DYING — SHE SEEKS SECOND MOTHER FOR HER CHILDREN

CANTERBURY, Thursday.— A Canberra housewife who has only a few weeks to live has advertised for a second mother for her two children.

The housewife, Mrs Hermine Meadows, has been told she is dying of leukemia.

Mrs Meadows, a 45-year-old mother of two, who lives at 340 Crawford St, was advertising for a "suitable housekeeper" who would also be her "adoptive" mother.

"I would not interfere in the running of the home if some woman only would fill the position," Mrs Meadows said. "My children and my house would be in her hands.

"But after her death, because her name is known in Canberra today, offers of help started coming in to the Meadows' small home in Calouna St, Pearce.

"I have reconciled myself to my fate — but why does my family have to suffer?"

100 days

Mrs Meadows was told she had leukemia last September.

"Doctors told my wife she had about 100 days to live," Mr Meadows said. "But while she passed that limit she was told one person in five could live on for a further 30 to 100 days."

"But now she is taking it well. Her main worry is for the children."

Mr Meadows was born in Australia and has no relatives in Australia.

Mr Meadows said he could not take the responsibility of splitting the family.

"Our only chance of surviving together as a normal family is to find a housekeeper who will act as a mother to the children," he said.

Widow

"The ideal person would be a widow in her forties.""The position would have to be permissive, with free board and an allowance of $10 per week.

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Aboriginals wanted for Murrumbidgee grape crop picking

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.— Aboriginals may be flown from central Australia to help with the harvest in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

Aboriginals in a press conference on Monday said that the situation had proved unsuitable for other workers.

State Parliament was told this morning by Mr Grassby, A.L.P. Murrumbidgee, the Minister for Agriculture, that the critical shortage of harvest labor was caused by the problem of drought labor which could be eradicated.

About ten million dollars worth of fruit and wine crops were being harvested.

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Mr Grassby said the giving of names to the Aboriginals was extremely useful sociological purpose.

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No word from PM on drought appeal

BRISBANE, Thursday.— Queensland has still heard nothing from the Prime Minister, Mr Gorton, about urgently needed drought relief assistance, the State Treasurer, Mr Chalk, said today.

We sent a telegram to the Prime Minister on Tuesday, asking the need for an early reply," Mr Chalk said.

"A great area of Queensland, the sheep, for many years, has been declared drought stricken.

Mr Chalk said if rain did not come soon many areas would be completely without fodder.

"Things could be very bad," he said.

Yesterday the president of the Central and Northern Graziers' Association, Mr H. O. Rebel, said many graziers and cattle men were basically in debt and would not go out of business unless they received drought relief.

Sheep and cattle producers in the central and north west had had drought conditions for up to eight years.

Some properties had no stock left.

The State Bureaux Marketing Manager, Mr G. W. Coombes, said diary farmers in Queensland were losing $1 a month.

Many had been forced off their land and the State's butter production was down by 40 to 50 per cent.

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