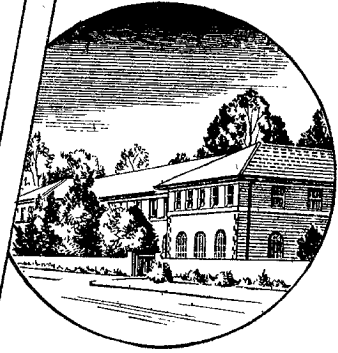




# Australasian Record



**L**ORD, help me in my witness for Thee on this trip."

"Lord, do bless my message this day, to the saving of some precious soul for Thee." "Father, I think of my daughter again today. Do touch and tender her heart, and bring her back into the fold of Thy love before probation's hour closes."

These sentence prayers express briefly the burden of the three main witnesses in this modern miracle of God's grace.

Boxing Day, 1951, I was making my first direct flight from Sydney to Hobart by Trans-Oceanic Airways. You can imagine my astonishment when the hostess, upon showing me to my seat, said, "Good morning. I thought I recognized you. You won't be having bacon for breakfast, will you?" "No, thank you," I replied. Later, while breakfast was being served, I was still more astonished when she queried again, "You would like a glass of milk, wouldn't you?" "Thank you," I said, puzzled as to how this young lady, whom I had never previously met, should be so conversant with my eating habits. So, I determined to find out.

At the opportune moment I said, "Excuse me, but this experience intrigues me. Please tell me how you came to know what I like to eat and drink." "Oh," she replied, "I have a sister who works in one of your offices." "Have you?" I said; "what is her name?" "Miss ——" was the reply.

I knew her sister quite well. She had often been in our home, and a most interesting discussion followed. Later, as I left the flying-boat and said good-bye to our genial little hostess, I



## Watching God Work

L. C. NADEN

*Director, Voice of Prophecy*

said, "Thank you for your kindness to me, and for looking after me coming down. I hope to see you on the way back." "When are you returning?" she asked. "I hope to return on New Year's Day," I replied. "I'm afraid I won't be on duty that day," she said. But when I made my return journey, there she was again. She was just as kind and considerate to me on the way home, and I couldn't help but wonder why this talented young woman, with

such good Adventist connections, should be out of the message.

Well, twelve months exactly to the day, I was to hear her story. Boxing Day, 1952, she was seated in my home, no longer an air hostess. Gone were the signs of worldliness, such as plucked and pencilled eyebrows, lipstick, and the like. Her fingers no longer bore the stain of nicotine, and it was evident that a mighty transformation had taken place in her life since our first meeting twelve months before.

She recounted that, at the age of seventeen, like the prodigal of old, she had grown tired of religion and the restraints at home, and set out for the bright lights and the pleasures of the world. She found her first job in the great metropolis of Sydney, and then, moving from place to place with the wanderlust in her veins, she eventually landed in Singapore; stayed there for twelve months, and then returned to Sydney to join the staff of Australian National Airways. She later transferred to Trans-Oceanic Airways, and was in their employ as senior hostess when I met her on the way to Tasmania.

And now I learned that her cheerfulness on that occasion really hid a sad and heavy heart. Discouraged and disillusioned, she contemplated suicide the very week following our meeting. In the midst of her misery, she thought of home and her mother—the one who had undoubtedly prayed long and often for her during the eleven years she was away. While the Spirit of the Lord strove with her, she consented to attend church one Sabbath, just to please her mother, but the message of the hour brought conviction to her soul.

and she determined that day, to bring her life into harmony with God's commandments.

But Satan didn't let her go without a struggle. Three days following her decision to serve God, Pan-American Airways offered her an attractive job as hostess. She needed money. She had always wanted to travel, and here at last was her opportunity to see the world. The battle was on again, but not for long. For the first time in her life, she really prayed. She sought God's help and guidance, and was impressed to show her colours and apply for this job as an Adventist. She wasn't successful, and she therefore knew that God had other plans for her life.

Later she attended the spiritual feast that the Greater Sydney camp-meeting provided, and there she heard the call to enter the colporteur field. Nothing she has done so far in life has brought such satisfaction to her soul. More recently she joined her life with one who has trained for God's service, and together they now await a call to the mission field. Surely God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform, and we thank Him for this, another wonder of His grace.

## Graduation Exercises at West Australian Missionary College

CYRIL R. WERE

A series of meetings and discussions, strangely secret and mysterious, beginning early in the college year of 1952, and occurring with increasing frequency as the year wore on, came to a successful culmination in the graduation exercises of the week-end November 28-30. The smooth and orderly manner in which each exercise was conducted testified to the wisdom and efficacy of such long-range planning.

The graduates' picnic, which took three car-loads of exuberant picnickers to Yan-chep Caves for a whole long pleasurable Sunday, was already an event of the past, while more recently the whole college family had enjoyed the bounties of the graduates' tea.

Friday, November 28, found the graduates putting the finishing touches to the colourful decorations of the marquee in preparation for the more sober exercises that have become a traditional part of every graduation. With aesthetic taste and skill of execution, Mr. Nash had prepared the dais and its background panel, the central landscape of which reflected the graduation colours of burgundy, azure, and gold. Converging streamers of the same tonings focused attention upon the class motto, "On Wings of Faith," which, being superimposed upon the panel above the rostrum, crowned the whole.

As evening shadows fell, wafting strains of music ushered in the vesper hour, and worshippers wended their way to the marquee. Mr. A. S. Jorgensen, addressing himself to the graduates in particular, emphasized the challenge of these troublesome times in which we live, pointed out the privilege which is extended to every Christian young man and woman to prepare for and participate in the finishing of the work of God, and charged them to measure up faithfully to the high ideals and objectives implied by their class motto and aim. Each graduate responded

### GRADUATES OF W.A.M. COLLEGE:

Back row: James Beamish, class president; Desiree Speck, class secretary; Mr. C. F. Futcher, faculty adviser; Edna Dyson, vice-president; Don Wheadon.

Front Row: Gladys Peakall, Eleita Lindsay, Connie Abbott.



in a verbal act of consecration, and at the close of the service the speaker presented each with a printed and tastefully bound copy of the address.

Clouds and gusty winds prevailing throughout the preparation day had given rise to some forebodings about the weather, but Sabbath morning dawned bright and clear, inviting to the Sabbath services a goodly number of visitors from Bickley, Perth, and some country districts. All were given a smiling "Welcome to the Graduation Sabbath school," by a group of eight primary girls. A profitable lesson study, conducted by Pastor Richards, and a young ladies' sextette sweetly bringing the assurance "Every morning mercies new," were features of the bright hour that followed.

The divine presence in the midst of the large assembly of worshippers was sought as the congregation rose to sing, "Come Thou Almighty King," and Mr. Futcher led them in prayer. Pastor D. A. Brennan's soul-stirring baccalaureate address, based on the farewell message of Moses

to the children of Israel when about to relinquish his life work, magnified the divine standard of righteousness, amplified its spiritual meaning, and challenged each listener to practise its principles in daily living. Emphasizing the whole-hearted surrender necessary to accomplish this was the message brought by the male ensemble, "Oh, I left it all with Jesus."

During the afternoon a baptismal service was held, when many parents and student friends gathered around the college pool to witness the principal, Pastor R. Reye, bury a goodly number of young people in the waters of baptism.

Sunday morning, November 30, found the graduates back again at the marquee, arranging fresh three-toned floral displays, setting all in readiness for the most important event of the week-end, nay, of their college years. At the appointed hour, preceded by the principal, Pastor Reye, the guest speaker, Pastor V. Warden, the conference president, Pastor Richards, and the members of the college faculty, the seven graduates filed down the aisle and took their places on the platform. Subsequent to a number of preliminary items, which included a pianoforte duet, delightfully rendered by Miss E. and Mr. W. Lee, the principal's welcome, and a number by the male ensemble, "Like Men that Wait," Pastor V. Warden spoke to the graduates on the implications of their motto and aim—"On Wings of Faith to Herald the Dawn."

Next came the presentation of diplomas, when each graduate stepped forward in turn to receive from the principal the token which formally and officially marked the successful completion of his or her chosen course of study.

The class president, Mr. James Beamish, responded on behalf of the graduates to the principal's good wishes, reaffirming their love and devotion to their alma mater, and expressing their determination to uphold its principles and standards as each went forth into wider spheres of activity and service. He then presented to the college, as a token of the high esteem in which they held it, a piano stool and a picture, both for the chapel, the former being designed in walnut veneer to match the lectern presented by the 1951 graduates, and the new chapel rostrum fittings.

The class poem, written for the occasion by Pastor A. J. Dyason, was recited by a member of the class, Miss Desiree Speck. The congregational singing of the college anthem, "We love our Alma Mater," and Brother Futcher's benediction brought this impressive service to a close.

### "ON WINGS OF FAITH"

(West Australian Missionary College  
Class Poem)

"On Wings of Faith" our motto today,  
"To Herald the Dawn," our aim;  
To others in need Christ's love we'll display  
And ever His mercies proclaim.

"On Wings of Faith!" O Lord, grant us speed,  
And guide us through life's rugged day;  
We'll seek and we'll search for others in need,  
And lead them to Jesus, the Way.

"To Herald the Dawn!" O God, keep us true  
As we speak of the soon-coming King;  
Each morning, dear Saviour, our courage renew,  
And teach us Thy praises to sing.

This graduate class, O Lord, make it Thine,  
"On Wings of Faith" may we rise  
"To Herald the Dawn," when the Saviour divine  
Shall come with His hosts from the skies.

—A. J. Dyason.

## Year-end at Burwood

A. R. FRASER, B.A.

The ceremonies which marked the end of the year 1952 at the Burwood (N.S.W.) high school involved much preparation for both staff and students. This year's ceremonies were in a sense historic, for they marked the passing of an era. They were the last for the Burwood High School, which has ceased to operate under that name, and indeed at that place. The new year will see both staff and students occupying the new school building which has been erected at Strathfield.

An important part of the school devotional activities is the baptismal class which meets regularly in the latter part of the year. One of the most delightful features of the year-end programme is the baptism of those who have attended the class, and who desire to follow the example of Christ in baptism. Eleven candidates took part in the school baptism, making a total of eighteen for 1952. To those whose task it is to guide the academic development of the candidates, it is encouraging to view their spiritual development, their progress in the things which are far more important in the ultimate than the acquisition of mere secular skills and techniques. A large number of friends and relatives filled the Stanmore church on Friday night, December 5, 1952, when the president of the Greater Sydney Conference, Pastor L. A. Butler, addressed the candidates on the importance of the step which they were now taking, and reminded all present of the baptismal vows which they had made. The baptism was performed by Pastor Leeder, the young peoples' secretary for this conference, who had instructed the students at the school class.

In the final week of term, the graduates from both third and fifth years were guests of honour at the annual graduation tea. This year's festivities seemed to assume a greater importance by virtue of the surroundings in which they were held. For the first time the assembly hall of the new school was used, and this combined with the excellent preparations of the hosts, the fourth-year class, contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

Stanmore church on December 9 witnessed the culmination of the school career for the six present of the eight students of the graduation class (one having returned on vacation to her family in Singapore). The baccalaureate address was delivered by Pastor E. E. White who spoke on the subject "God and My Right Hand"—the class motto. Pastor White referred to the necessity of having God in the life if one is to fulfil any role of service for one's fellow men. Having God in the life the forceful addition of the "right hand" to combat the temptations of the present day is most essential. Martin Luther was such a man of purpose who was not afraid to stand against the papal foes in defence of what he knew was the truth.

In his remarks the chairman of the school board, Pastor Butler, referred to the fact that, although educational programmes involve conference expenditure instead of contributing to revenue, the board members considered every penny had been wisely spent. He mentioned that inspectors from the state had congratulated them on the type of pupil being trained at Burwood school. Finally he

said that he had the full support of all concerned in the allocation of money for the erection of the new high school.

The headmaster, Mr. Parr, then rendered his report of school activity during the year, referring to the results achieved in the spiritual, academic, and sporting fields. This graduation ceremony, he stated, was one which had been long awaited, as it marked the end of one era and the opening of a new phase in Adventist secondary school history in this area of Sydney. Mr. Parr then presented to the leaders of Stewart House the shield for the house gaining the greatest aggregate of points throughout the year, and the Forsyth Cup for the house earning the greatest number of points for the month of November.

Several items were rendered. Brother B. Bernoth sang a most fitting solo, after which Thomas Ludowici recited the class poem, "God and My Right Hand," composed by Mr. Parr. Mr. Roy Naden, a former graduate of the school, then rendered a delightful cornet solo, "The Lord Is My Light."

In his address, the school captain, Raymond Kench, passed a vote of appreciation on behalf of the graduates for the work the teachers had put into their education. Although things had been both "up hill and down dale" during their school career, he said that the students had grown to treasure the friendship of their teachers.

Finally, the long-awaited moment arrived when the rewards were given to those who had successfully completed their year's work. The diplomas were presented by Pastor B. H. McMahan, the Education secretary for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, to the fifth, third, and second-year students.

While these events are now history, to those who have worked amongst the students and have seen their progress throughout their school career, comes the satisfaction that while they may not all

achieve distinction in the academic field, they are learning the things which really count. In an educational establishment such as ours, where religious instruction is provided to a greater degree than in public schools, our interest is focused on the spiritual development of the student. Those who pass from the old Burwood High School have been trained to take their place amongst God's workers of tomorrow, and this will be again our main aim which, with God's help, we hope to accomplish in the new high school.

## Graduation—Fulton Missionary College, 1952

J. T. PEARCE

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 23, two young men, Taufua Moala of Tonga, and F. Penaia of Samoa, stepped forward at the call of the principal and received the first diplomas in Building Construction ever presented at Fulton Missionary College.

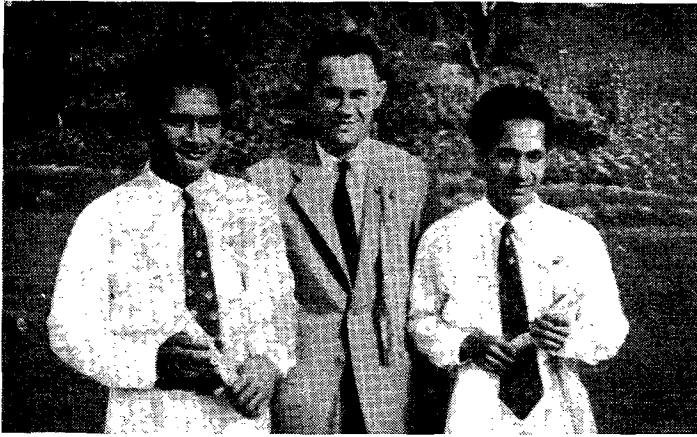
Four years ago this course was only a dream, but gradually it materialized. A room was made ready, tools were purchased, work benches were constructed, the course outlined, and work commenced. Woodwork classes were provided for ministerial and teacher trainees, as well as for the secondary classes of the school, and then in 1951 two boys who had completed the necessary groundwork signed up for the Building Construction course, and began work in earnest. Drawing boards and instruments were unknown to them, but the quality of the plans they produced towards the end of their course, illustrated how well they took hold of these and other unfamiliar aspects of a builder's work, and mastered them.

They learned to calculate quantities of materials, and to make an estimate of costs. They also learned to prepare a



GRADUATES OF THE BURWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Left to right: L. Tudor, T. Ludowici, R. Kench, Frances Pascoe, L. Dyason, C. Fraser.



*The two graduates of the Building Construction course at Fulton College, Fiji, Tauta Moala from Tonga and F. Penaia from Samoa, pictured with J. T. Pearce, Building Construction supervisor.*

simple specification and to fill in the details of a building application form, such as is required by the local authority. Their classwork included the building of model houses, stairs, doors, and windows, etc., in addition to which they spent each afternoon in the service department of the college, putting up new buildings, installing electric lights and water-pipes, building rain water tanks, and a host of other jobs that come in day by day in the regular maintenance of the twenty-five buildings on the school estate. They were given a certain amount of responsibility in this work so that they could learn to plan a job and direct those who worked under them.

Though Tauta and Penaia were the only graduates for 1952, a graduation class was formed with Tauta elected as president, and most of the form and ceremony of a graduation was carried out. Pastor Brook from Ba was invited to speak at the consecration service on Friday evening, and he urged the graduates, and all present, to consecrate their hands, symbolizing

their physical ability, along with their hearts, to the service of the Lord. Other young people, as well as the graduates, responded to this appeal. Brother Gifford, young people's leader of the West Fiji Mission, preached the baccalaureate address on Sabbath morning, holding up before the prospective builders the need of following the example of Jesus the Master Builder.

The graduation address was delivered by Pastor Collett of the college faculty, who showed clearly and forcefully how the attributes of a good builder are necessary to all who would serve the Master. The class motto, "Hand and Heart in Service," was painted up on the board above the rostrum to tell to all that the graduates had pledged themselves to follow the example of the Master Builder. The words of their class poem describe as nearly as words can, their desire and aim as they now leave the classroom behind and take up the profession they have chosen to follow. May they prove worthy followers of the Carpenter of Nazareth.

## *A Fatal Accident in Papua*

### MISSIONARY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN DROWNED

THE EDITOR

Our many readers were undoubtedly shocked by the news over the air that on December 29 a tragic accident occurred in the far-away waters of the great delta in Western Papua, when the mission launch "Lao-Heni II" exploded, resulting in the loss of Sister D. Lemke, wife of Pastor C. E. Lemke, and two of their little boys, aged six and four respectively.

Pastor and Mrs. Lemke went to Papua as missionaries in 1948, and served at Bislatabu station for one year, taking care of the district work and acquiring the Motuan dialect. The following two years were spent at Bautama, where Pastor Lemke was principal of the Papuan Training College. After a well-earned furlough in Australia, they returned to Papua late in 1951, and were appointed to pioneering work in the vast and needy area lying toward the Dutch border, and known as the Great Delta or Fly River. Here they secured a suitable site and with more or less unskilled native help built for themselves a home, mostly of native material. About April of last year the family took up residence in their new district which is on the mainland, some twenty miles from Daru, a government station.

By means of the launch, Pastor Lemke and his native teachers visited extensively, and found most encouraging response on the part of those people. Hitherto addicts of the betel-nut-chewing and tobacco-smoking vices, large numbers of them have responded to the preaching of the gospel and have given up these debasing habits. Several out-stations in charge of native teachers have been established, and school work for the village young people commenced.

As it was planned to hold a summer school at the Bautama Training College,

near Port Moresby, for native workers, Pastor and Mrs. Lemke with their three boys boarded the launch, and having collected about a dozen of their teachers, spent Sabbath, December 27, at a place about sixty miles up-stream from the mouth of the Turama River, where a strong work is in progress. A most encouraging time was spent with the people on the shore, and it was arranged to hold a large baptismal service about three months later.

With his family still in their bunks on Monday morning, Pastor Lemke made preparations to leave. The native crew were hauling up the anchor, as the launch was out in mid-stream about two hundred yards from the shore, with a ten-knot current flowing. Pastor Lemke took his place at the wheel and at 5.40 pressed the self-starter. Instantly there was an explosion and the awning and sides of the launch were blown out. The parents and a native teacher each took a child and jumped into the water. Shocked and badly burned, Pastor Lemke reached the shore with difficulty, and the native teacher managed to bring the youngest child, Lester, to land, but Sister Lemke and the two others, David aged six, and Adrian aged four, sank in the murky waters and could not be found. One native received burns, but all escaped to the shore. The launch carried a cargo of petrol which soon ignited, and the water for yards around the wrecked vessel was soon a lake of fire. The vessel burned and sank.

Securing a canoe and native helpers, Pastor Lemke, with his infant son, travelled for two days and a night to reach the Australasian Petroleum Company, who advised Port Moresby, the administrative centre, and where our mission headquarters are located.

Nothing was spared in the way of transportation and medical aid. A plane was flown from Port Moresby to the scene, taking Pastor Mitchell, our mission president, a doctor, and a Government official. Pastor Lemke and little Lester were soon brought to the Port Moresby hospital where every attention was given.

The bodies of Sister Lemke and Adrian were recovered and also brought to Port Moresby for interment on the afternoon of January 5.

After a few days in hospital, Pastor Lemke and infant son, accompanied by Sister Curtis of the mission staff, were flown to Sydney, and admitted to the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. Both father and son are recovering.

Sister Lemke was a beautiful character and an excellent missionary. She was



*Pastor and Mrs. C. E. LEMKE, with their three boys, David Wayne, aged six, Lester Charles, one, and Adrian Blair, three, taken in April of last year.*



greatly loved by Europeans and natives. Her devoted mother lives in Western Australia with another married daughter, Mrs. Rae Newland, who has flown to Sydney to be here to help care for her little motherless nephew.

To all of the relatives we extend sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, praying the God of all comfort to succour them in their hour of sorrow and grief. In the meantime we must pray that God will soon raise up other workers to fill the vacant station in this large and fruitful mission field. Let us with the poet say:—

"God of the mission fields, walk through the market place;

Search if there be some man, this eleventh hour,

Willing to hear Thy call, gladly to give up all,

Perhaps another Paul, waiting for power.

"If such there be, O God, God of the mission fields,

God of the harvest time, God of all grace;

Tell him of Macedon and of the fields beyond,

Tell him to hasten on—night comes apace."

### District Meeting at Bisiatabu

A. PAGE-DHU, Papua

Historic Bisiatabu was the setting for the general meeting of the Central District of Papua. It was here that Pastor Carr began our work on the island of New Guinea more than forty years ago. It was also the first mission of any denomination to be located in the island's hinterland. About thirty miles from Port Moresby on the Kokoda track, Bisiatabu is 2,000 feet above sea level. It has a delightful climate and it was a pleasure for those present to escape the heat of the coastal regions for a few days.

Pastor Ngava of the Solomon Islands, the district director, had been busy with his helpers for some weeks preparing for the occasion, and the result was a large meeting-place decorated with ferns and wild flowers. In this the main meetings were held.

The delegates from the Coral Sea Union Mission were Brethren L. L. Butler, R. A. McFarlane, and R. M. Ellison. Pastor E. A. Boehm, the president of the North-east New Guinea Mission, was also present. Brethren K. J. Gray, M. Smith, and H. M. Pascoe represented the local mission.

The native people were mainly from the Koiari and Efogai tribes, and some had come from as far away as the ranges in the vicinity of Kokoda on the northern side. There were about 550 present, and the meetings were well attended. Keen interest was shown in the exposition of prophecy presented by Brethren McFarlane and Ellison. Brother Ellison's illustrations were a special feature. Pastor Gray, our acting president, gave thrilling reports of the other district meetings held throughout the mission.

On Friday the "Bulolo" berthed at Port Moresby, and we were happy to have Mrs. Boehm and the children arrive to spend the week-end with us. It was fitting that the Boehm family should have been here, as the station was rebuilt by them in the early post-war years.

On Sabbath a jeep load of visitors

arrived from Bautama. These were the Gray and Speck families. We don't know how they all managed to pack into the jeep, but there must have been even a little spare corner somewhere because Pastor McFarlane was able to squeeze in on the return journey.

Sabbath school was conducted by Pastor McFarlane, and yielded the outstanding offering of £25. Divine service was in the care of Pastor Boehm, and was preceded by the dedication of the little daughter of Brother and Sister Speck. In the afternoon a baptism was held in a beautiful pool below a waterfall. This service was

conducted by Pastor Pascoe, and sixty-nine souls followed their Lord through the waters. In the meeting which followed, a call was made, and 130 of those present stood to their feet signifying their desire to enter baptismal classes.

There is abundant evidence of an awakening among these people. Through the years the way has been hard and there have been many setbacks to the work, but the Spirit of God is working miracles of grace in the hearts of many today. Those who have laboured here in the past will be gladdened and encouraged by this report from old Bisiatabu.

## Around the Conferences

### Thrilling Days in Wagga

W. M. R. SCRAGG

President, South New South Wales Conference

Yes, actually thrilling days! Wagga is a city of 18,000 people spread along and running away from the old unpredictable river Murrumbidgee. The population of this city is moving up at the rate of 2,000 a year. Houses and large stores are springing up everywhere.

We feel that God led us to choose this city to establish the headquarters of the South New South Wales Conference.

We saw, too, that it was necessary to build a strong church membership here to give the conference a centre of influence. With this in mind we set forth a plan of finance to support a strong mission team. The plan demanded that we approach our constituency for gifts towards an evangelistic fund of £7,000, to be used over a period of two years. With this fund we were able to call a mission to Wagga which, incidentally, has always been difficult to evangelize. The evangelist we chose to lead the mission was Pastor A. P. Cooke. We felt he, with the help of God, would do the job we desired. We have not been disappointed. With him are Brother Barry Crabtree and Brother W. P. Cook. The strong support given Pastor Cooke by these two young workers has been inspiring. After nine months the mission has yielded an abundant harvest in the city of Wagga.

On Sabbath, December 13, 1952, the church in Murray Street was packed with an attendance of 125 to witness the baptism of eighteen candidates besides three more received in on previous baptism. A curtain hung across the front of the font was opened and closed as each one was baptized. A number of husbands and wives went through the rite together. Two young people had been baptized in the mission hall on a previous Sunday night. That made the total twenty-three. But this does not tell the whole result of the mission, for seated in the congregation were more than a score of others who are preparing to take the step forward in the near future. In fact, the interest is still so good that we have planned for the mission team to remain here in Wagga next year, too, and to run an effort in South Wagga. Good work has also been done by the mission at The Rock, nineteen miles away.

With the influx of so many into the church a pleasant problem before us now

is the erection of a large church on the property of our office in Coleman Street, high above the level of the floods which swept three feet deep over the floor of our present church in Murray Street. There is a willingness on the part of the people to build, and, with the help of God, it can be accomplished. We also have in mind that such a church will be looked upon as a central conference church.

We need the prayers of our "Record" readers. Please pray for the work of Christ here that it may be accounted in the sight of God as gold, silver, and precious stones. Pray especially for the mission this coming year.

### Baptism at Coff's Harbour

G. A. RADFORD

Sabbath, November 1, witnessed a fitting climax to a most successful mission mentioned in the "Record" some time ago, and held in Coff's Harbour, N.S.W. The young evangelists, Brethren Ogg and Ford, after working enthusiastically and untiringly for several months, experienced the joyful privilege of seeing twenty-four candidates step down into the waters of baptism. Twenty of this number were the fruits of the mission.

A significant feature was the large number of young people present on this solemn occasion, full of enthusiasm and determination to follow their Lord. Their experiences leading up to decisions were not without sacrifice. Two of them were Roman Catholics whose parents objected to the step taken.

A candidate who attended the mission for the first few nights came no more, and on being visited by one of the evangelists told him she did not desire to be a hypocrite. She was a drinker, smoker, and leader in many gambling activities of the town. She showed pictures of herself with others card-playing, smoking, and surrounded by bottles. The evangelist asked permission to give studies in the home, with the result that this lady was buried with her Lord in baptism.

Another outstanding case was that of a mother with her three children. She and the children decided for Christ, but the husband was still struggling against smoking. Six weeks before the baptism, the mother was taken to hospital suffering the effects of a stroke, and everyone despaired of her being able to be baptized. Prayer

was offered on her behalf, and it was touching to see this good woman, miraculously helped by God, standing with her three children, fulfilling that solemn obligation.

The place chosen was all that could be desired, a well-grassed flat bordering a fine creek, owned by Brother Tasker.

Pastor Wyborn from Armidale was present with Pastor Sibley, and led the unaccompanied singing throughout the ceremony. It was indeed inspiring to see Pastor Sibley receiving the candidates and hear his words of encouragement to each as he or she entered into a new walk with the Saviour.

In that late afternoon, with the sun slanting through the trees, the shafts of light forming many contrasts of light and shade, as through coloured windows, the rich voice of the baptist giving each candidate the passport to the higher life, and the responsive singing of the hymn as each new child of God was immersed, reminded one of a scene in some large cathedral.

A short meeting afterwards in which the candidates were received into church fellowship concluded the most momentous event in the history of Coff's Harbour church.

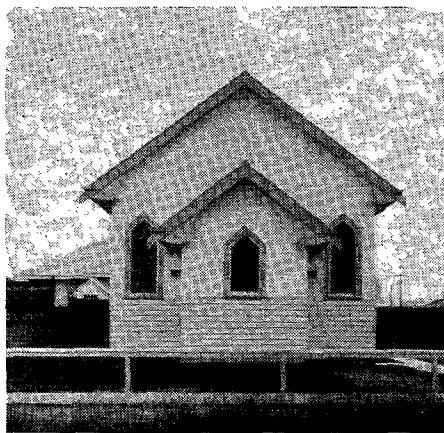
## How the Springvale Church was Built

A TRIUMPH OF FAITH  
VIOLA M. ROGERS

The story of the building of the new church at Springvale, an outer suburb of Melbourne on the Gippsland line, is a story of contrasts. Against a background of serious setbacks, discouraging delays, and frightening increases in costs, shines the invincible faith of one member, through whom God chose to reveal miracles of His love and power as evidence of His care over His church.

How would you have felt in these circumstances? A large sum of money advanced for the purchase of building materials was lost. The contractor had deserted the job. The timbers already were warping and buckling in the weather. The membership was small. There were no finances. Would you have said, "It can't be done. Let us settle down to a rented hall in a back street"? One undaunted Scottish sister declared, "No! God is on our side." Her husband confesses, "There were times when even I advised her to give up. All I know is that she has deep love for Christ."

In the last four years, Sister T. Laughlin has organized five sales of work for this church building fund, usually followed by a one-day street stall. It is still a mystery to the other members how she has been able to collect such magnificent gifts for sale on these occasions. Everything sold was new, everything was donated, and all were even delivered to her with cartage paid. Selling at reduced rates, these Seventh-day Adventist church sales soon became very popular; people waited for them, and flocked in from near and far. Among the donations were an inner spring mattress, a kapok mattress, a cane lounge, four electric jugs, a lounge-room armchair, two sun armchairs, a large writing desk. Some business men gave over and over again, but there was an ever-widening circle of donors, with whom



our sister built up friendships through the years, and her enthusiastic interest in the building project was contagious.

As this volunteer worker toiled on in her herculean task, the Lord whispered to her of His presence and helped through these friendly people.

The results were as follows: In 1949, sale and street stall, £174. In 1950, sales were held in April and November, clearing £457; in 1951, £414; and in 1952, £407, a total of £1,452. In addition, the church treasurer reports that Sister Laughlin handed him cash donations totalling nearly £200—to be exact, £195.

And beyond this again were other donations from non-Adventist friends, which you will see if you go into the Springvale church today—three handsome chairs on the platform; a beautiful communion table with drop sides and bevelled edges; communion tablecloth and serviettes; organ stool; eight-day wall clock; two electric heaters and a kerosene radiator; a silver communion tray; palmstand with bronze jardiniere; missionary secretary's desk with drawer and bookshelves; two tables in the vestries; two doormats and the carpets kindly supplied at thirty per cent of the usual price.

There came a day when the church was finished to the last detail. Workmen, helpers, friends, and visitors met with the members for the civic opening on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 1952, to rejoice in the perfect completion of a difficult task.

In the preliminary outdoor service the speaker was the Hon. W. R. Mould, Springvale's member of parliament, to whom Brother and Sister Laughlin had confided their hopes and desires for an Adventist church in Springvale, and in whom they found a kind and helpful friend.

Following a beautiful solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," sung by Brother Wilmoth, the key-turning ceremony was performed by Sister Laughlin.

Never have we seen a happier company than assembled in the church that day for worship and thanksgiving. Beautiful indeed were the fittings and furnishings, the soft buff colour of ceiling and walls enhanced by the strip of jubilee blue on the dado, the glittering lights reflected in the brightly varnished floor of a stone colour that will not show dust; leadlight windows in front and of rough glass on both sides; the oak pews; and the wide, flat windowsills and dainty corner shelves, thoughtfully planned for floral decorations on extra special occasions.

The first speaker, Pastor A. I. Mitchell, told of the origin of the Springvale con-

gregation. Although a company of Sabbath-keepers met in Springvale over thirty years ago, it had at times amalgamated with Dandenong church. But the flame was kept burning brightly by the late Sister Innis, and through her untiring work with the "Signs of the Times" new members had joined the Sabbath school. The first mission was conducted by Pastor R. J. Burns and Miss Hoggood, and here the Laughlin family heard the message. Following the mission, Miss M. C. Barlow, then the conference Sabbath school secretary, having a burden for the children of the district, organized a little Sabbath school in the home of the pioneer Sabbath-keeper, Sister Chew. Some adults attended and later became church members. Both Sister Hoggood and Sister Barlow were present on this day of rejoicing.

Also present as visitors from Dandenong church were Brother and Sister W. F. Sheridan. Brother Sheridan was elder when the church was first organized, and he in conjunction with Brother Laughlin had the foresight to select a beautiful building site for a church; also he had worked hard to secure a building permit during wartime restrictions. Today the church stands on a corner block on the main street in the centre of the town.

The next speaker was the present elder, Brother Laughlin, who thanked everybody who had helped, with a special mention of the builder, Mr. J. Lawton, whose high standard of workmanship had more than pleased the members; Mr. Crompton, the plumber, who was eager to finish the job; and Brother H. C. Bamford, who made the beautiful pulpit and rails with no expense to the church except for materials.

Following the treasurer's report by Brother T. Ellis, a helpful address was given by Pastor C. F. Hollingsworth, assistant president of the conference. A duet by Brethren Duffy and Wilmoth, and a solo by Sister A. I. Mitchell were part of the hour of worship.

On the evening of the same day a short series of Sunday night meetings was begun in the new church by Pastor Mitchell.

The following Sabbath, December 13, the church was dedicated, when Pastor T. C. Lawson, the Trans-Commonwealth Union president, conducted the service.

To an unusual degree this church has been advertised among those not of our faith. The public has watched its progress, and they will continue to watch it now that it is finished. They look to see in it the exemplification of the Christian virtues. We pray that it may ever exalt Christ and Him only. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

## WEDDING BELLS

GREIVE-COOKSEY.—On December 16, 1952, in the Hamilton S.D.A. church, Dr. Ellis Greive, younger son of Brother and Sister J. A. Greive of Newcastle, was united in marriage with Judith Cooksey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooksey of Newcastle. The prayers and best wishes of many friends will be with them as under God's guidance they establish a Christian home together. E. E. White.

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## UNTIL THE DAY BREAK

**PATERSON.**—Sister Helen Paterson accepted the message under the labours of Pastor A. W. Kent thirty-four years ago, and during the years her hope was strong. After a full life she quietly went to sleep at Warburton on October 12, and rests beside her late husband in the Steiglitz cemetery in sure and certain hope of the resurrection. The writer spoke words of comfort and assurance to the loved ones and friends of the Geelong district, Victoria.  
A. F. Parker.

**NOLAN.**—On November 18, 1952, George Henry Nolan of Yukan, Sarina, North Queensland, peacefully fell asleep after a period of illness in the Mackay hospital. To his wife, two daughters, four sons, and other relatives in various parts of the Commonwealth, we convey our heartfelt sympathy, praying that the day may soon dawn when partings shall be no more. "Sweet be thy rest" was the sentiment expressed in the duet rendered at the graveside.  
W. P. Claus.

**Laurie.**—Sister Sarah Ann Laurie passed to rest in a private hospital, Hobart, Tasmania, on December 14, 1952, at the age of eighty years. For more than half her life our sister was a devoted member of the advent family. Although crippled in limbs her active hands and kindly heart ministered to the needs of all. Words of comfort and hope were read from God's Word as we laid her to rest in the Cornelian Bay cemetery to await the call of her Saviour. To her son, Brother Arthur Laurie, and other relatives, we tender our deep sympathy.  
H. W. Hollingsworth.

**VOSS.**—On December 2, 1952, at the age of seventy-eight years, Gustav Henry Voss passed away and was laid to rest in the Collinsvale cemetery, Tasmania. He was a member of a well-known Tasmanian family, several of whom have served this cause with loyalty and distinction. Three sisters, Mrs. A. M. Cott, Miss Bertha Voss, and the late Mrs. P. B. Otto, served in sanitarium, teaching, and health food work respectively. Words of comfort for the bereaved were spoken at the funeral parlours and the graveside, by the writer.  
V. J. Heise.

**SOUTHWELL.**—Sister Kate Flora Southwell, aged seventy-six, closed her life's chapter on the evening of December 15, 1952, after an illness lasting some weeks. The late Sister Southwell embraced this message some thirty years ago through the efforts and influence of Brother Robert McMahon of Lakes Entrance, Victoria. Through the years she has maintained a strong relationship to the Lord and a deep love for the message. She faced the gathering shades of evening with a calm fortitude and unquestioning hope in her Lord. We laid her to rest in the Woronora cemetery (N.S.W.) on the morning of December 17, 1952. Sister Southwell leaves three sons, two ordained ministers in the cause she loved, and the third son giving his life to Christian service. These with their families mourn the loss of a beloved mother.  
H. J. Meyers.

**LEE.**—On December 26, 1952, Sister Olive Lee fell asleep in Jesus at the age of sixty-four years. Her life of devotion and love was a worthy example for others to follow. Accepting the advent message four years ago, Sister Lee lived a consistent Christian life, endearing herself to all who knew her. After a service in the Launceston church, we laid her to rest in the Mole Creek cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.  
Howard F. Rampton.

**WANTED.**—Grape-pickers for forthcoming harvest, commencing about middle of February. Accommodation provided. F. Runnalls, Box 19, Dareton, via Mildura, Vic.

**WANTED.**—Position as caretaker, or light work, by Adventist couple, one child school age. Handy, reliable. Write for particulars to "Willing," care "Record," 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

**FOR SALE.**—Reading Course books and others—many quite new. Prices reasonable. Send for price-list. Books suitable for workers. Pastor C. A. Wrigley, Box 142, West Wyalong, N.S.W.

**FOR SALE.**—Fibro home, 3 bedrooms, good position, elevated, bus passes door; ten minutes from college. Vacant possession. For further particulars, apply "Elrose," care Sanitarium Health Food Co., Cooranbong, N.S.W.

**TO LET.**—All-electric furnished house, at Wahroonga, for several months from mid-March. All conveniences; handy sanitarium. Write for particulars to "Home," care "Record," 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

**CARPENTERS WANTED.**—Two good experienced carpenters with knowledge of cottage erecting, for casual or permanent work. Good wages and conditions. For particulars, write E. A. Pengilly, Breeza Street, Quirindi, N.S.W.

**WANTED.**—For young Swedish man and family of three, employment and accommodation, orchard or farm. Could arrive Australia June or July if sponsoring arrangement soon completed. Reply to "Swedish Farmer," 8 Yarra Street, Hawthorn, Victoria.

**FOR SALE.**—Two-storey brick building. Six large rooms and sleepout, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse; gas and electrical appliances. One minute from railway station, post office, etc. Price £4,000, discount for cash. Photo sent on application. J. S. Everett, 4 Railway Crescent, Thornleigh, Sydney.

**FOR SALE.**—Fully furnished house situated five minutes from S.H.F. factory and college, and on main bus route. 6½ acres land, suitable for poultry or farming. House: 3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining-room, kitchen, front and back verandas, laundry, and shed. Furniture: leather lounge suite, bedroom suite, etc.; new electric refrigerator, fuel and electric stoves, carpets, linos. This property is in a picked position and is a genuine sale as owner is leaving state. Price £1,900. O. Lobb, Red Hill, Cooranbong, N.S.W.

**PRICE-BIRD.**—The afternoon of December 18, 1952, found the Concord (N.S.W.) church beautifully decorated, awaiting the arrival of Audrey Ruth, daughter of Brother and Sister Charles E. Bird of Ryde, who came to join her life to that of James Arthur, son of Brother and Sister Frank Price, also of Ryde. Their many friends join in praying that the Lord's richest blessing will rest upon their united service for Him.  
Ken R. Low.

**MILLER-WEBER.**—On December 18, 1952, the tastefully decorated South Brisbane church proved to be a beautiful setting for a pretty wedding, when Llevellys Weber was joined in marriage to William Pettite Miller. Llevellys is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Weber of Brisbane, Queensland, and William is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller of Maryborough, Queensland. We join the large company of relatives and friends who witnessed their marriage, in wishing the young couple Heaven's richest blessing as they set up another Christian home in the Queensland Conference.  
E. A. Reye.

**HAY-WHELAN.**—The Waitara church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the afternoon of December 18, 1952, when Evan David Hay and Fay Rayma Whelan exchanged marriage vows. Both the bride and bridegroom formerly resided in Auckland, New Zealand. Evan is at present completing his special theological course at Avondale. Fay has been connected with the Sydney Voice of Prophecy office. As Mr. and Mrs. Hay return to set up their home in Cooranbong, the good wishes of many will go with them as they together journey the pathway of life, preparing for a definite part in the Master's work.  
S. T. Leeder.

**BORGAS-BUTLER.**—On December 18, at 4.30 p.m., in the church at Wagga, Coral H. Butler, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. S. Butler of Adelaide, united her life with Warren L. Borgas, son of Pastor and Mrs. L. A. Borgas, of Cooranbong. In this marriage two old and well-respected Adventist families were joined. As stenographer in the South New South Wales Conference and usherette in the Wagga mission, Coral's capable services will be greatly missed. As they take up residence in Warburton, where Warren faithfully serves in the Signs Publishing Company, we pray Heaven's richest blessing upon them. A large number of relatives and friends filled the church, and also the hospitable home of Brother F. Gordon, where the church ladies excelled in providing for the reception.  
Austin P. Cooke.

## BREVITIES

It is with sincere sympathy for the parents and relatives that we record the death of Christopher Noel, only son of Wallace and Enid Hammond, at the age of seven years, after months of suffering. Noel's short life ended while he and his parents were visiting his grandparents at Avondale, Cooranbong, N.S.W., on their way to Hobart, where Brother Hammond is to assist in the city mission.

On the last Sabbath of the excellent camp-meeting recently held at Ardmore, near Auckland, the people present gave in glad response to an appeal for our overseas missions the sum of £3,509. This, we believe, is an all-time record for a camp-meeting offering in the Australasian field. It reflects a definite devotion and willingness on the part of God's people who long to see the work finished.

Many of our readers will learn with sincere regret of the death on January 3, 1953, of Dr. Josephine Walworth Furness of Palmerston North, New Zealand, at the age of forty-one years. To her devoted husband, their only daughter Joanne aged nine, the aged parents, and other loved ones, we extend our profound sympathy. A brief life sketch of our departed sister will be published later.

### Adventist Honoured

The B.E.M. (Military Division) was received by (temporary W.O.II) George William Adderton, R.A.A.M.C., of Glenorchy (Tasmania). His citation described Sgt. Adderton as a citizen soldier of outstanding merit. He was a prisoner of war in Malaya and joined the Field Ambulance in Tasmania in 1948. During his imprisonment he assiduously attended to his fellow prisoners in his capacity as a member of the medical corps. Sgt. Adderton holds six medals, including the Efficiency Medal."

Sir Ronald Cross, Governor of Tasmania presented awards and decorations on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II at Government House on Thursday, December 18, 1952. Ten men and three women received the insignia of orders bestowed on them in King George VI's New Year Honours list and the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

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### A Christmas Tree

ADA E. WARHURST

A Christmas tree with a threefold purpose; delightful singing by the children's division, and illustrated songs and talks were some of the highlights of a special programme which brought much pleasure to all who had gathered for worship in the Kadina church (South Australia) on Sabbath, December 20, 1952.

Thirteenth Sabbath always calls for a special effort, and the Christmas tree idea proved a great success, for gifts for the mission field totalled £32, while a number of suitable gifts were placed on the tree for sick children in hospital.

We are happy to report that in a recent examination held by the Australian Music Examination Board, Miss Valmai Richards of Western Australia passed with honours the seventh grade in singing, and also was awarded the state gold medal for singing.

On his way to the Far East, Pastor R. A. Anderson, secretary of the Ministerial Association of the General Conference, arrived in Sydney on the evening of January 7. Pastor Anderson has visited friends and taken several meetings in different centres. His many friends were pleased to see him and wish him God-speed.

At the North New Zealand camp-meeting on Haskell Park camp site, Ardmore, December 24 to January 3, an ordination service was held on the afternoon of the first Sabbath when Brethren K. E. Satchell and J. F. Coltheart were solemnly set apart to the gospel ministry. We commend these workers to the prayerful interest of our many readers.

In harmony with the action of the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference, an evangelistic team of workers has left Perth, Western Australia, for Hobart, Tasmania. Pastor S. M. Uttley, and Brethren K. Bullock and Wallace Hammond will be associated again in a city mission, due to open in Strand Theatre, Hobart, March 15. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our readers on behalf of this mission that many souls may be led to the Saviour and to walk in the way of truth.

No one expected to receive; from the youngest to the oldest all had come to give. They gave because of the great love of God in their hearts, and their desire to bring gifts to Him, who, in accepting them through His servants, would bless them and use them to bring light and happiness to others.

Thus it was that money was provided to extend the work of the gospel in the mission field, suffering children were made glad, and to all was given a lasting lesson in the use of a Christmas tree which we felt had the blessing of God.

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### The Sabbath Is Preached in London

LETTER FROM T. J. BRADLEY  
Ministerial Association Secretary, Northern European Division

I have just returned from the Coliseum Theatre, Trafalgar Square, which is in the centre of the throbbing heart of London. Pastor Vandeman, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, has concluded his eleventh Sunday night with a presentation of the Sabbath truth. How our hearts have been thrilled with the progress of this important campaign! There is no doubt that the repercussions of this interest will be felt far and wide, not only through the Empire, but in other countries of earth. It has been strategically situated so as to shed its influence in vital places, and today we thank God from the depths of our hearts for what we have seen and heard.

During the early stages of the campaign the weather was most favourable. Beautiful mellow autumn afternoons often

greeted us, and those who know London can picture the swirling golden autumn leaves which curled their way on footpath and road at that time of the year.

The initial advertising for this great campaign of necessity had to be widely extended through city and suburb, but we were thrilled as many thousands of people consistently made their way to the theatre for the various addresses which are the usual introduction to our vital doctrines. Pastor Vandeman introduced this evangelistic adventure in London with three talks on astronomy, illustrating them with beautiful slides gathered from some of the largest observatories in the world. The fourth and fifth meetings presented Daniel 2, and the second advent. And then, all were intrigued by the introduction of the address entitled, "The Secret of a Happy Marriage," which proved a message of blessing to those who came, for it dealt with the basic human problems, and most people have a fair measure of these. For the Armistice service the subject of the resurrection was presented, and the following two weeks, the sanctuary. And now we have entered into a discussion of the Sabbath truth. Even though on the week previous Pastor Vandeman announced that he was a Seventh-day Adventist minister, and would answer the questions of those who had asked the reasons concerning his faith, the theatre again echoed the voices of praise from well over two thousand people who had returned to hear what turned out to be a very powerful and impressive presentation of the positive Sabbath truth.

Those of us who had the opportunity of shaking hands with the people as they left the auditorium were gratified to see their friendliness and note the deep impression that the address had made.

We shall send a further report concerning the results of the campaign, but in the meantime the group of workers assisting in this effort will continue their visiting among the 2,500 people who are still attending; and the splendid choir under Brother Glanzer's leadership will continue to sing their sweet and appealing gospel themes.

The week's programme is undoubtedly a full one for all of us, for not only Sunday nights are used for campaign meetings, but each of the week-nights, when five different suburbs of London hear the voice of the preacher proclaiming this last saving message.

It has been a great joy to all of us to share in this campaign. Not only is the British field strongly represented on the mission staff, but Finland, Sweden, and Holland have sent some of their evangelistic force to join us in this great adventure. You can see that it is something of an international effort. Keep on praying, not only for us, but for all the evangelistic activity of the church throughout the world, that the coming of our Lord may be hastened by the gathering in of a rich harvest of souls.

### CORRECTION

In the issue of January 12, 1953, in the Australasian Inter-Union Conference secretary's report, two lines on the membership were transposed. The figures on the top line are for the Trans-Tasman Union, and those for the Trans-Commonwealth are beneath it. We regret this transposition.