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EDITORIAL



Facts and Faith

A little learning is a dangerous thing;/ Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring;/ Their shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,/ And drinking largely sobers us again.—Alexander Pope.

Recently I was privileged to participate in the second of two geoscience field conferences conducted in the South Pacific Division by the General Conference's Geoscience Research Institute (fuller report to be printed in an upcoming issue).

As I sat through hours of lectures, and as we observed first-hand various

I was impressed, by the power of nature.

phenomena that are often used to support either the creation-flood model or an evolutionary model of origins, four things stood out in my non-scientific mind.

First, I was impressed, as never before, by the power of nature. For example, current scientific thinking suggests that such mountain ranges as the New Zealand Alps and the Andes are the result of upthrust caused by huge pieces of the earth's crust bumping against each other.

These mountains constitute tens of thousands of cubic kilometres of rock. Yet the forces of nature have moved them around almost as if they were pebbles.

During the conference we learned how when large volcanoes erupt, they often eject tens of cubic kilometres of material, spewing it several kilometres into the air. The topography of huge regions can be changed overnight. And throughout the history of this earth, such eruptions have happened time and time again.

And these are but a few examples of nature's awesome power.

Second, as I sat through the lectures and listened to lecturers discuss the merits of the various explanations scientists put forward to explain certain observable geophysical phenomena, it

struck me how little we really know with certainty—all our scientific knowledge notwithstanding.

For, even when we can provide impressive data to back our assumptions concerning origins, and even when we can set up laboratory experiments to demonstrate that certain mechanisms provide plausible explanations, in the final analysis we cannot prove that the scenario we describe is in fact what actually transpired. It might have come about by any number of other means.

Whether we use the creation-flood model or the evolutionary model to explain origins, in the end we must make a leap of faith. The geoscience field conference convinced me more than ever that I need not be ashamed of having chosen to believe in fiat creation by God. I learned of more data to support that position than I had been aware of before.

On the other hand, the experience also waved a warning flag against overconfidence. While the creation-flood model provides adequate scientific explanations for many of the phenomena science has observed, there are also many phenomena that it currently cannot explain.

Thus, we must guard against making it appear that we have more hard data on

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our side than we in fact have. We must never forget the faith component in what we believe about origins.

Third, the more I see of the complexity of the universe, particularly the complexity of living organisms, the more convinced I become that there had to be a Designer. Truly, we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14.

Fourth and finally, when I look out at the starry heavens, and when I hear scientists describing the magnitude of the universe, I stand in awe, asking with the psalmist, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him." Psalm 8:4.

James Coffin.

LETTERS

Railway Emblem?

I have before me the latest RECORD (March 19) containing the format of the newly adopted church logo. Not in any way wishing to be negative or critical, I must say nonetheless that I see in the production of such a logo a desire to be "like all the nations." Furthermore, to me it looks like something I would see on the railway carriages in New South Wales.

When I stepped into the baptismal font in Bathurst church 40 years ago, I wished then as I wish now to spread the great Seventh-day Adventist message to all the world—which is symbolised by three angels flying in the midst of heaven.

Can we as God's remnant people have, or need, a more fitting logo than that?

Ron Bishop, NSW.

No Corporate Image

When falsely accused and misrepresented, Jesus did not defend Himself to restore His image in order to gain popularity among men. He had no "corporate image program" to change public opinion.

Jesus was not popular. He was "despised and rejected," yet He was victorious. Truth has never been popular, and the popularity of the church is evidence of apostasy and deception, a sign of spiritual decline.

If we continue introducing various innovations and worldly customs and standards so that we shall receive more favourable publicity, we shall surely lose our identity and find ourselves conformed to this world and its ways. To be honoured by heaven, we must sacrifice the honour of men.

Jerzy Nurzynski, ACT.

Excellent Logo

I would like to warmly congratulate Dr Bruce Judd, Pastor Ray Coombe and the Logo Committee on the excellent new logo adopted for our church. In this expanding, communicating world, I feel it will be a real winner.

Thank you also to those responsible for the presentation of the pamphlet in the March 19 RECORD explaining the new logo. Well done!

Beryl Dean, NSW.

Strong Objection

I object strongly to the cross on the

new church logo (March 19). It is of pagan origin.

We are a church that is to be separate from the world, yet we have copied the world with this new logo.

I would like to know if all those on the Division committee voted in favour, or if some voted against. And I am sure others would like to know too.

Rowena Mahe, Qld.

The vote was strongly in favour of the new logo. But there were some abstentions and some votes against. These were for a variety of reasons ranging from aesthetic appeal to the perceived difficulty of implementation to discomfort with the cross symbolism to a sense that a logo is unnecessary.

Refreshing

It seems the Letters section almost always has a complaint about the new-look RECORD. And being a person of minimal literary talent, I've put off writing to express my thankfulness for the change. However, the grumblers persist, driving me to distraction at times with their pettiness.

The courage you and your staff have displayed in bringing about the changes is both encouraging and refreshing. In a real sense you've acknowledged that there are divergent opinions on various issues, and you've granted people the right to think.

Change has always threatened some people. But, for me, it has removed some

of the exclusiveness of the fantasy world that we as Adventists have wallowed in. We live in a real world of real people with real problems who need real help and not the polly-waffle of "let's pretend."

Thanks for a genuine attempt and for striking closer to the mark.

Chris Talty, Vic.

Total Disagreement

I wish to advise all the RECORD staff that I totally disagree with the decision not to use the three-angels symbol on the RECORD any more. I was of the belief that this symbol was unique to our denomination, and that this was the message that we were to preach to the world.

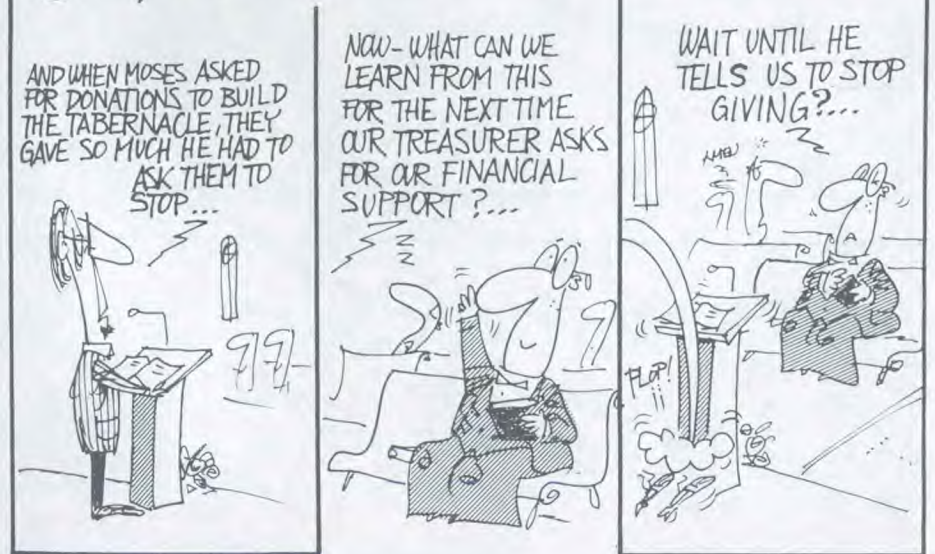
I, for one, am proud to be associated with this symbol of God's grace. And the only reason I can think of for not continuing to use it is that maybe it has become unpopular to be associated with this symbol.

I do not believe God wants us to be silent concerning these issues, and I will not be. This is just another attempt to become popular, and I have no part of it—or of your publication either, thank you very much.

Barry Bell, NSW.

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Just a Coincidence...



Letter From Agent 667

by Barbara Shelley

I consider you, next to myself, to be the most avid and relentless in your pursuit of those (shudder!) Christians still left in the world.

My Dear Fellow Fiend,

I have recently been working on a survey among my cohorts, and am including this copy to you. I consider you, next to myself, to be the most avid and relentless in your pursuit of those (shudder!) Christians still left in the world.

I have laboured long and hard. Fought tooth and nail. Moved earth (and tried to move heaven) to spread my truths of cunning, vileness and corruption throughout the world.

I have succeeded more than I had hoped (chuckle, chuckle). And I hear

from many sources that you, too, have been up to your armpits in muck and filth, spreading doubt, disillusionment and discouragement. I congratulate you on the work so far accomplished.

So many Christians have fallen by the wayside, and I am planning to drag many more down. That arch enemy of ours (God) does make it hard, doesn't He? I can understand your frustration concerning your recent assignment with that group called Seventh-day Adventists.

Oh, how I hate that name! The very

meaning of it drives me almost insane. How did you survive being around them? You must have nearly gone out of your mind seeing the fervour a few of them still have.

I hope you noticed that I had done much of the dirty groundwork for you. And pretty well too, I thought. I had lulled them into such a false sense of security and general malaise that I was sure it would undo them permanently. But still I hear there are many "believers" among them!

How can any moron, I mean human, believe there is a God? We have spent years slandering and maligning Him. Yet there are *still* some faithful to the teachings of that enemy Jesus. Oh, it makes my blood boil, I tell you.

I used my chief enticements and the cunning of Worldliness and Money to go out and woo some of them to our side. Then I sent out fiends specially versed in the art of telling them that, in fact, what they believe *is* true, *but* (and that little word is very powerful, believe me) it isn't necessary to put it into practice *yet* (another useful little three-letter word).

And you know what? It's working! Seeing such apathy and lack of interest in spiritual things is pure joy to my heart.

I hope you noticed that I had done much of the dirty groundwork for you.

I have used Pleasure and Worldliness to their fullest advantage. They've been busily at work convincing the women that it's OK to become worshippers of

Barbara Shelley writes from Mullumbimby, NSW, where she often puts pen to paper when she can find a few spare moments.

101 Ways to Make Those Who Persist in Believing in God Rethink Their Position
by Agent 667

"A handy guide that no demon worth his salt can afford to be without."
—Hades Gazette.

"The best advice for demons since the Screwtape Letters."—Screwtape Review.

"A book appropriate to the urgent times in which we live."—The Luciferian Journal of Eschatology.

fashion. We tell them they can't let their God down by looking frumpy.

The handiest imp to have around at the moment, though, is Entertainment. He is very adept at corrupting anyone gullible enough to listen to him. Especially the youth (and you know we aim to hit hardest there, as they will be the teachers and parents of tomorrow).

Together with Music Man, Entertainment has them bopping and rocking with the best of them. Their lives are filled with it. They have no interest in anything else.

For the older generation—well, need I explain what the video boom has done? Powerful stuff, the tinted screen. Mind you, some of the old diehards were a bit tough to convince. But I sent out False Security and Conscience Wiper, and they are hard at work soothing any conscience that might be pricked over the choices they are making with entertainment.

Believe it or not, there were *still* some reading that accursed book The Holy Bible! So I sent out Distraction—he's the latest addition of the team. He has managed to get quite a number so busy that they are just not reading that holy stuff any more.

Success is mine, I tell you! Our chief will be so pleased.

No avenue has been ignored. Boredom, Lack of Understanding and Confusion are tying up any loose ends. They have some of the church members arguing with each other (yes, note this strategy) over points of their own doctrine, over things that sound important but that in reality are only important to you and me. This keeps them busy enough to prevent them looking at the *real* issues. They forget that their God loves them and cares for them like a father.

Bah! Why should they have love and peace and joy when I haven't got them? No, sir! Until my last breath I will work at keeping them from that truth.

And why not? After all, you and I don't want people to get the idea that any of this God stuff is true, do we? Why, imagine what would happen if they discovered how perfect life in heaven will be. The mind boggles at their lack of understanding and sheer stupidity. They let trivialities take their full attention. If they were to discover that what we are offering are but half-truths, and that our life is not eternal, that would be the end of our work. We know that the end is too close now.

But what am I saying? It's too late for

the likes of you and me to turn to God. But I'm sure you, like me, are pledged to take as many with you as you can.

By all that is devilish and horrible, I plan to continue to take as many with me as I can. You wait and see, the crowd I drag down will be the largest our chief will see.


On a less positive note now, I want you to know that I do have my moments of frustration. There are still far too many loyal and dedicated believers in God out there.

I want to see every last one of them destroyed or corrupted. This letter is also a warning. As Chief of Operations, I am

asking you to work more energetically. This is an 11th-hour crisis.

As for myself, I scarcely have time to breathe these days for fear the hour will strike. God is almost ready to return and take His people home. So we have added Gloom, Doubt, Fear, Procrastination, Gaiety and False Doctrine to the team, along with others.

I'll close for now and get on with my own preparations. If you haven't noticed your horoscope, let me warn you, beware of Orion. It's death to us.

Yours in the interest of devilish doings,
Agent 667. 

GROWING UP IN 88-3

Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are in the news almost continuously. But as Adventists we can't afford to be smug. The damage isn't only down the street or over the road. It's in Adventist homes, too. We don't have good statistics, but Adventist young people are being needlessly hurt.

Parents often don't get to hear about the problem until a year or two later. And one of the great causes is peer pressure. Its strength shouldn't be underestimated.

Class Poll

by Tony, teenage reporter for *One Jump Ahead*

Last year I conducted an informal poll on my own Year 10 class. I was attending a Christian school (not Adventist). There were 31 pupils, ranging in age from 14 to 17. Here are some disturbing figures:

- 21 students (68%) had tried smoking at least once.
- 10 students (32%) now smoke regularly.
- 18 students (58%) had gotten drunk at least once.
- 7 students (23%) get drunk on a regular basis.
- 12 students (39%) had tried marijuana in one form or another.
- 4 students (12%) use marijuana on a regular basis.

I expect the figures would be higher in a state school—and, we would hope, lower in an Adventist school. However, I know people who have been smoking since they were 10. Others who began drinking alcohol at the age of 11. And others who have been smoking marijuana from the age of 12 or 13.

You may wonder how underage children get cigarettes or alcohol. Kids as young as 13 can purchase these things with complete confidence, knowing they won't be challenged. Many shop assistants don't care how old the children are, so long as they have the money.

Where I live, buying alcohol is easy—but scoring dope is even easier. It can be found in most areas in a matter of minutes. Kids learn from each other what to do. The usual going rate for a foil (a set amount of marijuana rolled up in aluminium foil) is \$20.

Kids find ways of taking drugs without being caught. They smoke, drink or take dope with their friends in secluded areas. Often their parents have no idea what they are doing.

I hope this short summary of teen drug-taking gives you an idea of the problems kids face today.

No More Filthy Rags

by Luella Monson

You don't have to change or be extra good for God to love you. He loves you so you can change and be good.

Do you ever see yourself as worthless? Do you feel discouraged, depressed, as if your situation is hopeless?

If you do, then I have good news for you. I'm going to show you from the Bible that you really are of great value.

We each need to be able to look at ourselves and know that someone loves us, that someone continually tells us how much we are worth. And Jesus does just that.

Many of us wish we had a better re-

lationship with Jesus. Yet we place our self-worth at little more than zero. And we do this because we are measuring it on the yardstick of our peers.

We should all remember a great piece of wisdom spouted by the bumper sticker: "I'm OK, 'cause God don't make junk." Neither does He love junk. But we're not junk.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that every one who believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

When you read this text or commit it to memory, do you really stop to think about what it means. Or do you think of

it as a cliché, a verse that has been used so many times that it has become boring. If you think it's boring, then just read on and find out what it really means.

Have you ever thought of God as being a big man with a flowing beard who looks down on the world with cold eyes to catch us sinning. And when He does see us doing wrong, He punishes us until we come back to Him.

Well, this text shows us that He isn't like that at all. He didn't send His Son to die for His own sake, but for ours. Jesus didn't just die for the good people. He also died for the unlovable and the unlovely, the lonely who have no one else

Luella Monson is a Year 10 student at the Mildura Adventist High School.

The Beauty of Differences

by Kerry Young

Christ deliberately creates us with differing looks, temperament, character, personality and talents.

Christ creates each person individually, before they are born (Job 31:15). He loves variety.

We see His love of variety in the different colours and shapes of flowers. Who can count the winged and crawling insects?

And don't we see the same variety in different faces and body shapes?

Individuality is a sign of Christ's personal regard for each thing and person He makes. His conscious involvement in creation is an endearing facet of His character.

Christ deliberately creates us with differing looks, temperament, character, personality and talents. The fact that He numbers even the hairs on our head (Matthew 10:30) shows how

deeply involved He is with us and how much He cares.

Racial prejudice, or failure to accept others, grieves the Lord. The mature Christian loves all—regardless of race or physical condition.


However, there are other differences some find less easy to accept. Do we consider others strange if they are enthusiastic about spiritual concerns that we feel are less important? One person may emphasise diet reform, while others prefer the heavenly sanctuary as their favourite topic.

There are other differences too. Some of us witness by using videos. Others feel that personal Bible study is best.

Differences in dress can raise eye-

brows. And sometimes we have a few polite chuckles at hairstyles, or maybe even the words people use.

And yet we are all part of the same body and, as such, necessary to each other (1 Corinthians 12:14-31). Instead of feeling that our mode of thinking is the only one acceptable to God, it would do us good to humble ourselves, and love our brothers and sisters and their different ways.

Next time someone says, "Praise the Lord," and you feel uncomfortable because you're more reserved, say in your heart, "Yes, praise the Lord for differences, and brotherly love." 

Kerry Young is a member of the Stanthorpe church in Queensland.

to love them or care about them.

We are all included in the love of God. God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love. If you were the only sinner in the world, Jesus still would have died for you. You are worth that much.

God is forever loving you. You don't have to change or be extra good for Him to love you. He loves you so you can change and be good.

You aren't the only person who isn't perfect.

Mary Magdalene was a prostitute. James and John were "Mama's boys"—and pretty ridiculous at times.

Thomas was an all-star bullhead. Martha was a worrier and complainer.

The thief on the cross said what might have been his first prayer and was promised paradise.

Saul of Tarsus was hell-bent on destroying Christians until he took the road to Damascus and found a loving Lord.

These people may not have been judged worthy by their peers or the critics of their day, but they were worth everything to God. Jesus expressed His Father's love in His comments regarding the price of a sparrow.

Sales techniques are old and well-established. So in Jesus' time, two sparrows could be purchased for a penny. But for two pennies you got five sparrows not four. The fifth sparrow appeared to have no worth. But Jesus said that God cared even for that fifth sparrow thrown into the bargain.

Jesus reminds us that we are worth more than many sparrows (Matthew 10:29-31).

In the parable of the prodigal son, the Master Storyteller destroyed any preconceived notions of a stoic and unfeeling God. He pictured God as a Near Eastern father—supposedly given to austere and dignified behaviour—running to meet and greet his rogue son. We cannot sink any lower than that son. Yet Jesus says that when we come to God, He throws a party.

Remember, we are worth even more than life itself to God. [B]

Coming in May Signs

● *Needed Urgently: One Perfect Wife*

EDUCATION

An Eavesdrop on Two Teachers

by W. A. Townend

"I wouldn't have missed this year at Avondale for the world."

Doug Robertson and I had both stepped into our shared office after the last Bible classes of the term.

We were relaxed because our college teaching work was finished for the year. We had some regrets, though, for some students would be leaving us. We had

"We were young, and often stupid. But we didn't stay young."

come to know them well during more than 80 hours of intensive Bible study in class. We had good reasons for reflecting. Doug spoke first.

"You know," he said, "during the past 10 years out in the field I have heard all sorts of things about Avondale." He then described how he had begun to wonder about what might be going on at the college. After all, it had been 20 years, he said, since he had been a student.

Doug grinned, a wholesome kind of grin. "You know," he went on, "a year of teaching here has convinced me that, apart from the date on the calendar and some external things like buildings, dress and hairstyles, little has changed. Avondale's as good as ever, and as bad."

His grin widened a bit when he added, "Some of the stupid things I did as a student they still do today."

"Of course," I interjected, "we were young, and often stupid. But we didn't stay young. And perhaps we've matured."

After a year in the classroom, Doug seemed to be buoyant about the future for many of Avondale's students of

1987. I had no difficulty sharing his optimism.

"Listen to this," I said, and began to read a card a student had slipped into my hand as she left the classroom for the last time.

"An exciting year of Bible study," it said before announcing, "I have arranged with Pastor Youlden to give me and my non-Adventist boyfriend Bible studies in Sydney, where we will be working. We both wish to be baptised."

What made that card extra meaningful was that the same girl had, at the beginning of the year, shown signs of rebellion against both religion and Adventism.

Doug also spoke of the spiritual growth that he had seen in students. And we were both happy about the privilege we'd had of teaching at Avondale.

Now Doug is back in New Guinea, training laypeople for Christian service. God bless you, Doug, your wife, Angie, and your two children. I'll remember what you said that morning: "I wouldn't

"Little has changed. Avondale's as good as ever, and as bad."

have missed this year at Avondale for the world. It has been a highlight of my ministry."

Personally, I could hardly wait for summer to pass and for the 1988 students to come marching into their classrooms at "good old Avondale"—as good (and bad) as ever.

Yes, the church out there will keep on needing Avondale, and Avondale will keep needing the church. We belong together—Avondale College and the church. [B]

W. A. Townend, officially retired for a number of years but as active as ever, is the oldest lecturer at Avondale College.

Carmel Alternative

Andrew Kingston was guest speaker at Carmel College Week of Prayer, celebrated from March 21 to 26. The 220 students attended morning chapel period, which followed the theme "The Only Alternative," and 68 youth indicated a desire to join Bible discussion classes. Of this group, 55 joined with a view to baptism.

Orewa Anniversary

Church members and friends are joining in a day of worship and fellowship today to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Orewa church, New Zealand.

Doctor Shortage

According to the World Health Organisation, the number of doctors in Africa dropped to only one doctor for 10,000 people during the period of 1980 to 1986. In contrast, the London-based *Panoscope* magazine notes that "in the industrialised world, too many medical staff are trained, and many are either unemployed or underemployed." In Europe, for example, there are now 24 times more doctors, dentists and pharmacists per general population than in Africa. —*Awake*, April 8.

Lisbon Evangelism

More than 2,970 people, including more than 500 Adventists, attended the first meeting of international evangelist Victor Schulz in Lisbon on March 13. Hundreds were turned away because of lack of space. Dr Schulz presented a special program on the Holy Land.

Spanish Judge

Ruth Alonso has become the first Seventh-day

Adventist judge in Spain. Mrs Alonso, from Bilbao, passed examinations in January, and has commenced six months of practical training in Madrid.

Book Evangelists

More than 800 literature evangelists in the Euro-Africa Division delivered \$US9,946,749 worth of reading material in 1987, and led 476 people to Christ. Spaniard Jesus Garcia delivered \$US231,355 worth of material—thought to be the highest delivery achieved by any individual literature evangelist.

Sicilian Initiative

The Adventist church in Niscemi recently organised a program to aid the Italian Blind Association—and Sicilian national radio broadcast the event. During the program, an old harmonium sold for 3,600,000 lire. The church in Niscemi has 150 members. It also has a school with nearly 100 pupils, and enjoys a good reputation among the 35,000 inhabitants of the town, according to John Graz, Communication director of the Euro-Africa Division.

Granose Factory

On February 28, officials at Granose Foods Limited, an Adventist health-food manufacturer, conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for a new food-processing plant in Newport Pagnell, England, nearly 100 kilometres north of London. The new 4,200-square-metre plant will take approximately nine months to construct. Development costs for the project—including construction, new equipment and housing—are estimated at £3 million,

reports W. John Arthur, British Union Conference president.

Haitian Growth

During January and February, the South Haiti Mission baptised 1,685 people. This represents an increase of 701, or 71 per cent, over the same period last year, reports Herbert Fletcher, Inter-American Division Education director. The baptismal report was announced at the mission's Festival of Lay Evangelism in Port-au-Prince, conducted March 4 to 6. Mission workers have set a goal of 4,640 baptisms by September of this year.

Professor on BBC

On March 1 the British Broadcasting Corporation

interviewed Andrews University history professor Richard Schwarz about the work of Dr John Harvey Kellogg. The five-minute television interview centred on Kellogg's interest in healthful living and the subsequent development of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, one of the best-known cereals in the world.

Yugoslav Mission

Pastor Stephen Jakovac opened a Yugoslav-language mission in the Ashfield Town Hall, Sydney, on March 21. The 20-meeting series will run four nights weekly.

Asian Evangelism

Greater Sydney Conference Church Ministries associate director Pastor Bill



Photo: Evelyn Bean.

Architect Works on Parliament House

Adventist David Stafford, pictured atop the Parliament House flagpole, is the first Australian architect appointed by the New York, USA, architectural firm of Mitchell, Giugola and Thorp—winners of the international competition to design the new Australian Parliament House in Canberra. In 1984 he was made an associate of the practice. Mr Stafford was responsible for design, documentation and contract supervision of the House of Representatives and the Senate Chambers, Lobbies, Whips' Suites, broadcast facilities and ancillary rooms. He is now senior lecturer at the University of Newcastle, but has continued to visit Canberra regularly to complete supervision of the contracts on the building.



Signs Publishing Prints Books in Greek

Signs Publishing Company employees Ray Portbury (left) and David Bakker check the cover of the new *My Bible Friends* in Greek. The Victorian Conference Publishing Department is working on a plan to distribute 2,000 copies to the large Greek population in Melbourne. "Through the introduction of these children's books, we hope to find an entrance for our English 'message' books such as *The Bible Story*," says Publishing director Ken Read.

Sleight commenced an evangelistic program in the Cabramatta Centre on April 13. The meetings are being translated into the Laotian and Cambodian languages. Authorities estimate that there are 5,000 Laotian- and 7,000 Cambodian-speaking people in the Sydney area. "The Cabramatta Centre has introduced English language classes," says Greater Sydney Conference Communication director Reg Brown. "Ray Howitt and Avalon Loftus are volunteer teachers at the Monday evening classes."

Centenarian Plus

Mrs Beatrice Pollock, who resides in the Kings Langley Nursing Home in the Greater Sydney Conference, turned 107 last month. With her husband, Jim, Mrs Pollock came to Sydney in the early 1920s. Jim assisted at the Sanitarium Health Food Company when it was established in Sussex Street.

Later they returned to Quirindi, where her husband died.

Adventist Honoured

The Business and Professional Women recently honoured Mrs Beverley Lowe of the Gosnells church, WA, by proclaiming her one of 20 "Pioneer Women" who have contributed to the better status of women. "Mrs Lowe was chosen as champion of Usher's syndrome awareness," says communication secretary Jean Gillham. Largely through Mrs Lowe's efforts, a foundation has been established to provide education in teaching methods for deaf and blind children. The first scholarship will be awarded this year. Mrs Lowe and her 13-year-old adopted Aboriginal son, who suffers from Usher's syndrome, are attending Gallaudet College in the USA, where students are assessed for job skills and educational aptitudes.

They will also visit the Helen Keller School.

Aussie Drinkers

Australians are living up to their reputation as big drinkers. It is estimated that 2,200 million litres of beer, wine and spirits were downed in 1987. That amounts to \$430 a head spent on alcohol. The National Heart Foundation says 9 per cent of Australian men and 6 per cent of women are classified as intermediate- or high-risk drinkers.

Bible Launch

Lionel Bowen, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney-General, launched the *Good News Bible's* Australian edition at the National Press Club in Canberra on Wednesday, April 13. Known as the "Aussie Bible," this edition is the first Bible typeset, printed and bound in Australia. It was printed in Victoria and bound in South Australia, and includes 16 illustrations by Australian artists, including Pro Hart and Aboriginal Rose-Maree Ungunmerr-Baumann.

More in PNG

The Ministerial secretary for Papua New Guinea, Pastor Chester Stanley, has discovered that baptismal certificate records of actual baptisms performed in PNG are 3,200 in excess of the statistical reports. With these additional members, PNG membership would now stand at 102,892—more than 50 per cent of the total South Pacific Division membership!

Valuable Gift

Lismore Base Hospital has donated a valuable ultrasound machine for use at Atoifi Adventist Hospital, Malaita, Solomon Islands. The gift, initiated by Mr Denys Wynn, chief radi-

ographer of the Medical Imaging department at Lismore Hospital, was arranged through Dr Ian Cappe, an Adventist radiologist in Lismore. It will be particularly useful at Atoifi since Dr James Chee, who is now there, has trained in the use of similar equipment.

Mexican Explosion

During the first two months of 1988, church members in the Tabasco Mexican Conference conducted 600 evangelistic campaigns, reports Adalgiza Archbold, editor of the *Inter-American Division Review*. So far the campaigns have yielded 1,013 baptisms. Baptisms were held conference-wide on April 9.

Captains Meet PM

Doonside Adventist Primary School supervisor Miss Judith Burns and the two school captains, Melanie Erceg and Mark Snyders, met the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, on March 11. The captains had been invited to the official opening of a new shopping centre in Doonside, a western suburb of Sydney.

Children's Books

Sales of children's books increased more than 20 per cent in 1986, according to the American Association of Publishers, although sales growth in all book categories was only 5.8 per cent. The *Wall Street Journal* predicts that sales of juvenile books will increase 86 per cent in the final years of this decade.

Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver for immediate release.

Maryborough Welcomes Modern Prodigals



Photo: Gloria Evans.

Jeff and Belinda received a warm welcome into the Maryborough (Qld) church following their rebaptism by Pastor Maurice Woods. They had been inactive members for seven years.

Maryborough church members have welcomed home two members who have been inactive for more than five years. And Jeff and Linda are glad to be back.

Originally baptised in 1974, Jeff and Linda found church fellowship uninspiring. The encouragement and friendship they yearned for did not eventuate, and quietly they slipped away.

"From time to time they heard of the troubles in the church, and thought they might as well be in the world," says communication secretary Ivan Adams. "Anyway, the world didn't seem such a bad place."

But Jeff continued to pray and study the Bible spasmodically. He remembered much of what he had been taught, and planned to make a firm decision when Sunday laws were introduced. However, as he thought about it, he decided he had better get some practice in before then! And things weren't going very well in the world, anyway.

In May of last year, Jeff sent a message to Pastor Maurice Woods, who was then pastor of the Maryborough church. When the pastor and church elder arrived at his home, Jeff bluntly questioned, "Have our names been crossed off the church roll?" When Pastor Woods said they had not, Jeff suggested they had better be removed.

When the pastor began to explain that he would comply with such a step reluctantly, Jeff smiled and said, "We would like to have Bible studies. We want to understand the message of the three angels better. We want to make a fresh start and be rebaptised."

"It was a joyous occasion when Pastor Woods baptised Jeff and Linda after months of Bible studies," says Mr Adams. "Many were reminded of the story of the prodigal son's return home. And everyone welcomed Jeff and Linda back with the enthusiasm of the father in the Biblical story.

"And this time the church members are determined that Jeff and Linda will receive the support and encouragement vital to new members in God's family.

"But we should consider the lesson for each of us. We don't always get a second chance to consolidate new members. Let's each make sure we are caring of all God's children all the time," Mr Adams concludes.

PNG Tertiary Students Plan Convention

The Papua New Guinea Adventist Tertiary Students Association plans to hold a convention during September

of this year in the Eastern Highlands Province. They ask for prayers for the success of the meeting.

"Adventist young people attending the various non-Adventist tertiary institutions in PNG have formed PNGATSA in an endeavour to uphold their spiritual values," says convention convener Dixon Mane. "Most spiritual gatherings are held during academic dates so that students in such institutions are usually unable to attend.

"The yearly conventions are planned in an endeavour to overcome this problem, with timing and location suited to the students and others who would attend."

The first National Convention was held in 1986 at the Papua New Guinea University of Technology in Lae.

"Students who attended represented a number of non-Adventist institutions throughout the country," says Mr Mane. "Then last year a regional convention was held at Kabiufa for students in the northern and island regions. The southern regions organised a camp for students in the remaining institutions.

"We find this yearly plan to alternate national conventions with regional ones a success. The conventions held so far have brought many blessings, and we are hoping to find financial support to enable us to continue the plan."

Smokeless Tobacco: a Mouthful of Health Problems

In some states in the USA as many as 40 per cent of high-school boys are using smokeless tobacco regularly according to estimates quoted in the March issue of *Listen* magazine.

Smokeless tobacco comes in two forms: chewing tobacco and snuff. Used orally, both products present serious problems for the user's mouth, including gum disease, tooth loss, and all types of oral cancers.

As with cigarettes, smokeless tobacco contains nicotine. Use is thus linked to high blood pressure and increased heart rate—and, contrary to popular belief, a *slowed* reaction time. The high nicotine content in smokeless tobacco suggests it may be more addictive than cigarettes.

The powerful cancer-causing agent nitrosamine is also present in smokeless tobacco products, at levels 100 to 1,000 times the limit set for food products. Since 1950, death from cancer of the tongue among young white males has more than doubled in the USA.

Although snuff and chewing tobacco were once the stuff of baseball players and lumberjacks, *Listen's* article reveals how teenage boys, probably because they look up to these "macho" types, have become the major consumers of smokeless tobacco.

Layman Makes Mission of Cox Video Ministry

For the past several years missionary-minded Adventists have found the Kenneth Cox videos an excellent aid in lay ministry. This ministry is fostered by a layman, Carl Branster, and his wife, Norma, who live near Sydney, New South Wales.

"Just recently Carl and Norma toured New Zealand conducting video seminar workshops," says Reg Timms of Palmerston North. "These sessions created great interest among lay members who consider the future of video evangelism very exciting."

Eight years ago Carl relinquished his position as a company director, and channelled both his assets and his energies into what is now known as the

"Kenneth Cox Video Ministry." Their North Richmond home doubles as a TV video studio where Carl and his family prepare Kenneth Cox videos to meet the ever-increasing demand.

"Kenneth Cox and his helpers give a superb gospel presentation," says Mr Timms. "The production reveals a high degree of professional skill as Pastor Cox presents his message to a live audience during an actual evangelistic crusade. His lectures are illustrated with relevant coloured slides, and the Bible verses quoted are shown on the screen as he presents the subject."

Anyone can use Kenneth Cox videos, according to Mr Branster. Two sets of Bible studies are available at present—"Dimensions of Prophecy" and "Revelation."

"The 'Dimensions of Prophecy' series has just been revised and updated," says Mr Timms, "and the Bransters will now rerun original sets to bring them up to date. Individuals or churches desiring to have this service should contact Carl Branster at PO Box 28, North Richmond NSW 2754."

In the course of their promotion of video ministry, the Bransters have travelled extensively throughout the South Pacific Division and overseas. They are available to visit churches, where they conduct Video Evangelism Seminars, explaining the use of video evangelism.

"They relate exciting stories of how God is using this method of evangelism to bring people to a knowledge of salvation," says Mr Timms. "The future of

video evangelism is exciting. There are hopes that 'Dimensions of Prophecy' may be shown on a commercial TV channel in Southern California. Many are praying for this to eventuate."

Original NZ Church School Replaced in Palmerston North



A previous principal, Phil Hann (left), enjoyed reminiscing with one of the earliest pupils, Winston Strawbridge, while they inspected the new wing of the Palmerston North school.

What is said to be the first Seventh-day Adventist church school in North New Zealand (Palmerston North) has been replaced by a large new classroom, modern offices and staffroom, kitchen/canteen and sickbay, and was officially opened on February 24.

"The wooden school building that served as the J1 to Form 2 church school for so long, became too small, and some years ago it was added to," says Longburn church communication secretary Shirley Tarburton.

"Then, when the original building (housing the office, art and craft rooms and a small classroom) proved entirely inadequate, it was sold as a unit and replaced by the new section."

Trans-Tasman Union Conference president Pastor Harold Harker opened the new facilities.

Others taking part in the official opening included Trans-Tasman Union Conference Education director Dr Arnold Reye and North New Zealand Conference president Pastor Lionel Smith.

School principal Alan Fletcher and school board chairman Peter Morey welcomed the visitors. "Both these men had worked hard to make the new wing a reality," says Mrs Tarburton.



Photo: Reg Timms.

Carl and Norma Branster have made it their personal ministry to produce Kenneth Cox videos.

Leaders Plan Division Youth Congress

Congress advertising secretary John Banks speaks with congress director Barry Gane about the 1989 South Pacific Division Youth Congress.

Why does the South Pacific Division want to operate a Division-wide congress?

Primarily because we are able to give direction to youth ministry on a Division-wide basis. But it also gives Adventist young people a sense of belonging and identity within a world movement.

What opportunities does it offer?

It gives a real opportunity for spiritual growth. In addition, those who attend learn discipleship—equipping the church to fulfil its mission. It provides for a strengthening of relationship with God through commitment and fellowship. It also inspires through the worship celebration, giving directions in attitudes to music and human relationships.

Where and when will the congress be held?

From January 3 to 7, 1989, in Canberra, ACT, at the Australian Institute of Sport—an excellent venue. It has an indoor arena that seats more than 4,000 people. It also has a number of smaller rooms for workshops, lecture theatres and recreational facilities, such as indoor swimming pools and sports gymnasiums.

How many youth are you expecting to attend?

This will be by far the largest youth congress ever held in this Division. We are expecting about 2,500 people.

Do you think many will come from the South Pacific islands?

Yes. We have had to limit the numbers because at this stage we simply cannot get a larger venue. We expect about 700 from Papua New Guinea alone, with

about 200 each from the Western Pacific and the Central Pacific Union Missions.

Obviously, you have found a facility large enough to accommodate that many people!

Well, believe it or not, we have already booked 2,500 beds in Canberra.

Are there any guest speakers coming from overseas?

Yes, Israel Leito of the General Conference Youth Department will be a guest. He speaks five languages—including English! Then we have Garry Rust, who is youth director of the Oregon Conference. He is a dynamic speaker, who ministers to 1,000 youth in his home conference. He is the athletic type, a marathon runner, and at one time a karate instructor. Recently he spoke at the National Youth Leaders Convention at Los Angeles.

Will the congress follow a theme, or is it just meetings, recreation, tours and witnessing?

Don't just say *witnessing*, because that is the emphasis. The theme is, "You're The Voice," the inference being that every Adventist young person has the responsibility and privilege of sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

But will there be some time to relax and build relationships?

Yes, there will be a good balance between imparting knowledge, and recreation, both physical and social. Also we plan to conduct various workshops.

What is involved in these workshops?

We surveyed the needs of young people, and our committee selected 18 topics covering the spiritual and sociological. We believe that we have something for everyone.

One last question—how much

will it cost for all of this?

The total cost of the congress is \$250. This includes full accommodation in motels or universities, and includes top-class meals and all the internal transportation to activities and tours. We believe it is good value for money.

One more question, then: How do young people sign up to come?

Anyone wishing to attend should send a deposit to their conference Youth Department on the application forms that have been circulated. **But we must emphasise that applications close on September 30, 1988.**

District Director Ordained in Vila



Photo: Ray Woosley.

Gibson Horson Solomon was ordained to the gospel ministry in Port Vila, Vanuatu, on February 27.

South Pacific Division Communication director Ray Coombe participated in the service.

Shown with Pastor Solomon and his wife, Julien, are from left: Pastors Ray Coombe, Ray Woosley and Daniel Hiwa. Pastors Simon Garae, Sam Dick and Rinnie Bong also took part.

"Pastor Gibson has ministered on the island of Aneityum, in the far south of Vanuatu," says mission president Pastor Ray Woosley. "He will now become district director for the southern area, and will locate on the island of Tanna."

Coming in May Signs

- *Bicentennial Bash*
- *Digging for Australia's Religious Roots*
- *The Coming of the White Man*



Barry Gane.



Israel J. H. Leito.



Garry Rust.

Church News

Blacktown, NSW. Fourteen nations were represented in a Bicentennial church service at the Blacktown church, Sydney, on February 27. "The church members came together as one big family to praise God and thank Him for such a great country," says communication secretary Norma Filby. "The church was crowded, even though it was the hottest Sabbath this summer." Many participants came in national costumes. Church pastor Ray Trim said it was a wonderful time of fellowship because "people were able to get to know each

other as never before."

Tauranga, NZ. Five members from the Tauranga church attended the recent NZ Maranatha program and came home inspired, according to Jan Lucas. "Many of those who attended had to overcome all kinds of obstacles," she says. "But we rejoiced over the miracle that brought us all together, and for the inspired leadership of Pastor Sam Monnier." Participants enjoyed in-depth Bible study and practical action-team work in the field. "Come December, there should be a great crowd of new witnesses joining in a Maranatha chorus," she concludes.

Goondiwindi Youth Pedal Public Image



Four young people from the Goondiwindi Adventist church have cycled from Brisbane to Goondiwindi, a distance of 360 kilometres, to raise \$1,000 for a new ultrasound machine for use in the physiotherapy department of the Goondiwindi Hospital.

The cyclists, pictured with their support crew, Rosemary Hargraves and Raewyn Otto, in the centre positions, are (from left): Matthew Mitchell, Kamahl McInnes, Tony Otto and Nick Kross (standing).

Goondiwindi Hospital manager John Young said that the new machine would be of great assistance in the treatment of muscle injuries. "The community is indeed fortunate to have youth willing to make this sort of effort," he said.

"The team developed a tremendous comradeship and completed their feat in 21 biking hours," says Raewyn Otto, former Goondiwindi church bulletin assistant.

"We appreciated the support of those who gave donations, and also the hospitality of Gary and Wendy Craig, of Toowoomba, and Ron and Gwen Houston, of Millmerran, who accommodated the group for the two nights on the road. We thank the Lord for His protection. Undoubtedly, the image of the church received a boost from the ride, she says."

NOTICEBOARD

Weddings

Bektas—Jonas. Branko Bektas, son of Mr and Mrs Mustafa Bektas, and Sue Jonas, daughter of Mrs Ljerka McKeon, were married on December 27 at the Melbourne Asian SDA church. Branko and Sue, who both work as chefs, are residing in Melbourne. J. Wong.

King-Adams—Croccombe. Noel King-Adams and Marlene Crocombe were married on January 31 in the Uniting church, Caboolture, Qld. Noel and Marlene met at a Philosda Camp at Yarrahappini and plan to reside at Morayfield near Caboolture. Frank Cantrill.

Rotterman—McLean. Terry Walter Rotterman, son of Stan and Veronica Rotterman (Albury, NSW), and Sandra Lee McLean, daughter of Gordon and Lorraine McLean (Sydney, formerly of Rotorua, New Zealand), were married on March 27 at the Kellyville SDA church. Terry and Sandra met at Sydney Adventist Hospital, where Terry is now working. Sandra is a secretary, working in Sydney. Adrian Raethel.

Schwarze—Napper. Phillip Andrew Schwarze, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Schwarze (Katoomba, NSW), and Suzanne Ruth Napper, daughter of Bob and Beryl Napper (Grafton, NSW), were married on March 20 at the Grafton SDA church. Phillip and Suzanne plan to reside in Murwillumbah where Phillip works as a ceramic tiler. J. R. Richardson.

Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The editorial staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

Baldock, Albert Leslie, born 1901 in Kalgoorlie, WA; died March 20 in the Royal Perth Hospital. Les was Science Master at Guildford Grammar, and later held the same position at King's School, Sydney, NSW. For a number of years he was a scientist with the CSIRO, then worked as an industrial chemist with Industrial Extracts, rising to the position of managing director. In 1929, he married Enid Gillham. Les, a Christian gentleman and highly respected in the community, attended the South Perth church. He is survived by his wife; sons, John, Geoffrey (Perth) and Craig (doctor at Sydney Adventist Hospital); and their families. C. S. Adams.

Michalski, Wladyslaw ("Valdemar"), born February 15, 1931, in Warsaw, Poland; died March 11 at his home in Endeavour Hills, Vic. He and his wife, Julie Olas, were married in 1953. In Poland, Valdemar worked as a shoemaker, and was an elder of the SDA church in Lodz. After migrating to Australia in 1963, he worked for Bosch for several years, then as a trucking subcontractor until last August. A dedicated church worker, he held the positions of elder, Lay Activities leader, Sabbath school teacher and Pathfinder chaplain. He is survived by his wife; and sons, Peter (Wahroonga, NSW) and Zachariah (Dareton). Pastors Paul Cieslar, a long-time friend and pastor of the Nunawading Polish church, Romuald Varzonek, Dandenong Polish church, and Mark Ignasiak, Oakleigh Polish church, were associated with the writer in the services. A. D. Campbell.

Peak, Aileen Ruth (nee Walshe), born December 10, 1940, at Lidcombe, NSW; died suddenly on February 23 at her home in Murwillumbah. Aileen was widely known and loved by young people through her involvement with Pathfinders, and especially through the 17 annual trips she had made with her husband, Brian, to help with waterskiing at the North New South Wales summer

camps. She was also well-known and appreciated in the wider community. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Rowena and Corrie-Lyn; mother, Mrs W. Walshe; sister, Carol Evans; and brother, Allan Walshe (Tas). Pastor Clive Butcher was associated with the writer in the services. Roger Vince.

Roberts, Andrew, born March 9 at Monash Medical Centre, Vic; died March 19 at Hawthorn and was buried at Springvale Necropolis. The 11 days of Andrew's life proved a precious time for his parents, Anthony and Maree; grandparents, Jim and Esme Roberts and Bill and Val Britten; and their families. Bruce Manners.

Samuels, Kathleen Thelma, 76, died suddenly on January 2 at the Maitland Hospital, NSW, and was buried in the Adventist section of the East Maitland Cemetery. "Sammy," as she was affectionately known, shared her talents and happy disposition with many people within and without the church. For many years she worked in the Sabbath school department, touching the lives of two generations. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Herb and Gaye; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. F. L. Mackay.

Spyve, Edith Russell, born 1887, died February 17 at her son's home in Rockhampton, Qld, and was buried at the Rockhampton Cemetery. On her 100th birthday, Edith was honoured by the local *Morning Bulletin* as one of central Queensland's true pioneer battlers, one with grit and determination. Born at Daringa, Edith raised her family at Mount Morgan, Walmul and Kinka Beach, and later lived in Rockhampton. Joining the SDA Church in 1931, she became a charter member of the Rockhampton church. Edith was well-known for her hospitality. She is survived by her children, Alma, Joyce, Marjorie, Joan, Arthur and Beryl; brother, Arthur; and sister, Thelma; 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Greg Harker assisted the writer in the services. Bruce H. Grosse.

Tolhurst, Ivy Doris, born December 29, 1905, in London, England; died March 16 at Cooranbong, NSW, and was buried in the Avondale Lawn Cemetery. Ivy arrived in Capel, WA, in 1920, and two years later was baptised by Pastor A. H. Britten. After attending Carmel College, she spent a year colporteur in Perth. In 1924 she married Clem Lang, who was killed in a road accident in 1928. A daughter, Brenda, was born to this marriage. In 1929 Ivy married William McQueen, who predeceased her in 1964. On December 26, 1969, she married Pastor H. L. Tolhurst at Cooranbong. He predeceased her in 1981. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Tucker; and sons, Edward and Aubrey McQueen (all of Perth). Pastor Athol Tolhurst and Dr Eric Magnusson were associated with the writer in the service. J. R. Richardson.

Turner, Jean Rosalie, born August 10, 1938, at Orbost, Vic; died March 11 in the Mater Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. At the age of 12, Jean moved to Cooranbong with her parents, Rupert and Jessie Perry. She married Barry Turner in 1957 and he was killed in an accident in 1978. In 1981 she married Norm. Jean is remembered as a courageous lady who faced a long and difficult illness with Christian grace and dignity. She is survived by her husband; children, Colin, Peter, Alan, David, Kerry and Brian; sister, Mrs Ruth Turner (Cooranbong); brother, Graham (Nambour, Qld); and three grandchildren. Pastor S. G. Winter assisted at services. J. N. Beamish.

Appreciation

Cooper, Alma, Lauris and Lynette would like to thank their many friends for their expressions of sympathy in letters, cards and flowers, also those who attended the memorial service for their loving husband and father. Please accept this as their personal acknowledgement of your love and prayers.

Crabtree, Phyllis and the family of the late Thomas George Crabtree would like to thank their kind friends for their many words of comfort, cards and floral tributes received at the time of his passing. It is on occasions such as this that one is made aware of the wonderful family of God and the great reunion day. Please accept this as a personal thank you.

Jeffcoate, Earlene Jeffcoate and her two daughters, Kylie and Kristy; Mr and Mrs R. H. Jeffcoate and family; and Pastor and Mrs Don Mitchell and family, wish to thank the scores of friends who have been so kind in so many ways during their recent sad loss of Richard Kenneth Jeffcoate, husband of Earlene.

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Character grows in the soil of experience, with the fertilisation of example, the moisture of desire and the sunshine of satisfaction.

Warburton Health Care Centre

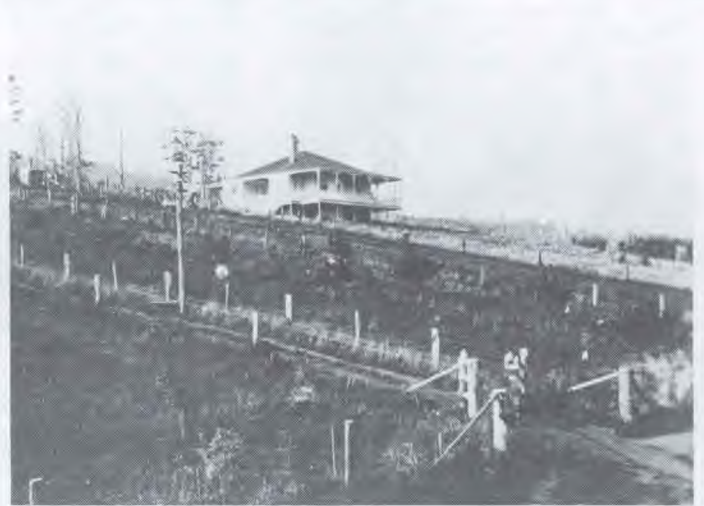
You can't make a quality health-care centre in a day. You could probably erect the appropriate building in a few months. And you could staff it in a few more. But tradition, reputation and atmosphere? That takes years. And Warburton Health Care Centre has those years. The centre got an early start—in 1910. And by all accounts, it was a good one. Mrs Ellen White was particularly keen to see a health-care institution near Melbourne. And her enthusiasm was instrumental in establishing what was then called the Warburton Sanitarium.

Today other centres are trying to compete with Warburton Health Care Centre. But in 1910, when the sanitarium started running, the competitors hadn't even laced their shoes.

In the beginning, a two-storey house—previously occupied by the manager of the Signs Publishing Company—was converted into a sanitarium (pictured) that could accommodate five patients.



This intriguing piece of equipment (pictured)—not to be confused with primitive torture instruments—was used for giving sweat baths.



Water was heated in an ordinary open boiler and carried in a bucket to the bathroom. But the water was laid on and, according to the Union Conference Record, the bathroom was "large." Each room had an electric-light fixture, and Signs Publishing Company's hydro-electric plant supplied the power.

The health sanitarium was particularly proud of an electric-light cabinet that was shipped out to Australia. This



The first patient for the centre was suffering from nervous exhaustion. If he didn't have the condition before leaving Melbourne, he might well have by the time he arrived at the Warburton railway station. It was a long trip by train in those days.

Young Roy Allan Anderson—son of Adventist pioneer A. W. Anderson—and a pair of harnessed Shetland ponies met the nervously exhausted patient at the station.

Two years and several sweat baths later, a new building was erected for the health-care institution. But that story will come later.

Warburton Health Care Centre hasn't lost its vision or its unique atmosphere. After all, it's had 78 years to develop it.

Did You Know That:

- 1.** *Church members are always welcome at WHCC?*
- 2.** *Church members can receive special discounts?*
- 3.** *A special free video is available for health secretaries? Just write and ask for it.*
- 4.** *In September and October 1988 WHCC will run a special retreat for health secretaries and church members interested in health?*

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