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Avondale Announces New Scholarships

Fifty scholarships worth \$A2000 each will be available in 1995 to provide financial assistance to Avondale College, NSW, students disadvantaged by the drought or other hardships. The scholarships will be applied to residential fees.

"Some scholarships will be available to returning students and others assigned to new students," says the Avondale public relations officer, Dr Lyell Heise. "Prospective students who can demonstrate genuine financial need should contact the student finance office immediately for details on how to establish eligibility."

The student finance office can be contacted on (049) 77 1107 or on free phone 1800 804 324.

"There will be an assessment of need, and some academic criteria to be met," says Dr Heise. "Avondale is looking forward to hearing from students who can benefit from this new initiative."

Pictured are students currently attending Avondale.

Priority and Urgency



As I write I'm experiencing the Fourth International Congress of Laity, being held in Vera Cruz, Mexico. It's an exciting

event with some 5000 delegates, Seventh-day Adventists, from all parts of Mexico and Puerto Rico, and a smaller number from other countries. On the Sabbath the numbers swell to 11,000.

Most of those attending are Adventist lay members, with some two or three hundred ministers. All gather under the theme of Laity and Ministers United in Christ.

There's a sense of urgency (and fervency) here. It's an atmosphere engendered by the gathering of enthusiastic believers. That sense of urgency seems to be a vital component not only of their belief, but also their action.

Peter speaks of this urgency. It's as if he was under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit when he said: "Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12).

We seem in our Western World, by contrast, to have stopped "hastening the day." We seem to have examined some Scripture critically saying, "How could those in Peter's time hasten the coming of our Lord with some two millennia of time between them and our Lord's return?"

The result is that we generally don't make personal witnessing and involvement a priority—or even an urgency. We pray for the Holy Spirit to accomplish in our land, what is happening in Inter- and South America, the Philippines, Africa and Russia. We pray. Yet we seem unwilling to invest *our time and talents* prayerfully for the fulfilment of our prayers and dreams—as do members in those countries.

Sure, we need to maintain the sense of community within our churches. And there is a work to do in soothing the hurts and meeting the needs of many. However if, as a church, our

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own interests predominate, then we have lost our sense of gospel priority and urgency. Our *raison d'être*, our mission, ceases to motivate our planning and our activities.

At the congress, Pastor Robert Folkenberg, the General Conference president, asked for those to stand who had prepared a person for baptism during the past five years. I saw more than 7000 people stand at once. And the vast majority of them remained standing as Pastor Folkenberg raised the number from one, to five people prepared for baptism. Almost half of those attending

had prepared 10 people, with more than 50 preparing at least 80 people in the last four years.

Why are these results in Mexico, and not in New Zealand and Australia?

It isn't because the work is easy in Mexico and Inter-America. I heard of some extremely difficult situations—tribal languages to master, inhospitable terrain to cover, and people very much settled in their own religion.

But I also heard of Sabbath school classes meeting midweek and praying that they would be able to begin a new company or church.

And I heard of Pathfinder clubs with evangelistic goals. I heard of Sabbath school classes with their own plans to win people to Christ and to the church. I heard of many individuals making commitments to actively work for the Lord for two or three evenings a week, or six to eight hours in direct outreach.

The youth of the church were vitally involved, despite difficulties.

Will we continue to beseech the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain proportions—and yet refuse to participate in this gospel imperative and end-time priority?

What are your church's plans? What is your Sabbath school class doing? Or more importantly, have you, and have I, taken on the urgency and priority of Peter, making it our own personal priority? Do we really believe our Lord is coming? And if so, has His mission really become ours?

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Church Growth

That the worldwide church plans to build 2000 new churches (Newsfront, November 5) is a great idea. But we could build 3000 more across the world with commonsense. As Pastor Robert Folkenberg has asked us many times, why are we being so elaborate? Why not strong buildings with no fancy trimmings—with a large sign at the front saying, "Looking for Christ's Return."

D Burg, Qld

New Zealanders Lose Out

RECORD (Newsfront, October 29) contains the report of my evangelistic campaign in Indonesia. Thank you, but I am at a loss to explain why the incorrect information that I am a New Zealander was included. I have worked in New Zealand and am married to a New Zealander, but both my parents were Australian. And although I was born in Tonga, I have held an Australian passport for some 40 years.

Len Tolhurst, Papua New Guinea

We were informed by a usually reliable source.

Incorrect Again?

May I correct two items in your story "Death of a Santo Pastor" (Newsfront, October 29). Pastor A G Stewart told the story of Naomi in his book *In Letters of Gold*—not *Trophies From Cannibal Isles*. The Australian grandmother ("Granny" as he endearingly called her) of Pastor Andrew Stewart II is Vera Stewart of "Kressville," Cooranbong, NSW. Andrew was her guest when he passed through to the Western Australian camp-meeting at Easter. In fact she introduced him to "Andrew Stewart," the plane, not realising it would be the first and only time he would see it. Also, Jean Stewart has been dead for many years.

Myrtle Hanbury, NSW

Unfortunately, the information supplied was incorrect.

Historic Adventism

Regarding "No Official Stands" (Letters, October 29) claim that the church has no official stand on the nature of Christ, in 1986 while pastoring the Port Macquarie church, Pastor Ross Goldstone came across a series of letters

written to the editor of the *Port Macquarie News*. They were between a Presbyterian minister, M C Ramsey, and two Adventist ministers, A W Anderson and H A Kent. The issue was the Sabbath, and a side issue was the nature of Christ.

Ramsey accused the two of belonging to a church that taught that Christ had a *sinful* nature. The March 28, 1931, issue of the paper contains a letter by Anderson where he emphatically denied that he taught or believed such a doctrine.

Walter Martin included in his books *The Kingdom of the Cults* (1977) and *The Truth About Seventh-day Adventism* (1960) the issue of the church's teaching on the subject. Martin found that our official view is that Christ possessed a *sinless* nature.

Brian Abrahams, Qld

What's in Your Peanuts?

A recent letter (November 4) concerning the use of emulsifier 471 might, by implication, suggest that Sanitarium used lard-based emulsifiers in their peanut butters.

Sanitarium wishes to categorically state that all emulsifiers used by Sanitarium are derived from vegetable oils. For some years Sanitarium has required its suppliers of emulsifiers to certify that the emulsifiers supplied meet this requirement. Further,

Sanitarium only purchases *kosher* grade emulsifiers. Sanitarium is the only supplier of peanut butter that is *kosher* grade.

While the early production of distilled monoglyceride-type emulsifiers was from lard, this is no longer the common source of the oil or fat for producing these products. It is still possible to purchase lard-based emulsifiers, but the consumer-power of the Jewish and Muslim communities has led the larger manufacturers to cater for these groups.

This means that manufacturing plants where the emulsifiers are made to *kosher* requirements are now commonly all *kosher* and no animal products are permitted on the premises. They often have a resident rabbi to ensure the strict requirements of *kosher* are complied with.

Richard Pearce,

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Research Laboratories

Apology

Computer difficulties caused several problems in the November 19 issue of the RECORD. We regret, in particular, the publication of a draft copy of the report on RECORD news instead of a final and checked copy. We apologise.

Views expressed in Letters do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should not exceed 250 words and should be mailed to RECORD Editor, Signs Publishing Company, Warburton Victoria 3799. Writers must include their name, address and telephone number. Letters received more than three weeks after the date of the issue carrying the article to which they respond will normally not be printed. All letters will be edited to meet space and literary requirements

Just a Coincidence...



Youth in NZ

Some 200 youth are expected to attend the forthcoming youth convention at Waikanae, New Zealand, December 27, 1994, to January 1, 1995. Dr Walter Wright, from Texas, USA, is the guest speaker.

Divorce

Members of the South Pacific (SPD) Division Marriage and Divorce Study Committee met on October 13, agreeing to continue their work in developing and defining their document that outlines a clear theological perspective on marriage and divorce, in line with suggestions and comments made by the SPD Biblical Research Committee.

Religion and Tobacco

The associate health director for the South Pacific Division, Dr Harley Stanton, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and recognition by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) and his tobacco-control efforts in Asia and the south-west Pacific region. Dr Stanton was also facilitator and chairman of a lunchtime meeting on October 11 on "Religion and Tobacco Control," attended by 45 conference participants, including repre-

sentatives of a number of churches. It was the first time that religion had been specifically identified as an agency for involvement against tobacco use.

User Friendly

Since 1986, 238 churches have requested demographic studies and community profiles from the Institute of Church Ministry and Evangelism in order to identify community needs and provide relevant services and ministries. There has been a 46 per cent increase in requests this year over 1993. Dr Alwyn Salom, the institute director, with other personal ministries directors have been involved in a number of seminars and workshops, the most popular being on the user-friendly church.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Government Support

Some K50,000 was presented by the Papua New Guinea government to the Adventist Church in the Enga Province to assist in the completion of a church for the 50th anniversary celebrations on December 18. Provincial finance minister Nathan Piari said he recognised the church's 50 years of commitment to human development in the most tangible areas of youth, welfare, health and

Addiction Counsellors Trained



Photo: S Marshall

A two-week seminar, the first in a four-part series, for the training of addiction counsellors recently took place at the Warburton Hospital, Victoria. The seminar was conducted by Tom and Dana Claunch of Alabama, USA. Tom is the past-president of the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counsellors (USA) and a leading authority on addictive disease treatment. Dana is an associate professor at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. George Thompson, a Churchill Scholar and certified counsellor to the US National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counsellors Standards, is director of Warburton Hospital's Alcohol and Drug Dependency Unit. Warburton Hospital has run a drug and alcohol program since 1978. In recent times, Mr Thompson has implemented additional features to the program that now falls in line with other recognised treatment centres in the USA and the UK. All staff come from a counselling-psychology background and have walked the path of spiritual recovery themselves, reports Mr Thompson. Pictured from the left: George Thompson, Tom and Dana Claunch.

education. No other church or group in Enga had been able to match those achievements, he said. Engan members of the church in Enga, Mount Hagen, Lae, Tabubil

and Port Moresby have raised K60,000 toward the celebrations. Some 30,000 people are expected to converge on Rakamanda mission station for what will be the largest celebration in the history of the Adventist Church in Papua New Guinea.

Did You Hear . . . ?

. . . About the ministers and elders' unexpected dip into the font?

"The two elders and I filed onto the rostrum," writes Don Edgeworth, principal of Papaaroa College, Rarotonga, Cook Islands. "I reverently took my place behind the pulpit. The congregation rose to their feet to join with us in singing the convocation. As we sang with heads bowed, there was a slight noise.

"Then I felt the floor give way.

"As I looked up, just able to peek over the pulpit, I saw church members barely containing their laughter.

"To our amazement and confusion the floor had given way, and the elder and I were left to greet each other in the bottom of the font.

"We scrambled out as dignified as possible and joined with the congregation in a hilarious amen! All were bursting, ready to laugh, but with an apology from the elder I moved to the Sabbath school pulpit, and preached the sermon from there."

WORLD CHURCH

Adventists Elected

Three Seventh-day Adventists were voted into the United States Congress during the November 8 elections. Sheila Jackson Lee, Democrat, of Texas was elected to a first term with 73 per cent of the vote. Roscoe Bartlett, Republican, of Maryland was re-elected to a

second term with 66 per cent of the vote. Republican Bob Stump, of Arizona, was re-elected with 70 per cent of the vote.—*ANN*

Women Evangelise

Seminars specifically for Adventist Pakistani women, a first in Adventist history, were conducted in Lahore Pakistan. The two meetings, held in late September, in which some 50 women participated, were organised by Birthe Kendel, director for Women's Ministries of the Trans-European Division, and Dr Borge Schantz, director of the Seventh-day Adventist Global Centre for Islamic Studies. The women were taught how to witness to Muslim women. Among the

most unreached and hidden peoples in the world are the more than 500 million women who embrace Islam. Their social contacts are limited, they are often uneducated and they are forbidden to have contact with any man outside the family circle. The only direct evangelistic approach could be made by an Adventist female neighbour or fellow shopper.—*ANR*

Lutheran Meeting

Representatives of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church gathered from November 1 to 5 for an international consultation in Darmstadt, Germany. The meeting was

Appointments and Retirements

Appointments for Avondale College students include: **Alastair Harris** to Palmerston North, NNZ, as a ministerial intern; **Murray Thackham** to the South Queensland Conference, as a ministerial intern; **Jeremy Loftus** to Sanitarium Health Food Company (SHF) Cooranbong, NSW, as an assistant accountant; **Grant Lynch** to SHF Christchurch, SNZ, as a trainee accountant; **Caterine Olivares** to Kauma Adventist High School, Kirabati Mission, English and maths teacher; **Wayne Boehm** to Lilydale Academy, Vic, Bible teacher; **Natasha Gillard** to Hawkes Bay Adventist Primary School, NNZ, teacher; **Dean Allum** and **Sonja Brewin** to Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre, WA, teachers; **Paul Smart** to Vietnam as an assistant Adventist Development and Relief Agency director; **Michael Portman** to Nunawading Adventist College, Vic, art and subjects teacher; **Greg Fowler** to North New South Wales Conference office as assistant accountant; **James Ballantyne** to Port Augusta, SA, as pastor for the Aboriginal community.

Those retiring from church employ are: **J W Blandford**, Sanitarium Health Food Factory (SHF), Cooranbong, 39 years; **R Lewin**, SHF New Zealand, 45 years; **G F O'Brien**, Home Health Education Service, 29 years; **Pastor A M Penman**, Greater Sydney Conference, 25 years; **Pastor I B Rankin**, South Pacific Division (SPD), 28 years; **E McCoy**, Pacific Adventist College, 36 years; **Dr R Wilkinson**, SPD, 42 years; **K Kila**, Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM), 38 years; **P V Seresere**, Central Pacific Union Mission (CPUM), 30 years; **M Tuiwawa**, CPUM, 30 years; **J Jamakolo**, Western Pacific Union Mission, 28 years; **T Sepuna**, PNGUM, 32 years; **A Timothy**, PNGUM, 32 years.

Church and State in Poland

A new law to regulate church-state relations between the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Republic of Poland was endorsed by all parliamentary factions on October 14. Following church-state regulation for the Roman Catholic Church last year, similar enactments are under way through the country's legislature. The church-state bill will guarantee complete freedom of religion and separation of church and state for Seventh-day Adventists. Among the issues of particular interest to Seventh-day Adventists are a guarantee to recognise Saturday as the holy day (Sabbath) and religious rights for conscripts in the Polish Army, including access to chaplaincy privileges, which are included in the legislation.—*ANR*

the first consultation between Christian world communions in which SDAs have taken part. The purpose was to familiarise the participants with the history and theology of each other's church. The consultation identified what Lutherans and SDAs have in common and what divides them (for instance, Lutherans were surprised to hear Adventists respected Martin Luther).

Hope in Greece

Voice of Hope programs have resumed on the Protestant TV station, HEL-LAS-62, reaching 60 per cent of the population of Greece. The programs, featuring Constantine Petsinis, a Seventh-day Adventist minister in Athens and Nikaia, are relayed in Corinth, Macedonia, Thessalonica and other areas. The half-hour talks are aired twice a week and begin with the Voice of Hope logo and the AWR tune "Lift Up the Trumpet." The first requests for a free copy of Ellen White's book *Steps to Christ* have already reached the Greek Mission office. Some months ago the

TV station was refused electricity by the state-owned electricity company after it had earlier faced jamming by another TV company. Worldwide protests against this discrimination and much publicity changed the attitude of the authorities and HEL-LAS-62 received a provisional licence.—*ANR*

Enrolments Up

Newbold College, England, has a record enrolment of 379 (17 per cent increase) students admitted in September. The increase impacts on all departments. This is a turnaround of the downward enrolment trend of the past few years. Contributing to the increased enrolment was a 15-month-long student recruitment campaign by staff and students and spearheaded by Velda Cox, director of College Advancement.—*ANR*

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CHURCH CALENDAR

December 17 Thirteenth Sabbath
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

Medical Staff Needed

by Bruce Manners

The need for quality medical care in both Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is enormous.

Throughout the mission unions, governments are increasing their reliance on Seventh-day Adventist mission hospitals. As a result concerns are developing regarding their medical staffing. In this interview, Dr Percy Harrold, the director of the Adventist Health Department for the South Pacific Division, expresses some of these concerns.

I visited Sopas Adventist Hospital and saw the tremendous work the hospital is doing not only from a humanitarian viewpoint, but also the effects on the spiritual life in the surrounding communities. I understand there is a looming problem with staffing, not only for Sopas Hospital in PNG, but also at Atoifi Hospital in the Solomon Islands.

Sopas is in a delightful setting. It is some 2300 metres above sea level in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. It is about two hours by road from Mount Hagen. The hospital has served the medical needs in that area and has built up a high reputation both as a hospital and also as a nurse-training institution over more than 25 years.

Currently Sopas is staffed by Dr Francisco Munoz and Dr John Watts, who form the core of the medical team. Dr Watts, his wife, Gayle, and their two children, will be returning permanently to Australia in March 1995.

A medical practitioner is needed to replace John. The Adventist Health Department is currently searching in the South Pacific region as well as overseas. A medical practitioner from Australia, New Zealand or Papua New Guinea is preferred.

Atoifi Adventist Hospital on Uru Harbour on Malaita in the Solomon Islands is approaching its 30th year of operation. It is currently staffed by three medical practitioners, one of

whom is on a two-year training program in anaesthetics in Wellington, New Zealand. During 1955, Dr Chester Kuma, well known in the Solomon Islands for his surgical skills and concern for public health, will find himself, for considerable periods of time, the only doctor at Atoifi. With a bed capacity of near 120, this seems terribly unfair.

Atoifi and Sopas Adventist Hospitals need someone immediately to share the work load.

Some would suggest that, as we near the end of the 20th century, mission hospitals aren't needed anymore. Is this the case?

The need for quality medical care in both Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands is enormous. Both Sopas and Atoifi stand tall with the results of the work they have done in the past.

Over the years articles in RECORD have documented the success they've had in both the healing and spiritual ministries in their regions. For example, recently a man was converted after his second admission to Atoifi Hospital in a decade. He remembers, with thanks, the effort given years ago by Dr Steve Smith, to save his life.

Dr Smith must be one of many who have worked in these hospitals. Who else?

Sopas commenced with Dr Roy Yeatts from the USA, while Atoifi commenced with Dr Lyn McMahon of Australia. Later medical staff came from England, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Peru. For Sopas, readers may recognise: Dr Robert Wood, Dr Charles Hammond Jr, Dr Saleem Farag, Dr Paul Truscott, Dr Hilda Rainda, Dr Donald Kelly, Dr Robert Watt, Dr John Wallace, Dr Apeli Nailatikau, Dr Kuria and Dr Mark Wilson.



Nurses from many parts of Papua New Guinea are trained at Sopas Adventist Hospital.

For Atoifi Dr Haines Posala, Dr Albert Solomon, Dr Sue Armstrong, Dr James Chee, Dr Lipson Sisioli, Dr John Watts and Dr Narko Tutuo.

However, these are just some of many doctors who have worked at these two hospitals. My aim, however, is to add more names to that list. Adventist doctors can take up the challenge to serve both their church and humanity in a missionary endeavour that is challenging, interesting and satisfying.

So what are you saying to Adventist doctors around the Pacific who could be of help to you?

We need relief general practitioners and specialists several times each year. The principal need, however, is for qualified Adventist doctors to alert me as to when they would be available to accept the challenge of maintaining adequate medical staffing at both Sopas and Atoifi on a full-salaried and full-time basis.

Dr Harrold can be contacted at the Adventist Health Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, phone (02) 489 7122 or by fax on (02) 489 0943. □

Bruce Manners is editor of the RECORD.

Why Me?

by Goldie Down

Only God knows the answer, but perhaps we would feel better if we spent less time griping and more time being grateful.

Why me, God? Why did it happen to me?" How many times have we asked that question when struck by misfortune. How many times have we heard others ask it under similar circumstances?

It's a question we can't answer. We don't know the reason.

In a different context, "Why me?" is a question I ask myself almost every day.

Yesterday as I stepped out into the warm sunshine to hang out the washing I heard the squeals of next door's children frolicking in their swimming pool. Up and down the street buzzing motor mowers advertised that other neighbours were cutting their lawns. From

the highway the distant hum of traffic, and in another direction the rattle of passing trains told of people going about their chosen Sunday morning activities.

I thought of a bright-eyed lass who works nearby. How she would love to hear the motor mowers and the children's voices and the traffic's roar. But Cynthia is totally deaf.

Cynthia lip-reads her boss's instructions and answers his questions in a queer, high-pitched voice. Why was she born deaf and I wasn't?

Why me?

A little later I saw the man across the road hitch his boat trailer to his car and set off for the day. At almost the same time the family in the corner house backed out of their garage and I guessed they were off to church.

Again I questioned, "Why am I so favoured that I live in this prosperous, free country where law-abiding citizens can come and go where they please?"

There are many other countries in

the world where fear, not freedom, prevails. Why am I fortunate enough to live in Australia? I couldn't choose the country of my birth.

Why me? Why me?

I stooped to retrieve a fallen clothes peg and I noticed a bee hovering above a patch of clover. I watched a pair of cheeky mynahs pecking their way across the lawn and I saw a red rose nodding in the breeze. Then I thought of Mrs Brown who lives two streets away—of Mrs Brown and the millions like her who have never seen red roses or cheeky mynahs. Why do I have the gift of sight and they don't?

Why me?

I pegged the last garment on the line and went into the kitchen to prepare lunch. What would we eat today? I looked into cupboards stocked with all kinds of canned and packaged food. I opened a refrigerator that guarded all types of perishables—with an equal-sized freezer as backup. I sighed as I thought about the Third World countries where tens of millions of people don't know where their next meal is coming from, or whether they will ever eat again.

What have I done that I should deserve a full stomach and not they?

Why me?

Night brought with it a sudden weather change. The wind whistled around our small house and rain poured on the tiled roof. As I switched on the electric blanket and snuggled into my warm bed I thought of the hordes of people made homeless by war, disaster and poverty. Why should I have shelter?

Why me?

We don't know the answer to my question any more than we know the answer to the questions people ask when sickness, accident or some other misfortune overtakes them.

Only God knows the answers, but perhaps we would feel better if we spent less time griping and more time being grateful. □

Goldie Down writes from Mount Colah, NSW.

Apocalypse Now

by Martin Ward

Apocalypse now—
 Flaming images of forest fire storms
 Flitting across
 The living room screen;
 Replaced soon
 By pictures of raging floods,
 Snow-frozen urban wildernesses,
 And earthquake-shattered cities.
 Then starving children,
 Making mute appeals,
 See us reaching for more
 Coke and fries.
 Our overloaded minds
 Slip easily into neutral,
 Not recognising the impending doom
 Of God's apocalypse—
 Now!

Martin Ward writes from High Wycombe, WA.

Does God Have a Gender Bias?

by Kerry H Hortop

Should we uncompromisingly forbid any female to speak between "the porch and the altar"?

God gives spiritual gifts to all. That's a truth found in New Testament teaching. The gift of salvation, one of those gifts, is freely available to all.

But what of the spiritual gifts in addition to this one? Who receives them and to what end? And does God have a gender bias as He dispenses His benefits to the church?

In all texts focusing on spiritual gifts (principally Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12-14 and Ephesians 4), not one mentions gender in connection with any gift. From the context of spiritual gifts misuse (especially tongues and prophecy found in 1 Corinthians 12-14), the implication is that women received spiritual gifts. The gifts only became a problem when they were using their gifts in the public worship service, which Paul said was unacceptable (1 Corinthians 14:32-35).¹

Why did Paul say that it was a "shame" or "disgraceful" for a woman to speak in church (or to even exercise her spiritual gift)?²

If we believe that this is a universal and timeless command, then we should uncompromisingly forbid any female to speak between "the porch and the altar"—at least while there are any males in the church. Obviously Ellen White and her contemporaries didn't

believe this of these passages.

Paul's deeper motivation in making these statements is provided in the context of 1 Corinthians 14:23, 33 and 40, and 1 Timothy 2:1-4. (These verses indicate that Paul is vitally concerned about the impression made upon unbelievers by Christian behaviour—particularly during worship services. Positively influencing and winning unbelievers and visitors for Christ remains a primary principle for Paul.)

Jewish worship services, upon which the early Christian worship services were modelled (the Romans couldn't tell them apart), didn't accept females as having any active part.

Females also had little or no part in the "higher" types of contemporary pagan worship services. For females to be actively involved by speaking in first-century Christian churches would have meant that visitors (Jews and Greeks, men and women) would have been highly offended at this totally indecorous and even "immoral" behaviour. They would have judged the whole congregation as debased and unworthy of their presence. Any possibility of winning them to the gospel would have been lost—an unthinkable situation for Paul.

Paul probably held the same personal view as the rest of his contemporaries, that women should have no part in a properly conducted worship service. However, his statements, preserving the credibility of the congregations of the first century, should not be applied in a timeless and universal sense. Nor should we use them to oppose females who may have the gift of preacher and pastor (Ephesians 4:11) in our society today.³

If we follow Jesus' method for establishing timeless and universal truth by going back beyond Paul or Moses to creation, then Genesis 1 tells us that the man and the woman were made equal.⁴ They were king and queen over

God's creation. And that doesn't change in chapter 2, where the different creation account emphasises the love, companionship and intimacy between the man and the woman.

After the Fall, when we look at God's pronouncement of the punishment for Eve and her daughters (not mentioned, but perhaps implied) in Genesis 3:16, we can almost see the pain and tears in God's eyes. He isn't pronouncing His ideal for His children. He is, in reality, acting as God the Prophet and recounting what will now be the dreadful change in relationships between husbands and wives as a result of sin and the Fall—just as it would be for the man and the soil (verses 17-19).

Tragically, sin enters into the world and, for the woman, the saddest of all is the change in relationship with her husband and her status in the family.

To suggest that this subjectivity of women to men (and, by the way, Genesis 3 refers to husbands and wives, not men and women in general) is God's ideal, timeless and universal will until glorification, ignores one of the tremendous changes that the coming of Jesus into the world was intended to bring about—involving personal relationships, social and cultural discrimination, and injustice.⁵

Social relationships within the first century were a long way from God's ideal.⁶ God sent His Son not only to reveal His loving nature and to die for us, but also to begin the process of lifting humankind. It involved improving relationships between people, and particularly between men and women. We Christians have been slow learners in the school of Christ. Just as in Jesus' generation, if theology is involved, the learning curve is steep, but if the demand is for social and relational changes, growth is slow and painful.

Yet it hasn't really been the influence of the women's movement that has brought about the best changes in



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human relationships and the reduction in discrimination over the past 150 years. It has been dedicated Christians putting into practice the ideals and principles of Jesus.

Rather than oppose today's gender equality movement by adopting a male-dominated worship service characteristic of a past era, we should faithfully put into practice Paul's principle that our worship services must not offend contemporary standards and customs—provided, of course, they don't oppose clear biblical standards of morality as taught in the Ten Commandments.

In our culture and society it is offensive to the average person for any group, let alone the Christian church, to practise discrimination in any form—particularly against women. Many visitors to a congregation that practises discrimination against female participation would be highly offended and would judge that church unworthy of their continuing presence. Such a congregation is clearly breaking Paul's principle that worship behaviour should not offend non-Christian visitors causing them to leave the fellowship and therefore being no longer in a position to hear and accept the gospel.

A modern-day Paul would remain true to his principle, but would probably reverse his specific first-century counsel in our social and cultural setting.

God hasn't given His spiritual gifts along rigid gender lines, and a church that faithfully applies both Paul's principle of non-offence and Jesus' creation principle will not only permit, but encourage, those gifts in the whole congregation—at worship and at witness. □

References

1. Compare 1 Timothy 2:11-15.
2. Kittel suggests that the word means "disgraceful in the judgment of men." TDNT, Vol 1, page 190.
3. Please note that in Ephesians 4:8 the word for "men" is *anthropos* and here, as in most places, it is best translated as "people."
4. Such as, for example, when He deals with controversy over the Sabbath (Mark 2:27) or marriage and divorce (Matthew 19:3-15).
5. For example, see Luke 4:17-30, and the reaction of the bigots.
6. Ellen G White, *Prophets and Kings*, pages 687, 688; *The Desire of Ages*, chapters 1-3.

Kerry H Hortop is the pastor of the Castle Hill church in Sydney, NSW.



Windows on 1844

Ellen Harmon (Ellen White) temporarily lost confidence in the Millerite message after October 22. She felt adrift, without a spiritual home, for she and her family had earlier been dismissed from the Methodist Church for promoting Millerite views.

But in December 1844 Ellen Harmon's opinion changed. She experienced her first vision. In it she saw the Advent (second coming of Christ) believers walking on an ever-ascending pathway to their heavenly home. She saw others reject the light that lit the pathway, stumbling and falling to the wicked world below. This vision confirmed Ellen Harmon in her faith in "the midnight cry."

The Millerite movement, once unified by the hope of the advent, became fragmented by doctrinal differences. Many gave up their faith completely; others returned to their former churches. Some concluded that while the hope in the second coming was correct, the October 22 date was incorrect.

An even smaller minority continued to hold to the October 22 date—but concluded that they must have misunderstood the event to take place on that day.

This minority group split into two groups: one group, led by Joshua Himes and William Miller, became known as "Open Door Adventists"; the other, led by Joseph Bates, James White and Ellen Harmon, became known as "Shut Door Adventists." (This title reflected their belief that on October 22 the door of mercy was forever shut. It was a belief that was to change gradually over the next eight years.)

With the acceptance of the seventh-day Sabbath, the high-priestly ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the doctrine of soul-sleep, the doctrinal foundations were set for what later became the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The smallest of the Millerite remnant groups, led by Ellen White (often termed the weakest of the weak due to her poor health), became the strongest and most universal. Faithfulness to the Bible and a willingness to accept divine guidance along the way has resulted in the prophetic remnant, the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

December

Good Results From Hungary



Photo: R. Muhlberg

Pastor Rein Muhlberg is pictured baptizing a new convert during an evangelistic program he conducted in Pecs, Hungary.

More than 80 people desired baptism at the conclusion of a month-long, six-night-a-week program conducted in Pecs, Hungary, during September and October, by Pastor Rein Muhlberg, ministerial secretary of the North New Zealand Conference.

Pastor Muhlberg was one of a group of ministers asked by the Trans-European Division to conduct evangelistic programs within the Hungarian Union. On his way to Hungary, Pastor Muhlberg visited Tallinn, Estonia, to hold revival meetings for those who had attended his 1992 campaign in the city. Many attending the Tallinn meetings who had not made a decision for Christ in 1992 did so this time.

The 60 church members of Pecs personally invited people in their city, by doorknocking, to the evangelistic program. They wore T-shirts with the

series logo as they went from door to door.

On the first night 380 people attended, and numbers increased to more than 500 as the series progressed. The local television station featured the meetings in a prime-time magazine program.

The Pecs pastor is now visiting some 200 people who had given their names during the series. This is a time-consuming task because the pastor has no car and relies on public transport.

"Evangelistic work in other parts of the world is a real blessing to the recipient church," says Pastor Muhlberg. "But I feel that I too am blessed as an evangelist because of the experience—and I am also convinced our own division is blessed because of its investment in reaching out beyond its own borders."

Week of Prayer Leads to Decisions

Week of Prayer or Week of Sermons?" was the question asked by Brisbane Bible teacher Jerry Unser as he and Craig Willis (a teacher on the New South Wales Central Coast) took the Week of Prayer for Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victoria, recently.

More than 30 students requested baptism and 100 students requested Bible studies at the week's conclusion.

Mr Unser and Mr Willis presented a series of chapel services and evening worships.

Mr Willis led the music and singing, while Mr Unser explained simple Bible concepts using a series of illustrations that evoked laughter and tears from the students.

David Edgren and Toby Norris, overseas campus personnel, supported the programs with drama.

Friendship was a base of the relationship between Mr Unser, Mr Willis and the students. This combination, with morning and evening prayer times for both students and staff, laid the foundation for the worship services taking place.

A number of Bible-study groups and baptismal classes have begun on the

Lilydale campus.

A candlelight communion service took place on the Friday night. Many said they were sad to see the week draw to a close.—*Alarna Gray*



Photo: A. French

Jerry Unser presented the youth Week of Prayer to Lilydale Academy students, and assisted in leading 30 young people to Christ.

Lay Involvement Increases in CPUM

Greater involvement of lay people in the pastoring of churches in the Central Pacific Union Mission (CPUM) was the priority of the Local Church Administration Advisory that met in Fiji on October 24.

Rapid membership growth, increased pastoral workloads and serious financial constraints in many local missions of the CPUM are placing heavy loads on the limited number of ministerial staff.

The advisory's recommendations were:

- That local missions provide intensive training programs for local church elders in all areas of church pastoral ministry and administration.

- That a retraining program for church pastors be carried out focusing upon their increased involvement in multichurch administration and in the training of church members for ministry.

- That lay-training centres be established within local missions similar to those operating in the Papua New Guinea and Western Pacific Union Missions. Here elders and other church

members become better acquainted with the Scriptures and with their ministry responsibilities in the local churches.

"The advisory will represent a significant step forward for the local churches in the Central Pacific Union Mission," says Pastor Doug Robertson, coordinator of island leadership development in the South Pacific Division, who was present at the advisory. "As elders and other church members are equipped to share more of the ministry and administration of the church, members will be better nurtured, and church pastors will be freed for wider involvement in evangelism and in the training of their members for personal ministry."

The meeting was directed by Pastor Uilli Solofa, the CPUM personal ministries and Sabbath school director, and involved local church members, pastors, district directors, mission and union mission departmental personnel.

Family Support Leader Dies



Pastor Allan Butler died recently after a battle with cancer.

The director of the Family Support Centre for the Greater Sydney Conference, Pastor Allan Butler, died on October 21 after a 12-month battle with a brain tumour. He was born on March 2, 1945, in Rockhampton, Queensland.

Pastor Butler was born into a Christian home, and was provided with a secure and stable upbringing—a foundation of what was to become a life of service to others.

He was interested in music, being the Lakemba church organist for many years, and sports. As a mark of respect and encouragement during his illness, he received a card signed by the South Sydney Rugby League team.

After completing his Leaving Certificate in 1961 he worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company in a Sydney shop, and was later made supervisor for the Sanitarium retail

New Church Opens in WA

Merredin church, WA, filled to overflowing with 320 people, was dedicated on September 9. Those who could not be seated in the church watched the program on closed-circuit television in another room.

The opening weekend began on Friday night with the ordination of church elder Keith Orchard, and deacon and deaconess Jim Corby and Heather Orchard.

Five people were baptised in the evening program. Kellie-Jo Leslie and Kerrie and Gareth Davies (brother and sister) were baptised by Pastor Norm Hardy, a former minister in Merredin. And Murray and Dianne Hooper, who came to Christ through a Kenneth Cox video presentation, were baptised by Western Australian Conference president Pastor Ken Vogel.

Pastor John Kingston, the church pastor, welcomed members and guests on Sabbath morning.

Kim Chance, a member of the Western Australian Opposition, asked those present to review their family commitments and values, and

spoke of the importance of having a tangible place of worship.

The opening address was given by Pastor Vogel, and a historical overview of the church was presented by Pastor Hardy. The Merredin church, founded in 1940 by Pastor Len Brandstater with a membership of three, now has a membership of 80.

The designer of the church, David Guest, and the builder, Peter Lynch, both local farmers, were thanked by church members for the time they both gave to the church's development. They were presented with family Bibles.

Music was an important part of the day, with Spectrum, a Perth-based group, presenting many items, and an afternoon concert that included the talents of the church's children and members.

On Sunday an open day attracted 80 people. They viewed the church and various displays, and tasted vegetarian food supplied by Cathy Kingston. Six visitors asked if they could attend the church some other time.

store at Lane Cove.

On March 18, 1968, he married Fiona Thompson at the Epping church, and they moved into a flat above the Lane Cove store. They had two daughters, Kylie and Joanne.

During 1969 he was convicted to join the ministry and began theology training in 1970, excelling in his study of Greek. Graduating in 1973 he pastored Ashfield, Lakemba, Hurstville, Caringbah and Dundas churches. People loved and responded to his ministry.

He married Karen Baldwin on April 4, 1982, and continued to enjoy a love relationship that saw both of them develop a new self-understanding and a broadening of their relational skills.

In 1983 he was invited to work part time at the Sydney Adventist College (which closed on the day of his funeral) as school chaplain. He established a warm rapport with both staff and students.

Karen and Allan began attending classes in Family Life in Strathfield, and Allan was accepted into the Counselling Training Program with Family Life in 1984.

He began to see himself as a quiet-change agent, furthering his commitment to serve others by completing a master's degree in Family Life Education, a course from which he graduated in August 1991 as a straight-A student.

During the past 10 years Allan and Karen have presented premarital education classes and marriage enrichment programs.

In August 1990 Allan became an Associate Member of the Australian Association of Marriage and Family Counsellors, and in 1993 began working for the Greater Sydney Conference.

Allan will be remembered as one who believed in other people, as one dedicated helping others realise their God-given potential.—Bryan Craig

Baptism After Tongan Campaign



Among those baptised during a recent evangelistic campaign in Tonga were Mr and Mrs Feo'faa'ki Maile, who are pictured with their family.

A total of 18 people were baptised and a further 100 requested Bible studies at the conclusion of an evangelistic series presented in Tonga's capital, Nukua'lofa, by Pastor Lindsay Laws. The series took place from August 21 to October 2.

A Revelation Seminar presented by local ministers is now following up on Pastor Laws's five-nights-a-week evangelistic series.

Pastor Laws also daily conducted morning field schools during the first

three weeks of the series for 15 ministers from the Friendly Islands group. They studied pastoral work, evangelism and preaching. The group worked on home visitations in the afternoon.

Among those baptised at the campaign were Mr and Mrs Feo'faa'ki Maile. Mrs Feo'faa'ki impulsively attended one of the meetings in 1994 presented by the students of Fulton College, and told them she

enjoyed what she heard. Her family opposed her interest, and when a friend invited her to attend Pastor Laws's program, her husband refused her permission to attend.

He then changed his mind about her going, and then changed it again. But by that stage she had determined to attend without his permission.

They both went together.

"When it came to the first night the Holy Spirit brought conviction," reports

Pastor Laws. "Mr Feo'faa'ki put questions to us and at the conclusion of the series both he and his wife were baptised."

At the conclusion of each evening's meeting, another meeting was scheduled covering topics such as "How to Be Born Again," "The Secret of How to Overcome Sin," which attracted up to 150 people.

Attendance at the meetings was totally dependent on church members bringing friends to the meeting. Advertising prepared for the program and posted as certified mail never arrived.

During a shorter series at Beulah Adventist College, 270 youth enrolled and about 100 made decisions for further Bible studies and baptismal classes.

Young women living in the dormitories of Beulah Adventist College fasted and prayed for other youth to give their heart to the Lord. Almost half the student body are not Adventists. Many young people took notes at the lectures. Some of the current ministers in Tonga became Adventists while students at Beulah years before.

CHILDREN

Bryce and the Knife

by Dedily Masaea

A huge tree with hanging branches and thick leaves shaded the taro patch in the Masaeas' garden. Mr Masaea had battled for two hours with the big tree, hacking and sawing at its branches. At last it groaned and fell with a loud crash.

But the tree now lay across the track that wound uphill to the Masaeas' home. Mr Masaea began clearing the track, cutting the tree branches.

It was hard, slow work. Soon Mr Masaea's hands were bruised and blistered. He was glad to see Mrs Masaea coming to help.

Mrs Masaea was carrying their

one-year-old boy, Bryce. She spread out a mat in the shade several metres away and put the baby down. Then, with both hands clutching a wooden hook, Mrs Masaea pulled as Mr Masaea cut.

"Pull-cut, pull-cut." The job was easier with two working together.

Mr and Mrs Masaea were so busy they didn't notice little Bryce creep to the fallen tree and climb onto a branch behind his daddy.

Just then Mr Masaea gave a hard swing with his big cane knife. His eyes followed the knife and in an instant he realised the danger. The knife was headed straight for Bryce's head!

Mr Masaea clenched his teeth and fists. He closed his eyes so he wouldn't see the awful scene. At the same time he heard Mrs Masaea scream. Then she cried.

Mr Masaea opened his eyes. He felt sick and frightened.

"Where is the baby?" he screamed. But Mrs Masaea didn't answer. She was frantically searching for Bryce, who had fallen into the crushed branches.

She picked up the baby. He wasn't hurt. He wasn't crying. He looked as if nothing had happened! Mr and Mrs Masaea were so surprised they couldn't speak. They just hugged their precious little boy, then knelt to thank God for sparing his life. □

Dedily Masaea writes from Pacific Adventist College in Papua New Guinea.

Anniversaries

Peries. Anton Peries and Luba De Silva were married on 26.10.44 in St Marys Catholic church, Dehiwela, Colombo, Sri Lanka. They celebrated with a thanksgiving service at the Morley SDA church, Perth, WA. (They came to Australia in August, 1988.) In attendance were their children, Arlene (Perth), Anestly (United Kingdom), Anastasia (Melbourne, Vic), Trevine (Sri Lanka), Sherwin (Perth), and their spouses. Unable to attend was their son, Melvin, and his wife, Claudette (United Kingdom). Anton and Luba have nine grandchildren. Lynn Burton



Shipard. Vince and Frances celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 27.9.94 with family and friends from all over Australia. Their children, Margaret Phillips (Bundaberg, Qld), Jeanette Grosser (Millicent, SA), Phillip (Shepparton, Vic) and Heather Huitema (Adelaide, SA) and most of their 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren joined them in their celebration. They are still active members of the Millicent church. Jeannette Grosser

Weddings

Di Salvia—Knoechel. Glenn Roy Di Salvia, son of Doug and Barbara Di Salvia (Narromine, NSW), and Jodi Marlene Knoechel, daughter of Wendy Knoechel (Bexley) and the late Albert Knoechel, were married on 2.10.94 at Parramatta SDA church, Sydney. Wayne Krause

Fairall—Imrie. Dean Robert Fairall, son of Arthur and Wilma Fairall (Forest Hill, Vic), and Phillipa Jane Imrie, daughter of Allan and Shirley Imrie (Dareton), were married on 9.10.94 at the Mildura SDA church. J A Shaw

Fietz—Delaney. Geoff Fietz, son of Norma Fietz (Albury, NSW), and Michele Delaney, daughter of Robert and Carol Delaney (Queanbeyan), were married on 2.10.94 at the Lutheran church, Reid, ACT. Warren G Price

Harders—Agius. Graeme Lindsay Harders, son of Mary Harders (Perth, WA) and the late Erwin Harders, and Carolyn Anne Agius, daughter of Abraham and Nerrilyn Agius (Naremben), were married on 17.7.94 at the Belmont SDA church, Perth, WA. Lynn Burton

Hawkin—Jewkes. Chris Hawkin, son of Calvin and Dianne Hawkin (Metcham, NSW), and Rosanne Jewkes, daughter of David Jewkes and Alice Sriyawong (Albury), were married on 9.10.94 at Beechworth, Vic. Miroslav Stilinovic

Jenkins—Di Salvia Loryn Elwyn Jenkins, son of Elwyn and Glenda Jenkins (Gosford,

NSW), and Tammy Louese Di Salvia, daughter of Douglas and Barbara Di Salvia (Narromine, NSW), and Lorraine Lavarne (Brisbane, Qld), were married on 18.9.94 at Lisgar Gardens, Hornsby. Peter Fowler

Kuo—Lin. Roderick Kuo, son of Dick and Ramona Kuo, and Elaine Lin, daughter of Harold and Alice Lin, were married on 2.10.94 at the Chinese SDA church, Sydney, NSW. Desmond Mowday

McMahon—Todd. William John McMahon, son of John and Wilma McMahon (Mount Isa, Qld), and Kathryn Joy Todd, daughter of Colin and Delcia Todd (Charters Towers), were married on 6.11.94 at Pine Rivers SDA Church, Kallangur. Lance A O'Neil

Moldoveanu—Hart. Paul Andrew Moldoveanu, son of Norma Moldoveanu and the late John Moldoveanu, and Tracy Anne Hart, daughter of Lynne Hart (Newcastle) and Pamela Mulholland (Gold Coast), were married on 18.9.94 in a garden setting at Sanctuary Cove, Gold Coast, Qld. Ken Martin

Monge—Ruiz. Luis Monge, son of Jose Luis and Maria Tomasa Monge (Werribee, Melbourne, Vic), and Sonia Ruiz, daughter of Blanca Miriam Guevara (Melbourne) and the late Heriberto Ruiz, were married on 2.10.94 at Moonee Ponds Spanish SDA church. Chris McClintock, Victor Acuna

Oaklands—Devine. Quentin John Oaklands, son of John and Myrna Oaklands (Berkeley Vale, NSW), and Sharelle Diane Devine, daughter of Paul and Shirley Devine (Castle Hill), were married on 2.10.94 at Galston SDA church. John V Oaklands

Ralph—Baatjes. Robert Glenn Ralph, son of Alan and Elizabeth Ralph (Brisbane, Qld), and Avril Joy Baatjes, daughter of Ruth Agnes Baatjes (Cape Town, South Africa), were married on 23.10.94 at Wanganui River Gardens, Brisbane. Mel Lemke

Richards—James. Anthony John Richards, son of John and Colleen Richards (Cudgen, NSW), and Sonya Terese James, daughter of Reginald and Dianne James (Condong), were married on 23.10.94 at Bray Park SDA church. Keith D Grolimund

Ward—Deane. Stephen Gregory Ward, son of Annette Ward (Brisbane, Qld) and the late Earl Ward, and Gabrielle Majella Deane, daughter of Brian and Joan Deane (Brisbane), were married on 8.10.94 at Springwood SDA church. Keith D Grolimund

Wegner—Hargreaves. Selwyn Wegner, son of Margaret Wegner (Toowoomba, Qld) and the late Wilf Wegner, and Rosemary Hargreaves, daughter of Roger and Helen Hargreaves (ACT), were married on 20.8.94 at the Uniting church, Reid, ACT. Tom Anderson

Obituaries

Bain, Mabel Irene, born 1904 at Oaklands Park, Adelaide, SA; died 19.10.94 at Miroma Private Nursing Home, Daws Park, Adelaide. Married Les Bain 3.6.41. He predeceased her 28.7.7. Mabel is survived by her brother, Ron Gray (Brisbane, Qld); son, Rodney

(Thailand); daughter, Lynette (Aldinga Park, SA); and six grandchildren. Lee Bowditch

Butler, Allan Llewellyn (Pastor), born 2.3.45 in Rockhampton, Qld; died 21.10.94 in Sydney, NSW. Married Karen Baldwin in 1982. He is survived by his wife; and children, Kylie and Joanne. See page 11. Carole Ferch-Johnson

Enberg, George Hamilton, born 6.6.35 in Sydney, NSW; died 1.8.94 at Gosford. Married Lois Haack on 11.1.59 in Sydney. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Linda Wallace (both Central Coast); and son, Tony (Sydney). Don Madden, George Drinkall

Fiedler, Thelma Metta, born 14.5.06, in Albury, NSW; died 21.10.94 at Redlands Hospital, Redland Bay, Qld. Married in 1930. Predeceased by her husband, Frederick William. Thelma is survived by her daughter, Sylvia Stevans (Melaney); son, Valmont William; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; one sister and two brothers. S A Bartlett, E C Lemke

Gail, Joustinia, born 1906 in Russia; died 18.9.94 at Canterbury Hospital, Sydney, NSW, and was buried at the Rookwood Cemetery. She is survived by her son, Alfred; daughters, Aila Rudenko, Ludmila Dent, Helen Roudenko and Lydia Baxt (all of Sydney). Ben Marshak

Herbert, Winifred Ethel, born 22.7.06 at Albany, WA; died 20.7.94 at Royal Perth Hospital. Predeceased by her husband, Douglas; and sons, Allan and Laurie. Survived by her daughter, Vivienne (Perth). Merv Chapman, Lynn Burton

Keymer, Hector McDonald, born 13.5.01 in Auckland, New Zealand; died 27.7.94 at Bethesda SDA Hospital, Auckland. Married Eva Winifred Elmore in 1931. He is survived by his wife; son, Barry; daughter, Olwyn; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Stan Rex

Knobbs, Mavis, born 10.8.16 at Young, NSW; died 15.10.94 at Windsor Hospital. Married Jack Borrott in 1936; he predeceased her in 1987. Married Bernie Knobbs in 1989. Mavis is survived by her husband, Bernie; sons, Robert and Dale (both of Sydney); and daughter, Maree Rabik (Burrill Lake). Bruce Shield

Korhonen, Alpo Edward, born 17.8.28 at Nurmes, Finland; died 3.7.94 at his home in Perth, WA. He is survived by his wife, Ester; and children, Eila, Erkki, Erja, Pekka, Arja and Helen. Lynn Burton

Lawson, William Colin ("Bill"), born 17.11.14 in Sydney, NSW; died 24.10.94 at Dalby, Qld. Ray Fraser

Manners, Raymond Gilbert, 28.4.22 at Wallaroo, SA; died 20.9.94 at Port Wakefield. Married Irene Mudge 7.1.48. Ray is survived by his wife (Port Wakefield); children, Bruce (Mount Evelyn, Vic), Brenda Rutgers (Port Adelaide, SA), Mark and Maurice (Port Wakefield); and 15 grandchildren. Eric P Wolfe, David Kelly

Mills, Henry Oswald, born 15.6.10 at Maryborough, Qld; died 9.8.94 at Gympie. (Lived at Manley, NSW, until late 1993). Married Dorothy Joyce Smith on 16.2.39. Predeceased by his wife on 9.5.90. Ossie is sur-

vided by his children, Nanette Smith (NSW) and Bruce (Qld); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Pr Polkinghorne

Newman, Deborah Ellen, born in Tasmania; died 24.10.94 at Noble Park, Vic. Married Leon Ruffles in 1932; he predeceased her in 1942. Married Alois Newman in 1950. He predeceased her in 1977. Also predeceased by daughter, Faith (10 months). Deborah is survived by her daughter, Marlene Williams; and three grandchildren. B G Whelan

Oldham, Vincent, born 28.2.03 at Tamworth, NSW; died 4.9.94 at Manilla, NSW. Married Alice Amelia Blackman in 1945. He is survived by his children, Ellis (Mount Druitt), Robyn Christian (Manilla) and Coral Chircop (Narromine); five grandchildren and one sister. Harold E Edmunds

Reeve, Kayla Maree, born 12.9.94; died 12.9.94 at Maitland Hospital, NSW. Daughter of Robert and Sue; and sister of Rebecca and Christopher. R E Jerrard

Shirley, John Charles Henry, born 18.9.1898; died 26.9.94 at Cooranbong, NSW. Married 9.7.23. He is survived by his wife, Annie (Cooranbong); daughters, May Martin (Alstonville) and Evelyn (Cooranbong); son, Aubrey (Kotara); seven grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. L C Coombe

Singleton, Mavis Clare, born 7.3.10 at Lismore, NSW; died 30.10.94 at Byron Bay Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband, Bob. M Hudson

Sodeman, Elsie May, born 10.11.01 at Collie, WA; died 24.10.94 at Cooranbong, NSW. Married 4.6.27. Elsie is survived by her husband, Clarence Fredrick (Cooranbong); children, Roy (Kallangur, Qld), Valerie Mills (Morisset), Brian (Cooranbong) and Colin (Thornleigh). L C Coombe

Warren, Sylvia Grace, born 10.2.02 at Moltema, Tas; died 20.10.94 at Devonport. Predeceased by her husband, Stuart, and three children. She is survived by three children, Aileen Chugg, Neville Warren and Cynthia Storer (Tas). Nigel Ackland

Watson, Edna May (nee Meale), born 12.9.06 at Junea, NSW; died 11.10.94 at Macksville Nursing Home, Macksville. Married 30.4.32. Predeceased by her husband, Arthur William. Edna is survived by her children, Allison Philp, Rhonda Howarth (both of Armidale); son, David (Sydney); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. John A Lang

Wright, Mildred Eileen, born 18.10.21 at Hornsby, NSW; died 7.10.94 in Adelaide, SA. Married Pastor Kenneth Wright on 18.12.47. She is survived by her husband (Sydney); children, Lyndon (Kersbrook, SA), Geoffrey (Glennan Valley, NSW) and Jennifer Miller (North Avoca); and 10 grandchildren. Lyell Heise

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Two Volunteer Teachers are needed to teach at the Mirriwinni Gardens Aboriginal Academy, K-6. Personal Development/Health/PE in high school. Accommodation is available for married couple. Please contact Pastor Eric White, Volunteer Service Coordinator, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoonga NSW 2076 (phone 02 489 7122) or Fay Oliver (065) 67 2011 for details of allowances and job descriptions.

Lecturer in Vocational Studies (secretarial/office administration). Avondale College seeks applications from practising Seventh-day Adventists. Applicants need an awareness of competency-based

training. Experience in the design and administration of such a course would be an advantage. Further details should be obtained by phone. This full-time position is available from January 1995, or later by negotiation. Applications, including a curriculum vitae, and the names of two referees, should reach the Principal, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265, by December 19, Phone (049) 77 1107.

Fiji Fly'n'Build—A team is needed to assist with the construction of the Indian Evangelistic Centre in Suva, Fiji. Local church members have begun construction, but need an electrician, plumber and carpenters to supervise internal fitting. Please contact Eric White, Volunteer Service Coordinator, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoonga NSW 2076, or phone (02) 489 7122 if you are able to assist.

Volunteer Youth Workers—We have positions available for 10 volunteer youth assistant pastors in Australia and New Zealand commencing February 1995. If you are a committed Christian and have a desire to work with young people, and if you believe God is leading you into this type of ministry, then contact Eric White, Volunteer Service Coordinator, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoonga NSW 2076, or phone (02) 489 7122 if you are able to assist. It is your choice—your life! We need you!

Megalife Bus Team. Applications are being taken for the 1995 team to commence February until November. A team leader, a bus driver (Class 3A licence) and two team members are being sought. Skills or an interest in drama, puppeteering, clowning, storytelling, street ministry etc essential. Food, board and a weekly allowance provided. Inquiries and application forms: phone (049) 51 8088.

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Teaching Positions—Seventh-day Adventist Schools. Teaching positions are available in a number of New Zealand SDA schools. Inquiries as well as details of current vacancies may be obtained from the New Zealand SDA Schools National Office. Phone (09) 262 0747, fax (09) 262 0760.

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