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At the health food display, participants were offered a taste of vegetable protein dishes by Sister Bev Florida and helpers.

Photos: R. Harris.



Pastor Owen D'Costa (right) explains the reasons for operating the Maitland Health and Fitness project to two interested spectators.

HEALTH EMPHASIS YEAR CONTINUES TO GATHER MOMENTUM AS . . .

MAITLAND GOES TO GREEN HILLS

PASTOR REG HARRIS, Health and Temperance Director, North New South Wales Conference

"HOW FIT are you? Try some simple tests and see!"

Six hundred and fifty-two people responded to this invitation and took advantage of the health and fitness testing facilities operated by the Maitland church (North New South Wales Conference), at the Green Hills Shopping Centre.

A total of 440 hours was spent by forty church members who had joined with their pastor, Owen D'Costa, in preparing ten booths, posters, displays, printed materials on the benefits of the Adventist healthful life-style, and in conducting the tests on three afternoons, May 25-27.

It was satisfying to watch the steady stream of people visit each booth in turn to have checks on blood pressure, lung capacity, muscle strength, adipose tissue, height and weight, smoking and drinking habits, and to taste

samples of vegetable protein foods at the health food display.

Advice was given on the benefits of discarding the use of caffeine, nicotine and alcohol. In the last booth, an evaluation of each person's health and living habits was made. They were then accordingly invited to attend future programmes such as 5-Day Plans, Heart-Care, Stress Control, Vegetarian Cooking Demonstrations, Weight Control and Physical Fitness.

Expressions of appreciation for the service were occasionally heard from grateful participants. One lady, on being told by Pastor D'Costa that "the Seventh-day Adventist Church cared for people and was interested in helping them physically, mentally and spiritually," responded by saying, "That's beautiful!"

"God has sent His warning message to arouse men and women to their danger and

peril. But thousands, yes, millions, are disregarding the word which points out their danger. They eat food which is ruinous to health. They refuse to see that by eating improper food, and drinking intoxicating liquor, they are binding themselves in slavery. They violate the laws of life and health until appetite holds them in its chains. . . . No subject which is presented to the inhabitants of our cities should command so large an interest as that which concerns physical health. . . . Those who indulge appetite are not pleased to hear that it rests with them to decide whether they will be invalids. They need to wake up and reason from cause to effect."—*Temperance*, page 196.

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AUGUST IS "SIGNS" MONTH
Break Barriers with "Signs"

DR. ERIC MAGNUSSON, PRINCIPAL OF AVONDALE COLLEGE, INVITES YOU IN ON

A Conversation with the Division Treasurer

"LOOK AT THIS," I said, showing Pastor Butler a graph of church-school enrolment in Australia and New Zealand over the past seventy-five years:

"See how it has swooped upwards since 1970!"

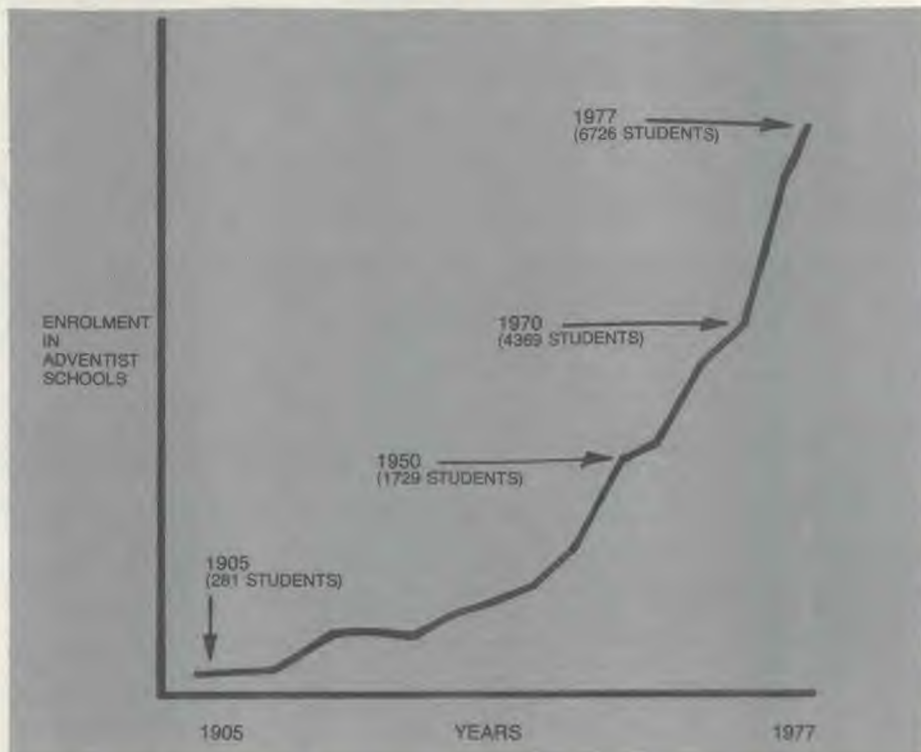
"Where did you get this?" he asked.

"Dr. Lloyd gave it to me. It was drawn from a book on church schools which includes a chapter about the Adventist system," I said. Then I added, "That's rather bad news for treasurers. Think of what it is going to cost if it keeps going up like that!"

The treasurer became emphatic: "It is not bad news for treasurers. This is the thing we have wanted to see. There may be problems, but we ought to be glad that so many more Adventist young people are in our own schools with Christian teachers."

That's a good attitude for a treasurer, and let's hope that he and all his colleagues in every conference in Australia and New Zealand get the money they need to keep Christian education growing in pace with the demands that Adventist parents are making.

That climbing curve says something to Avondale too. It means that we are going to need more teachers than we ever predicted a few years ago. It means that the big enrolments at Avondale over the years since education courses received Australia- and New Zealand-wide recognition, are not going to be too big for the demand for teachers for our schools. It means that we must keep on attracting Adventist young people to come to Avondale to prepare as teachers.



Right now the biggest needs for teachers are in areas of Home Economics, English, Mathematics, Commercial subjects and Science. Young people with the ability to take a

tough but rewarding assignment should get in touch with Avondale College immediately for an application form and for information about courses and government assistance in 1978. ##

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

MRS. JOYCE HENDERSON, Communication Secretary, Perth Church, Western Australia

WHETHER YOU are a parent, or "otherwise," the children's programmes on thirteenth Sabbath are always a joy and delight to Senior Sabbath school members, everywhere.

In Perth church, on March 26, we enjoyed the action songs and verse of each division, presented in sweet simplicity, as only children can.

The Primary Division, all aged between six and eight years, gave their theme as "Others First," in which each child recited into the microphone, with a smile as a bonus. Jennifer Wong, aged seven years, then stepped forward, and, without any prompting, recited the thirteen memory verses clearly, with expression, and non-stop!

The senior members sat quietly, perhaps stunned—but deeply moved as this little girl showed us, by example, how we should make the effort to commit the Word to our minds, and in so doing, gain a blessing. Thank you, Jennifer! ##



The Primary division on the steps of the Perth church, with their teachers, Sisters Wong and Earnshaw. Jennifer Wong is in the front of the class.

Photo: J. Henderson.

FROM THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA, COMES . . .

NEWS FROM A FRIEND

R. R. FRAME

President, Radio-Television and Film Centre, Thousand Oaks, California

GREETINGS TO THE CHURCH in Australasia. I write from the city of Thousand Oaks in California where the Seventh-day Adventist Radio-Television and Film Centre is located. Here is the nerve-centre of a most challenging and fascinating aspect of the gospel outreach—the use of the media.

First of all, a little geography lesson. Thousand Oaks is located in the Conejo (pronounced CON-EHO) Valley, sixty-six kilometres west of Los Angeles. This 112-kilometre-square valley is 300 metres above sea level and approximately fourteen kilometres from the ocean. The Spaniards who came here in the sixteenth century were the early landowners and they described it well as the *Atlagracia*, meaning the "high and gracious." That is still a good description of the Conejo Valley. Surrounded by mountain ranges, the city of Thousand Oaks is subject to an ever-changing scene from snow-capped ridges in the winter to typical Californian (and Australian) "brownness" of the summer.

Still Developing

This Centre is established on 7.5 hectares of land on Rancho Conejo Boulevard, and is still in the process of development. Several years ago the General Conference took action to bring together, in one location, the service activities of the major radio, television and audio-visual components of the church. The purpose was to centralize the work of the film studios, recording, tape duplication, printing, mailing, computers and accounting. This was to be done without changing the image of the radio and television programmes in any way. The Voice of Prophecy still has its Board of Management, and there has been established a Television

Operations Board covering Faith for Today, It Is Written and Breath of Life. In my responsibilities as Centre President I serve as chairman of these boards. Then there is the Centre Board of Trustees which is the "umbrella" organization.

The site of Thousand Oaks has been master planned not only to centralize facilities, as mentioned above, but also to provide office facilities for Voice of Prophecy, Faith for Today, It Is Written, Breath of Life and Audio-Visual Service, etc. The initial building is completed and occupied. At present two others are under construction and are due for completion in February, 1978.

One will house the Voice of Prophecy staff, at present located at Glendale, and the other, Faith for Today and Breath of Life. Other components will continue to be located in this Centre Service Building.

Let's say a word about some of the central services. The printing department, supervised by Harold Kehney, and known as Centre Graphics, is now producing printing matter to the value of one million dollars per annum. This material, such as books, promotion folders and posters, Bible lessons, etc., is all used in the radio and television outreach. A very important unit indeed.

If you look into the large studio on a given production day you will be in the midst of great

activity. George Vandeman may be making a series of video tapes on the beautiful It Is Written set. Or the Faith for Today producers may be busy on the Westbrook Hospital set, preparing another thirty-minute programme. It could be a production of Breath of Life, the infant in our television presentations, which is directed to the black population of America, and Pastor Charles D. Brooks is the speaker. Other work is done in the studio, and our team of technical experts are then involved in processing, editing, etc., prior to dispatching the programmes across the nation and beyond. Herb Hohensee directs the work of production facilities.

New Component

The Audio-Visual Service has been established to provide films and audio aids for the gospel outreach. Under the direction of Pastor Orville Iversen, the service recently prepared "Encounter," the new slide-and-tape presentation, together with its twenty lessons. This is a "special" for use by laymen in the work of evangelism, and is already proving very successful as orders are filled from the production line. It is expected that the volume could be as high as 10,000 sets. This is but an example of the possibilities of Audio-Visual, a service of unlimited potential and one which the church must use to the fullest extent.

In the mailing department, the computer system prints approximately one million names and addresses in a given month to help spread news of the soon coming of Jesus Christ.

I know that RECORD readers will be more than interested in the results of the work of the major components of the Centre.

The Voice of Prophecy has long been a leading evangelistic unit of the church. So many are familiar with the small beginnings of the broadcast when Pastor H. M. S. Richards

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The Adventist Radio-Television and Film Centre, Thousand Oaks, California.

GUEST EDITORIAL

EYES THAT SEE NOT

DID YOU EVER study the Bible with someone and after you had presented a clear explanation of the Second Advent or the Sabbath, have the person say, "I'm sorry, I just can't see it"?

I have. Many times. I've studied with good Christian people who "just couldn't see" the truth. Why? The Word of God says that Satan blinds their eyes. Read it from Paul's pen: "The god of this world hath blinded the eyes of them which believe not." 2 Cor. 4:4.

Many people will miss eternity in the home of the redeemed because they permitted Satan to blind their eyes to the truth of God. This is sad, sad, sad!

Did you ever stop to think that even among God's professed people are "blind people that have eyes"? Isa. 43:8. What the prophet Jeremiah has written we may apply to some Seventh-day Adventists: "Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not." Jer. 5:21.

Blindness is a characteristic of the Laodiceans—those who have had great light and have not walked in it ("Selected Messages," Book 2, page 66). John declares: "Knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:17.

Not Very Flattering

It is not a very flattering picture, is it? *Poor* and *blind*. When we think we are rich and increased with goods, have everything, and can see everything, God says that we are in the Laodicean state, that we are poor and blind.

"I have been shown that the greatest reason why the people of God are now found in this state of spiritual blindness is that they will not receive correction. Many have despised the reproofs and warnings given them. The True Witness condemns the lukewarm condition of the people of God, which gives Satan great power over them."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 255.

I am thankful that thousands of our dear church members around the world are not in this condition, but some still are.

Did you ever see a blind Seventh-day Adventist? I don't mean one who has been deprived of his or her physical sight. I mean a spiritually blind Seventh-day Adventist—one whom "the god of this world hath blinded." I have, and so have you, no doubt. He or she responds just about the same way the unbeliever responds when you have spoken to him about the Sabbath truth: "I just can't see it."

Have you ever heard a Seventh-day Adventist Church member say: "I don't see anything wrong with eating meat," "I don't see anything wrong with sending my children to public school," "I don't see any harm in dating unbelievers or marrying

unbelievers," "I don't see anything wrong in eating out in restaurants on the Sabbath, since it is done to avoid the trouble of preparing the meal at home," "I don't see anything wrong in wearing jewellery," "I don't see—I don't see—I don't see—."

What is the problem? Paul had the answer: "The god of this world hath blinded the eyes of them which believe not." That which is wrong does not appear wrong to such individuals, because the god of this world has blinded their eyes to the sinfulness of sin. Satan is still in the business of deceiving people—convincing them that "little things" really do not matter, that somehow they will get by doing what they wish despite the fact that God says it is wrong.

"The True Witness counsels us to buy of Him gold tried in the fire, white raiment, and eyesalve. . . . The eyesalve is that wisdom and grace which enables us to discern between the evil and the good, and to detect sin under any guise. God has given His church eyes which He requires them to anoint with wisdom, that they may see clearly; but many would put out the eyes of the church if they could; for they would not have their deeds come to the light, lest they should be reproved. The divine eyesalve will impart clearness to the understanding. Christ is the depository of all graces. He says: 'Buy of Me.'"—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, pages 88, 89.

A man who had divorced his wife on other than Bible grounds came to me one time. "Pastor," he said, "I plan to marry again soon. I have been divorced from my first wife now for some time."

"Did you have Bible grounds for your divorce?" I asked.

"Well, no," he replied, "not exactly. My wife and I were incompatible, but my new friend and I have put the Lord to many tests about our marriage, and we feel that the Lord is guiding us."

"Do you think the Lord will tell you one thing in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy and then tell you something else just the opposite when He speaks to you directly?" I asked. "Will He contradict personally that which He has made very clear in His Word?"

He was not sure, but he just couldn't see it that way.

"It is a perilous step to slight the reproofs and warnings of God's Word or of His Spirit. Many, like Saul, yield to temptation until they become blind to the true character of sin."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 635.

Blindness—spiritual blindness—is one of the prevailing illnesses among us as a people today. Too many of us have great difficulty in believing and accepting that God means what He says and says what He means.

These days demand some very serious thinking—and some very earnest praying. We need to see as God sees!

Robert H. Pierson,
President, General Conference.





"Mumbles" leads the way in the W.A.T.E.R. procession in Newcastle. Photo and Cartoon courtesy Newcastle Morning Herald.



Cartoonist Norman Fairbairn gave the publicity a good boost with his impressions of the parade.

NEWCASTLE'S RELUCTANT CAMEL EVENTUALLY GAVE GRUDGING SUPPORT TO ...

Project W.A.T.E.R.—Australian Style

MARY STELLMAKER, Assistant Communication Director, North New South Wales Conference

"WE MUST DO something dramatic if we want the media to take up our protest," I heard myself insisting, as the conference Temperance and Communication personnel were meeting together struggling for ideas for the Newcastle launching of project W.A.T.E.R.

"Then ride a camel down the Mall," suggested assistant Communication director, Pastor R. H. Baird.

That was what it! The idea we had been searching for! A CAMEL in a street procession to draw attention to our evening public meeting on Monday, May 16.

There followed many hours of planning as we first arranged for the camel (lent free of cost from a nearby Lion Safari Park), obtained permission for the parade from civic authorities and police, and organized a group of school children to walk in the procession carrying banners, and arranged to hire suitable vehicles to transport the camel. Pastor Baird prepared the banners for the children and the notices which would decorate the camel's vehicle while we approached the newspaper and television services and got them interested in W.A.T.E.R.

We carefully timed every detail for the whole day, right from the early morning drive by Communication director D. L. Weslake and Temperance director R. C. Harris, to Raymond Terrace to collect the camel, through to the return of the camel to the Lion Safari Park, and the evening public meeting.

Not According to Plan

But it didn't happen exactly as planned! For the past several days, there had been heavy

rain, and "water, water everywhere," and now high winds were accompanying the lighter rain.

On arrival at the Lion Safari Park, Pastors Weslake and Harris proceeded to load the camel. "Mumbles," however, was not in a very co-operative mood, and refused to step into the trailer. A photographer from the afternoon city paper was there to record the camel being loaded, but it was only after a long delay that "Mumbles" decided that, after all, a trailer ride was a good idea!

Meantime, back at the office, we had alerted the media and police to inform them the parade was delayed, but would still take place.

At 1:30 p.m. when the camel finally arrived at the procession commencement point, the newspaper and television reporters and cameramen were waiting. However, "Mumbles" had taken up a reclining position in the trailer during the journey from the Lion Safari Park to the city, and now refused to stand!

The cameramen had a field day recording the persuasion techniques that were used to urge "Mumbles" to her feet. After many deep guttural camel protests, and much displaying of teeth and tonsils, "Mumbles" finally agreed to throw in her lot with W.A.T.E.R., and, accompanied by a mighty roar from the assembled crowd, slowly rose to her feet! The procession got under way down the Mall—one and a half hours late!

Newsworthy

Mike McNamara of NBN Channel 3, interviewed Pastor Reg Harris as he led the parade down the Mall. After recording his interview, Mike commented to me: "You would never have got publicity like this with just an evening meeting; do something dramatic, and you make it newsworthy."

For part of the procession, a newspaper photographer actually rode on top of the vehicle which towed the camel.

We had adjusted the General Conference seven-point programme to fit in with Australian conditions, where a drink of water is readily obtainable, and to suit the needs of industrial Newcastle, where it seems almost everyone drinks alcohol. Our protests concentrated on the plight of the innocent victims of the alcohol trade—victims of alcohol-induced road accidents and the innocent victims in the homes of alcoholics.

The evening meeting was addressed by Chief Constable Chester, a member of the Newcastle Breath-Testing Squad, Dr. Steve Smith, who spoke on alcohol-induced diseases, Captain George Linguard, who is in charge of a Salvation Army rehabilitation centre for alcoholics, and Mr. Jim Coffin, a young Adventist minister in Newcastle.

Good Publicity

Publicity for the Newcastle launching of project W.A.T.E.R. was spread over one week and consisted of eight stories totalling 154 column-inches, two pictures, a cartoon, and a two-minute report on the NBN 3 evening television news. On Tuesday, May 17, the Newcastle Morning Herald, Newcastle's largest daily, made W.A.T.E.R. the leading front-page story and picture, and the following day, a detailed account was published of the addresses given at the public meeting.

Project W.A.T.E.R. had a successful launching in Newcastle, and yet it was only a mere drop of what is needed—more and more water—as we endeavour to educate our youth and others on the evils of alcohol, and the misery caused by its use, and as we endeavour to assist the afflicted ones. # #

LETTER TO A FAILURE

Dear Sue,

We have been friends these many years, and now you've done me the honour of asking for advice at the time when your life seems hardly worth the living. Well, as from one sinner to another, I'll try.

You say that you are "sick and tired of yourself," and that while you have had a head-knowledge of Christianity, your experience has been like a dowdy patchwork quilt. You want to know how this situation can be changed, and have asked for a strategy of behaviour.

Sue, rock-bottom is not a bad place to reach. Dwight L. Moody's great friend and successor, R. A. Torrey, reached the verge of suicide in a lonely hotel room, before his life was transformed. He found God near enough when he himself was needy enough. Moody's own experience, though not duplicating the agnostic despair of Torrey, reflects the same truth. After trying to demonstrate perpetual motion by calling on as many as 200 homes in a single day for the spiritual welfare of the occupants, he became aware of his own deep poverty of soul. Then it was that God revealed Himself in power, and a new Moody went forth to shake the world.

Have you ever noticed, Sue, the different manner in which Christ dealt with those who came to Him? He told the haughty Pharisee, Nicodemus, that he could never enter heaven without being "born again," but there is no such demand made of the Samaritan woman mentioned in the next chapter (John 4). She was told instead about "the gift of God" and a fountain of everlasting life available for the taking. Similarly, in Matthew 23 we find Jesus uttering a series of terrible woes against people who felt soul-whole. What a contrast to the spirit He manifested towards publicans and sinners! May I remind you of the words of Augustine: "You could not be seeking God but for the fact that He has found you."

God is a soul farmer. He breaks up the soil of the heart before planning the seed of eternal life and everlasting joy. How does He do this? By letting us go our own wilful ways till we are almost shattered by the recoil of the whirlwind. God is very well mannered, and does not thrust Himself where He is not wanted. But He is ever there, standing patiently amid the shadows, waiting to answer our feeblest call. I like the story told by Rita Snowden. A guide and an inexperienced climber were forced to stay all night in the Pyrenees mountains. They couldn't get back to their ground base. Towards dawn there came a tempestuous wind that twisted trees and started rocks rolling down the mountain-sides. The newcomer to Spain was filled with terror and apprehension, but the guide softly murmured, "This is the way the dawn comes in the Pyrenees." And our dawn also sometimes comes through storm and tempest.

It sometimes takes a long time to learn that the universe is just that and not a multiverse, and that it is run by inviolable law. In our early years we frolic heedlessly and think we can do as we please without paying the piper. We live the cafeteria style of self-service, and act as

though the world owed us everything and we owed it nothing. We seek kicks, and think we can dodge the kick-backs. We forget the terrible warning of teachers like William James:

"Could the young but realize how soon they will become mere walking bundles of habits, they would give more heed to their conduct while in the plastic state. We are spinning our own fates, good or evil, and never to be undone. Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never-so-little scar. The drunken Rip Van Winkle, in Jefferson's play, excuses himself for every fresh dereliction by saying, 'I won't count this time!' Well, he may not count it, and a kind Heaven may not count it; but it is being counted none the less. Down among his nerve-cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do is, in strict scientific literalness, wiped out."—"*Talks to Teachers*," page 78.

This warning, of course, reinforces the Biblical teaching of the tremendous importance of every choice, whether of thought, word, or deed. And the Bible itself is just a plain statement of how life works. It shows how all good and all evil must harvest. When we see this, our rebellion against commandments slackens, for we sense that the laws of God are actually clues to living. They are not arbitrary. Rather, they are the loving counsels of the One who made all things and who alone knows how all things both work and work out.

But Sue, I still haven't got to the heart of the matter, have I? You have made resolutions time and time again, but all your promises have proved ropes of sand. After a meeting where you experienced the wooing of the Spirit of God you have faced yourself and hated what you saw. Then have come the cataracts of tears and the fierce resolves, but all in vain. You are aware also of how your failures have affected you. You have become terribly critical of all who stand in your way, particularly anyone representing some sort of authority. The way you have spoken repeatedly could give a listener the impression that YOU were the real authority on life, and that all others were failures. This is a well-known phenomenon. Psychologists refer to it as projection. IT IS THOSE WHO HATE THEMSELVES WHO ARE HARD ON OTHERS. Your real problem then revolves around the issue of self-worth. The human heart is frequently ambivalent in its emotions, both loving and hating itself. How is this to be solved?

Let me confess to you that too often I have viewed others in a way quite different from that of my Lord and Maker. He saw people not as they were, but as they might be, transfigured by His grace. This is a perspective we, too, must share. Whatever gets our attention, gets us. If we concentrate on our own weaknesses, or the weaknesses of others, then life deteriorates on the scale of geometrical progression. It has often been said that looking around brings confusion, looking within brings despair, and only looking up brings hope and joy and faith. It's true. That's the way it was with Noah and

family in that cataclysm which ended the old world. They had but one window in the ark. They could not look out at their neighbours being crushed by falling boulders, or drowned by the swirling waters. They could not look behind them at the ruins of their former home, or ahead at nature's threatening convulsions. The only window was overhead, to remind them that God was to be the target of their thoughts and hopes throughout the entire voyage.

Listen, Sue—your greatest need and mine is not a series of admonitions on how to improve our lives. What we all need is what an old preacher called "the expulsive power of a new affection." He meant, of course, that the only way of driving out our self-centredness was to be filled with a greater love than self-love. And this is the hub of all I could ever say to you. A TRUE SELF-LOVE, AND LOVE FOR GOD AND MY FELLOW MAN, COMES ONLY THROUGH THE CONVICTION THAT GOD LOVES ME INFINITELY AND ENDLESSLY.

So I am not going to give you directions regarding how long to study the Bible, and how much to pray, or what meetings to attend. All that is in vain if the vital point is not seen, the one just mentioned. If they contribute to that, then they are good, otherwise all such is useless.

This is what is meant by the adage that every person's chief duty is adoration—meaning adoration of God. It is by beholding that we become changed. I repeat it—whatever gets our attention, gets us. Where are you looking, Sue? To what do you listen? What do you read? Of what stuff are your day-dreams made? Do you give God the chips or the log-wood of your time and energy? Scripture says that a fool's eyes are at the ends of the earth—anywhere except upon the God in whom he lives, moves, and has his being. Folly indeed! He, God, is the Author and Finisher of Life. He is our chief Good, the One Indispensable. This is the meaning of Matt. 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these [other] things shall be added unto you."

And so, Sue, I'm not going to advise you further. Advice is not your need. It's about time you started believing not good advice—but the good news! The good news that Christ receives sinners, that He does not reckon sins against any who come to Him, that all the failures of the past can be forgiven in a moment of time as you see that Christ paid for them all! "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life"—hath it NOW, not WILL HAVE. What does it mean to believe on the Son? It means to see that He was made to be sin for you, though He had no sin, that you might be treated as righteous, though you are not righteous. (See 2 Cor. 5:21.) It means to recognize the central truth of Scripture that "if One died for all, then were all dead." 2 Cor. 5:14. You paid for your sins in your Representative, in A.D. 31.

This news breaks the chains of guilt, that guilt which worries and torments you in all your quieter moments. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1. But now for a warning. If

you look at your feelings, you'll miss what God wants to give you. Having faith in Christ is not some sort of feeling. It is choosing to believe what God says and acting on it regardless of how you feel. Will you read that again? Feelings are what happens to you. Neither you nor God need to be concerned with them. He looks at your choices only. Choose to believe. Whether you feel like it or not, act as though you knew the good news to be infallibly true—true for you. Remember the man who came to Christ at Cana and asked for the healing of his son at Capernaum? He was told to go his way believing Christ had already healed his boy. Each step on the road home illustrated what faith is. Faith is going on in God's way, according to His directions, believing all will turn out as He has promised. Your feelings will come right if you ignore them. According to Rom. 15:13, joy and peace come *through* believing, not *before*. After all, when do you feel better, before or after you take the recommended medicine? Moody asked one troubled enquirer as to what saved Noah, the ark or his feelings. She got the point and went away rejoicing.

Sue, you've been looking in all the wrong places at yourself and at others. Give it away. Look to Calvary. See Christ dying for you, as though you were the only person in the world. Note that His hands are nailed because of the wrong things your hands have done. His feet are spiked because of the wrong places your feet have taken you. His brow is pierced with thorns because of the idle and malicious thoughts you have thought. Hear Him say to one guilty of all the sins in the book, "Verily, thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." It's all for you, Sue, therefore take it. And take it now, regardless of how you feel.

Your Dad has told you many times that you are undisciplined. So was he, Sue, before he became a Christian. This good news I've repeated is the only solution. When we see that God accepts us just as we are, weak and vicious, then simultaneously we receive strength to cease being what we have been. "Sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace." Rom. 6:14. When you see that Christ paid for all your sins, past, present, and future, and that He accepts you regardless of your failures to keep His commandments—then the knowledge of His loving kindness snaps the bonds of evil habit and makes us free for the first time in our lives. To our surprise we will now find obedience both easy and a pleasure. Sue, stop and think! You must, right now, choose either to believe your own weak, deceptive heart—or GOD. The wrong choice leads to sorrow, disappointment, frustration, and eternal death. The other leads to happiness, fulfilment, satisfaction, and eternal life.

And here my letter must end. For when one has offered the unconditional love of God, what else could be said? It's yours if you want it, Sue, and it will change all else. Will you take it, will you take it NOW?

Your friend,
Desmond Ford.

HEALTH- WISE



MARYLOU BLOSSER KEEP YOUR FEET HEALTHY

THERE is no pill or vaccine to prevent disorders of the feet. You cannot be comfortable if you ignore your feet. Your feet are the very foundation of the body.

A structure of any kind cannot support itself when its foundation is weak or inadequate. Keeping your feet healthy is essential, because your body cannot do what it's supposed to do efficiently if your feet are not in proper condition.

A young person will have foot problems later in life if he fails to care for his feet while he is in his youth. Current statistics indicate that unless the public is educated in habits of good foot care, most people will be suffering from foot problems in the years ahead of them.

Some podiatrists (foot doctors) have stated that over 500 foot problems could be prevented by good foot care. Here are a few rules which, if you follow them daily, may save you hours of discomfort.

1. Wear only your own shoes. Never wear another person's shoes. The fungi that cause athlete's foot can live a long time in shoes. Once the shoes are infected, they can transmit the infection to anyone who wears them.

2. Wash your feet every day with warm water and soap. Be especially careful to wash between your toes.

3. Dry the feet well. One cause of athlete's foot is moisture.

4. Rub your feet with a lubricating cream on any areas of your feet that may be dry and scaly.

5. Walk barefoot on beach sand, lawn or carpeting. Avoid walking barefoot on hard surfaces like pavement or asphalt.

6. Walk with your weight evenly distributed on both feet.

7. Change your shoes often. Shoes must be kept in good repair at all times. If you perspire excessively, socks should be changed twice daily.

8. Clip your toe-nails straight across with a toe-nail clipper. Square corners prevent ingrown nails.

9. Wear shoes that are wide enough for your feet.

10. Avoid using corn cures or iodine on your feet. If you have any questions about your feet, ask your podiatrist. He can advise you on your specific foot problem.

11. Avoid exposing your feet to severe dampness and cold. These conditions interfere with circulation.

12. Avoid cutting callouses and corns yourself. Infection may result from using razor-blades or scissors.

13. Avoid wearing circular garters, or anything that may constrict circulation to the legs and toes.

14. Exercise your feet. Walking is the best exercise.

These rules, used daily, may avoid complications, and if faithfully followed will help you enjoy healthier feet. ##

No. 4 in a series "THE SABBATH SCHOOL IS—"

A CENTRE FOR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

E. I. TOTENHOFER, Sabbath School Director, T.T.U.C.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL can be attractive to all age groups. It is a spiritual nursery for the young, and a place of fellowship for the aged. It is also a centre for involvement and sharing for the youth.

Young people enjoy a challenge. Sabbath school is an invitation to accept the challenge of involvement in areas that really count. The eighty minutes which comprise the Sabbath school is a time vital to the development of a young Christian and his involvement with the mission of the church.

Here are four main focal points of emphasis which interest youth:

1. **Fellowship.** A period of singing, prayer and personal testimony when basic soul-winning aims are discussed. A time to share objectives.

2. **Investigation.** A time set aside for the study of the Scriptures through the Sabbath school lesson. A time to share ideas and convictions.

3. **World Outreach.** Gives consideration to the progress, plans and needs of the world-wide missionary programme of the church. A time to share resources and show concern.

4. **Community Involvement.** Provides time for planning youth-witnessing activities and the relating of personal soul-winning encounters. A time to share experiences.

A well-planned perceptive Sabbath school in which the youth participate is the best training-ground for adult leadership in the church. I have seen an alert Sabbath school leader in the Earliteen Division move alongside a shy young person and with encouragement and assistance enable him to take an effective part in their small division.

This participation can become steps in training toward wider and fruitful service in future years.

One of the most rewarding ways for youth to be involved in Sabbath school evangelism is through the outreach of Vacation Bible Schools. There is satisfaction in introducing 100 or more alert, eager, enthusiastic non-Adventist children to the abundant life in Jesus Christ.

Youth participation in this rewarding type of evangelism is currently being enlarged in some places with the implementation of Task Force Teams. These Youth teams assist with several Vacation Bible Schools during the summer vacation.

Vacation Bible Schools are proving an effective way to win friends and share the good news with boys and girls who desperately need to hear, particularly in inland towns where there is no established church.

Sharing is fun and there is ample opportunity to share at Sabbath school. Involvement in the various facets of the Sabbath school programme is a rewarding experience, especially when you are young and bursting with vigour, and love people.

"The home should be made a school of instruction, rather than a place of monotonous drudgery. The evenings should be cherished as precious seasons, to be devoted to the instruction of the children in the way of righteousness. But how many children are sadly neglected! They are not educated in the home, that they may comprehend the truth of God, and are not trained to love justice and to do judgment. They should be patiently instructed, that they may understand the laws that govern them, and that they may know the springs of their actions. They are to be brought into harmony with the laws of heaven, to cherish the truth as it is in Jesus. In this way they may be fitted to join the society of the angels, and to stand in the presence of the adorable Redeemer.



Sabbath school is a place where young people pray.

Photos: Warren Judd.

"There may be implanted in every human soul hopes and aspirations that will be of a right character, and youth may see beauty in the way of holiness. In every case it may be necessary to employ decided measures in dealing with the young, that they may be trained, cultivated, and perfected for the highest usefulness in life. How few appreciate the value of the talents that God has bestowed upon them! How few parents and educators realize the fact that there can be a full development of mind and heart only by having a living connection with the Source of all wisdom, power, and holiness! Truth is infinite, and he whose mind is enlightened and led by the Spirit of God, will go from strength to strength, finding his path growing brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."—*"Counsels on Sabbath School Work,"* pages 48, 49. ##



Sabbath school is a time for young people to investigate the claims of Scripture.



Sabbath school provides opportunities for youth to serve in the field of child evangelism.

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION

STATISTICAL REPORT

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS								Total Tithes Receipts	Total Offerings for World Missions, Including Sabbath School	Total Contributions For Home Mission
	Number of Churches	Membership Beginning of Year	Members Added by Baptism and Profession of Faith	Transfers In By Letter	Transfers Out By Letter	Members Lost By Death	Members Dropped By Apostasy and Missing	Membership Close of Year			
CENTRAL PACIFIC UNION MISSION											
Cook Islands Mission	12	583	68	22	8	4	2	659	19,087.00	7,873.00	1,149
Fiji Mission	48	6,419	431		311	24	1,724	4,791	134,084.00	23,685.00	1,921
French Polynesia Mission	17	1,526	104	6	1	5		1,630	270,005.00	53,862.00	4,843
Pitcairn Island Mission	1	58	1		3			56	3,564.00	618.00	37
Samoa Mission	10	2,447	238	3	25	8	54	2,601	76,995.00	23,240.00	1,846
Tonga & Niue Mission	13	1,973	170	12	40	12	14	2,089	34,176.00	7,775.00	797
TOTALS	101	13,006	1,012	43	388	53	1,794	11,826	537,911.00	117,053.00	10,593
PAPUA NEW GUINEA UNION MISSION											
Bougainville Mission	26	2,079	177	68	79	3		2,242	59,342.00	14,038.00	1,488
Central Papuan Mission	57	8,184	546	134	85	28	617	8,134	53,824.00	21,123.00	3,843
Eastern Highlands Mission	54	10,312	2,237	906	452	15	609	12,379	44,542.00	13,572.00	2,749
Madang Manus Mission	30	2,992	206	64	31	8	410	2,813	13,159.00	5,021.00	832
Morobe Mission	9	1,276	100	5			2	1,379	19,482.00	6,281.00	948
New Britain New Ireland Mission	50	5,310	301	95	95			5,611	44,810.00	12,123.00	1,291
North East Papuan Mission	13	2,100	38	24	10	10	596	1,546	4,571.00	1,594.00	376
Sepik Mission	30	4,197	292	35	215	14	47	4,248	23,251.00	3,767.00	442
South West Papuan Mission	17	2,813	195	1				3,009	7,086.00	915.00	298
Western Highlands Mission	42	6,855	1,051	85	91			7,900	24,500.00	8,209.00	934
TOTALS	338	46,118	5,143	1,417	1,058	78	2,281	49,261	294,567.00	86,643.00	13,201
TRANS-AUSTRALIAN UNION CONFERENCE											
South Australian Conference	33	3,002	155	199	219	33	34	3,070	726,523.00	171,391.00	43,001
South New South Wales Conference	33	2,220	118	102	127	18	34	2,261	597,511.00	159,016.00	42,251
Tasmanian Conference	15	1,378	43	72	68	16	3	1,406	305,687.00	77,575.00	11,952
Victorian Conference	60	6,998	351	517	508	60	119	7,179	2,117,326.00	473,101.00	135,225
West Australian Conference	42	3,908	171	308	296	43	93	3,955	995,853.00	252,590.00	56,476
TOTALS	183	17,506	838	1,198	1,218	170	283	17,871	4,742,900.00	1,133,673.00	288,905
TRANS-TASMAN UNION CONFERENCE											
Greater Sydney Conference	47	5,903	257	410	460	56	85	5,969	2,085,116.00	368,875.00	59,016
North New South Wales Conference	52	6,960	235	555	492	75	94	7,089	1,856,504.00	389,786.00	90,529
North New Zealand Conference	50	6,597	337	452	460	67	117	6,742	1,029,591.00	264,890.00	80,339
North Queensland Conference	20	1,779	86	104	109	12	45	1,803	354,243.00	81,690.00	36,619
South New Zealand Conference	17	1,953	76	108	133	19	30	1,955	294,815.00	69,985.00	17,144
South Queensland Conference	46	5,099	232	375	305	54	73	5,274	1,209,697.00	261,679.00	115,107
TOTALS	232	28,291	1,223	2,004	1,959	283	444	28,832	6,829,956.00	1,436,905.00	398,754
WESTERN PACIFIC UNION MISSION											
Eastern Solomon Islands Mission	28	2,782	201	133	86	9	63	2,958	37,145.00	9,925.00	1,256
Gilbert & Tuvalu Mission	5	653	47				183	517	8,821.00	1,646.00	290
Malaita Mission	23	1,854	123	111	103	2	1	1,982	15,550.00	3,309.00	802
New Caledonia Mission	5	346	35	10	13	3	44	331	79,643.00	18,172.00	3,939
New Hebrides Mission	29	3,297	305	42	43	1		3,600	57,043.00	9,177.00	8,627
Western Solomon Islands Mission	53	4,893	98	204	198	22	34	4,941	57,193.00	9,997.00	5,423
TOTALS	143	13,825	809	500	443	37	325	14,329	255,395.00	52,226.00	20,337
AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION											
Central Pacific Union Mission	101	13,006	1,012	43	388	53	1,794	11,826	537,911.00	117,053.00	10,593
Papua New Guinea Union Mission	338	46,118	5,143	1,417	1,058	78	2,281	49,261	294,567.00	86,643.00	13,201
Trans-Australian Union Conference	183	17,506	838	1,198	1,218	170	283	17,871	4,742,900.00	1,133,673.00	288,905
Trans-Tasman Union Conference	232	28,291	1,223	2,004	1,959	283	444	28,832	6,829,956.00	1,436,905.00	398,754
Western Pacific Union Mission	143	13,825	809	500	443	37	325	14,329	255,395.00	52,226.00	20,337
TOTALS	997	118,746	9,025	5,162	5,066	621	5,127	122,119	12,788,507.00	2,826,500.00	731,790

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DENOMINATIONAL WORKERS								CHURCH PROPERTIES				
Ordained Ministers	Credentialed Missionaries	Credentialed Bible Instructors	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Licensed Bible Instructors	Cred. of Lic. Literature Evangelists	All Other Regular Workers	Total Active Workers	Total Honorary Credentialed Workers	Church Buildings	Approx. Seating Capacity of Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Church Properties
13	4		28	52			8	105	18			
3			4	9		1	5	22		11	1,600	90,000.00
16	4		35	30			1	86		22	2,505	112,200.00
4	1		9	12				26		27	4,000	745,366.00
										1	144	15,000.00
7			21	20			1	49		15	4,500	185,553.00
6	1		24	19			9	59		9	1,100	77,500.00
49	10		121	142		1	24	347	18	85	13,849	1,225,619.00
16	4		49	105			64	238				
7			32	16			6	61	2	11	2,650	71,000.00
11	5		28	35	2	1		82	3	20	4,820	85,000.00
22	3		24	54				103	1	19	5,300	158,500.00
5	2		27	23			2	59		12	2,250	15,500.00
6			10	21				37		3	470	45,000.00
11			36	44		1	2	94	6	30	3,500	135,000.00
6			19	26			4	55		3	440	13,600.00
6	1		25	36			5	73		6	800	30,000.00
2	3		14	22			1	42	2	6	1,200	10,000.00
13			27	45			25	110		12	2,800	52,500.00
105	18		291	427	2	2	109	954	14	122	24,230	616,100.00
12	13		21	52			35	133	58			
19	2		17	9		7	13	67		29	4,300	690,000.00
17	2		11	8		3		41		34	4,650	950,000.00
9	1		9	7		2		28		16	2,175	700,000.00
44	5		38	43		11	13	154		59	9,200	4,141,000.00
28	4		17	27		5	24	105		38	5,800	2,000,000.00
129	27		113	146		28	85	528	58	176	26,125	8,481,000.00
10	6		6	23			17	62	138			
40	8	1	37	41		12	18	157		45	7,500	1,500,000.00
40	8		45	42		11	28	174		51	8,600	2,559,000.00
29	5		43	28	1		12	133		50	7,870	3,223,014.00
12	1		6	5		7	4	35		19	2,610	1,206,632.00
12	3		9	12		5		41		17	2,800	1,102,932.00
27	2		22	21		11	5	88		44	4,450	1,275,000.00
170	33	1	168	172	1	61	84	690	138	226	33,830	10,866,578.00
6	7		10	58			3	84	114			
9	1		12	13			37	72		20	2,500	62,000.00
3			11	4			2	20		6	280	5,000.00
7	1		24	17			4	53		21	4,000	40,000.00
2			2	4				8		2	600	50,000.00
9	2		30	36			19	96		62	5,000	167,000.00
9	8		61	49			34	161		48	5,000	70,000.00
45	19		150	181			99	494	114	159	17,380	394,000.00
36	104		41	522			1,394	2,097				
49	10		121	142		1	24	347	18	85	13,849	1,225,619.00
105	18		291	427	2	2	109	954	14	122	24,230	616,100.00
129	27		113	146		28	85	528	58	176	26,125	8,481,000.00
170	33	1	168	172	1	61	84	690	138	226	33,830	10,866,578.00
45	19		150	181			99	494	114	159	17,380	394,000.00
534	211	1	884	1,590	3	92	1,795	5,110	342	768	115,414	21,583,297.00

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1

CONTRIBUTIONS		SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS			ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATISTICS				MV SOCIETIES	
Total Contributions For Local Church Work	Total Contributions For Home and Local Work	Number of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings For World Missions	Elementary Schools	Elementary School Enrollment	Estimated Value of Elementary School Buildings and Equipment	Total Operating Expenses of Elementary Schools	MV Societies	MV Society Membership
8,368.00	9,517.00	12	1,115	6,147.00	2	104				
14,329.00	16,250.00	88	6,640	18,438.00	2	139	51,000.00	10,005.00	24	676
49,340.00	54,183.00	27	2,562	36,955.00	8	690	209,275.00	66,400.00	118	3,239
	37.00	1	54	517.00	1	223	36,190.00	8,000.00	32	840
8,183.00	10,029.00	58	5,982	19,685.00	5	308	80,800.00	17,600.00	60	1,740
5,014.00	5,811.00	24	2,668	4,961.00	3	282	15,100.00	11,935.00	12	1,639
85,234.00	95,827.00	210	19,021	86,703.00	21	1,746	392,365.00	113,940.00	246	8,134
2,646.00	4,134.00	57	4,228	10,847.00	8	652	30,000.00	19,850.00	54	2,210
	3,843.00	91	9,107	15,579.00	11	757	35,000.00	13,800.00	79	4,965
8,539.00	11,288.00	139	14,911	10,710.00	14	932	225,000.00	24,220.00	107	4,201
1,694.00	2,526.00	59	4,924	4,439.00	14	564	65,000.00	17,164.00	62	2,535
	948.00	48	2,831	4,601.00	3	134	40,000.00	5,423.00	47	1,447
3,842.00	5,133.00	76	7,030	10,331.00	22	1,126	300,000.00	23,321.00	77	3,523
	376.00	46	2,598	1,273.00	5	177	64,000.00	11,957.00	41	1,445
750.00	1,192.00	70	5,497	2,946.00	11	604	38,000.00	13,072.00	61	3,083
	298.00	38	2,239	527.00	6	372	65,000.00	8,609.00	43	1,551
14,289.00	15,223.00	228	14,348	7,273.00	11	713	93,500.00	17,286.00	28	1,573
31,760.00	44,961.00	852	67,713	68,526.00	105	6,031	955,500.00	154,702.00	599	26,553
253,580.00	296,581.00	33	2,912	89,341.00	6	210	80,000.00	40,000.00	46	710
179,204.00	221,455.00	35	2,501	85,023.00	6	138	295,000.00	71,300.00	39	663
102,122.00	114,074.00	17	1,234	38,642.00	4	110	280,000.00	50,000.00	13	131
752,588.00	887,813.00	65	6,655	248,708.00	13	655	805,680.00	370,494.00	91	2,200
374,006.00	430,482.00	47	3,901	136,425.00	4	288	307,000.00	202,700.00	49	1,800
661,500.00	1,950,405.00	197	17,203	598,139.00	33	1,401	1,767,680.00	734,494.00	238	5,504
623,733.00	682,749.00	48	5,429	213,270.00	7	484	260,000.00	205,000.00	68	1,709
816,283.00	906,812.00	63	7,008	267,401.00	10	652	355,090.00	294,447.00	70	1,735
468,327.00	548,666.00	55	6,645	135,400.00	12	682	859,937.00	177,089.00	77	1,850
139,387.00	176,006.00	21	1,612	44,649.00	4	143	281,280.00	63,359.00	33	560
84,615.00	101,759.00	17	1,843	29,586.00	2	182	200,000.00	55,616.00	23	463
428,082.00	543,189.00	47	5,516	141,967.00	5	509	215,000.00	152,400.00	75	1,362
560,427.00	2,959,181.00	251	28,053	832,273.00	40	2,652	2,171,307.00	947,911.00	346	7,679
3,000.00	4,256.00	55	4,255	8,253.00	13	645	10,000.00	30,000.00	45	1,549
400.00	690.00	17	545	1,552.00	5	139	40,000.00	15,000.00	13	300
1,701.00	2,503.00	51	3,750	2,807.00	10	327	25,000.00	25,000.00	48	1,872
7,920.00	11,859.00	4	609	11,757.00					5	157
10,575.00	19,202.00	61	3,914	7,086.00	24	1,016	100,000.00	34,000.00	64	3,649
10,413.00	15,836.00	94	8,744	8,569.00	30	1,390	90,000.00	50,000.00	89	4,714
34,009.00	54,346.00	282	21,817	40,024.00	82	3,517	265,000.00	154,000.00	264	12,241
85,234.00	95,827.00	210	19,021	86,703.00	21	1,746	392,365.00	113,940.00	246	8,134
31,760.00	44,961.00	852	67,713	68,526.00	105	6,031	955,500.00	154,702.00	599	26,553
661,500.00	1,950,405.00	197	17,203	598,139.00	33	1,401	1,767,680.00	734,494.00	238	5,504
560,427.00	2,959,181.00	251	28,053	832,273.00	40	2,652	2,171,307.00	947,911.00	346	7,679
34,009.00	54,346.00	282	21,817	40,024.00	82	3,517	265,000.00	154,000.00	264	12,241
372,930.00	5,104,720.00	1,792	153,807	1,625,665.00	281	15,347	5,551,852.00	2,105,047.00	1,693	60,111



Children join in an action song at Wahroonga V.B.S.
Photos: A. J. Bath, except where indicated.



At Thornleigh V.B.S. the policeman holds the interest of his audience.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS IN GREATER SYDNEY

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MAY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS afforded an excellent opportunity for four churches in Greater Sydney to organize Vacation Bible Schools in their territory. Wahroonga and Thornleigh in the northern suburbs, Ryde in central north, and Stanmore in the southern inner city area, were the churches sponsoring these holiday clubs for boys and girls.

Among the willing helpers were some of the Seventh-day Adventist High School students who willingly gave up some of their leisure time to teach and train youngsters. Older folk too, some of whom are retired, use their talents for the benefit of the young and to the glory of God.

It is a true saying that if you want something done properly, go to a busy person to do it. Well, those who organized our Vacation Bible Schools were all busy people with plenty to do, but they made the time, sometimes sacrificing other important projects to help lead the

youngsters who attended, into warm fellowship with Jesus.

It is remarkable how quickly some children pick up and learn songs they have never heard before. Singing, of course, plays an important part in the Vacation Bible School programme, and the efforts of the song leader in each school were amply rewarded by the enthusiastic manner in which the gospel songs were sung. Parents at the Saturday night concerts were noticeably pleased with the accomplishments of their children, especially in the field of singing. Only time will measure the effect of the influence of the words, actions and melody of the songs sung by the children. The name of Jesus was exalted in the singing, stories, Bible lessons, and other features of the Vacation Bible School.

Unlike public evangelism, where fruitage is seen fairly quickly in baptisms, the Vacation Bible School does not produce instant conversions; but the influence for good is never entirely lost. Many older folk who are converted, trace right back to their early

childhood the influence of Jesus Christ in their lives. "Train up a child in the way he should go," gives direct counsel to parents; however, those associated with the Vacation Bible Schools in Sydney and other areas can take heart in the knowledge that in a measure, they are following divine instructions, and as a result will see the fruitage later.

An interesting survey conducted among the children who attended one school revealed that, from all the different types of advertising adopted, best results came from handbills placed in the letter-box.

Many thanks to all, old and young, from the most talented to the least, who combined their efforts with the Lord, to lift up Jesus among the children, to guide them in useful activity, keeping them in a Christian environment and allowing the light of the love of God to be shed forth on the children's pathway of life. Child evangelism is important and productive. You will delight to see some of those you taught in the kingdom of heaven.

Perhaps your local church plans to conduct a Vacation Bible School during the August vacation. Then it may be that you will share in the joy experienced by those faithful people in Greater Sydney who gave unstintingly of their time, their talents and themselves in service for the Master. ##



An appreciative group of boys and girls enjoy their programme and crafts at Ryde.

Photo: R. Turner.



Personal attention and encouragement brought good results at Stanmore.

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ADVENTURES IN FAITH

GORDON A. LEE, Stewardship and Development Director, Australasian Division

IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE of the RECORD we reported on the outcome of Adventures in Faith in the Conferences of the homelands, with the promise that a later report would come from our island missions. Things are so busy out there that few have had time to put pen to paper and let us know what were the results of the offerings and what the Lord has done as a result of our adventuring in faith for Him.

I became so disappointed with the limited reports that I was tempted to forget this promised story, but all is changed. Exciting news has come in, and I just have to share it with someone. Two days ago, a letter came from my very dear friend Pastor Nathan Rore. It backs up a report he sent me previously about Malaita Mission's part in the world-wide outreach through Adventure in Faith.

But before I get too excited and tell you all, let me start with a short report from the New Hebrides. We will let Brother B. Engelbrecht tell the story himself:

"Relative to the Adventure in Faith Offering, 1975, we are now happy to advise that these funds, representing \$388.68, have been applied against evangelism on the island of Pentecost.

"We are happy to report that there have been thirty baptisms during the past year from new work areas on this island. Further there is an evangelistic crusade being conducted over this Christmas period by the ministry and the laity working together.

A Real Challenge

"This island creates further challenge to us. We have plans for more work in places such as Lonorore and Bunlap. Lonorore is a large village with an air strip. Once we get a foothold here we will not need to rely on inter-island shipping for communication. Bunlap is a real challenge. It is a village on the east coast near the southern tip of this island. The people of this village boast that they intend to remain true to their customs for ever."

In April of this year, Pastor Nathan Rore wrote in to say that his mission committee had agreed on three dark areas to penetrate with the gospel with the funds made available from Adventures in Faith. West Areare, East Areare and Ndai Island were selected to receive beams of truth as by faith the peoples of Malaita gave sacrificially and prayed.

The offering made available the sum of \$1,023.87. Though limited, they moved forward in faith. There were many difficulties and setbacks. But listen as Nathan tells his story:

"The year 1974 went very quickly, and we were in 1975 trying to do all we could to launch out into the new areas. Plans and programmes were followed very closely in the hope that the way would be opened to enter any time of the year. We had faith that God would never fail us. Visits were paid to target areas, and we found that the people were in desperate need for help, both physically and spiritually. Atoifi Hospital medical team played a great part in this Adventuring programme. Soon there came a Macedonian call from West Areare, one of the target areas, 'Come over and help us, we need a clinic; our people are dying from sickness.'

"We found that there was more than one problem to solve before we could enter into this new area.

"First, we had to raise funds ourselves to meet the cost in setting up and operating the clinic.

"Second, we had no nurse appointed because of shortage of our medical staff.

"Third, we had to wait until permission was granted by our local Government.

Disappointment

"The year 1975 went quickly with no real success. West Areare, our first target area, was calling us, but we were not able to start the work and were disappointed because of the lack of funds and shortage in medical staff. The permission from the local Government was also not granted.

"When 1976 dawned we received exciting news from East Areare, our second target area.

"Please send us a missionary to teach us the Word of God."

"A letter from the Government Medical Department was read saying that the permission was granted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church to open a new clinic in the West Areare Lagoon.

"The Atoifi Hospital Board found that they could release one of their staff members to help open the new clinic, and finally our executive committee was able to appoint one of our senior evangelists to open up new work in the East Areare area. We thanked God for help in reaching our first two target areas right at the beginning of 1976."

As I said, that was back in April of this year. But let me share the exciting news that has come since. The clinic at West Areare was set up and dedicated in November, 1976. Both East Areare and Ndai Island have re-emphasized their call to our church for spiritual and physical help. Now Nathan writes and tells us what God is doing:

"We have people there at the clinic who are now beginning to keep Sabbath and also preparing for baptism. When I was there last they asked me if I could perform the first baptism right there, but I had to tell them to wait a little longer, and will send them a missionary to prepare them well before they can be taken to the water of baptism.

Interest Growing

"We have already sent two missionaries there now, and they are doing very good work. The interest from the people is still growing; even the chief by the name of Silas who called us to set up the clinic in his area is now also making his decision to join our church and beginning to keep Sabbath. We thank God for His leading in entering this new area.

"Last Sabbath in our Young People's meeting here in the Auki church we were made



Pastor Nathan Rore, president, Malaita Mission.

Photo: R. Tindall.

glad by the story given by one of our ex-Afutara Vocation students who accompanied our two missionaries to Uhu last month to start with our church building programme. He related how, as soon as they arrived, they started the church building programme. As the church building-site was pegged out by our missionary, Mr. Bennie Nuala, he thought that there won't be too many who will be coming along to church, so decided that the building would be only a small one to start with. Before the holes for the posts were dug the chief came along and saw the size of the church building and told our men to make it bigger, because it will need to accommodate all the people along the West Areare Lagoon. It is not just the people of Uhu village who will attend this church, but also people from other villages in the area. Our missionary questioned him, thinking that he was only playing a trick, but the chief assured our men that there are many from other denominations who are interested in our church and are eager to find the truth. He went on to say that they must build a big church to accommodate them all. Our men then moved the pegs and made the building bigger, and then the building work proceeded. The people in the village are also helping to put up the church building. They are also in a process of building a female ward and obstetrics ward, all in bush materials. Our evangelist's house is also under construction.

No Budgets

"The new missionary sent to the clinic at West Areare has no budget to pay his wages. The new obstetrics ward which will need a female nurse likewise has no budget for her, but seeing that it is so urgent and the people are showing real interest in our church I asked the Union officer if I could go ahead and place the missionary. With their agreement the missionary was placed last month. We sent him with our Auki evangelist to start the mission programme there. As soon as the missionary is settled, the evangelist will come back to Auki and he will carry out the work in this new area.

"The female nurse is yet to be appointed. I think as soon as the obstetrics ward is ready then we shall try to find someone to care for the many obstetric patients who will tax the resources of this new service."

Nathan concludes that their funds are exhausted, but their faith in God is strong. The great work He has begun He will finish. ##



The family on Graduation Day. Back row (from left): Mrs. T. Afa'ese, Mrs. A. Puni, Aunty Sara Tanielu, W. Afa'ese Jr. (Pastor, Vista church company). Front row: Fereti Puni (president, Samoa Mission), Mrs. P. Puni, Sioeli Puni (pastor, Los Angeles church), Mrs. N. Afa'ese, and S. I. Afa'ese (pastor, San Francisco and San Jose churches).

FAMILY GATHERS TOGETHER

S. I. AFA'ESE, Retired Minister

THE LOMA LINDA University Graduation, June 12, 1977, brought a scattered family together when Pastor Fereti Puni, president of the Samoan Mission, with his wife, attended the graduation of his brother Sioeli Puni, who is the pastor of the Los Angeles Samoan church. Their Auntie Sara also came from Samoa to attend the graduation service.

Other members of the family who are working in different conferences of the Pacific Union Conference also joined the family reunion. What a tremendous picture of the great reunion in heaven! The family admired the large attendance of the graduation class when 890 students were awarded with diplomas of different degrees. Sioeli Puni was awarded the Bachelor of Arts (Theology).

The Mission president with his wife, Pua, visited all the Samoan churches in the Pacific Union Conference, such as Vista church company, Santa Ana branch Sabbath school, Los Angeles church, San Jose church company, San Francisco church and Honolulu church. He was very happy to see the work among the Samoan people gradually growing in the United States of America.

The *Pacific Union Recorder* carried the following story of the retirement of the writer and his wife in San Francisco:

Pastor Afa'ese Retires a Second Time

The second retirement of Pastor and Mrs. S. I. Afa'ese was marked recently with a Samoan-style feast by the San Francisco Samoan church and the San Jose Samoan company.

Pastor Afa'ese began his forty-four years of service to the church when he graduated from college in Samoa. In early years, he taught school and worked as a pastor, evangelist, and district director.

Married in 1936, Pastor Afa'ese and his wife, Nikunau, have four children: Andrew, with Hawaiian Airlines in Honolulu; Emma, whose husband is the pastor of the Samoan church in Wellington, New Zealand; Watson, pastor of the Samoan company in Vista, California; and John, a member of the U.S. Air Force.

The Afa'eses have moved sixteen times in their ministry. They retired twelve years ago, going to New Zealand to assist with evangelism. In 1969 Pastor Afa'ese started work among the Samoans of Hawaii. ##



The photo of Sioele Puni, graduate from Loma Linda University, could not be fitted into this column as it was, so he received a brief trip home to Samoa through the good graces of the Art department.



LETTERS to the EDITOR

PLEASE NOTE: Letters are accepted for publication at the discretion of the editor; the receipt of a letter does not mean that it will necessarily be published. Correspondents should also understand that their letters will be sub-edited to bring them to a suitable literary standard, though every effort will be made to preserve the essential point of the original.

Pseudonyms may be used for publication, but the original must have the full name and address of the writer.

Letters published may not necessarily represent the ideals or the teachings of the denomination; such are found in our editorial, devotional and news columns.

TO EVANGELISTS EVERYWHERE

Dear Editor,

One subject which has always fascinated me is: that of evangelism in the twenties and thirties and early forties. This seems to have been a unique period in the Adventist Church, one in which young men were sent out with a tent, sometimes a singing evangelist, a few hundred dollars, and told to "prove their calling." Then they held meetings five nights each week, perhaps for three months, studied all day every day in order to present the doctrinal sermon for the evening, tried to bring their interested people to a decision—and through it all, became pretty firmly grounded in the doctrines of the church. Beyond that, they learned practical lessons on pitching a tent and preserving it through storms, and directing the small "company"; in short, they grew up.

As I have thought of these things, I have begun toying with the idea of putting together a book of experiences that I hope might be both an education and a revelation to today's young workers. The latter are sadly lacking, it seems to me, in exposure to this phase of the genius of Adventism. I realize that today is a different age, and different methods are called for, but nonetheless, I think we may have lost something valuable.

I have compiled a list of people whose contributions would be absolutely necessary if such a book were to be produced. You, Brother Evangelist, are on that list. I realize this is asking a lot. What I suggest and hope you will do is just sit down and ramble aloud to your dictaphone, travelling back in memory through the years, getting it all down. You won't have

to worry about style, grammar, sequence, or anything of that sort. Leave that to me. I need vivid, definite experiences, the more definite the better, and the more experiences the better. If you find dictating is not your best approach, just talk the whole thing onto a cassette and I'll transcribe it.

We'll need to know where the evangelism took place, though if you want these facts blurred for publication, that is perfectly acceptable. If you wish not to mention names of people you worked with, initials are fine, or even pseudonyms.

Another great contribution would be the interweaving of your own philosophies and attitudes about the making of a preacher—your own feeling as to how it comes about. The evolution of the man from his own beginnings and youthful insecurities—that kind of thing.

I wish that I could think of some magic words that would inspire you to respond NOW. The book I visualize could really make a contribution, I believe, but it cannot become a reality unless YOU see the importance of YOUR contribution. If you want to chat with me about it, just drop me a line.

I'M WAITING!

Miriam Wood
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U.S.A.

A SUGGESTION

Dear Editor,

Brother Rosendahl asks in the RECORD 20/6/77 for a simple means of having more people in the western suburbs of Sydney subscribing to the *Signs of the Times*.

May I suggest that this should be not only in the western suburbs of Sydney but through the Australasian Division. The *Signs* is second to none in its whole aspect. Why it is not used more as an outreach is beyond my understanding. I have used this wonderful gospel-filled magazine in cities, rural districts, and mining towns, and have found it well received.

It is a good plan to have the *Signs* posted to people who otherwise could not be reached. Keep this up by all means, but why not consider the more direct approach? "Light, light from the Word of God—this is what the people need. If the teachers of the Word are willing, the Lord will lead them into close relation with the people. He will guide them to the homes of those who need and desire truth; and as the servants of God engage in the work of seeking for the lost sheep, their spiritual faculties are awakened and energized."—"Evangelism," page 463. (Read the whole section.) What better way is there than visiting from door to door with the *Signs of the Times*?

May I suggest that you select a territory in connection with your church in such a way that others know where you are working so that there is no doubling up. Take what number of *Signs* you can afford (others of our members may help you), and visit once a fortnight, not more or less often, for at least four times, and offer the magazine to them.

If you approach the people in a pleasant, cheerful manner, you will get people willing to take out a subscription to the *Signs*. This method does not take a lot of time.

A simple approach something like this is all you need. "Good morning/afternoon, my name is Just Willing. I am making a friendly call to share with you a magazine that is very helpful to myself and many others. [By this time, have a copy of the *Signs* in their hands.] It is published monthly by the Seventh-day Adventists, and I feel sure you would enjoy it. I'll bring a few free copies for you to read. After that, you may like to subscribe to it. However, have a read and find out what it is like for yourself. Then let me know. Very glad to have met you."

The *Signs* used must be new—none must appear second-hand.

Doing this, you will find there are people who would subscribe and become regular readers. Give it a go! After you have worked your first few homes, move on to others.

By the way, it is good for you to deliver the subscribed *Signs* yourself each month. With God's grace guiding you, and your willingness to learn, you can have a new experience of the gospel work and the thrill of seeing the Spirit work with people.

M. Tonkin,
Western Australia.

SUNDRY OBSERVATIONS

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading the letters to the Editor in the RECORD. Brother E. John Rosendahl, who is Assistant Lay Activities leader, Blacktown church, Greater Sydney, has asked in his letter to the Editor in the RECORD 20/6/77, for suggestions for a simple workable plan by which a layman can increase the outreach of the *Signs of the Times*, so that some folk will want to pay for their own subscriptions.

I wish to suggest that a simple workable plan is to become a part-time literature evangelist and buy a club of *Signs of the Times*, *Alert*, and *Good Health*, and go from door to door in a section of Blacktown, showing folk these magazines and inviting them to buy them. I am a part-time literature evangelist and I sell the *Signs of the Times*, *Good Health* and *Alert* magazines. This is excellent missionary work. I have regular customers and some of them buy the three magazines.

I gradually work right over the town, endeavouring to get more people to buy the magazines. I meet many very nice friendly people.

As a church organist, I was especially interested in the Editorial, "A Word to Jubal's Kin," in the RECORD 18/4/77, and the two letters to the Editor which commented on that Editorial. Would other organists, whose churches have small organs with a one-octave pedal-board please give their comments and suggestions? Some say don't use the vibrato for church music, and others advise the use of it. Some say church organists should not play the final bar of a hymn extra loudly to get the congregation to stand for singing, and some advise to do this. It is very confusing. I wish to know if those organists who play a small organ in church should use some vibrato for the singing and for any of the music played during the Sabbath school and the service, etc.

With reference to the problem of getting the congregation to stand at the right time for the singing of the hymns, I wish to say how impressed I was when I attended the Wahroonga church for four Sabbaths in

December, 1974, just prior to attending the Second Festival of Music at Avondale College. At the Wahroonga church, the organist played the hymn right through and the congregation stood when the organist commenced to play the final line of music in the hymn, and there was no extra loud playing at the end of the hymn. It was so orderly and reverent.

Congregations should be able to become accustomed to rising to sing when the organist commences to play the last line of music in the hymn.

Eileen Bazley,
South Queensland.

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"LETTUCE" WINS AGAIN

VADA KUM YUEN, Assistant Communication Secretary, Darwin Church, Northern Territory

"CYCLIST GAVIN DAGG brilliantly spreadeagled the field in the twenty-mile scratch race on Sunday. His gruelling effort showed he will be the rider to beat this season." So read *The News of the Northern Territory* on February 17 of this year. If you had been following events in Darwin's Amateur Cycling Club over the past two years, you would have read many such glowing accounts of Gavin's success.

But it is not only in the short (short?!?) twenty-to-thirty-mile events that he shows his colours. There's the 150-mile race along the Stuart Highway from Pine Creek to Darwin, held in June last year. Gavin, then only sixteen, finished in second place, beating many older, experienced riders. Then recently, competing once more against senior cyclists, he finished in third place, but in the fastest time, in the 116-kilometre handicap race from Adelaide River to Darwin.

We have learned also that in the last vacation period, he even attracted attention as an unexpected place-getter in amateur cycling events in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Yesterday we decided to go and see Gavin in action for ourselves. Our cheering has never been so effective! In a thirty-lap race around the local track, he breezed across the finishing line more than a lap ahead of his nearest rival, easily winning the Darwin Amateur Cycling Club's junior forty-three-kilometre road-racing championship. His time was one hour, ten minutes and four seconds. We sensed he could have sliced minutes off this record if he'd wanted to, and guess the senior cyclists were glad he wasn't allowed to race in their events for the day.

What other cyclists can't help noticing is that when they tire, Gavin is still gearing up, when they collapse in sweaty exhaustion at the end of a race, he has a drink of water and pedals off for a game of squash. He is superbly, frustratingly fit! He excels in every sport he engages in.

A Greater Race to Be Run

Certainly God has endowed this young man with outstanding physical capacities. But without doubt, a fine Christian home, a daily

NEWS FROM A FRIEND

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sought to translate his inspired dream into reality. Under the blessing of God, he and his associates have been highly successful.

The Voice of Prophecy broadcasts are now heard on more than 600 stations in the United States and Canada each Sunday. In addition, there are 135 daily broadcasts in the same countries, and hundreds of programmes in foreign languages are aired in countries beyond North America. These include 396 weekly in Spanish in Inter- and South America and Spain. All are produced at the Voice of Prophecy.

Another interesting aspect is that the Voice is using three types of thirty-to-sixty-second free "spots" as advertising on radio stations in North America. These are heard thousands of times each year and would be worth three million dollars if the radio time had to be purchased.

The Largest

The Voice of Prophecy operates the largest Bible Correspondence School in the world. The courses are offered in eighty languages, plus Braille. In 1976 there were 506,888 applications in North America for a Voice of Prophecy Bible course. The graduates numbered 27,756, and 3,541 were baptized. In the follow-up in the field, 142 crusades have been conducted by the staff's evangelists in the past seven years and 7,100 baptisms have resulted.

In reviewing the work of television, one is reminded that Pastor W. A. Fagal has been using this part of the media in gospel preaching for more than twenty-five years. At the present time the telecast is based on the activities of "Westbrook Hospital." This type of approach gives opportunity for the appropriate spiritual content, and the ratings, as they are called in the TV industry, continue to be high. The coverage by Faith for Today at the present time includes the use of eight of the top ten television stations in the country. Some of these channels use the programme as a public service.

The Faith for Today Bible School, with its thirteen employees, continues its good work with 25,000 active students. The graduates from this school since 1950 number 200,000. At present, eleven courses are being offered. Of course, such organizations need constant financial support. Listener donations from January to mid-March this year were \$253,000, a lift of \$5,000 over the same period for 1976. The offering received in our churches in February exceeded \$300,000, an increase of \$50,000 for February 1976! The final figure will approach \$500,000.

The church growth through Faith for Today is maintained at a very satisfactory level. Three evangelists are in the field working on a full-time basis on follow-up crusades. In April Faith placed an advertisement in a national newspaper with a readership of over ten million. This is expected to bring a flood of responses.

As William Fagal is to Faith for Today, so is George Vandeman to It Is Written, another pioneer in the work of Adventist television. While Faith for Today directs its approach to secular man, It Is Written is challenging those who claim to be spiritually oriented.

Growth Through Seminars

Current statistics reveal that It Is Written is

seen on 113 stations in three countries with a potential viewing audience of 100 million. Here again is a clear demonstration of growth as God has blessed in the use of modern media. The follow-up work for this telecast is largely in the form of Revelation Seminars, under the leadership of Pastor George Vandeman, as conducted in many cities in Australia last year. Day seminars cover a concentrated study of the Bible and last for eight hours. Evening programmes extend for five hours. In the month of February approximately 6,000 people attended seminars in various cities, and the interests developed are in the care of 150 ministers. One pastor when writing recently reported "celestial shock." The "shock" came as a result of finding himself with 185 interests following a Revelation Seminar! In Oregon, the conference where this particular pastor is located, the aim is 1,000 baptisms as a result of the It Is Written telecast and the seminars.

Today the following came to my desk:

"Dear Pastor and Mrs. Vandeman,

"My sister, husband, two close friends and I thoroughly enjoyed the Revelation Seminar held in New Orleans a few weeks ago. We want to thank you sincerely for sharing so much with us and even your recipes. We have continued the study of the Bible with Pastor Fritz, and have visited the Metairie branch of your church two Saturdays in a row. We have been so touched by everyone's sincerity. What made a lasting impression was the glow of peace on the faces of members of this congregation. I hope some day we (my family and friends) will also achieve this miracle. Lovingly in Christ."

Breath of Life has now completed twenty-six programmes for television, and as stated it is directed toward the black population of America and beyond. The most recent presentations were in Trinidad, and in the crusade led by Pastor Charles Brooks the baptisms were over 200 souls. At the time of writing, Breath of Life is being screened in Atlanta, Georgia, twice each Sunday, and again will be followed by a public crusade.

The Challenge

Richard Barnett, Public Relations Officer for Faith for Today, recently stated, "The enormous evangelistic challenge of the seventies is one of mass communication. While the early church did not have as many to reach as we do, neither did they have electronic media which can beam messages to millions in minutes. Television has been provided by providence as a nightly tool to graphically present the gospel in the homes of millions."

How true! That is why the Centre is here—to play a leading part in the preparation of a people. It all goes back to the simple "Go ye." In the "going" we are to use every means at our disposal. That's what it is all about. Please pray for us. ##

"When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, He requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message."—*"The Great Controversy,"* page 594.



Gavin Dagg, with another trophy to add to his already large collection.

Photo: D. Kum Yuen.

programme balanced with regular and vigorous exercise, a good cook for a mother, Sanitarium Muesli (or did he say "Weet-Bix"?) instead of a cup of tea for breakfast, plain grape juice instead of alcohol, and soy beans and lettuce instead of meat pies, goes a long way too.

We must add that Gavin is not the only "lettuce eater" of fame among Darwin cyclists. This year other Adventists have joined in for the fun. Paul Pannekoek is now a regular place-getter in the sub-juvenile races. Already the papers have predicted "a big future" for him! Russell Cox has shown good promise too. Sharon Snee, Willem Sayer and Mark Pannekoek have been enjoying the exercise. (And two dads, Bob Pannekoek and Wal Dagg, have been riding "to keep fit and lose weight," and having a win here and there. In fact, Bob also has shown remarkable talent, and has been announced as "the most improved rider in the Territory.")

People are really wondering about the vegetarian diet! "How much training does he do during the week?" I overheard a non-Adventist quiz Gavin's mother. "Just that much! Then what do you feed him on?"

I didn't hear all the reply, but could see Betty Dagg was very happy to share all our good dietary secrets.

We are proud of the attainments of our cyclists. But I believe each of them would put in a final spoke so that we might remember that life is a greater race to be run, there is a more lasting prize to be won, and nothing—nothing at all in this whole world matters nearly so much, but that we learn to love Jesus supremely, our neighbours unselfishly, and with patient endurance, ride into eternity with Him. ##

GOOD FOOD

with **SALLY HAMMOND**



Summer seems a long way away when the mercury is dropping and umbrellas are dripping, but come it will, and so here is a recipe to store away for the first warm day when you want to serve a pretty salad. It is also the nicest way I know to show off a clear glass bowl, and (not the least thing in its favour) you have only one dish to wash!

LAYERED SALAD

Arrange salad in layers as follows:

1. Shredded lettuce
2. Sliced tomatoes—sprinkled lightly with salt
3. Finely shredded cheese or crumbled cottage cheese
4. Onion rings—very thin
5. Cucumber slices—lightly salted
6. Grated carrot with sultanas
7. Toasted nuts in centre with hard-boiled egg rings around edge.

That was my invention. Now try yours, bearing in mind flavours that complement each other, colours that contrast layer by layer, and texture. Happy layering!



TILL HE COMES

Would those who send notices of weddings and obituaries please remember that two facts must be included in every notice. These are the date and the place at which the death (or burial) or wedding took place. Without this information the notices cannot be published. Correspondents are reminded that wedding details must be limited to ninety words and obituaries to one hundred and twenty words.—Editor.

FISHER. Mrs. Vera Maud Fisher, a quiet and respected member of the Capel Seventh-day Adventist church, passed to rest, aged sixty-seven, in the St. John's Hospital, Bunbury, Western Australia, on June 8, 1977, and, following a service in the Capel church, was laid to rest in the Capel cemetery on June 19, to await the call of the eternal Life-giver. To Sister Fisher's sisters, Hilda and Betty, brothers Percy, Owen and Rex, daughters Val, Joy and Hazel, and son Doug, words of comfort and hope were brought by Pastor Ken Lawson of Bunbury, and Pastor Wilfred Pascoe of Busselton. Wilfred Pascoe.

GRACE. On Wednesday, May 25, 1977, Geoffrey Donaldson Grace, loved husband of Vera and father of Warren and Carolyn, passed away. It was with an awareness of a great loss that we committed our brother to the elements following his unexpected passing. A man of upright integrity, our brother was thorough and painstaking in everything he undertook, and a man who looked to the

coming of Jesus as the great hope of his life. It was, therefore, that we shared in the hope of the Scriptures as relatives and friends gathered at the Wollongong Crematorium, New South Wales, to pay their last respects. Our brother sleeps, waiting to hear the voice of his beloved Lord.

D. V. Bertelsen.

HASSAT. Aged sixty-six years, Walter Hassat had suffered much ill health as a result of military service during the 1939-1945 war. This suffering was borne with fortitude and without complaint, an example to those of us with better health. His wife Mary and his many friends were directed by the writer to the sure promises of a soon-coming Saviour. Brother Hassat died on Sabbath, May 21, 1977, and was interred at the Manganui Cemetery, New Zealand, on May 23.

Ron Lewis.

LANDGREN. George James Landgren passed to his rest at his home in Frankston, Victoria, on Friday, June 17, 1977, aged eighty-one years. Just two months previously he suffered the grief of losing his dear wife Norma, to whom he had been married for fifty years. This fine Christian gentleman will be greatly missed by the members of the church at which he worshipped each Sabbath. In the rural setting of Mornington Cemetery, George, together with his wife Norma and son, Wallace, awaits the call of the Life-giver. We extend our sympathies to his son Peter and family, and daughter-in-law, Pam, and family.

G. H. Grosser.

LAWSON. James Alexander Lawson passed to his rest in Whangarei, New Zealand, on June 5, 1977. Brother Lawson was for many years a denominational worker, and will always be remembered as a keen Bible student and for the great voice with which he sang the Master's anthems to thousands. Sympathy and the hope of the glorious resurrection was extended to his daughter, Sister V. Wordsworth, and her family, and with them we await the soon return of our Saviour.

D. P. Moss.

MCCARRON. John Francis McCarron, aged seventy-eight years, passed to his rest on Tuesday morning, May 24, 1977, at Broken Hill, New South Wales. Only a few days previously he and his wife had expressed to the writer a desire

to return to the fellowship of the Adventist Church. At the funeral service and at the graveside in the Broken Hill Cemetery on May 26, relatives and friends were pointed to Christ and the blessed hope. Brother McCarron is survived by his wife Emma, with whom he had recently celebrated fifty years of marriage.

R. C. Roennfeldt.

MCCARRON. Mary Emma McCarron passed to her rest in the Broken Hill Hospital, New South Wales, on July 4, 1977, aged seventy-five years. Her death occurred only about six weeks after that of Jack McCarron, her companion for fifty years. Left to mourn are her sisters, Mrs. Amy Johnson, Mrs. Florence Cross, and Mrs. Ivy Milne. They, with other relatives and friends, were pointed to the hope of the resurrection morning. Mrs. McCarron was laid to rest in the Broken Hill Cemetery on July 6, 1977.

R. C. Roennfeldt.

MCCASHNEY. Henrietta Weir McCashney was born in Victoria on May 18, 1882, and died at Coronella Homes, Victoria, on June 17, 1977. It was the writer's privilege to meet Sister McCashney in Geelong nearly forty-eight years ago when she was a Bible worker with the L. F. Were Mission. Her sound counsel and her kindly manner made her a tower of strength. She sleeps in the Templestowe Cemetery awaiting the call to awake. Pastor N. C. Burns and the writer spoke words of comfort to her sister Jessie, and her nephew, who mourn their loss.

W. J. Cole.

MORRIS. John Morris was born at Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, on August 16, 1937, and met his unexpected death when his truck overturned at Mundubbera, Queensland, on June 11, 1977. The funeral service was conducted in the Nunawading church, Victoria, by Pastor E. G. Conley and the writer on June 17, followed by a graveside service at the Templestowe Cemetery. Many tributes of self-forgetful, good neighbourliness were expressed by mourners from many faiths and walks of life. Left to mourn, but not without hope and the assurance of God's love, are our late brother's wife, Rena, and two children, Cathie-Ann and Greg. These dear ones, other relatives and numerous friends, heard the words of life and love from God's Word, and were directed to place their faith in Jesus Christ, "the resurrection and the life."

D. R. Martin.

MOSS. A long, sweet life came peacefully to its close on Thursday, June 9, 1977, when Violet Moss laid down the burdens of this life to await the call of the Saviour she loved and served. She and her late husband were first contacted by a caller on the Appeal for Missions, and for many years in the Bundaberg District this couple were well known for their interest and zeal in collecting for the missionary outreach programme of the church. She is sadly missed by the church in Bundaberg, and she also leaves three sisters and a brother to mourn her passing. These were pointed to the blessed hope as we laid her to rest in the Bundaberg Lawn Cemetery, Queensland.

A. A. Godfrey.

TOEPFER. Sister Mary Jane Toepfer of the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, closed her eyes in sleep on Friday evening, June 17, 1977, and did not awake from that sleep on Sabbath morning. Her next waking thoughts will be connected with the coming of her Lord and Master. Miss Toepfer was born on August 30, 1890, and was the last member of her family to close her eyes in death. The writer joined with relatives and friends in a service at the Avondale Lawn Cemetery where we restudied the precious promises of the Word of God.

L. C. Coombe.

OAKLANDS and SPARKS. The Seventh-day Adventist community in New Zealand were shocked and saddened when they heard of the tragic accident on May 15, 1977, when the aircraft in which Eddie Oaklands and Raewyn Sparks were travelling, crashed on Kangaroo Island, South Australia. These two young people had just announced their engagement. Eddie was born in Adelaide on Christmas Day, 1945, and was the son of the late Brother and Sister F. E. Oaklands formerly of Adelaide. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. M. Manners, of Warragul, Victoria, and the Oaklands family in New Zealand, cousins of his, to mourn his passing. He attended the Seventh-day Adventist school in Prospect, South Australia, and later became a commercial artist.

Raewyn Sparks was born on January 6, 1955, in Auckland, New Zealand, and was the youngest daughter of Nora and the late Raymond Sparks. She loved her parents, and was a great help to her widowed mother, being most dependable and thoughtful. She trained as a laboratory assistant. She received all her education in our church

schools here in New Zealand. Raewyn has two sisters, Mrs. Beverley Barnett of Palmerston North and Mrs. Joy McCutcheon of Victoria, who will miss this cheerful soul. For these two dear young people a memorial service was held on May 23 at the Avondale church, New Zealand, which was packed for the occasion. At the memorial service we were once again directed to the blessed hope of those who die in the Lord. As the remains of these two dear folk arrived, they were placed in the grave where Brother Sparks sleeps in the Waikumete Cemetery, awaiting the resurrection morning. K. D. L. Brook.

TOWNEND. On the evening of May 15, 1977, Wayne Alvin Townend, in association with four other Adventist young people, was killed in a plane crash on Kangaroo Island, South Australia. This tragic event cast a pall over the South Australian Camp meeting, which was in progress at the time. Wayne was the youngest son of Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Townend. As the popular president of the S.D.A. Youth Club, Wayne organized the outing to Kangaroo Island. In the main pavilion on the Morphett Vale Campground, before a large congregation, a memorial service for the entire group was conducted on Friday morning, May 20. Pastor J. H. Harris, Division Youth director, was the main speaker. The writer, in association with Pastor Calvin Townend, cared for the service at the graveside. Wayne leaves to mourn his passing, besides his parents, Miss Yvonne Jury, his betrothed, Pastors Calvin and William Townend, his brothers, and three sisters, Leone (Mrs. R. A. Allum of Tamworth), Colleen (Mrs. E. C. White of New Zealand), and Glenis (Mrs. D. G. Dickens of Fiji). The large concourse of people joined with the bereaved in the assurance of the blessed hope and the resurrection day. S. M. Uitley.

WEGENER. It was on May 20, 1977, following a tragic air disaster, that brothers Mark and Stuart Wegener were laid to rest in Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" was the theme of the sentiments expressed by Pastor Kevin Moore and the writer in a prior service at the Southern Memorial church, Adelaide. Great comfort and renewed assurance came to the parents, Max and Miriam Wegener, and close relatives when it was known that these two fine young Christian gentlemen had rededicated their lives to Christ in a consecration service at the Barossa Valley church just six days prior to their decease. "He that spared not His own Son, . . . how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things," is the confident expectation of the Wegener family and us all. R. J. Porter.

WEGENER. Brother Clifford Rudolph Wegener of Castle Hill, Sydney, New South Wales, was killed in a car accident in Sydney on April 21, 1977. Cliff was born in Collinsvale, Tasmania, on August 8, 1926. He was the fifth of seven children born to Brother Theodore and Sister Louise Wegener (nee Howse). Cliff leaves a wife and six children to mourn his passing. His elderly father and other members of his immediate family were present at the funeral, conducted in the Castle Hill Seventh-day Adventist church, and the interment at Castlebrook Memorial Gardens at Rouse Hill, Sydney. The service was conducted by Pastor A. Gallagher, assisted by the writer. May our heavenly Father comfort and sustain the sorrowing family and keep the blessed hope an ever-present reality to them. K. F. Wright.

RETURN THANKS

Many hundreds of letters, cards, floral tributes, telegrams and cables have come to us from friends throughout Australasia and elsewhere, during our grief at the loss of our youngest and deeply loved son, brother and fiance, Wayne. Each expression of sympathy has been to us something very warm and personal from the sender. We treasure each one, and we just try to say thank you for your thoughtfulness which has further strengthened our shared blessed hope. Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Townend and family and Miss Yvonne Jury. P.O. Box 120, Prospect, S.A. 5082.

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☆ WE USUALLY SPECIALIZE in "firsts." THAT usually stirs up some pure mind to write to tell us that it wasn't a "first" at all, but their uncle's cousin's next-door neighbour knew someone . . . etc. Well, making no rash statement this fine July day, I merely mention that this is a "second"—according to my faithful correspondent Pastor Peter Jack. However, he claims that this "second" is really a "first," and so I shall let you be the judge, because I'm confused already. . . .

☆ He writes: "We have been invited to present our second radio church service. This will be broadcast over Radio New Zealand throughout the whole of New Zealand on Sunday, July 17, at 7.30 p.m. The Hon. H. J. Walker, Minister for Social Welfare and the Member for Papanui, has responded to the invitation to be our Scripture reader. We will be making reference during this service to the Silver Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen. South New Zealand Conference president, Pastor C. V. Christian, will be the preacher on this occasion." Communication Director Jack humbly submits the opinion that this may well be the first time that one of Her Majesty's ministers will have presented the Scripture reading during a broadcast service in an Adventist church. I'll wear that one, Peter; but if you are wrong, I'll hear about it and let you know. Watch this page.

☆ June, when the chill airs of winter begin to settle and the frosts begin to raise their hoary heads, is a good time for any self-respecting missionary to shake the dust of the colder regions off his shoes and head north to the tropics. And June saw two families do just that: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson and their three bairns went north to P.N.G., destination Lae, where Mr. J. will inaugurate the health-food work. The Johnsons left on June 12; three days later, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Grice took off for India, returning to their post at Spicer Memorial College, where Mr. Grice is the vice-president for Financial Affairs.

☆ It is time that some of the workers who have borne the heat and burden of the day, do not have to get up quite so early. Some of those who have elected to retire from their more arduous assignments and take it just a little easier are:

● Mr. L. H. Green, who has given thirty years of service, mainly to the S.H.F. Co. His last location was at the S.H.F. Co., Brisbane.

● Pastor John Cernik, who has occupied positions of responsibility in the island field (including that of principal of Fulton College), retired on March 31, his last posting being at Sonoma College in Papua New Guinea. Pastor and Mrs. Cernik have been asked to care for the Mission Hostel at Wairoonga in their "retirement."

● Mr. C. F. Schowe, after forty-four years of service to the S.H.F., retired from the Sydney Wholesale Branch of the company on May 31.

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● Mr. K. C. Mitchell retired on July 2, 1977, after thirty years of service. He was in the service of the Western Australian Conference at the time of his retirement.

● Just a little before the actual date, but we can reveal that on August 30, Mr. H. W. Fisher of the Palmerston North S.H.F. factory will retire after forty years' service. However, it is in order for his friends to start wishing him well in his retirement from now on.

☆ Warburton Ladies Ensemble is a singing group with a very sweet note, and is directed by Lyn Robinson. It comes of age on October 29, celebrating twenty-one years of melody-making. I think it is right to say that Lyn R. is its only-ever conductor. The Ensemble would like to contact former members for a week-end of celebration and a concert reeking with nostalgia. Those wanting accommodation and information should write to Mrs. J. Davis, "Orana," Park Rd., Warburton, Vic. 3799.

☆ Sky-pilot Ray Newman, who is one of those intrepid high-fliers in Papua New Guinea, tells me that he is sure there must be some film strips (such as the 20th Century set) lying idle in back rooms of churches and even in that bottom drawer at home. He has workers whose tongues are hanging out for such materials, and if you would like to put these to good use, let him have them, will you? PLEASE do it before you forget. Like NOW. Send them to R. B. Newman, Box 100, Wabag, P.N.G.

☆ Polish young people will be attending a special camp organized for them from January 6-25 at Ankara Youth Camp, the delightful location on the banks of the limpid Murray in South Australia. Should be a great time for the sixteen-to-thirty-year-olds. Oh, to be Polish and twenty-one!

☆ "Finally, brethren . . ." (sent in by Sally Hammond, our cookery expert): "If you want to test your memory, try to remember what you were worrying about one year ago today."