

SEVENTEEN CHILDREN IN HAPPY FAMILY

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In the Queen's Home, Rose Park is Mrs. William Finn, of Colonel Light Gardens, to whom her seventeenth child was born 10 days ago. Both she and her husband are South Australians, Mrs. Finn having been born at Hilton and Mr. Finn at Pichi-Richi Pass, near Quorn.

Sitting in a chair in the sunshine with her latest-born son in her arms, Mrs. Finn spoke proudly of her family. "They are all good children," she said, "and I would not be without one of them. I have 11 sons and six daughters; my eldest son is 27. He is a motorman in the tramways, and my second is employed in the Adelaide Electric Supply Company, Limited, at Hilton. These two are married, and I have three grandchildren.

"When I was married 28 years ago my husband, who is a bushman, was employed by the Beltana Pastoral Company. Most of my children were born in the Far North, at Farina, Lyndhurst Station, and Lyndhurst Siding. Four years ago we came to Adelaide to live, as we wished to give the children some schooling.

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"WOULD NOT BE WITHOUT ONE OF THEM"—Mrs. W. Finn, of Colonel Light Gardens, photographed with her 10-day-old son, Leonard Anthony, the seventeenth child of the family.

Not one of them has ever touched a drop of alcoholic liquor, and I think that is the chief reason why they are strong and healthy and eager to work. I would so like them to go on the land.

"My eldest girl is 23," said Mrs. Finn. "She is my right hand in the home. We are a happy family. Because we are all so healthy our appetites are good, and it is increasingly difficult to obtain enough food for all."

Three of Mrs. Finn's children were born in the Queen's Home. "It is lovely there," she said. "I am looked after as well as

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