergarten (donated by Basilis Savas) - 1 teacher and 100 pupils.

DECLINE OF KASTELLORIZON:

The Turkish occupation of 1913 was followed by the French occupation of 1916 and then by the Italian one in 1920. From 1920 onwards Kastellorizon began to decline under the Italian indoctrination. In 1927 shaken by a terrific earthquake the people became destitute. Greece, poor as she was, offered to help but the Italian forces (Under Tringali) refused the help. In 1933 there was a national revolt but this was easily suppressed by the Italian carabinieri sent from Rhodes. The decline continued but the Italians were never able to denationalise the inhabitants who were Greek in spirit and soul. The allies occupied Kastellorizo in November 1941, the whole population amounting to 1500 persons (the remains of the once 14,000) rushed into the streets embraced each other and shouted "Christos Anesti" with their Greek flags waving. Unfortunately this relief lasted 23 hours, when the Italians again descended on the Kastellorizians. Many inhabitants were tortured, deported or imprisoned (many of us who have "Kassie parents" know the happenings). In 1943 union with Greece occurred and was signed in 1947 - so Kassie has technically been part of Modern Greece for 30 years.

RENAISSANCE:

The Kastellorizians migrated to a number of places; U.S.A., South Africa and Australia. The "Australian contingent" landed in the cities of Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth. They, (Kastellorizians) started from scratch in Australia and have worked in very similar fields as they did in their mother country. Their 'push' in the education field has paid good dividends as there are many Greek-Australian professionals of Kastellorizian Greek heritage. Their success has perhaps made them rather arrogant of other Greek nationals, still, they are a people of mystery and intrigue. They certainly have intrigued the writer, who is, by the way, paternally Kastellorizian or should I say Megistian Greek ...

Con S. Economou.

We are trying to build up the financial membership, one of the main reasons being for when we apply for a full club licence. If not a financial member, fill in the below form and post to the Secretary. (Please note - all memberships now due - \$5 each).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ P/CODE _____

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED \$5.00 FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SIGNED _____