

GOD WILL PROVIDE (PART 2)

Alfred Traeger was an inventor whose work dramatically changed the life of all Australians in our vast outback. It was through this man of faith that God provided the way for John Flynn to fulfill his calling.

Alf Traeger was born in 1895 and, from an early age, was keenly interested in anything mechanical. At the age of twelve, he astonished his parents by building a telephone line from the house to the shed 50 metres away. He improvised by using the prongs of a pitchfork for the magnet of the telephone. The diaphragms were from the tops of tobacco tins and the carbon granules in the microphone were pieces of charcoal from the kitchen stove!

He eventually set up his own small electrical business. An unassuming, quiet man, he was committed to God and the church, and lived his life on Biblical principles.

In 1925, Traeger met John Flynn, who shared with Traeger the vision of bringing medical help to the people of outback Australia. To realize this dream, Flynn would need a communication system that would be reliable and easy enough for everyone to use.

Traeger's vast knowledge of radio equipment and his practical know-how were crucial to Flynn's dream coming into existence. God had put just the right people together at just the right time, and Traeger went on to greatly assist Flynn in his work.

It's great to know that whatever God has called you to do in His Name, whether it's something huge, like providing medical and communication support to outback Australia, or something small, like inviting your work-mate to a fellowship event at church, God will be faithful to provide what you need. If you ever doubt it, just remember how God provided Alfred Traeger for John Flynn, and John Flynn for the brave settlers of the outback. See how knowing our heritage can bring hope for our future? God is so good!