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Alma Wiles sat looking over the waters of Malo Channel at Aore, thinking, no doubt, of the days gone by.

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EDITORIAL ...

# Clanging Symbols



EVERY ADVENTIST has sat through at least 10,000 slide programs where the latest pilgrim to the Holy Lands tortures the audience by finishing a display of a prized collection of shots with a sunset scene. Usually a pyramid, palm tree or bewildered donkey is strategically positioned to silhouette against the sinking sun.

At one time a sunset slide must have been a delightful symbol of the end of a program. Unfortunately, it has now become a boring visual cliché.

It is easy for symbols to lose their original value. They do not come with a long-life guarantee of potency.

When Christ lived on this earth, He found that the symbol of the Sabbath had become little more than a ritual. It had been perverted into a network of arbitrary rules that hid its true meaning.

Christ had to remind us that the Sabbath was given for our benefit. It tells us that God is the Creator, and that He still loves us and is interested in all we do. We can fully immerse ourselves in this symbol for 24 hours each week.

The symbols of the sanctuary services also deteriorated. King David had strong views on their original value. For him, the sanctuary was a way in which God revealed Himself and His actions (Psalm 77:13).

But by Christ's time, these symbols had also been drained of their significance.

For example, sacrifice, to risk a pun, was on its deathbed. By this time, one of its major roles was to provide a way for some small-business people to make an easy killing in more ways than one.

But the Lord detests empty religious symbols. In the opening chapter of Isaiah, God says: "Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. . . . Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me." Verses 13, 14, NIV.

Apparently, meaningless rituals bore not only their participants.

Christ attempted to restore life to some of these dead symbols by demonstrating their true meaning. For

example, He openly healed sick people on the Sabbath, showing that the Sabbath is a time for helping others and for concentrating on those things that are most important.

The Lord also could not tolerate the way in which temple services had fallen into ritual. In one of His first public acts, He drove the businessmen out of the temple. He made quite a stir, and as these men fled, His words echoed in their ears: "How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" John 2:16, NIV.

Is it possible that some symbols central to the Adventist Church may need revival?

Is it possible that we may be concentrating on the husks of some concepts that may previously have been important, but which have now been lost sight of?

Recently I travelled from Sydney to Warburton, and in the back seat was the four-year-old son of a certain notorious editor. Throughout the trip this child provided a running commentary on the passing scenery.

Whenever we happened to drive within a five-kilometre radius of a McDonalds restaurant sign, a voice with a heavy American accent could be heard: "Look, Mom, McDonalds."

Here was a symbol that was working very effectively. Apparently the sight of the big M immediately conjured in Jared's mind images of disgustingly unhealthy, but perhaps terribly inviting, French fries, apple pies or sundaes.

Advertisers know the value of a simple, powerful symbol. Do we as

## Is it possible that some symbols central to the Adventist Church may need revival?

Adventists sufficiently appreciate that value?

Are we content with religious symbols that are confused by a cloud of tradition and complex theology? Or do we aim for a clarity that even a four-year-old can appreciate?

Gary Krause.

# Letters

## Eastern Bloc

I was very pleased to read the two reports from the Soviet Union in the RECORD (December 13).

Both reports were written with a tolerance and understanding for people living under a different social and political system, and it was encouraging also to hear of the positive presence of our church in the USSR.

My own return visits to my native Bulgaria have shown me that the Adventist can exist and grow in a Communist country. It must be mainly those with a political axe to grind who like to magnify or fabricate difficulties for the church in the Eastern Bloc. There are even several organisations that do very well financially by cultivating anti-Eastern Bloc sentiments in religious people.

From my own experiences in Bulgaria, I know these religio-political organisations have scant regard for the truth, and our church members should be on guard against being manipulated by the magazines, books and the anti-Eastern Bloc films they are eager to show in our churches.

M. Tsanov, NSW.

## "Just a Coincidence"

I cannot denounce too strongly the cartoon in the January 24 RECORD labelled "Just a Coincidence."

This is one of the most degrading things that has been published by our church paper. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is wanting to be known as "the caring church." Yet with a few strokes of a pen, the originator of this sick item, and the one who allowed its printing, have certainly done their best to smear the name of the church.

To me they have also cast contempt on the Salvation Army by making them the backstop of this crude, so-called joke.

Where have the standards of all that we hold dear gone, to allow this type of item to appear? It is more than time such things disappeared from our paper.

Mrs D. G. Stevens, NSW.

## It Can Be Different

In response to "It Should Have Been Different" (January 17): Congratulations on publishing this well-written article with a good grip of

the facts concerning the emotional after-effects of alcohol addiction—even after having stopped drinking.

I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a Seventh-day Adventist. In common with the subject of the article, I drank alcoholically for about 10 years, in the past. And I would like to thank AA for helping make it different (ie, not a premature death).

AA's primary purpose is to help abstaining alcoholics stay sober and help drinking alcoholics achieve sobriety—which is why I write here.

The basis of AA's program of recovery is "The 12 Steps," which is a spiritual program not only used by AA, but also Al-Anon (for spouses and families of alcoholics), Gamblers Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous and anyone who wants to use them with God's help.

Name Supplied.

*For an outline of the 12 steps write to: Alcohol Recovery Program, Warburton Health Care Centre, Warburton, Victoria 3799.*

## Give and Take

In response to the letter "Excessive Borrowing" (January 31), I see three reasons for reprinting material.

First, not all members are able to afford overseas publications and thus rely on the RECORD for an overview of the church, as well as for devotional and theological material.

Second, if there is an article of merit,

it can stand repetition. How many have listened to our great teachers and preachers only to realise that they are compiling thoughts that are not original?

Third, borrowing is not a one-way street. For instance, Arthur Ferch's "Can God Survive in Australia?" appeared in the *Adventist Review* (September 16, 1986). So borrowing can be reciprocal.

Joy Carver, NSW.

## Parochial

I question the role of the RECORD in serving the constituency of the South Pacific Division, and I know that through the years a number of expatriate missionaries have wrestled with the same question.

Why is it that the Pacific islanders are ignored unless they are very well known or living in Australia, New Zealand or Pitcairn? In not noting the deaths and weddings of Pacific island Adventists, the RECORD is reflecting outdated and paternalistic attitudes.

The longer the present policy is maintained, the more anachronistic and distasteful it becomes.

Dennis Steley, New Zealand.

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# One Day at Bethesda



## Bridge Over Troubled Waters

BARBARA BAKER

HURRY, dawn. Show your warm, bright colours and give me hope that today I will make it over troubled waters. Come, morning. Show me the path to the edge of the pool, that I may see the movement of the water that will give hope to this old, pained body of mine.

How many years have I been lying on my bed? It seems for ever. I look at the stars riding in the night sky,

oblivious to my plight. Somewhere out there, the God of my fathers watches and listens. And seems to do nothing.

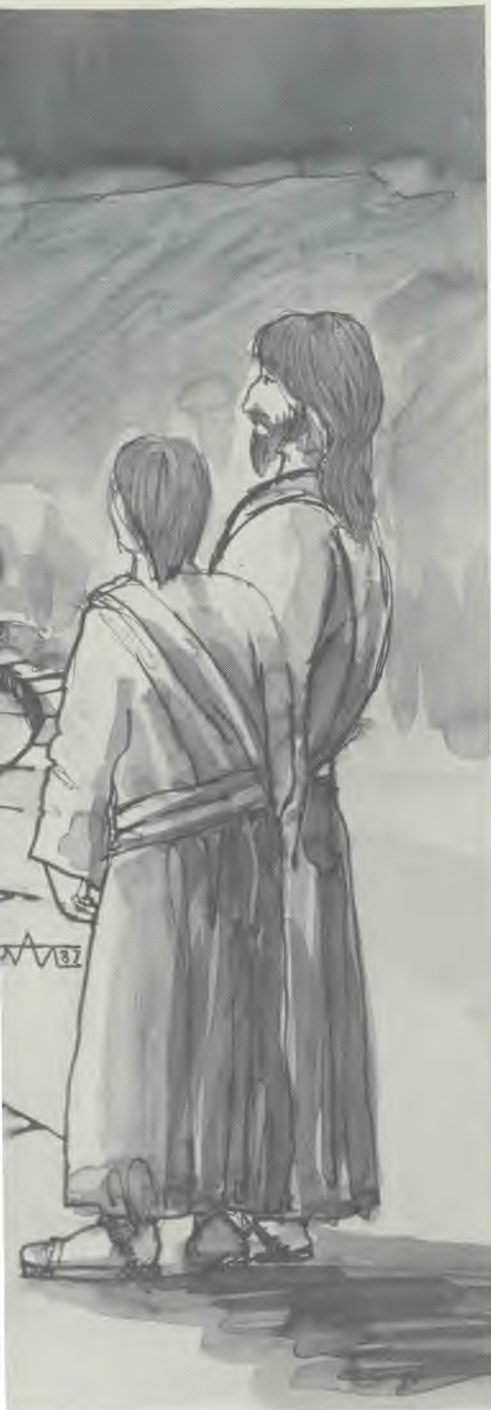
I've asked so often for His help to heal me. So many times I've come to Him for mercy. Why can't I feel Him near?

Even the priests have no time for me. They pass by far enough not to "catch" anything from those beside the pool of hope. They say it's a

judgment of God that we are sick and that all is hopeless for us.

How can they be so cold, when they speak of a loving God? I just don't understand. I simply cannot believe that God does not care. But perhaps I am not worthy to be healed because my life has been so bad. Perhaps the waters will have no effect on me.

The light now comes closer to the pool and glistens on the water, making its gentle movements easy to watch. I still wait for the turbulence to come. Maybe it is unwise to believe a body of water can heal.



The waters are moving more quickly now. It's starting. Lord, let me be the first to reach it. I won't give up. I won't . . .

Too late again. I cannot reach the water without assistance. Others have fallen into the pool and are splashing themselves. How I wish it were me. With all my heart, I hope those in the pool are healed. They, too, have waited a long time.

Again I look into the sky and hope God is listening to my prayers. I gaze at the clouds. The sun shines on my

aching body. It feels so good . . .

Shadows. What's this shadow across my face? The clouds have long gone—what is this shadow?

It's a person standing over me. I feel I know Him. But I can't think how. I have never seen Him here before.

I hope I am not going to be chided again as I was last week—for being such a sinner. I can't take much more of that. No, He is smiling.

"Do you want to be made well?"

"Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

"Rise, take up your bed and walk."

What is He saying? I look into His eyes. Something in them makes me

feel that this may be it—the time for which I have prayed. This Man is from God, and this is my chance to gain peace in my soul as well as healing for my body.

I will believe Him. If I let go now, I will never have the chance again. I asked God, and He is answering me. I want to obey.

Look at me! I am being healed as I move off my bed.

I can hold back my tears no longer. They fall in gratitude for His kindness and love toward me, a sinful man.

Today I have met my Bridge over the troubled waters. ■

*Barbara Baker writes from Mount Gravatt, Queensland.*

## 38 Years on the Edge

BRUCE MANNERS

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS is a long time.

For 38 years he had been coming to the pool, waiting for healing.

At first he had come full of hope and anticipation. He would be able to move freely once more and work like a normal man.

He watched the water each day, waiting for the slightest ripple. The angel made the ripple, you know, and if you had an illness and were first into the pool, you were healed.

It was disgusting how the mass of suffering people waiting with him would turn into a screaming, cursing rabble as each tried to fall into the pool first. Many had an advantage—they were not as incapacitated as he. Others had friends waiting to help them into the pool.

He had seen some remarkable things—that was what kept him coming back. He had also seen many pathetic, broken creatures helped out of the pool untouched by the miracle of the water.

"It was just the wind," they would say, "not the angel." They would go back to their place and wait some more.

Thirty-eight years is a long time—enough time to age a man more than he dares think. He had virtually served a life sentence, trapped in a body that no longer obeyed his will.

He watched the water until the crazed reflections and patterns almost drove him insane.

He knew 38 years of frustration. How often had he seen the ripple appear on the water and tried to drag his unresponsive body into the pool. But someone else was always first. Maybe it was "just the wind" sometimes. But at other times it must have been the angel.

That was why they all waited.

The hope he once had was no longer strong. His days by the pool simply kept him in touch with his fellow pilgrims in pain. They knew him and treated him with the respect his age and suffering deserved—at least while the pool remained calm.

Death visited the group more often than healing; he had lost a lot of companions at the pool.

Not that he had stopped watching the pool—he wanted healing as much as anyone else. But the anticipation had gone.

The question was almost annoying. "Do you want to get well?"

"Sir," he replied, with respect, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

"Get up! Pick up your mat, and walk."

Startled, he looked fully into the face of the One speaking. For 38 years he had looked for his salvation in the Pool of Bethesda. At that moment he found it in the Man from Galilee. ■

*Bruce Manners is a church pastor in Victoria.*

# Alma Wiles — Her Moment of Truth

R. W. TAYLOR

**“After trying to bring the love of Jesus to the Big Nambus people, what did you see for your work?”**

RECENT RECORD articles have recounted the heroic missionary endeavours of Alma Wiles. While these make interesting reading and engender appropriate admiration for the devotion and courage of this pioneer missionary, I would like to share some personal memories that have a wider significance.

In 1964, as president of the Central Pacific Union Mission, I was about to visit the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu), which at the time was part of that union. It was local mission camp-meeting time, and just before I left Fiji to attend the meetings, I received a letter from Alma Wiles indicating her desire to visit the island of Malekula, where she had served with her husband, Norman, more than 40 years before.

We at the office were delighted to have Sister Wiles with us, and later, as we met at the airport in Santo, we suggested that she and her husband's sister, Mrs Vida Harris, who was travelling with her, might attend the camp-meeting for a few days before going to Malekula. This they agreed to do.

It is less than an hour's journey from Santo to Aore Adventist School, where the meetings were to be held. As we travelled, we talked about her life on Malekula when she and Norman settled among the warlike Big Nambus tribe.

I discovered that even courageous people such as Alma Wiles are sometimes afraid. “Especially when Norman went up into the inland,” she said. Often she was left surrounded by unfriendly natives.

On one occasion the tribes were warring, and Norman, who had gained the confidence of some of the chiefs, felt it his duty to try to bring peace. He was gone for quite some time, and when he did return he was suffering



from a severe attack of malaria. He had a high fever that continued to afflict him for several days.

“Just as Norman was beginning to improve,” said Alma, “he heard the war drum.” This huge drum was made from a massive log and could be heard for miles. I was told that when a person was killed, the body was draped over one end of the drum, which was then pounded with a threatening beat. All who heard it knew the sound. It meant “pay-back,” revenge, with more killing to follow until the score had been evened. Then the person killed in the pay-back raid would be draped over the other end of the drum, and this time the drum's hollow tones said “truce.”

The call to war startled Norman Wiles that day. Still weak from his encounter with the killer disease malaria, he determined to go once again to try to stay the fighting. Alma vainly remonstrated with her husband, who set out once more for the mountain trail. His staggering steps were braced by sheer determination as he said, “I must stop them fighting before they all kill each other.”

Once again negotiations were lengthy, but successful. A tremulous

peace prevailed as Norman returned to their little home, on the steep slope overlooking the coast. He was gravely ill as Alma hurried him into bed. This time he did not recover.

We were almost at the Aore boat landing, and could see the crowds of people from all over the New Hebrides. There was an air of excitement as the bow of the *Nakalagi* nudged the wharf. There was no more time to listen to the fascinating story, but I said, “Sister Wiles, after spending all that time on Malekula, and after losing your husband trying to bring the knowledge of the love of Jesus to the Big Nambus people, what did you see for your work? How many people responded to your efforts?”

I noticed a sudden cloud cross the face that was known for its friendly smile. “Not one,” she said. “As far as I know, not one.”

Soon the boat and the wharf were swarming with people. Some had come to unload the cargo, but most were there to catch a glimpse of the lady who, for them, had become a legend in her own lifetime. More than 40 years had passed since Alma Wiles had been with these people, but immediately she was at home with them.

It was then that I noticed several ageing Malekulans embracing our guest. It was a teary-eyed scene.

“Look,” said Alma, half weeping, half laughing, but obviously bubbling over with joy. “Look! He was my garden boy; this girl used to help me in the laundry and these two helped in the kitchen. Isn't it wonderful!”

In all, five of those who had lived in the Wiles's household were there to welcome home the one who had brought them the good news of Jesus' love.

No wonder the several hundred delegates to the meetings, representing thousands more members throughout the New Hebrides, sang praises to God with heartfelt vigour.

At the sound of the singing in that opening meeting—perhaps seeing it as a foretaste of the great meeting scheduled for the “courts above”—the ageing veteran missionary, sitting up front in a seat of honour, was overcome by the scene. “It was worth it all,” she said, tearfully. “If only Norman could see them now. Yes, it was worth it all.” ■

R. W. Taylor, a former secretary of the South Pacific Division, lives in Wairoonga, NSW.

# Human Conditioning

BARRY WHITE

**Dave does not really exist—but then again,  
maybe he does.**

DAVE HAS no strong opinions on moral issues—he would rather have an “open” mind. Open, that is, to all things that offer him an advantage, or greater freedom, or are just simply in vogue.

He prefers to glide through life, taking the smoothest course wherever possible—always open to easier or more popular lifestyles and reluctant to buck the *status quo* (unless for personal gain, of course). He never allows himself the stress of worrying over other people's problems.

And Dave believes that he has absolutely no control over his own destiny. Besides, life is much too busy to dwell upon such issues. The “urgent” always prevails over the truly important.

Now, take a one-sided or carefully manipulated movie or piece of news coverage and expose Dave to it. Preferably, it should present a “bandwagon” issue that all “decent” or “contemporary-minded” people can't ignore.

Of course, if his outlook is challenged, it is not the media that threatens him. On the contrary, it is the issue portrayed. The media is his “friend,” informing him—even warning him. “Look. Isn't this terrible? It must be stopped. It's unjust. We must do something.”

Dave now begins to form an opinion—not his own opinion, perhaps; but try to tell *him* that! “Oh, this is bad. The Police have got a lot to answer for. The Government must be stopped. Mr X needs his wings clipped.”

After all, Dave is a decent-minded citizen, isn't he? If everyone else with a “social conscience” is getting upset, then he must stand up and be counted too, right?

Now, when his new-found opinion and newly awakened conscience are reinforced, it produces conviction. And just try to tell him that he believes a lie! He is now very intolerant of any mode of thought that challenges his

new outlook. After all, he is with the popular consensus—the “in-crowd,” which knows what's right.

Those who dare to differ and challenge his stand are subjected to a cacophony of words, regurgitated verbatim, about why they should believe as he does, and why they are outcasts or outsiders—people without values. Of course, if these people have also seen the movie, TV program or article, they'd have heard it all before.

Stronger challenges may lead to verbal or even physical abuse. You see, each time Dave is challenged, the deeper he becomes entrenched. He must be on the defensive. He must always be ready to justify his position and recruit all who would listen to his way of thinking. He must be right because he is now so sincere. It must be “truth” because he has seen it on TV and agrees with it.

The media continues to release more captivating evidence in support of its earlier allegations or stance. Dave has to agree with it because he can see its logic. And remember, the media is a friend to all rational thinkers.

The cycle repeats itself. Eventually the media becomes the spokesman for Dave's opinion because, after all, it has been correct all along. It is unlikely to lead him astray now, surely.

Thus, an apathetic, indifferent, average, ordinary citizen—like most of us—is deceived. He is exposed to compelling, captivating information designed to achieve a response. The only problem is, the information is distorted and channelled in such a way that, for any weak-minded people (those who prefer the easy road), their response is conditioned. Reinforce this, and brainwashing occurs.

For the grand finale, let us suppose we take this exposure and multiply it by the power of Satan, directing it full-force against those obeying God's commandments. ■

*Barry White writes from Hamilton, New Zealand.*



FOR THE CHILDREN

## Race With an Elk

TRUDY RANKIN

JAN was so excited! Every year Pastor and Mrs Paul took a group of young people camping, and this time Mum and Dad had said she could go. After a long car ride followed by a hard hike, the group reached their campsite. Jan and Annette were setting up their tent when Mrs Paul came over.

“Did you pass that big elk on your way into camp?” she asked. “It is now lying right in the path to the toilets and it won't move.”

“No!” Jan's eyes grew wide.

“We'll move it for you,” Dean confidently volunteered. Jamie and he raced off down the path, whooping and waving their arms as they went. But the elk just would not move! It simply lay in the centre of the path.

Jamie frowned. He dreaded getting close, yet he didn't want the girls to think he was a coward. Lifting a rock, he threw it at the elk's hindquarters and the big animal rose and lumbered away.

The boys hurried back to camp and soon Mrs Paul gave the call to tea. After dusk, the girls picked up their toothbrushes and headed for the toilets. Single file, they stumbled over the rough track. Then Jan stopped so suddenly that Annette ran into her.

“What's wrong?” she queried.

“That elk is back again,” Jan said, “It's blocking our path.”

Jan shuffled nervously. “Let's keep going and see if we can scare it.” But the elk just lay there glaring at them, until suddenly it gave a “WHOOOF,” and thundered down the path toward the retreating girls.

At last they reached the safety of the tents. Glancing back down the path, they saw the elk once more contentedly chewing grass while lying on the path. Jan dared the boys to try to get past it, but Jamie and Dean hastily declined the dare.

“Animals don't like being hurt,” said Pastor Paul. “Next time, if you leave her alone, she will probably leave you alone.” ■

## TAUC Camporee Brings Largest Pathfinder Gathering to Victoria

FIFTEEN hundred and fifty Pathfinders and their leaders came from every compass point to "Glenfalloch" cattle station on the borders of the Great Dividing Range in Victoria, for the Trans-Australian Union Conference camporee, held January 6-11. It was the largest camporee ever held in the TAUC.

"It was worth all the effort," says TAUC Church Ministries director Roger Nixon. "We had glorious weather, there were no serious injuries and a cooperative spirit prevailed. The Lord's blessing was abundantly evident."

Pathfinders travelled from as far away as Perth, Darwin and even the Solomon Islands, anticipating a great get-together. And they were not to be disappointed. From the colourful flag display during the opening parade to the lowering of the camporee flag on the final night, the camporee provided evidence that Pathfinding is a growing, vibrant movement.

According to Pastor Nixon, each day presented new challenges to the young people camped at Basin Flat on the 14,000-acre property. The nearby Macalister River provided a venue for raft and ballista construction, "Storm the Fort," water polo, slippery logs and canoeing. A daring hike adventure, Wilderness Wanderings, offered



Photo: Roger Nixon.

Pathfinders attending the Trans-Australian Union Conference Camporee at Licola, Victoria, found challenges in Wilderness Wanderings.

thrills of a special kind, as did the run and chase activity, "Waldenses to University."

But perhaps even more memorable were the devotional activities, says Pastor Nixon. Morning club worships saw Pathfinders discussing the topic "Hang in There"—When You're Feeling Lousy, When It Seems Hopeless, Because It's Worth It, etc.

Combined evening meetings featured sing-alongs, puppet presentations, nature segments, inquisitions and dramatic portrayals, climaxing

with Pastor Barry Gane's challenge to have "Courage to Stand." The divine service on Sabbath proved a highlight, with practically every young person and leader committing their lives to Jesus.

"Frequently we were reminded that Pathfinders will play an important part in the growth of the church," says Pastor Nixon. "And we praise God for the untiring efforts of all who helped to make this camporee such a success. Only eternity will reveal the ultimate results." ■

### "Who Cares About My Dad?"—A Sequel



READERS of the RECORD may have noticed an article in the issue dated April 5, 1986, which posed the question in the title above.

In response (June 14, 1986), the local minister said that both he and his church cared. And they carried that care into action. Some members called on my dad and his wife. Some invited them home to meals, and accepted invitations in return.

One member showed Kenneth Cox evangelistic videos; another began Bible studies. The church accepted them.

The result: Recently I travelled to the Nambour church again—this time to witness the baptism of these two people who are so dear to me. I cannot convey my joy!

Dear friends, my dad is now baptised. Thank you for that. But someone else's loved ones are not—yet. And they may well be in your town.

Graham Johnston.



## Leader's Impressions of a Pathfinder Camporee

I WAS ready to tear my hair out! "Where's my tent?" "Where are my clothes?" "Can we be next to the loos?" "Who took my sleeping bag?" "When are we having tea?" "Can we go swimming?"

Could they go swimming? Please, someone take them swimming and get them out of my hair!

We were trying to set up camp in time for the opening ceremonies of the Licola Camporee. With their departure for a swim, peace and quiet descended. But by the time I had gotten myself organised again, they were back, dripping wet but happy. There followed a mad scramble for uniforms and the wails of dismay as various items of uniform were found to have vanished into thin air.

I was unable to participate in the parade because my uniform disappeared piece by piece, only to reappear on someone who had left something behind. I felt like preaching a sermon about carelessness, but I couldn't. I forgot a few things myself!

Amazingly enough, we made it to the opening ceremonies, which proved to be something I will never forget. Fifteen hundred and fifty young people marching with varying degrees of precision—and still they kept coming!

Then I saw her. She was perfectly in step with the rest of the club, marching in time to the music. Her eyes were straight ahead, mouth tight with determination. Beads of sweat shone on her face as the girl with "Murray United" on her sleeve marched past, silver crutches flashing in the sun, crippled legs following the stern commands she gave them. I had to look the other way, and blink hard.

After the formalities, it was time to drag up the long, steep hill to the bowl for the evening meeting. The theme for the camporee was woven around the Reformation, with an emphasis on Christ's soon return.

I dreaded bedtime that first night. From past experience I was sure we'd have kids up till all hours. But to my astonishment,

they were in their tents, asleep, before we could even tell them to get there. And that happened during the entire camporee.

So much more I could tell. Crossing the river as part of the "Waldenses to University" activity, I lost my footing when I was almost to the bank. I will never know how I managed to get myself soaked in a mere two inches of water! My camera will carry the scars to its dying day.

By Friday morning I was beginning to wonder if I would live through the next couple of days, especially when the weather turned cool, and we had to wear thin uniforms. Maybe I really needed the Puppets' story on patience!

And then it was all over—for another four years. It wasn't an appropriate time to ask how I had enjoyed the camporee. But ask me now, two weeks later, and you'll hear a definite "Yes! When is the next one?" ■

*By Trudy Rankin, whose husband is Pathfinder director in Warburton, Victoria.*

## First Students Graduate from Pine Rivers High

FIFTEEN students from Year 10 recently were the first graduates from the Pine Rivers Seventh-day Adventist High School in Hughes Road, Dakabin, southern Queensland.

School principal John Williams congratulated the class on being trailblazers, for it was in their first year at school that these students had experienced the destruction by fire of their school at Zillmere. After two years in temporary premises, the students moved into the new brick complex.

South Queensland Conference president Pastor David Lawson presented the students with their certificates, during a ceremony in the newly carpeted Pine Rivers church. ■

*By Pat Roby, Pine Rivers church communication secretary.*



The first Year 10 graduating class from the Pine Rivers High School received their certificates from Pastor David Lawson. Front row (from left): Kerry Luke, Laura Roby, Dianne Jack, Linda Contarino, Michele Smith, Carol Jenner, Leisha Bates, Trisha Twoomey. Back row: Cameron Roper, Dennis Seidel, Tanne Andrews, Scott Carseldine, Joe Tetesi, Jodie Harkness. (Absent: Fiona Buchanan.)

# RECORD Helps Reunite Family

A STORY in the RECORD of March 19, 1986, has been instrumental in uniting a church member with close relatives whom she had never met.

In the article, Gary Grant told of coming from Canada on a 12-month working holiday that extended into 15 years. He mentioned his wife's name, Linda, and details of her childhood Adventist background, and the way God impressed her through vivid dreams.

Noel and Joan Bolst, of Melbourne, read the details of Linda's background and wondered if she could be the daughter of Mrs Bolst's late sister, who had migrated to Canada from England as a war bride. Several attempts to make contact with the family had been unsuccessful, but the accompanying picture of the baptism strengthened their impression, as there appeared to be a strong family resemblance.

After the RECORD provided an address in Port Pirie, the Bolsts telephoned the church pastor for help in establishing contact. "We had a farewell for them just last week," the pastor said. But fortunately he was able to provide details of their new address.

"It was an emotional meeting when aunt and niece finally met last

December," says Pastor Bolst. "To have found a close relative we had never met was in itself a joyous occasion. But to discover that both families now rejoiced in the hope of the soon-coming Saviour and were members of the remnant church added more than poignancy to the meeting. My wife was overwhelmed to find a living descendant of a sister she had seen but once in 45 years. And her niece had found a living reminder of her late mother.

"To add even more interest to our visit," Pastor Bolst continues, "while we were there a letter arrived that had been sent on from the RECORD office. It was postmarked in England and was from a close friend of Linda's mother in their youth. It told of how she had received copies of the RECORD from a friend in Australia, and on seeing the article and picture, recognised the family details, which were confirmed by the striking resemblance in the photograph to the friend of her youth. Now she wishes to re-establish contact."

Pastor Bolst concludes, "Sadly, Linda's mother is not alive. But she died in the hope and assurance of the resurrection. And many hearts have been made glad by one story in the RECORD." ■

# South Australian Member Receives Australia Day Award

ADVENTIST LORNA PARBS (nee Roenfelt) was honoured for her service to the community in this year's Australia Day awards. She was nominated by the Nuriootpa War Memorial Community Centre, in South Australia, in recognition of her years of voluntary work.

Mrs Parbs has served in many local community service organisations and is a regular hospital visitor. She has also served as head deaconess of the Barossa Valley Seventh-day Adventist church since 1970.

According to Annita McPhee, wife of the Barossa Valley church pastor, Mrs Parbs is grateful for the willing assistance given by her husband, Frank, in her service to the community. "Her church in the valley is proud of Sister Parbs," says Mrs McPhee. "We pray God will continue to bless her work." ■

# Ilam Youth Leader Endorses Revelation Seminar Plan

MICHAEL Ashby once found it hard to generate support among the young people for a Revelation Seminar in his home church of Ilam, South New Zealand. But not any more.

The apprehensive youth have tried the plan, and they found it works.

"Everyone who was involved in the program considers it an excellent outreach," says Michael. "It provides an avenue for young people to be involved with each other and their church."

The day planned for handbill distribution proved to be the only day of the winter when it snowed in Christchurch. But, according to correspondent Rosaliè Nelson, the cold was in contrast to the warm response of the participants. Raymond Hobbs assisted Michael with the series.

"I would recommend that all youth groups run a Revelation Seminar at the beginning of the year," says Michael. "It is an excellent program." ■

## Nurses Meet After Fifteen Years

GRADUATE nurses of the 1971 class at the Sydney Adventist Hospital met at the Crosslands Youth Centre in Sydney, January 2-4, for a class reunion. More than 100 attended.

Even those who could not attend were there in thought, with greetings from as far afield as Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh and Sweden.

"The presence of Dr Bert Clifford, medical director of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, former chaplain Pastor Ken Low, Pastor Reg Harris and Sister Lorraine Beattie, and their spouses, highlighted the weekend," says Robyn Manners.

"It was an informal time, as within a close-knit family—the chatter and play of children, the friendship and fun that comes during kitchen duties and the laughter of parents as they relived experiences of their training days," she adds.

"We thank God for the privilege of training in an Adventist institution where Christian principles are upheld; where long-lasting friendships are formed and where we have a true sense of belonging," Mrs Manners (nee Johnson) says. "Looking back we gain confidence as we review God's watchcare, and strength as we contemplate His love. Now we look forward with eagerness and expectation to an even more wonderful reunion with our church family—and with our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

# Tessa, a Faithful Friend

"CARAVAN FOR SALE," read the notice by the gate. "Let's have a look at it," said Ettie. It looked a nice home on a small property midway between Tuncurry and Taree.

With practiced obedience I turned the car into the driveway, and as we were about to open the gate, there stood two very large dogs. One, a Labrador, greeted us with a bark like the roar of a hungry lion. The other was an Alsatian, the strong, silent type, who looked us over with cold, appraising eyes.

"You go first," said Ettie. So with a courage born of long years of door knocking, we stepped on to the driveway, the two dogs falling in behind as we marched in solemn procession along the 30 metres or so to the house, fervently hoping that the owners would be home.

That was our first meeting with Tessa, the Labrador. If only we had known then that both dogs were of amiable disposition, and enjoyed nothing more than a good romp.

So it was that we met Harry and Iris Allen, two very charming people, and became the owners of their well-maintained caravan. As we passed the house from time to time, Ettie and I would occasionally drop in for a visit. It was with real concern that we learned one day that Harry had been taken to hospital with a terminal illness. Eventually he returned home to spend his last few months in the loving care of Iris, assisted by Tessa.

Night after night Tessa took her place beside her master's bed, and whenever Harry stirred, Tessa would quietly pad to Iris in an adjoining room, and awaken her with a gentle nudge.

When Harry died, Tessa was disconsolate, and looked with puzzled bewilderment at the empty bed. And then came the night when she determined to do something about it. Taking her untouched meal—a large juicy bone—she carried it in her jaws to the empty room, and quietly placed it on Harry's bed, just below the pillow, as if to say, "This is the best gift that I can give, and it will surely bring him back." The bone remained in its place, untouched, for two weeks, until necessity forced its removal.

As Iris told us the story, in fancy there came on the evening breeze the scent of "very precious ointment"

from a broken alabaster box—Mary's gift of love to her Master in the long ago. Looking into those gentle, sad eyes of Tessa, I gave her head an extra pat.

Two and a half years ago Iris moved to a neat little cottage in Taree. When the telephone rang to confirm the sale of the old home, Iris sat weeping, with Tessa looking on in sympathy. In an effort to comfort her mistress, Tessa quietly went to her toy box, and taking out an old slipper, gently placed it on Iris's lap. Again Tessa fossicked in the box and brought her favourite ball and another treasured item. With her head on Iris's knee, she looked up as if to say, "Don't cry. You still have me."

Together they lived in Taree; Tessa the constant guardian and companion, always attracting a friendly word and pat from passers-by.

## Epilogue

On August 10, 1986, Ettie had called our friend, Iris. A sad voice answered the telephone to say, "Tessa is dead. . . . God must have impressed you to ring," said Iris. "It's so lonely without Tessa." Old and stricken with a stroke, Tessa had been put down by a sympathetic vet, and died painlessly in the arms of her mistress. She was buried on a small country property, under the overhanging branches of a tree, and among the grassy paddocks over which she loved to romp.

"Goodbye, Tessa, faithful friend. You have taught us the simple meaning of love, understanding and loyalty, through your devotion to two humble members of the human family." ■

*By Oliver Twist, a retired church administrator who lives in Newcastle, NSW.*

## Pitcairn History Unearthed

ALONG with many of your readers I greatly enjoyed the historic articles by Dennis Steley published last year. Some interesting details relating to the beginnings of our work on Pitcairn are not generally known.

In September 1873 a Liverpool ship named the *Khandeish*, homeward bound from San Francisco, was wrecked on Oeno Island, a coral atoll around 100 kilometres from Pitcairn. The shipwrecked mariners under their captain, helped by favourable weather and winds, managed to reach Pitcairn in the ship's lifeboat. They were hospitably cared for during their stay of 51 days, which ended on November 19 with the arrival of the British ship *Ennerdale*.

Taken back to San Francisco, the appreciative sailors told how generous the Pitcairn people had been. So effective was the narration of their rescue and the kindness of the Pitcairners, that generous citizens set up a fund collecting both money and goods to send to Pitcairn as a token of appreciation.

In March 1876 a ship under the command of Captain D. A. Scribner arrived at the island with the gifts. Among them was a box of books, pamphlets and letters from J. N. Loughborough and James White asking that the islanders study their contents. At first the people regarded them with suspicion, but they corresponded with the two Adventist ministers and finally became convinced that the message these papers contained was, in fact, Bible truth.

Ten years after the arrival of the Adventist box of "gifts" for the hospitable Pitcairners, and after numerous letters between them and Pastors White and Loughborough, John I. Tay reached Pitcairn on the British warship *Pelican* to consolidate the work begun by the printed page. He could stay only a short time, but returned in November 1890, with his wife and Pastor and Mrs Gates, on the first Adventist mission ship, the *Pitcairn*. Baptisms followed, and when the *Pitcairn* sailed later to other Pacific islands, it carried Pitcairn Islanders as the first indigenous missionaries to the peoples of the Pacific.

*By R. W. Taylor of Wairoa, NSW.*

## News from the Churches



**Goondiwindi, Qld.** Eight people were recently baptised at Goondiwindi church by Pastor Harold Edmunds. Church minister Des Williams reports that the growing church was near to full capacity for the special day and believes this growth will continue. "Personal evangelism is truly rewarding," says Mr Williams. "Some Goondiwindi Adventist young people are bringing their high-school friends to weekly Bible studies and they are finding it an exciting experience."

**Adelaide City, SA.** The South Australian Centenary Year came to a climax with the rendering of Handel's *Messiah* on the afternoon of December 20. Ivan Moseley was conductor of the augmented Adelaide City church choir with soloists Janet Healey, Jan Green, Anne Moseley, Joan Hanstra, John Bone, Leith Mayfield and Brenton Wilkenson. Linsey Christian was pianist and Dr Lyn Luderer played the organ.

**Lae English, PNG.** Pastor Thomas Davai led out at a service when 56 children were dedicated to the Lord at a Thanksgiving and Children's Day recently. Speaker for the occasion was Mr Neville Tosen, who was accompanied on the rostrum by his two teenage sons, Richard and Kenneth. Sabbath school divisions presented items and all responded to a Litany of Praise. Correspondent Mrs E. Litster says, "Our hearts rejoiced for the gift of our children and the goodness of the Lord who said, 'Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.'"

**St Martins, SNZ.** Pastor Jim Zyderveld officiated at the dedication of baby Samuel Pene—a fourth-generation Adventist in the new St Martins church, with all four generations present for the occasion. Baby Samuel's great grandmother, Mrs Rita Harris, has been connected with the St Martins church (previously known as Sydenham) for 61 years.

**Toronto, NSW.** Retirees Rod and Nita Ellison recently coordinated a vegetarian cooking series with the theme "Garden to Table" in the Toronto church hall on Lake Macquarie. Forty-eight people attended the four-night series held over as many weeks, which culminated in a buffet dinner on the fifth night. Lecturers Dr Denise Kent and her father, Dr Rod Ellison, emphasised the importance of a diet low in sugar, salt and fat and high in fibre. The community outreach program brought many expressions of appreciation.

**Avondale College, NSW.** The Federal member for Charlton, Mr Bob Brown, MHR, was special guest at an investiture of 33 Pathfinders held in the new College church late last year. Pastor Glenn Roberts, Pathfinder director for the North New South Wales Conference, also took part in the service, which was attended by many visitors. Mr Brown presented to the club an Australian flag which the Pathfinders saluted as the congregation sang "Advance Australia Fair." Mark Hansen is director of the Pathfinder club at Avondale.

**Griffith, NSW.** Pastor and Mrs Bert Cozens, who came out of retirement to pastor the Riverina churches, conducted two 5-Day Stop Smoking Plans late last year. One held in the Griffith church hall saw five participants attend and all quit. The other 5-Day Plan was the first outreach program ever held at Hillston, according to local communication secretary Heather Dowling.

**Charlestown, NSW.** One hundred and fifty senior citizens attended a Christmas party arranged by the welfare workers of the Charlestown church. Church communication secretary Ruth Irvine says the guests enjoyed musical items, a short devotional talk from church minister Robert Craig and a delicious meal. Arthur Mills distributed gifts. "It was a party with a feeling of warmth and love that was contagious," says Mrs Irvine.

**Brightwaters, NSW.** The fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Brightwaters church was celebrated by a special thanksgiving on December 13. Two hundred and fifty people attended. The following Sabbath, members took part in a Christmas tree appeal to provide much-needed equipment for the isolated Port Quemie school and clinic on the island of Epi in Vanuatu. Local church communication secretary Glen Coombs says organisers Ken and Carol Scott were delighted when the offering totalled \$1,200.

**Belmont, WA.** Five people have been baptised and four others are having Bible studies following two Revelation Seminars held in the church hall late last year. According to church communication secretary Joy Rasts, the programs conducted by Pastor Lyndsam Chineegadoo were much appreciated.

**Gosnells, WA.** Ten Gosnells church welfare women and one man made 61 rugs for Kampuchean refugee families in Western Australia during 1986. In addition, 179 other items of bedding have been supplied. "We enjoy finding ways and means of helping needy people," says one of the group, all of whom are over 70.

**Goulburn, NSW.** Goulburn Pathfinders had a last-minute change of plans when the bus they had prepared to take them to the Trans-Australian Union Pathfinder Camporee at Licola was not registered in time. Pathfinder director Brian Martin—a panel beater who works for a car wrecking firm—had spent months readying the bus for the trip while the Pathfinders raised money for expenses by cutting firewood, selling items and running a concert. Goulburn church elder Ian Littlewood paid tribute to Brian's work. "I'm sure he would say it was worth it. Licola was fun—a great success," says Mr Littlewood.

**Ilam, SNZ.** A multicultural Christmas program was presented in the Ilam church on Sabbath morning, December 20. Representatives from seven countries participated. Mrs Jenny Barton and Mrs Beverly Savage arranged the service, which raised \$820 toward Kampuchean refugees migrating to New Zealand.

## Bandits Attack Staff of Children's Home

"*MATELA! Matela!*" ("Kill her! Kill her!") hissed one of the bandits to another who held a gun to Juana's head. Three masked men had appeared suddenly out of the darkness.

Juana, the director of children's services at The Pines orphanage in northern Guatemala, had felt safe on the large farm the orphanage shared with the mission school.

When the bandits confronted Juana her heart seemed to stop. She knew the pattern. For them, life is cheap. She just uttered two words quietly, but with desperation, "*Dios, ayudame!*" ("God, help me!") In the midst of that terrifying situation, calm came into her heart, and she knew she must think clearly.

"Where are your bosses?" the tall one with the gun demanded.

"They aren't here," she answered.

Persisting, he pushed the gun closer and asked again, "Where are they?"

My husband, Ken, and I had left with Cruz Ixcot, the administrator, in the utility for Guatemala City. When the bandit kept insisting, "Where are they?" Juana would only say, "They aren't here right now." She didn't want them to know we were on the little-travelled road leading to the capital. She knew that they could send word to others to stop us.

It is no secret that The Pines is supported by an American organisation. Many acts of terrorism are sponsored by groups wanting money to purchase arms. Americans are supposedly blessed with unlimited resources. During the years since the guerrilla war began, our workers had been concerned about our safety. There had been a few instances of alarm, but never a real attack.

The Pines operates family style, with more than 100 children, 12 to a home, living in individual homes scattered among the pine trees.

The bandits demanded money of Juana and several others. But they became alarmed when they heard the school truck, sounding like an army, coming down the road, and they escaped into the woods.

Our trip to the city had been uneventful. We had been stopped a number of times to be searched by soldiers, but on learning that we were from The Pines, they allowed us to go

on without a search. A call the next morning told us of the bandits' visit the night before. Ken and I looked at each other, speechless. We had been just a few hours ahead of them! We had been warned many times of the dangers of travelling in the interior, but it was necessary in order to carry on our work as directors of International Children's Care.

A couple of days later, Job, the maintenance and building director, joined us in the city. All of us at the receiving centre, where babies and new children are cared for, gathered in the living room to hear the details of the attack. When he told how everyone had eventually gathered and determined that all were accounted for, we

asked, "Was Juana crying?"

"We all were!" he replied. "We wept and prayed, thanking God for His protection."

That week we continued our itinerary, heading for home and a speaking appointment in North Carolina. In Miami we had a call from our office: "They called from Guatemala. The bandits have been apprehended. The authorities informed us that they have confessed. The real plan was to kidnap you Americans and hold you for a *big* ransom." The reality of what we had narrowly escaped made us numb!

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*By Alcyon Ruth Fleck, director of children's services, International Children's Care, Inc.*

### NEWS NOTES . . .

**Dental Clinic Taking Root in Santiago.** A new dental clinic in Santiago, Dominican Republic, will soon be opening its doors, according to Dr Eldon Carman, associate director for dental affairs of the General Conference Health and Temperance Department. The clinic will be the first Adventist health facility on that Caribbean island. The new clinic will be staffed by local Adventist dentists.

**Indian Crusade Nets 153 Converts.** In September evangelistic teams converged on five villages in the Madhya Bharat Section of India. As a result of the evangelistic effort, Adventist leaders organised new churches in Nohar, Mohlan and Beenjbayala, and baptised 153 new converts.

The evangelistic thrust was an outgrowth of a school of evangelism conducted by S. Chand, ministerial secretary of the Southern Asia Division; Dr John Willmott, president of the Northern Union; and Lal Singh, field secretary of the Northern Union.

**Inter-America Update.** For the first 10 months in 1986, Inter-American Division baptisms totalled 77,489, approximately 97 per cent of the division's baptismal goal for 1986. For the first 16 months of Harvest 90, the division baptised 102,715 converts, approximately 24 per cent of its Harvest 90 goal.

**Only One Heart to Give.** More than 50 organ-transplantation experts converged on Loma Linda University for a two-day conference on organ transplantation, November 17, 18. The conference, entitled "The Heart of the Matter: An Invitational Conference on Ethics and Justice in Organ Transplantation," pursued the thorny questions of criteria for transplant recipients.

**Union College Sends Equipment to Kenya.** A Sabbath school project at the Union College church in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA, has been so successful in 1986 that a portion of the monthly offerings are now going to help the newly opened Kiriya Secondary School in Meru, Kenya. The church recently sent books and science equipment to the school.

The Sabbath school project began in 1985 when members decided to take a special once-a-month offering and send the money to support the efforts of Bible workers in Brazil. By January 1986 these Bible workers had brought more than 80 persons to Jesus.

**NASA Chooses Brazilian Institute for Study.** Robert Nunamaker, space director for the National Aeronautical and Space Administration, recently chose the Amazon Adventist Institute, Manaus, for the site of a meteorological study.

A 50-man NASA team will research heat transfer in the atmosphere's high limits, measuring the amount of carbon

dioxide in the humid tropical forest. The US Brazil venture will be launched in May 1987.

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## Weddings

**Andric—Lekin.** Paul Andric, youngest son of Frank and Maria Andric, and Sue Lekin, daughter of Jovan and Vladanka Lekin, were married at the Garden City church in Brisbane, Qld, on December 21, 1986. Many guests from Europe attended the wedding. The couple are setting up their home in Brisbane. Dragan Mladjen.

**Bennett—Brewer.** Wesley Arthur Bennett (Orange, NSW) and Delma Brewer (Dungog, NSW) were married in the Dungog church on February 1. The couple will make their home in Dungog. F. L. Mackay.

**Brown—Kopp.** Steven Andrew Roger Brown, son of Roger and Kelva Brown (Young, NSW), and Norelle Ann Kopp, daughter of Walter and Valda Kopp (Beenleigh, Qld), were married at the Kellyville church, Sydney, NSW, on February 15. The couple met while working at Sydney Adventist Hospital—Steve as a radiographer, and Norelle as an enrolled nurse. They plan to follow their respective professions in Corowa. Ernest Bruce Price.

**Davis—Lee.** Craig Steven Davis, son of Barry and Amy Davis (Goulburn, NSW), and Shin Ok Lee, daughter of Lee and Hwang Yong (Imhaemen, South Korea), were married in Goulburn on January 18. The couple met while Craig was a student missionary in South Korea. They will reside at Avondale College, where Craig is completing his training to be a teacher. Raymond Holt.

**De Vries—Tapp.** Ronald De Vries, son of Doede De Vries (Sydney, NSW), and La-Rue Tapp, daughter of Delicia Bertle (Sydney, NSW), were married in the Oak Flats church, NSW, on February 2. The couple met at La-Rue's sister's wedding. They will live in Sydney, where Ron is a porter at the Sydney Adventist Hospital and La-Rue works as a ward-aid. C. H. Brown.

**Drewer—Hopkins.** Peter James Drewer, son of Robert and Pauline Drewer (Cooranbong, NSW), and Cecelia Gail Hopkins, daughter of Edward and Joyce Hopkins (Adelaide, SA), were married on December 21, 1986, in the Prospect church, SA. Peter and Cecelia will be living in the Cooranbong area.

Kerry H. Hortop.

**Felkel—Dane.** Richard Felkel, son of Mr and Mrs Eugene Felkel (Melbourne, Vic), and Sandra Dane, daughter of Ronald and Cathy Dane (Queensland), were married in the Avondale College church, NSW, on February 8. Richard and Sandra met at Avondale, where Sandra graduated as a teacher in 1986. They plan to reside at Avondale until Richard completes his study in theology in 1987. E. M. Lemke.

**Heck—Proud.** Kim Heck, son of Joe and Ann Heck (Talkeetna, Alaska, USA), and Jenny Proud, daughter of Derek and Elaine Proud (Moeraki, New Zealand), were married in the garden at the bride's parents' home on January 4. The couple met while Jenny was travelling in the United States. They currently are building their own home at Speechleys Bridge, Geraldine, New Zealand. Jim Zyderveld.

**Johnson—Peddersen.** Christopher James Johnson, son of Cecil and Valmay Johnson (Innisfail, Qld), and Lynette Patricia Peddersen, daughter of Geoff and Elaine Peddersen (Morawa, WA), were married at the Maida Vale church, WA, on January 25. Chris and Lyn have set up their own business at Mingenew, WA. George W. W. Drinkall.

**Kennewell—Barber.** Shane Kennewell, son of Mrs Connie Beck (Peak Hill) and the late Albert Kennewell, and Sharon Barber, daughter of Vicki and Warren

Barber, were married in the Maitland church, NSW, on January 25. The couple plan to live in Maitland.

F. L. Mackay.

**Krauze—Crimp.** Jerry (Karlis) Krauze and Cherie Anne Crimp, daughter of Peter and Charm Crimp (Roma, Qld), were married in the Roma church on January 3. Jerry, who comes from Latvia, is a consultant in an oil company. The couple will live in Roma. Robin Willison.

**McLaurin—Woods.** James Anthony McLaurin, eldest son of Paul and Grace McLaurin (Everton, Vic), and Kathryn Woods, youngest daughter of William Woods (Wangaratta, Vic) and the late Esme Woods, were married in the Wangaratta church on February 8. James and Kate will establish their home in Wangaratta, where James is a chef. E. M. Logue.

**Reynolds—Sparks.** Ken Wayne Reynolds, second son of Mr and Mrs Noel Stanford Reynolds, and Coral Ruth Sparks, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Sparks, were married in the Tumbulgum church, NSW, on February 1. The couple have settled in the Mullumbimby area. R. W. Baines.

**Thelan—Corby.** Wayne Anthony Thelan and June Maree Corby, daughter of Ron and Nita Corby (Wandello, near Cobargo, NSW), were married at the Bega church, NSW, on February 15. Wayne and June plan to live on her parents' farm. M. P. Cozens.

**Tihin—Juric.** Zoran Tihin, only son of Milan and Slavna Tihin (Melbourne, Vic), and Ruzica Juric, eldest daughter of Ante and Nada Juric (Brisbane, Qld), were married at the Seddon church in Melbourne on January 1. Zoran and Ruzica plan to establish their home in Melbourne. Dragan Mladjen.

**Watson—Dunn.** James Watson, son of Stuart and Norma Watson (Sydney, NSW), and Melissa Dunn, daughter of Fred and Colleen Dunn (Faulconbridge, NSW), were married in the Warrimoo church on February 15. James is a cabinet-maker and Melissa is a bank officer. Allan Butler.

**Correction.** The Edwards—Pascoe wedding announcement (February 7) should have said that Leona Gaye Pascoe is the daughter of Allan and Marjorie Pascoe (Chadstone, Vic); not the daughter of Allan and Jean Pascoe as reported.

## Obituaries

**Armstrong,** Montague George, born October 21, 1908, in Mackay, Qld; died February 4 in Cairns. For many years a cane farmer in Innisfail, Monty became an Adventist in 1961 and was baptised by L. J. Cherry. He is survived by his wife, Maud. Trafford Fischer.

**Beaumont,** James, born June 15, 1908, in Sydney, NSW; died January 25 in Bowral after a prolonged illness. Jim, a market gardener known for his generosity to people in need, was a woodchopper of note who in 1980 won at the Royal Easter Show in the "over 70" category. He accepted Christ as Saviour a few weeks before he died. Survivors (all of Mittagong) include his wife, Ethel; daughter, Melba Attwood; and grandchildren, Julie and Alan. Long-time family friend Alan Webb assisted at the funeral. Ray Holt.

**Gillham,** Cyril Reginald Norfor, born February 14, 1901, in India; died February 10 in the St Camillus Nursing Home in Albany, WA. Cyril came to Australia when he was 11, and, with his parents, heard the Adventist message while in Kalgoorlie, WA. He was a member of the Albany church for more than 40 years. He never married. Survivors include brothers Mervyn and Lionel (Perth), and Eric (London, England); sister, Enid Baldock; and nieces and nephews. H. G. Bone.

**Lamb,** Walter Ernest, born September 9, 1909, at Mummell, near Goulburn, NSW; died January 8 and was buried in the Avondale Cemetery. Early in life he became a farmer, accepting the Adventist faith in 1940. In 1950, he married Bernice Winifred Jacka. After her

death, he became a resident of the Kressville Hostel in Cooranbong. He is survived by one brother, Henry, and one sister, Amelia Maud Hillier. S. G. Winter.

**Leitch,** Doris, born 1907 at Ballarat, Vic; died February 3 at the Naracoote Hospital, SA. Although an isolated Adventist, she studied her Bible regularly and had a strong faith. Her husband, John, predeceased her. She is survived by one son, Raymond (Adelaide). Lee Bowditch.

**McCrow,** Emile Amilia, born November 8, 1909, in Wales; died December 18, 1986 and was buried in the Palmdale Cemetery at Ourimbah, NSW. Emile came to Australia in 1925, and in 1927 married Albert McCrow. The McCrows had three children; Max, Sylvia and Ivan. Pastor A. D. Pietz assisted at the chapel and graveside services. A. Gallagher.

**Peterson,** Cyril Reginald, born April 8 1924, in Adelaide, SA; died February 9 in Adelaide. A member of the Adelaide City church, Reg surveyed the gas pipeline at Moomba. He leaves to mourn his wife, Gwen; children, Graham, Wendy, Susan, Lynette and Geoffrey; and sister, Irene Campbell. Ray Southon.

**Raethel,** George Reinold, born October 5, 1901, at Light Pass, Barossa Valley, SA; died February 5 at Wynwood Nursing Home, Adelaide. George, of German descent, grew up on a peach and apricot farm in the Barossa Valley. He joined the Adventist Church in 1916, and for many years was a member of the Brighton church. Survivors include his wife, Edna; daughters, Winnifred, Vera, Dorothy and Beverly; and sons, Weslie and Frank. Ray Southon.

**Richter,** Frederick Noel, born December 24, 1922, at Thornville, near Cooyar, Qld; died November 18, 1986, at Toowoomba. Noel, a dairy farmer, had battled heart disease for 14 years. He leaves to mourn his wife, Verna Jean, and one son, Frederick Wayne (Toowoomba). Robin Willison.

**Sanford,** Alameda, 82, died on January 21 in Suva, Fiji. She was the youngest daughter of the Hathaway family, early Adventists in Fiji. Her niece, Mrs Betty Baglee, was present for the funeral at Nasinu Cemetery. R. E. Cobbin.

**Smith,** Eric Leonard, born August 6, 1905, at Paradise, Tas; died February 8 at East Devonport. Pastors Sibley and Brennan studied with Eric when he was young, and he and his wife, Sheila, were baptised by Pastor W. H. Stevens in 1952 in the Devonport church. For many years he served as senior deacon. Eric is survived by his wife, and his daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Julie, John and Derek Newsome (Melbourne, Vic). Pastor Andre van Rensburg assisted at the funeral. Max Hatton.

**Totenhof,** Choris Mary Archibald, born May 20, 1891, in Parkhurst, New Zealand; died December 23, 1986, at the Charles Harrison Nursing Home in Cooranbong, NSW, and was buried in the Avondale Cemetery. While attending a meeting at which Ellen White spoke, Choris accepted the truths of the Adventist Church and was baptised by Pastor Teasdale while at Auckland Grammar School. She completed the Teacher's Course at Avondale College in 1914-1915, and returned to New Zealand to teach at the church school at Cambridge. In 1917 she married George Totenhof, and they set up their home in Cooranbong. Her husband predeceased her in 1983. She leaves to mourn three children, Dallas (Canada), Pearl Toepfer (Cooranbong) and Lindsay (England); three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. S. G. Winter.

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If the answer is Yes, then we want you!

Capalaba Sabbath school/church is having a very special day on May 2—"Back to Capalaba—Homecoming Day"—and we are looking to have as many past members as possible to join us on that day.

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Deer Park on Sydney's picturesque Port Hacking. Theme: "Friends—Upwards, Inwards, Outwards." Hear Bob Saunders, just arrived from USA. Limited accommodation. Book early. Application forms available from Greater Sydney Conference Office, 84 The Boulevard, Strathfield, NSW 2135. Phone (02) 747 5655.

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## Fundraising Opportunity

Attention church groups and individuals interested in fundraising projects for 1987—door-to-door calendar selling. Send for brochures and details to: Indian Pacific Traders, PO Box 42, Cooranbong, NSW 2265. Phone (049) 77 1221. Orders close May 30, 1987, for September delivery for this proven means of boosting income.

## Church Opening

The official opening of the Eight Mile Plains Seventh-day Adventist church, London Road, Eight Mile Plains, Brisbane, Queensland, will be held on Sabbath, March 14, 1987, at 3 pm.

All previous members and friends are invited to worship with us on this special occasion.

## House for Sale

Avondale College area. 2-bedroom house on 81 Avondale Road, Cooranbong, NSW. \$35,000. Phone (049) 77 2009.

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House and chemist shop (good small-business, 60 km from nearest competition), Woodenbong, NSW—approximately \$180,000.

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Is your water full of unseen, potential health-damaging organisms? There are far more than expected! Available now is reverse-osmosis water purifier, the same method to clean blood of those with non-functioning kidneys.

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Three schools in mission areas have no teachers for the following classes:

Papaaroa SDA High School, Cook Islands—Science classes to Year 10.

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Beulah College, Tonga—Science classes for Years 9 and 10.

Can you help? For further information contact your local conference Education director or the Education Department, South Pacific Division, Wairoanga, NSW 2076, phone (02) 489 7122.

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This appointment will have great appeal to a highly motivated person with experience in marketing and administration.

The successful candidate will have the ability to identify customer needs and promote the uniqueness of the centre's services. He will have a keen commercial sense, a marketing aptitude, and a strong commitment to issues of health and lifestyle. Previous involvement in health care, although well regarded, is not essential.

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Do you see yourself in this role? Does the prospect of actively promoting our better lifestyle appeal to you? Please write to Secretary, Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital, Warburton, Vic 3799, or phone (059) 66 2404.

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Contact Armstrong & Partners, Solicitors, 95 Dora Street, Morisset, NSW 2264. Resident partner, John C. McFadden; phone (049) 73 2511 for appointment, refer Daphne Kennedy.

## Position Required

New Adventist, 38, married, office clerk by trade, degree in economics, 12 years' experience as sales rep/manager, requires full or part-time position. Experience also in food preparation, cooking and restaurant service. (Certificate in Catering and Hospitality). Please contact H. Weith, 15/33 Rudge Street, Woodridge, Qld 4114. Phone (07) 808 2151.

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## Anniversary Book

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## Lay Missionary Needed

Self-supporting, missionary-minded couple needed in the north of Western Australia at Derby, for period of 12 months or longer, to continue work of layman in conducting Aboriginal children's branch Sabbath school and church services for the Aboriginal members there.

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# FLASHPOINT

**Ethics Conference.** Sydney Adventist Hospital will host the second annual National Bio-Ethics Conference on April 6 and 7. Organ Transplantation, Caring for AIDS Victims, Freezing of Embryos and Accepting Death in Stages, are some of the issues to be examined. World-renowned immunologist Dr Sandra Nehlsen-Cannarella from Loma Linda University will address the conference. Georgetown University ethics expert Dr Roy Branson will also be a featured speaker.

**Swendson to Suva.** The Central Pacific Union Ministerial secretary, Pastor Ray Swendson, is relocating in Fiji as soon as a house is built for the family. The Swendsons have spent the last eight years in Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia.

**Retirees Retreat.** This weekend is the climax of a camp for retirees conducted by the Church Ministries Department at Camp Howqua in Victoria.

**One Hundred Per Cent.** Alan Savige, principal of the Murwillumbah Adventist High School, reports that all 10 students who sat for their Higher School Certificate last year passed, and all matriculated. Eight have already commenced courses at university or other institutions of higher learning, with two delaying further study for a year.

**New Doctor.** Fijian Apisalomi Talemaitonga has graduated from medical studies in New Zealand, having gone there to study on a Fijian Government scholarship. Pisa, as he is known to friends, is the son of Wapole Talemaitonga, for many years principal of Navesau Junior High School in Fiji. During his student days, Pisa held office in Dunedin church, and also spent some time at Sopsas Hospital in Papua New Guinea.

**Tassie Prayer.** Tasmanian laymembers have sponsored an initiative designed to provide a network of prayer partners throughout the conference. Local church coordinators will share needs and requests.

**Goa Pioneers.** At the recent Victorian Camp-meeting Pastor and Mrs Lin Burns described the commencement of Adventist work in Goa, which they helped to pioneer from 1969 to 1973. "Mission work in this part of India is very difficult," says June Burns. "Goa was a Portuguese colony for 450 years and consequently the residents have a Catholic background. The converts have waited a long time for a church building." Our offering overflow this 13th Sabbath goes to Goa.

**Date Change.** The "Back to Kosena" planned to mark the 10th year of the school in Apia, Samoa, originally planned for Anzac weekend, will now be held on May 29 and 30 to coincide with celebrations marking 25 years of independence in Western Samoa.

**Avondale Homecoming.** September 25 and 26 are the dates to mark if you intend going to the 1987 Avondale Homecoming. Years to be honoured are the "sevens"—1917, 1927, 1937, etc.

**Lismore Dux.** For the third year in succession, an Adventist student has been named as Dux of a Lismore high school. Robert Gibson, a member of the Lismore church in northern New South Wales, was named Dux of the Richmond River High School for 1986, after gaining highest marks in the Higher School Certificate examinations. He plans to study medicine. In 1985, David Bowers achieved the same honour at the same school, and in 1984, David Wright was Dux of Lismore's Kadina High School.

**Nutrition Course.** Thirty-one representatives from all six central coast churches in New South Wales attended a Vegetarian Nutrition Instructors course in the Erina school hall.

**Youth Rallies.** As part of Youth Week in North New Zealand, southern youth will enjoy a Fellowship weekend at Napier on March 14 and 15. And the northern youth will celebrate on March 21, with worship, fellowship and social activities at the Community Centre, Balmoral.

**Nurse Accountant.** Jan Clarke was recently appointed accountant at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, following the promotion of Carl Adams to finance officer. Jan was an accountant prior to taking up nursing, and for the past four years has been supervisor at the Fox Valley Medical and Dental Centre.

**New Principal.** Don Edgeworth is the new principal and business manager of Kambubu High School near Rabaul in Papua New Guinea. Don has previously served as principal at Beulah College in Tonga. In recent years he and his wife Priscilla have operated the "Co-op" store in Cooranbong, NSW.

**Immigrants to Aore.** Ex-missionary and marine engineer Bert Sonter and his family are moving to Aore Island in Vanuatu, where he has obtained a lease for a former French plantation. Adrian Butcher and Bill Toepfer, also from Cooranbong, NSW, are taking up adjoining leases. This will strengthen the Adventist presence and commercial development in the north of Vanuatu.

**"Finally, Brethren . . .":** One moment of patience may ward off a great disaster; one moment of impatience may ruin a whole life.