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## Literature Evangelist Is "Distinguished Salesman of the Year"

**B**ROTHER STAN REX, a literature evangelist of the Greater Sydney Conference, recently received the "Distinguished Salesman of the Year" award from the Australian Institute of Sales and Marketing Executives. Brother Rex was nominated for the award by the Home Health Education Service for delivering \$18,000 worth of books in one year.

The "Distinguished Salesman" award was presented by Mr. Asher Joel, M.L.C., at a dinner given by the Institute of Sales and Marketing Executives at the Hotel Australia, Sydney. The ceremony was witnessed by several of our publishing men, including Pastor J. W. Nixon (Australasian Publishing Department secretary), S. H. Shell (Trans-Tasman Publishing Department secretary), C. B. O'Neill (Greater Sydney Conference assistant Publishing Department secretary) and the writer.

The Home Health Education Service presented as a door prize the two-volume set of "Modern Ways to Health" by Dr. Clifford Anderson, and the master of ceremonies, Mr. George Healy, F.I.S.M.E., of International Correspondence Schools, stated publicly that this was one of the most coveted prizes of the night among the 200 leading business men of Australia.

We congratulate Brother Rex on a splendid performance; his achievement illustrated that "there is no limit to the usefulness of one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit, and who lives a life wholly consecrated to God."



Literature evangelist Brother Stanley Rex (with Qantas bag) was awarded the honour of "Distinguished Salesman of the Year, 1969" at a function in Sydney recently. He was awarded the honour by Mr. Asher Joel, M.L.C. (right), who is also chairman of the Australian Institute of Sales and Marketing Executives. Brother Rex is a literature evangelist with the Greater Sydney Conference. He delivered over \$18,000 worth of Adventist books last year.

# Rock "Hounds" in Suva Bay

J. L. LANSDOWN  
District Director, Suva, Fiji

VAST AREAS OF THE Pacific's prize coral reefs are fast being destroyed by the silent but destructive work of the giant crown-of-thorns starfish. The activities of this insidious killer are causing much concern and alarm to many scientists and Government leaders at the moment. As important and topical as this may be, there is another action taking place here in Suva's harbour these days that I feel is worthy of more attention than the starfish.

Several Adventist men from the Suva-vou village have built a forty-foot "Kon-tiki" style raft. They are using this raft



Suvavou men unloading the coral rock at the shore before stacking it for sale.

to transfer tons of coral rock from the ocean bed to the shore line. At low tide these dedicated human excavators break and dig this reluctant coral rock with crow-bars, pile the boulders into heaps and mark the spot in the sea with a long stick that can be seen at full tide. With the rising tide, they pull their man-powered raft out to where these stick markers are, dive for the rock, surface, and load their raft until the water is way

above the plimsoll line. They then drag the raft to shore where the rocks are unloaded and stacked neatly by the roadside to await a buyer. These rock-raisers are also fund-raisers; they sell these boulders to builders for retaining walls, rockeries, etc.

Why all this hard work? What is the need? Our only Adventist school in Suva has been virtually condemned by the Government, and we must replace it in 1971 with a new four-classroom block, estimated to cost \$10,000. At the moment, we have over 200 Fijian and Indian girls and boys crammed into unventilated, overcrowded, substandard classrooms. Operation "Rocks for Building Blocks" is just one way our people have applied themselves to the task of raising funds for their new school.

The Suva district members sound like Nehemiah these days; they are saying, "Come, let us rebuild, that we be no more a reproach." So the workers in rock began to change the ocean floor with their rock hunting.

This good spirit is one reason why we believe that, together with your interest and prayers, we will be able to complete a new Suva Primary school in 1971, worthy of our church's name.

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Thrown from the sling of faith, the pebble of hope, from the brook of experience is still the best weapon against Goliath Despair.

A man may spiritually burn himself out by short-circuiting the power that God has given him, instead of passing it on to its proper channels.

Is your religion your steering wheel, or is it only your spare wheel?



The pulling force after the raft was launched for its maiden voyage.



The National Youth Orchestra, the Avondale Symphonic Choir and the Booragul High School Choir under the direction of Gordon Day.  
(Photo: Zenon Golenia.)

# GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT AVONDALE

AT ONLY ONE other time during the college year is there an audience possibly greater in number than that which was found here on the evening of Saturday, April 18. The Avondale College Auditorium was filled with an audience of over 2,000, all of whom were to experience a world-class cultural concert, which featured the combined talents of

- ☆ National Youth Orchestra of Australia
  - ☆ Avondale Symphonic Choir
  - ☆ Booragul High School Choir
- each of which is famous in its own right. Together, the performance was superlative.

The programme, the first of its kind here at Avondale (and, we hope, the first of many more to come), was presented by the Toronto Rotary Club with the aim of encouraging youth

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leadership potential. This they have succeeded in doing on many occasions during the last year.

The able leadership of conductor Gordon Day was eminently obvious as the orchestra rendered items such as: Rossini's "William Tell Overture," "Spanish Flea" by Wechter, and "1812 Overture" by Tschaikowsky, Mozart's "Gloria"; "Hungarian Dance No. 1" by Brahms, and Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March." These items were ably complemented by the combined choirs.

### Comment and Inquiry

Programmes of this nature obviously have a definite impact for they undoubtedly emphasize what youth under able leadership are capable of

producing. But apart from this, the intermingling of college students with the other youth led to a great deal of comment and inquiry as to our aims and ideals. This close examination by others was precisely what we had anticipated, and it provided us with an avenue for the dissemination of information about those very aims and ideals.

That Avondale College is "a college with a difference" was no easy task to explain to people who associate college with cities, long haired youth, "mod" and "mini" clothing, protests, wild parties and the like. However we were grateful for the opportunity of showing these people that Christianity, as the driving force and ruling influence of this college, works.

Most were quick to note that Avondale truly is "a college with a difference."





## A Message from the General Conference President

# "BEING READY-- the Consuming Passion"

Dear Saints of God in Many Lands:

Read them again and again! Ponder carefully and prayerfully every phrase, every clause!

The servant of the Lord wrote these two paragraphs for a reason!

The first depicts the days in which we live—the last days!

"At the same time anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human. The centralizing of wealth and power; the vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many; the combinations of the poorer classes for the defence of their interests and claims; the spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed; the world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution—all are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France."—"Education," page 228.

Notice these signs and their fulfilment before our eyes:

1. "Anarchy is seeking to sweep away all law, not only divine, but human." "Anarchy"—do you see any anarchy in the world today? And in America? And in your country? Any forces that you know are seeking "to sweep away all law"—both God's law and man's law?

2. Are you aware of any "centralizing of wealth and power"—"vast combinations for the enriching of the few at the expense of the many?" If not, you have not been keeping up with what is going on in today's world!

3. Have you noticed any "combinations of the poorer classes for the defence of their interests and claims"? This prophecy is being fulfilled over and over in almost every city in North America—and in many other parts of the world. The poor are tired of being exploited. Today they rise in "defence" of their interests and claims.

4. "The spirit of unrest, of riot and bloodshed"—when was America and the world more seething with unrest, torn by riots and stained by bloodshed?

Now here is the statement I want you especially to ponder: "The world-wide dissemination of the same teachings that led to the French Revolution." What is happening to conventional Christianity? When have we witnessed such aggressive atheism, such bold godlessness as is rampant in the Christian world today? Some of this baleful miasma is coming from alleged Christian sources! "The same teachings that led to the French Revolution!"

What are all these forces gathering to accomplish? "All are tending to involve the whole world in a struggle similar to that which convulsed France."

A tremendous struggle is just ahead—it is inevitable—and what a tragedy that so-called Christian forces with their watered down, atheistic "theology" are preparing the way for it!

A church that knows what these things mean and what is coming just ahead should be an expectant, preparing church—with but one all-consuming passion possessing it. Being ready and prepared for the awesome events ahead should direct its every programme and action!

Is this the way it is? Read the second inspired paragraph. "When the professed people of God are uniting with the world, living as they live, and joining with them in forbidden pleasures; when the luxury of the world becomes the luxury of the church; when the marriage bells are chiming, and all are looking forward to many years of worldly prosperity—then, suddenly as the lightning flashes from the heavens, will come the end of their bright visions and delusive hopes."—"The Great Controversy," pages 338, 339.

Read it again and again, brother, sister mine! Weep with me at the sight that meets God's eyes.

The church is what you and I are! Do you and I fit the description from the pen of the Lord's messenger?

May God somehow wake us all up and make us aware of the solemnity of the times in which we live, and the eternal peril threatening us in our unprepared condition!

Read them over and over again—both inspired statements. Then prayerfully DO something about getting ready for what is just ahead!

Yours for repentance, revival and reformation,

Robert H. Pierson



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

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

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

### Forty Years Ago

Brother,

After reading your story of Pastor E. B. Hare's visit to a camp meeting, I wondered if it was the Queensland camp meeting? If so, you may be interested in the accompanying photo which was taken at the camp meeting. (See below.)

Forty years is a long time and I do not recognize some of the young people, but I think two are Wells girls from Ipswich, one of the Swenson girls, also Milton Hughes and Neil (?) Barnett. Pastor Hare is standing at the back.

(Mrs.) Mabel Higgins.

\*It certainly was the Queensland camp meeting and this tableau was a highlight of the occasion.—Ed.



### The Youth Pamphlet

Brother,

I would like to comment on the new Sabbath School lesson pamphlets which have recently been introduced, referring specifically to the Youth lessons, as I am involved with teaching a Sabbath school class at this level.

I am sure that we were all aware that a change would be a good thing, and so

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# 75,000 See V.B.S. in Action

GERALD NORMAN

A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL by any other name still wins children's hearts, captivating their imagination and interest. At Mount Gambier, South Australia, our committee called it "Happy Holiday Hours," and for the two weeks of the May holidays, over 160 children came and enjoyed the benefits of planned recreation rather than walking the streets.

We used our Welfare hall, adjoining the church, which, with the Sabbath school rooms, provided adequately for the flood of children who returned day after day. Plans were laid early, and the conference provided teaching materials at cost or on loan. Teachers prepared, and the craft items were bought or procured. The hall was beautifully decorated by the conference Sabbath school leader's wife and the minister's wife, who seemed to know just what would be needed to provide the right atmosphere.

On the Thursday morning prior to the Monday opening, our pastor called at the local newspaper office with the story of what was planned. As nothing appeared in the evening paper, he felt his manuscript had gone where the editor files unwanted materials. Imagine his surprise when he heard it being read almost word for word on the A.B.C. newscast next morning, repeated twice. The newspaper caught up with the copy by the Saturday edition.

Monday morning saw 110 children arrive when we were only expecting seventy. As one of our trained teachers was taken to hospital that morning, there was a noticeable strain on the willing but mostly inexperienced staff. Somehow God helped us through as He always does.

### Broadcast Helps

The next day the children returned for an even better morning of activity. Overnight the conference sent us extra supplies. Craft materials were hastily increased, and the A.B.C. broadcast the news of our increased numbers.

As the days went by, it seemed that more and more townspeople were talking about this voluntary effort at the Adventist Welfare hall. Mothers thought our ladies were wonderful to give each morning for two weeks to provide something worth while for their children.

One father brought along his six children and said, "Could I speak to the pastor of this church?" His wife had previously received Dorcas help. The man's talk with our pastor led him to say he would like to join our church. Of course, he has a long way to go, but what he had seen of practical Christianity made him feel he had found God's people.

On Thursday of the first week a local St. John Ambulance Brigade officer came along with his ambulance to give a First Aid demonstration. With him came a TV cameraman. That night at peak viewing time, 75,000 people in Western Victoria and throughout the south-east of South

Australia saw our V.B.S. in action. What pleased us most was the clear presentation of the fact that we were a church that cared for the children enough to do something for them. By implication, the church with a Welfare hall also cares for the needy in the community.

### Film Sought For

The next day our pastor asked the TV company if he could buy the film. The reply was that they were so pleased with the film they intended to reshoot it on the following Sunday night's round-up of the week's news. Subsequent inquiry showed that they might still want to show it at the year end in "Features of the South-east During 1970."

The second week started with another inflow of children due, in part, to the TV coverage of the night before. During this week we were able to draw nearer to the regular attenders who, with increasing trust and confidence in us, believed our explanation that God loves them.

The local Fire Brigade officer came and showed the children the right way to light a firecracker. He also lit a small backyard fire and promptly showed us how to put it out. The local newspaper reporter came along and took pictures of the children's crafts. This, with an explanatory article, appeared in a prominent place in the next edition of the newspaper.

On Saturday night the traditional children's concert was held, and from 7 to 9 p.m. the children entertained their parents and friends extremely well. Sixteen non-Adventist girls aged ten to thirteen recited the books of the Bible in order. Some of these girls had hardly ever handled a Bible before in their lives. Each was given a copy of "Good News for Modern Man" as a personal gift so that they can continue to learn of Jesus.

The offering at the concert amounted to \$50. It seemed remarkable to us how willing parents were to give us money to teach their children God's Word. One father gave a \$5 cheque and said that if we conduct another programme he would willingly supply all the craft paints needed.

### Smiling Faces

One mother was booked to go to a cabaret with a friend that evening at 8 p.m. She told her children she could come for only the first hour of the concert. The Vacation Bible School teacher who visited her later was told, "I just could not leave; we stayed to the very end. Afterwards at the cabaret I could not get the children's smiling faces out of my mind. Never in my life have I seen so many genuinely happy people." That Adventist teacher had the reward of finding someone who could clearly see the difference between the church and

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Some of the youngsters who attended the Vacation Bible School at Mount Gambier. (Photo, courtesy "Border Watch.")

## Report from the Sanitarium Health Food Company

# NEW ZEALAND WHOLESALE SALES CONFERENCE AT LAKE ROTOMA

W. J. CREIGHTON, Sales Promotion Department, Auckland

It was a popular choice that the New Zealand Wholesale manager, Mr. H. Worboys, made in selecting the venue for this year's conference. Mecca for thousands of visitors, the Lakes District is a land of legend and romance. Every lake and indentation of the shore was known by name and loved by the Maori people. On our journey we passed by Rotorua (second lake), Rotoiti (small lake), Rotoehu (turbid lake), finally arriving at Rotoma (clear lake).

It was a perfect setting for a conference of Health Food men daily engaged in the hurly-burly of the market place. Surrounded by many evidences of a Creator's love and bonded together by ties of common interest, each one present drew for himself that which was satisfying to body, mind and soul.

Among the thirty-one delegates in attendance were: Messrs. R. W. Groom, Australasian marketing manager; K. H. Adair, New Zealand manager; H. Worboys, New Zealand wholesale manager; R. B. Jackson, New Zealand District office accountant; factory managers C. F. Thrift, Auckland; D. C. Meyers, Palmerston North; and M. A. Butler, Christchurch. There were also four area supervisors, five sales promotion men and fourteen travellers.

Two factors that contribute to the success of any conference are participation and the weather. For the first, a well co-ordinated programme of salesmen's panels, discussion groups, illustrated talks and question periods assured a high level of interest. And long to be remembered were the golden sunrises over the calm waters of the lake, disturbed only by the gentle ripples of the wild fowl, the kingfisher and the leaping trout on their endless quest for food.

## New Challenges

Reports from around the field continue to reveal the Lord's care for His work and personnel, but it was emphasized that the seventies will bring new challenges that will require from all a more earnest dedication and personal consecration to bring success.

On Sabbath we enjoyed the fellowship of the Rotorua church. This thriving community of ninety-five members supports a primary school of thirty children.

Business and pleasure were combined on Sunday with a visit to the famous Hamurana Springs. The main spring yields 1,000,000 gallons an hour. Actual depth is unknown but skin divers have reached fifty feet. In the crystal clear waters, hundreds of coins tossed by visitors may be seen on the rocky ledges far below. The spring yields to charity up to \$500 annually. The name Hamurana is of early missionary origin and is the

Maori pronunciation of Smyrna, one of the seven churches of Revelation.

It is not possible to calculate in terms of money the value of such gatherings. The friendships made and cemented, the team spirit engendered, and the consciousness of our involvement in the Lord's work are above price.

As the time came to say good-bye, the hand shakes and expressions of fellowship were both spontaneous and sincere.

That our Lord will continue to bless the Health Food work in all parts of the world field and hasten the day of His coming, is the prayer of the New Zealand personnel.



Immediately following the wholesale convention, the retail men gathered at the same location, Lake Rotoma. Those attending were (left to right): W. E. Edwards, manager, Christchurch; R. K. Groom, manager, Dunedin; K. H. Adair, New Zealand manager; T. N. Ellison, supervisor, Auckland; J. Burt, supervisor, Wellington; R. E. Butler, manager, Wellington; R. W. Groom, marketing manager, Head Office; W. V. Parrett, supervisor, Christchurch; J. W. Bews, supervisor, Invercargill; W. J. Fowler, manager, Auckland; B. J. Pascoe, supervisor, Hamilton.

## Invest

E. CULLEY

Would you prove your love for God,  
And put it to the test?  
Then sacrifice your all to Him;  
You will, when you invest.

His joy will permeate your life,  
And you will find it best  
To practise self-denial  
And in His cause invest.

Your help is needed for His work;  
You cannot safely rest  
Until you do your sacred part  
And faithfully invest!

# Castle Hill School Extensions Opened

M. M. OLSEN, Headmaster

Dust, bulldozers, graders, rollers, trucks and tradesmen combined to hasten the finishing of the Hills District school, Castle Hill, Sydney. On Sunday, May 3, the new extensions to the school were officially opened.

Since 1961, the school has progressed from one teacher working in the hall under the church and serving Castle Hill only, to three teachers, eighty children and a new complex of buildings. Children come from eleven different Seventh-day Adventist churches surrounding us, the majority travelling on our two school buses.

In 1965, a two-classroom school was built on two acres of land just behind the church. The land, while spacious, was steeply sloped and a progressive scheme was commenced to fill and level the playground. Both machinery and soil were expensive and progress was slow. However, the area grew quickly and soon a third teacher was required, and so the church's facilities were again used. The Castle Hill church carried the responsibility of the operation of the school until 1968, when four of the surrounding churches combined to operate it as an area school. Plans were soon laid to extend the classrooms to include the third teacher on the same block of land.

## Building Held Up

Financial difficulties were evident and the planned extensions were unlikely to improve the situation very much. At this time the Greater Sydney Conference commenced their "Support Our Schools" scheme to finance the building and maintenance of church schools. We were quick to recognize that greater facilities could be provided by such a scheme and so building was withheld until 1970. The SOS scheme involves each church member of the Greater Sydney Conference in a systematic method of giving over a period of five years to provide new schools.

## SOS Means Success

In eighteen months the sum of \$50,000 has been paid into the treasury and two excellent schools have been completed. The first was at Doonside, and then our extensions at Castle Hill. The additional benefits gained by the SOS method are worth mentioning here. The local churches could have raised \$8,000 to provide a new classroom, but with the SOS fund we now have provided: a carpeted classroom, assembly room, toilet block, office and staff room, staff toilets, store-rooms, sports room, and an asphalted area 100 feet by 80 feet—at a cost of approximately \$25,000. When everyone shares the load, the burden is made easier and the results are far more satis-



The opening of the new Castle Hill school was an occasion of great pleasure for Adventists of the community. This picture shows the official party on the dais (from left to right): Brother W. H. Simmonds, Secretary-treasurer, Greater Sydney; Pastor F. A. Basham, church pastor and school board chairman; Pastor C. D. Judd, president, Greater Sydney; Dr. G. Rosenhain, Education secretary, Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference; Mr. M. M. Ruddock, M.L.A.; Mr. W. Barber, Inspector State Schools; Brother M. M. Olsen, headmaster.

factory. We of the Hills District School commend the conference for its progressive attitude, plans and results, in church school work.

Our very active Home and School Association felt a new school building would look much better on a suitable setting, and so plans were formed to improve the playground. Over the years about 300 loads of soil had been levelled, but still the yard sagged sadly in the middle and dropped steeply to the southern boundary. When our resourcefulness and plans were about to crumble and the immense task of completing the job seemed beyond us, a local shopkeeper planning a new building, offered us soil from his excavation, and over 3,000 tons of free soil were delivered.

Once again the conference came to our aid and assisted the Home and School Association in the completion of its project. By the opening day in May, our yard matched the new building, with the playground on one level giving one and a half acres of level playing area covered with a mat of new grass.

## Official Party

At 3 p.m. on May 3, the official party, consisting of conference president, Pastor C. D. Judd; Dr. G. Rosenhain, Trans-Tasman Union Conference Educational secretary; W. H. Simmonds, secretary-treasurer of Greater Sydney Conference; M. Ruddock, M.L.A. for the Hills District; W. Barber, Inspector of State Schools; L. Warwick, building contract manager; Pastor F. A. Basham, church pastor; and M. Olsen, principal of the school, took their places before the assembled group.

The Sydney Advent Band played before the ceremony and set the mood for the occasion. Following the official welcome and introductions given by Pastors F. A. Basham and C. D. Judd, Mr. M. Olsen outlined the history of the school, and Mr. M. Ruddock, M.L.A. for the Hills, spoke. He compared two openings being conducted at the same time. Simultaneously with our opening, the Queen was officially opening the new Overseas Airport at Mascot. He said that schools and education—especially Christian education

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# North Queensland's Annual Convention

M. M. STEWART

"FOR TEN PRECIOUS days we will be together. We will worship together, and pray together. We will eat together and talk together, the youth will be together, and the boys and girls will enjoy activities."

Thus it was predicted by our North Queensland Conference president, Pastor R. H. Abbott, concerning our Annual Convention, and thus it was from April 30 to May 9, 1970, that his prophecy was fulfilled.

Looking back, certain highlights stand out, and those highlights are unmistakably associated with personalities.

There was Pastor A. A. Esteb, associate secretary of the Lay Activities Department of the General Conference, whose powerful preaching, wonderful wit and pointed poetry made a tremendous contribution.

Pastor G. Burnside, division Ministerial Association secretary, whose Bible studies and Sabbath service were wonderfully well attended and will be long remembered.

Pastor R. Taylor, division Temperance secretary, whose talks, films and studies made a great impact, and whose Sabbath afternoon missionary programme in association with Pastor L. Lock and Pastor Peni Tavodi Nakasamai of Fiji raised \$2,638.43 for missions.

## Stewardship

Present also was Pastor W. E. Rudge from the division, who caused us all to reflect seriously on our stewardship now, and the footprints we shall leave behind us on the sands of time.

Then there was Pastor E. F. Giblett from the Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Radio-TV departments of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, whose genial personality and cogent statistics created a new urge within us to be up and doing and to finish our God-given task.

The challenging messages and impressive baptism which we heard and saw through the ministry of Pastor D. B. Hills of our union MV Department, brought great inspiration to all.

Pastor C. R. Stanley, teacher of Bible and Evangelism subjects from the Avondale College, came with power and freshness of utterance, imparting new life both to laity and ministry alike.

While last, but by no means least, we would mention Sister Naomi Nasausila, leader of Fiji's 4,000 Welfare workers, who is indeed an angel in ebony. Such she proved to be both in word and deed during her brief stay at the convention.

## Valuable Publicity

Other local highlights included the annual Pathfinder fair, the popular Sunday

afternoon feature, and the Wednesday afternoon Community Services Training Programme conducted by the Lay Activities Department. After a lecture by Group-Captain Keith Rundle, O.B.E., Director of Civil Defence for the Townsville Region, the whole camp, young and old, divided into three training groups for instruction in first aid and resuscitation, fire-fighting and rescue and the organization of Civil Defence Welfare centres. Lecturers came in from the Fire Brigade and Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade, and the feature rated top news on press, radio and television. Almost a quarter of the local evening A.B.C. news was given over to it, after stating that "The Adventists have always been to the forefront in the field of Civil Defence."

Thus our camp fulfilled three very real annual needs: revival and reformation for our own people, training for service, and the creation of good community relations. Thus the coming of Christ will be hastened, for this hope is now burning brighter in our hearts—hope in the coming of the Lord.



Popular gathering spot between and after meals under the trees.



Dr. A. A. Esteb from the General Conference Lay Activities Department brought a tremendous lift to the camp with powerful preaching, wonderful wit and pointed poetry.



The Annual Pathfinder Summer Fair.



We asked for it; now we know . . .

# THE STORY OF S.P.A.C.

(Five Years After)

ROSEMARY WEST, SPAC Secretary, 1970  
(enquiries invited\*)

OVER FIVE YEARS ago, a group of young people from a Sydney Pathfinder club, their ages ranging from fourteen to seventeen, were camping in the Blue Gum Forest. All of them wanted to continue in the Pathfinders, but most of them were too old. Besides, their particular club couldn't use them as counsellors.

What could they do to continue Pathfinding? Were there others in the same position as they? Shouldn't something be done? Shouldn't someone think of something? Someone did; an idea was born and enlarged upon, and the Senior Pathfinder Adventurers' Club (SPAC) began to take shape. A leader was chosen and a constitution was drawn up, and in late 1965 the first official meeting of SPAC was held.

The aims of the club are simple:

1. To carry on the Pathfinder spirit among senior youth.
2. To encourage and train senior youth for leadership in Pathfinder, MV and JMV activities.
3. To foster a love of God's creation and regard for nature conservation among senior youth.
4. To promote a number of physical, social and spiritual activities (congruous with denominational standards) among members.

Anyone sixteen years of age and over is eligible to join. Everyone is welcome, be they Adventist or not, hence we have several non-Adventist members.

### Activities

The club organizes socials, and activities such as skiing, cave exploring, boating, canoeing, hiking, abseiling, rock climbing and camping, to name a few. The SPAC members also help at Greater Sydney JMV Sabbath school meetings, MV meetings, and running social nights in churches where there are people interested in the club.

We are also ready, willing and able to help Pathfinder clubs in difficulty whether it be knots, star study, flag drill, hikes and so on.

This year the membership stands at forty-seven, plus a large number of people who are interested in joining, and a group of Pathfinders who can't grow up fast enough to join.

Recently, members of Greater Sydney SPAC went to Wollongong and were pleased to help start the Wollongong SPAC. Several Sydney church members have seen the need for a club in their local churches and have made inquiries on how to start one.

Five years ago pessimists said it wouldn't—couldn't—last; other similar groups had failed, so why should this be different? The idea caught the imagination; the club was sorely needed; it was what the youth wanted; the members were and still are enthusiastic, and with people like John Morris, Cedric Greive, Jack West, David Cowell, Mrs. Bates, the Neirinckxes, Pastor David Weslake, and its founders Jan Ferguson, Edu, Tim, Brock, Earle Were, Rod Wegener and Alan Bates to be its ambassadors and spread the news of SPAC everywhere they went, encouraging the members and the prayers of all even remotely associated with SPAC, how could it possibly fail and end like the rest!

Five years after, SPAC is four times stronger, the membership is always growing, and for youth still interested in Pathfinding, it is the answer.

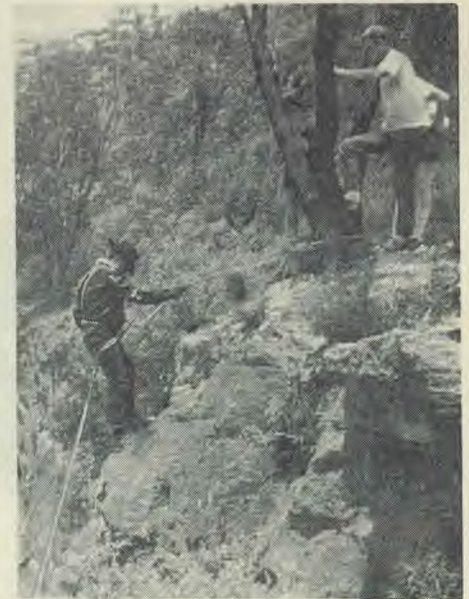
\*Enquiries to: Mrs. Rosemary West, 28 Jeffery Avenue, Parramatta North, New South Wales. 2151.



The attractive and spacious Book and Bible House H. Tressler.



Air attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd. Ross and Kelvin Davey demonstrate lashings.



Among other things, SPAC fosters an interest in the outdoors among older young people, who are unable to continue their association with the Pathfinder organization because they pass the age barrier. Here a few members try their hand at abseiling at Newnes, New South Wales.

# Family Retreat at Bangalow

J. K. AITKEN

MOUNTAINS ROSE ABRUPTLY on two sides, to the west and north of our five-acre clearing, and we were surrounded by tall timber and streams. The valley of a stream about fifty feet below (ideal as a playing field), became a rich rain forest with tropical growth and bangalow palms. All these things contributed to the beauty and peace of the location to which we had come on the week-end of May 1-3 for our "family retreat."

The site was about six miles north-west of Cooranbong, bounded on the west by the roads which rise from Martinsville through the Wattagan ranges to the Boarding House Dam and Cessnock, and on the north by the Mount Faulk Road.

For those who ventured, the occasion was truly a relaxing "retreat," "not too organized," as one person present remarked, and yet covering those topics nearest and dearest to our hearts—our growing families and their progress towards the kingdom of God.

Many families were ready to welcome in the Sabbath on Friday evening. We were granted perfect weather for a perfect week-end. Others who weren't so sure of the weather or of the doubtful comforts of camping, arrived for the Sabbath afternoon discussion.

We were grateful for assistance with the junior-earliteen Sabbath school to Sister Margaret Watts, and to Sister Colleen White for care of the kindergarten section. The senior lesson study was thought-provokingly presented by Brother Trevor Lloyd. Each person was helped to see his need to be closer to the Creator and Saviour who alone had the solution to all his problems. Pastor C. V. Christian provided accompaniment for the songs with his piano accordion, and was our guest speaker for both the Sabbath service and the Saturday night campfire.

## Camp Theme

The theme was introduced on Friday evening by Pastor H. C. Watts giving of his counselling experiences with the very real needs of young people. He emphasized his belief that parents with teenage children were more urgently in need of counsel than some teenagers. The question raised was, "Are parents aware of how to relax their former tight discipline on their flock and allow them to mature to free thinking individuals?"

On Sabbath afternoon, Brother Eric White presented a fascinating display of his New Guinea butterfly collection for our MV meeting. The young people then divided into four groups to search for reptiles and amphibians, birds, flowers and trees, while parents remained for a discussion of our main concern—our growing families. Pastor Christian led out in this discussion, and was assisted by a panel.

That evening, Brother Ken Thompson organized a glowing campfire, in the warmth of which we drank in all the good things prepared. An enthusiastic song service led us to the series of films on north Queensland, many contributions of both humorous and musical items, and our campfire stories from Pastor C. V. Christian.

Sunday found another beautiful morning and keen anticipation for the events of this last day. After worship, we were



Brother Ray Cooke has spent many long hours over the years gathering together a collection of fossils. To Brother Cooke, these relics of the past only prove to him the veracity of the Biblical record of the Flood. His lecture was appreciated by all. (Photos, J. K. Aitken.)

led by Brother Noel Stockton in a demonstration of how to mount butterflies. Several were caught (including a hard-to-catch Wanderer) and duly mounted. There were many interested spectators and questions as the morning proceeded, and supplies such as pins and mounting boards were sold to eager buyers.

## Permanent Site

Miss Veronica Flanigan had prepared a talk on the subject of "Display of collections for a hall or a nature museum." She displayed shells, barks and gum nuts in various cases. These would be admirable for display in churches or halls.

The last subject for discussion was the suitability of the site for a Pathfinder or Youth campsite with some permanent buildings. Pastor Ken Mead had arrived from Sydney. He had been asked for his ideas after his experience at Ankara and Crosslands, and to give us his counsel as to the value of the site. He told us of his previous unwillingness to have anything to do with any area away from King's Cross, Sydney, etc., until his introduction to the wonders of the out-of-doors by Pastor Southwell. He felt that the campsite, which can be ours for the taking, should be taken up, but should not be spoiled by too much modernization.

Pastor H. C. Watts was asked to take charge of further plans for the possible development of the site.

At 10.30, Brother Graham Mitchell led a party over the mountains to have lunch at some caves. By the volume of the chatter (almost impossible to quieten till bedtime) of our thirteen- and sixteen-year-olds, the hike must have been exciting and very enjoyable.

We believe that for all of us as happy families it was relaxing, and for so brief a time, a "retreat" and a taste of the better land.



The "youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow" is a phrase often quoted, and sometimes misapplied. But in the Adventist Church, the leaders of God's work tomorrow need to be nurtured and trained in a special way. These young people certainly reflect the enjoyment they had at the family "retreat" at Bangalow.

**LETTERS to the EDITOR**

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looked forward to the new presentation and format. However, I, for one, and I know that there are others like me, feel that there is still much room for improvement. If, as I assume, the pamphlets are printed in Warburton from copy brought in from America, I would like to suggest that before it goes to press, such copy should be proof-read with the following aims in mind:

1. That **ALL slang be completely REMOVED**. Surely there is no place in a publication of this type for words and phrases such as "bum around the world," "jet-setting is a blast," "He always was spoiled rotten," "and he goofs off," etc. These are a sample of one page only, page 46. There are plenty more examples on other pages.

2. That those Americanisms (something bordering on slang) which might just grate, or may be completely meaningless, be changed to something which is meaningful. (Some unacceptable Americanisms are, "Goofed off the night before," "Turn in an F for you," special dose of Ortho," etc., taken from page 57, plus the often repeated "Mom," "Zero in," "Discovery Texts," "Contact Text," etc.) After all, it is a **Youth** pamphlet, and not for juniors.

3. That the stories which are included to illustrate the lessons should be re-written, where necessary, so that they do uphold Adventist standards in ALL things. Surely the story on pages 51 and 52 is not a fitting example when we consider material recently presented in the "Record" such as the article "Sell ICIANZ, by Poseidon," and others similar.

I have merely opened the Youth pamphlet at random to find these examples. There are plenty more.

Surely the Seventh-day Adventist Church is worthy of publications of far higher literary merit than we have here, and our youth, who will be our church in the not far distant tomorrow, are worthy of the best that we can give them.

D. Waters,  
New South Wales.

Note: As the Signs Publishing Company receives page proofs from America, to photograph in the preparation of the Lesson Quarterly, it is not possible to alter the text of the pamphlet under the present system of production. This is why no alterations or corrections can be made at present. Nevertheless, we greatly appreciate the point made.—Editor.

**Is Yours a "Babble-On"?**

Brother,

I feel compelled to enter a plea for more civilization in one particular aspect of church organization.

Some time ago I heard the church spoken of as Babylon by a member of a reform group. I wondered what gave him that idea. This morning I found out! You see, for years I have been a member of a church where the idea of a number of classes in the Sabbath school has been

dispensed with, and the lesson is studied in one class. I admit the church is not a large one, and some churches have larger classes than our entire congregation, but that only serves to strengthen my feeling on the matter.

This morning there were three classes in the Sabbath school I attended, and for the first time in years I have to admit I did not enjoy Sabbath school. This is no reflection on the teachers or the lesson, but rather on the system. Most of what was said reached my ears as a disjointed babble from three teachers and various class members, more reminiscent of the Swan Hill pig and calf sale, than to a period devoted to the study of God's Word.

I have, on occasions in the past, been a member of Warburton and other large churches and in such places the problem is even worse. It is high time we got rid of the "Babble-on" in our midst and introduced a system which is a blessing to all and shows due reverence to God. No doubt someone will up and say that Sister White said it was to be done this way, and that is the end of that. Others will argue that many people who actively participate in a small class are too timid to say a word in a very large class. These points are completely irrelevant. The point is, it is impossible to gain a real blessing and a better understanding of God's Word unless it reaches our ears in an understandable manner, and not a disjointed babble of sound.

Let me say the hours spent in the lesson study in Robinvale church over the years have been the best I have ever spent and certainly have brought me the most blessing.

Please brethren and sisters, can't we civilize the Sabbath school?

Leon Turner,  
South New South Wales.

**"Dillon's Dilemma"—Again**

Brother,

In answer to Brother Bryan's letter in the "Record" of 20/4/70, I would like to put another view. Brother Bryan states: "The fact that the journey was planned before the Sabbath has no bearing on the case." I believe he is making a mistake there; it is quite right to worship the Creator amid scenes of nature and then return home, but to travel in a pre-planned direction with the ultimate intention of spending the evening in pleasure, seems to me to be contrary to Scripture. In Matt. 5:28 Christ sets out a principle in relation to thoughts and actions; see also verse 22. Prov. 23:7 says, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." In 2 Cor. 10:5 Paul admonishes us to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Brother Bryan speaks of bending the Sabbath. I was not aware that the Sabbath could be bent; it is either kept or broken, but never bent.

Isa. 58:13, 14 shows true Sabbath keeping and its results; should we not all endeavour, with God's help, to live up to this standard?

I would like to ask one question. Can anyone plan for pleasure on a Saturday night and then use the Sabbath under any pretext in order to get to the place of pleasure on time and still claim to be keeping the Sabbath?

J. Trood,  
North New South Wales.

**Not Retired, But Re-Tyred**

Brother,

Why do so many of our ministers go into retirement at a relatively early age, remaining in the populated areas where there is already a concentration of workers (those in ill health excluded), when their ministerial services would do much to strengthen and encourage the flock in the country areas?

I do not mean that our ministers should not retire at all, or that they should continue to take on full-time preaching plans or Bible studies. These things are for the younger generation to take over, but I know that in some of the country areas especially, there are many preachers looking after more than one church, with all too few lay preachers to help carry the burden.

The older man has a wonderful wealth of experience to call upon, and I believe that many of these men would be more than welcome to come and retire in the country areas, assisting in an advisory capacity the lay members of the church, and doing some of the pastoral work within the flock that the busy local minister does not have time to do, nor indeed should be called upon to do. If an older man can do no more than encourage the believers in their studies and in prayer, then he is doing a mighty work for God's people and setting a worthy example.

I wish that I could truly express the need that remains for the services of these men.

Dallas Forrester,  
North New South Wales.

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**75,000 See V.B.S. in Action**

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the world. When we see how the children accept the message without adult prejudice, and realize they will remember what they have learned all their lives, the cost to us in effort and money is very small.

Many non-Adventist parents have said they will be pleased for their children to join our Pathfinder Club and the Sabbath school. Undoubtedly if the Vacation Bible School programme is an annual event, hearts and homes will be opened and we shall see many entering the church with "a little child leading them."

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"No work ever undertaken by man requires greater care and skill than the proper training and education of youth and children."—"Fundamentals of Christian Education," page 57.



derstanding about God's plans for them. They need to be committed to God as their Father: "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." Verse 18. Thus the foundation stone of the sacred unit is laid.

#### Each a Part

Now the children must be taught that they are each an integral part of the whole unit of their family. Notice this from "Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 700: "Each member of the family should understand just the part he is expected to act in union with the others." This creates a cohesion that will hold the members together, even through stormy experiences: thereby they work together, play together, live together, and worship together. Satan can be thwarted by this firm unit, and the world should not find any entrance here.

The Lord has graciously revealed another significant secret through His servant. I read in "Adventist Home," page 406: "In Christian homes a bulwark should be built against temptation." Your home must be preserved as a fortress for your family-unit to escape from the wiles of Satan, where they can find safety. Mother, father, what about that television set? or that radio? and those women's magazines? or the flippant periodicals? Listen as God warns: "Our homes should be a place of refuge for the tempted youth. Many there are who stand at the parting of the ways. Every influence, every impression, is determining the choice that shapes their destiny both here and hereafter. Evil invites them."—"Ministry of Healing," page 354.

Remember, television programmes are mostly the worldly theatre brought into the home; and radio can be similarly worldly-oriented material. Maybe this is being overlooked only because the terminology is different, but the import of this statement is relevant today regarding television: "Among the most dangerous resorts for pleasure is the THEATRE [television]. . . . Vicious habits and sinful propensities are strengthened and confirmed by these entertainments. . . . Every youth who habitually attends [views] such exhibitions will be corrupted in principle."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, pages 652, 653.

These shows are made by worldly people, and the best material is significantly worldly—in attitudes and ideals, and evil is so often accentuated. Some years back, any Adventist known attending the theatre was laboured with seriously, and the name would be called into question regarding further membership privileges. Yet today, any Adventist home can have television screening similar pictures with never a question nor any concern for its spiritual well being.

Truly, sin has been strengthened and morals have been corrupted in many of our youth, who have slipped into the world right in our homes at the TV screen. Even youthful restlessness and indecision can be increased by unrealistic portrayals on the screen. Every scene,

the dress, social atmosphere, house furnishings, and behaviour patterns are usually shown to worldly perfection—not as is commonly experienced. Also love for the world and things in the world is born and nurtured, and gradually love for God and heaven grow weaker, and sacrifice becomes irksome. The same is true to a greater or less degree regarding the influences of radio, magazines and doubtful periodicals.

#### A Haven from Temptation

Parents, do keep your home a haven free from the temptations in the world. Never allow your home to be the seat of evil propensities. Be considerate of your family unit, and shut out the world, its temptations and influences of evil so that your loved ones can find safety and respite from the greater powers of Satan. Home should be a protected place where good can be nurtured and strengthened so that your family are enabled to go out into the world with new power again. Your home bulwark needs to be an adjunct to the church school, church services, and church associates, rather than another power of the world against these influences.

If there is a greater percentage of forces for good surrounding your family, it must have its effect in guiding them nearer their Lord. Inversely, if we weigh in favour of the world by allowing worldliness into our home, then obviously there will be a force impelling your children away from God; and at the very best only frustration and bewilderment prevails. This is taught in Eph. 3:14-19. ". . . of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named . . . to be . . . rooted and grounded in love. . . ." The Spirit cannot prevail in our hearts or homes unless He be given first place, and while conflicts exist apart from home-influences He cannot be given first place.

The Holy Spirit is lacking when our youth are slipping back into the world, and love for the Lord is missing when they defect from the church. In most cases, Satan has been allowed to lurk in the home-fortress by way of the TV antenna or the cheap magazine page; thus he has successfully contended for a place in the heart. The family get no let-up from his nefarious snares and temptations because a traitor has let him into the refuge.

Maybe we have discovered the cause of our sad experiences with many youth. Parents, and parents-to-be, do carefully and prayerfully consider your concepts of the home and family; and then think seriously about the agencies within your home. If worldly goods or material have been secreted in your fortress, in the strength of the Lord cast them out and restore safety within. Save your youth to be witnesses for the Lord, and save your own soul for His service. A humble home with less of the luxuries and even plainer clothes, but enriched with the presence of holy angels and lives bedecked with the Holy Spirit, is the place where the sacred family-unit is living in preparation for the heavenly home.

## Secrets of THE SACRED UNIT

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DOUGLAS I. JENKINS

IN RECENT YEARS, there has been an appalling loss of Adventist youth slipping out into the world, even though brought up in Seventh-day Adventist homes. Surely it is imperative that we discover the causes of this sad exodus. Mothers and fathers, I know you want to see your young folk in the kingdom with you. We cannot afford the loss of valuable soldiers of the cross, either, so let us investigate this perplexing problem together.

We shall have to go back to the beginning of things in this world to discover God's first man on earth—Adam, created in the image of God. There we find a woman was "built" out of Adam. (Gen. 2:22.) God, the heavenly Father, brings Eve to Adam to become his wife. (Verses 23, 24.) So the first wedlock was initiated by God to be a holy union, the husband and wife to be companions—"It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18), and God planned that they should be blessed with children—"Be fruitful, and multiply." Gen. 1:28.

Realization that marriage and the family are the divine plan for man and woman is the foundation of the solution we are seeking. The family should be a sacred unit, since Heaven ordained this union and the children. The blue-print outlining the acceptable mode for forming this unit is found in 2 Cor. 6:14: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." This means that the young folk contracting marriage need to be equal, especially in their faith and their outlook towards the Lord, and have mutual un-

# THE WRITER'S CRAFT-No. 20

## CONTINUING THE CHRISTOPHER'S NOTES

**12. WRITE ABOUT PEOPLE.** There is an enormous market waiting for writers who will provide their audience with literature and entertainment with which they can truly identify themselves. As Jeanette Covert Nolan wrote: "It's the good people, the substantial, law-abiding citizens in your community and mine, who buy and read books, who would welcome with enthusiasm many more good stories (grave or gay, serious or humorous, according to the author's individual talents and moods)—stories about themselves."

**13. BE TRUE TO LIFE.** Most readers feel that present day fiction is unrealistic. A survey by the American Library Association stressed that people are looking for novels that reflect their own problems, but they "long for characters capable of resolving some of these problems in a plausible, realistic fashion." A great deal can be learned about people and their emotions by observing those around you.

**14. WRITE FOR EVERYBODY.** Most beginners make the mistake of writing to please themselves rather than others. If you key both your subject and style to the widest possible audience, you will add a new dimension to your work.

Read the Gospels frequently and observe how Christ Himself invariably practised the common touch. He presented profound truths in a way that was within the grasp of everyone. He also used words which all people understood.

**15. DEVELOP SELF-DISCIPLINE.** Every writer should frequently recall the motto of the paratroopers during the last war: "Quitters never win. Winners never quit!" It cannot be stressed too frequently that writing is hard work. It offers abundant opportunities for anyone to apply the spiritual lessons of suffering in a very practical way.

To persevere in the face of constant obstacles and discouragements requires a high sense of purpose.

One successful writer claimed that the five deadly sins of the writer are:

1. Sloth.
2. Greed.
3. Pride.
4. Jealousy.
5. Despair.

He said almost every writer falls victim to these defects. Then he added: "But perhaps if we admit that these are grievous faults in our profession, they will never conquer us."

If you face up to the fact that you must "dig" for whatever writing ability God has given you, that no one can wait for it to develop by itself, you will eventually learn to write just as anyone can learn to swim.

Once you are convinced that you can and should write, you will take the bull by the horns and go at the task deliberately. Agnes Repplier, the great American essayist, admitted that she turned to writing because her mother said just four words with an emphasis that couldn't be refuted: "Agnes, you can write!"

Another instalment of the Christophers' Notes next time.

ROBERT H. PARR.

# The Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital

## TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST young men and women over the age of seventeen years as at March 1, 1971, who are desirous of undertaking the THREE-YEAR GENERAL NURSING COURSE at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital are invited to submit their applications not later than September 11, 1970. Application forms are available upon request from the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital, Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga.

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Would all applicants who hold educational certificates other than those issued by the New South Wales Education Department please forward same to

The Registrar,  
N.S.W. Nurses' Registration Board,  
9-13 Young Street,  
Sydney, 2000

for assessment before lodging application with our School of Nursing. If the certificate is assessed as "Acceptable" then lodge the formal approval of the Nurses' Board with your application.

Entry permits will not be granted by the Immigration Department for students from Fiji, Tonga, Singapore or Mauritius.

● For further information regarding the above kindly communicate with:

Matron R. D. Rowe,  
Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital,  
Fox Valley Road,  
Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076



## Castle Hill School Extension Opened

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—were of far greater importance than the airports of our country.

Mr. L. W. Barber, the local State School Inspector, endorsed the principle outlined by Mr. Ruddock. He further went on to relate his association with Seventh-day Adventist teachers known to him in the State schools. He was most impressed with their humility, organizing ability, and sincerity. Thank God for dedicated witnesses to our cause.

### Officially Opened

Before the closing prayer, Mr. Simmonds thanked all present for their loyal support of the successful SOS programme and announced the next project, which is the addition of two new classrooms to the Wahroonga Primary School.

Following the benediction, Pastor C. Judd received the key from the building construction manager and passed it over to Mr. M. Ruddock to perform the official key ceremony. Upon close inspection it was revealed that careful planning and good craftsmanship had combined to produce excellent results. The main classroom, fully-carpeted, contains spacious cupboards and good lighting with pastel tonings on the walls to blend into a most attractive room. Office and staff room facilities are well-appointed, as are the assembly and sport rooms. The assembly room is so designed as to become a fourth classroom should this become necessary in the future.

Those working closely with the new developments were able to see God's guidance and overruling on many occasions, and blessing heaped upon blessing as each event turned out for the good. When we humbly submit ourselves to God and let Him guide, results far greater than planned or hoped for are certain. To those contemplating or involved in Christian education we say: step forward in faith and your rewards will be greater than those sought.



## WEDDINGS

**BATEMAN—HITCHINS.** In the quiet dignity of the Warburton church, Victoria, and witnessed by a large group of relatives and friends, Graeme Trevor Bateman and Lorelle Joan Hitchins exchanged matrimonial vows of lifelong fidelity on Sunday, May 31, 1970. Lorelle is the only daughter of Brother and Sister Ken Hitchins, both well known identities in local circles, and Graeme is the elder son of Brother and Sister F. Bateman of Melbourne, Brother Bateman being assistant manager at the Sanitarium Health Food branch at Windsor. We pray God's rich blessing will attend Graeme and Lorelle as they face life together in Melbourne, and may their home be a light and refuge to their fellow young people.

H. W. Kingston.

**BENNETT—PROCTER.** At Concord church, New South Wales, on May 2, 1970, Frederick Lester Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bennett, and Denise Nora Procter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Alsop, were united in marriage. We wish God's blessing on these young people as they grow in their new found faith and establish their new home.

G. W. Rollo.

**BONE—LESLIE.** The tastefully decorated Mount Lawley church, Western Australia, was the setting chosen, on May 12, 1970, by Trevor Wayne Bone and Susan Janette Leslie to exchange their marriage vows before God and a large gathering of relatives and friends. Sue is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Leslie of Tuart Hill, Western Australia, and Wayne is the second son of Pastor and Mrs. H. G. Bone, at present residing at Albany, Western Australia. We wish Sue and Wayne God's richest blessings as they walk life's pathway together and as they establish their home at Carnamah, where Wayne is a high school teacher.

H. G. Bone.

**CAMERON—ROWE.** Sunday, May 10, 1970, was the day chosen by Heather and Wayne for their marriage in the Canberra church, A.C.T. The bride looked radiant as she came down the aisle on the arm of her father to meet her bridegroom. Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe of Canberra, and Wayne the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Mole Creek, Tasmania. Many relatives gathered later at the breakfast to wish the couple every happiness as they walk life's pathway together. God bless you, Wayne and Heather.

J. B. Keith.

**CHRISTIANSEN—PASFIELD.** On Sunday, May 3, 1970, Colwin Earl Christiansen and Rhonda Dawn Pasfield stood before God and relatives and friends, in the Taree church, New South Wales, to unite their lives in service to their Master. Rhonda is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Moody of Shortland, New South Wales. Colwin is branch manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Shop at Lane Cove, New South Wales, and is the son of Mr. Christiansen of Brisbane, Queensland. Relatives and friends prepared a very enjoyable spread for the reception, which was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Taree. May God richly bless Colwin and Rhonda as they set up their home at Lane Cove.

C. T. Parkinson.

**CZAPSKI—RYNIECKA.** Four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, May 17, 1970, was the time chosen by Barbara Aurelia Ryniecka for her marriage to Lech Czapski in the Seventh-day Adventist church Migrant Centre, Oakleigh, Victoria. A large number of relatives, friends and church members gathered to wish them well on this happy occasion. Both Lech and Barbara are Polish migrants. We wish this young couple much of God's blessing and happiness as they establish their new home in Melbourne.

R. Varzonek.

**ELDRIDGE—DICK; NELSON—DICK.** Sunday, May 17, 1970, was the date chosen by Kay Dick and her younger sister, Bronwyn, daughters of Brother and Sister Percy Dick of Charlestown church, New South Wales, to be linked for life in marriage with their respective partners. Kay was united with William Eldridge, son of Brother and Sister Frank Eldridge of the Murwillumbah church, New South Wales. Bronwyn exchanged vows with Stanley Nelson, son of Brother and Sister Ernie Nelson of the Darwin church, Northern Territory. We all, with the bridal parties, were greatly indebted to Brother and Sister Howard, who spent many hours with flowers and greenery to make the Wallsend church such an attractive setting for this double wedding. The church was filled with guests and well-wishers, and we join with them in the prayer and wish that the two new Seventh-day Adventist homes that have been established, Bill and Kay in Newcastle, and Stan and Bronwyn in Alice Springs, will be blessed and protected by heavenly visitors.

Selwyn A. Bartlett.

**ROY—REID.** On May 6, 1970, two well known Sydney families were linked at the Concord church, New South Wales, by the marriage of Anthony Donald Roy and Sharon Joyce Reid. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Roy and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Reid received a large gathering of guests, who joined in wishing every happiness and God's blessing on the new home.

G. W. Rollo.

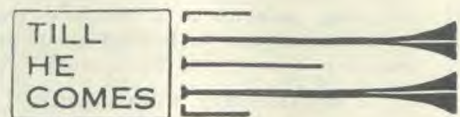
**WARDEN—LAWSON.** All nature appeared to smile on Sunday morning, May 3, 1970, as Barbara Ruth Lawson came down the aisle of the Concord church, New South Wales, on the arm of her uncle, Dr. Allan Hellestrand, to be united with Richard Bruce Warden. Barbara

is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Olive Lawson (Newcastle) and Dr. Deryk Lawson (Canada), and Richard is the second son of Mrs. May Warden (Balgowlah) and Mr. Victor Warden (Sydney). After the marriage vows had been exchanged, the bridal party were borne to Victoria House, Bexley, in three shining veteran Rolls Royce cars. It was here that many relatives and friends had gathered to share their happiness. As Richard (Rick) and Barbara have joined hands and hearts in a union after God's order, we pray that their home may be "the happiest place on earth, the very symbol of the home in heaven."

L. A. Dyason.

**WAY—WADE.** The North Fitzroy church, Victoria, was beautifully decorated on May 11, 1970, for the wedding of Brian John Way to Carolyn Gail Wade. Brian, the eldest son of Brother and Sister Ted Way of North Fitzroy church, is a recent graduate of Melbourne University, at present teaching at the Timboon high school, western Victoria. Carolyn, daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Wade of Bendigo, has been a consecrated teacher of the younger students at the Nunawading church school, where she was a radiant testimony to the Christian life. Many friends and relatives gathered at the Nunawading Centre to wish the happy couple God's blessings and every happiness as they set up a home in which Jesus Christ is the central theme.

James M. Johanson.



**BAMFORD.** At the age of eighty-four years Sister Bamford closed her eyes in sleep at the Timboon hospital, Victoria. The funeral was conducted at the Camperdown church on April 24, 1970. The warmth of personal Christianity radiated from this faith-filled life, and it was with assurance that the writer could direct the minds of mourners to the hope of the resurrection. Sister Bamford accepted the truth thirty-three years ago under the ministry of Pastor P. G. Foster, and became a devoted member of our Camperdown church. Left to mourn, but not without hope, are three daughters and two sons (the youngest son being Ian, a deacon and active member of Camperdown church), and many devoted grandchildren. Although we will all miss the loving grasp of "Gran's" hand, we look with steadfast hope to the new life, the morning of eternity.

D. R. Martin.

**COVI.** On May 11, 1970, Gilbert Covi passed suddenly to his rest at Fremantle, Western Australia. Sustained by the precious promises of the Lord, and upheld by the Holy Spirit, we tenderly committed him to the care of a loving heavenly Father, at the Fremantle cemetery on Wednesday, May 13. Left to mourn their loss are his mother, sister Wieringa, brother John, sister Marisa, Mirian and Sara, niece Lisetta, Fremantle church members and friends.

L. C. Coombe.

**COWLEY.** After twenty-two years of patient suffering, the last three of which were spent as an invalid, Frank Webster Cowley peacefully closed his eyes in the sleep of death on Sunday, April 19, 1970, at the age of sixty. Brother Cowley, who lived all his life in the Mackay district of Queensland, made a personal commitment of his life to Christ as a young man, and in spite of his physical adversity, he gave witness of a constant trust in his Lord. He was lovingly cared for by his wife (nee Phyllis Walz) who, with other loved ones, looks forward with joyous anticipation to the day of reunion.

E. I. Totenhofer.

**DAVIDSON.** Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Davidson was born in Fremantle, Western Australia, seventy-six years ago. In recent months she has been in our rest home at Sherwin Lodge. She was not an Adventist when admitted. Brother Herbert Smith, who lives in a cottage at Sherwin Lodge, found her interested, so at regular intervals he would play on his tape recorder some of Pastor Burnside's addresses. This, together with the kindly influence of the staff in the home, resulted in her baptism early this year. She passed away on May 12, 1970, and now rests in the Karrakatta cemetery, awaiting the coming of the Life-giver.

D. A. Speck.

**DEACON.** Tragedy came to the family of Brother and Sister Wally Deacon at the commencement of their Tasmanian holidays, when little Julie Ann, aged three years and three months, unexpectedly ran in front of an oncoming car. On May 11, 1970, members of the Burnie church, Tasmania, together with relatives and friends, comforted the Deacon family

with the blessed hope. These parents are looking forward to the privilege of rearing Julie in the perfect environment of God's kingdom. The writer was assisted by Michael Chamberlain. Ross Parker.

**DE VILLE.** Brother Jean De Ville of Concord church, New South Wales, passed to rest on April 7, 1970. Born in Grafton eighty-four years ago, he moved with his wife to Inverell, where the family accepted the Advent faith during the ministry of Pastor Reynolds. Sister De Ville pre-deceased our respected brother, and Harold, Edna, Earle, Mary, Keith, and Stanley mourn his passing. To them we extend sympathy. Pastor Keith De Ville assisted at the ceremony. G. W. Rollo.

**LONGSTAFF.** George Herbert Longstaff, loved husband of Sister Lyn Longstaff, and father to Mark and Heather, was suddenly called to rest on May 14, 1970, just after he finished preaching his sermon at a layman's preaching class. His death came as a great shock to his family and the church members. He was laid to rest at the Canterbury crematorium, South New Zealand, on May 18. With loving sympathy for the bereaved, and confidence in the blessed hope, we look to the coming of our Lord when we will all be reunited. C. Graham Allen.

**ROSS.** Elizabeth Richards was born in Balarat, Victoria, on December 31, 1890, and passed to her last earthly rest on May 3, 1970, aged seventy-nine years. Soon after her marriage to John Ross of Melbourne and the birth of their only son John (junior), they joined the Adventist faith as a family. John Ross (senior) was employed for several years with the Sanitarium Health Food Company, and later served as a colporteur until the time of his death in 1934. After her husband's death, our late sister walked alone for thirty-six years—yet not alone—in companionship with her Saviour and she quietly witnessed for the truth she loved. She leaves to mourn her passing her son John and his wife Merle and their three children, and other more distant relatives. We can confidently assure these, together with the large group of sorrowing friends, that this is not the end; our loved one shall live again. J. B. Conley.

**RUDGE.** Sister Harriet Matilda Rudge, known to and beloved by a large circle of relatives and friends, passed to rest on May 12, 1970, in Sydney, New South Wales. Our sister was eighty-one years of age. In 1927, Harriet was married to Craig Rudge, who pre-deceased her in 1957. Both were members of the Stanmore church, where they endeared themselves to the community by their understanding sympathy and charitable works. Sister Rudge was patient, resigned, and ever loyal in her faith and Christian love, especially seen in the long months of illness. She was dutifully and lovingly cared for by her daughter Norma, and her son-in-law Bill. To them, the family, and to the many others who sorrow, we commend the everlasting love of our heavenly Father. Messages of comfort and Divine promise were presented at the chapel service and at the Northern Suburbs cemetery by the writer in association with Pastor Wilfred Rudge. Her memory is the fragrance of a Christian life. C. S. Palmer.

**WEDERELL.** One May 5, 1970, Laurence Charles Wederell of Temuka, New Zealand, passed to his rest aged sixty-four years. Contacted during the vacation by a student colporteur, Mervyn Savage, he expressed his desire to return with his wife to his church of former years. From this contact it was the writer's privilege to study with this couple and see them unite again with the Timaru church. Although he was now faced with news of a terminal sickness, the joy of being at peace with God again upheld him triumphantly to the end and gave to his loved ones at the Christchurch Memorial Park cemetery the comfort and hope of meeting their loved one again when tears and pain will be no more. E. B. Price.

**WILLIS.** Sister Willis of Cootamundra, New South Wales, died on April 12, 1970, near to her eightieth birthday. Her husband died many years ago. We laid her to rest beside him in the Cootamundra cemetery on April 14. She was a quiet, earnest, consistent Christian who loved her Lord and His message. The writer assisted Brother Youlden in the services in the church and at the graveside. The Lord will not forget His sleeping saint on the great day of the resurrection of the faithful. W. M. R. Scragg.

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★ Perhaps you were omitted from the Queen's Birthday Honours list, but never mind, you can share in the joy that is ours here at the Publishing House. Awarded the British Empire Medal was one of our office staff, Mrs. Coral Borgas, wife of Mr. Warren Borgas, also of the Signs Publishing Company. Mrs. Borgas received this recognition for her voluntary work as radio operator for the bush fire brigade in the Warburton area, a work she has done tirelessly and efficiently for many years. It is recognized hereabouts that Mrs. Borgas's work has been instrumental in saving lives and property in the fiery summer months, and has also been of invaluable help during the snow season when some folk always seem to get themselves lost at most inconvenient times. We offer our congratulations to Mrs. Borgas who, by the way, is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. S. G. Butler of South Australia.

★ OVER THE TOP, TRA-LA! Anyone passing Pastor H. G. Rampton and catching the happy gleam in his eye will not need to be told that the 1970 Appeal for Missions has shot past the 1969 attainment (with still a little more to come!). Thus far, \$462,822 has

been paid in, which is 103.26 per cent of the 1969 attainment. Care to join Pastor Rampton in the Doxology?

★ Some time ago we ran a piece in our advertisement column saying that the Yugoslav brethren could use some musical instruments as part of their worship programme. Then, not having any musical instruments (apart from a rich and rumbling baritone which no one, apparently, wants), we forgot about the matter. A couple of weeks ago we were delighted to receive a note from Pastor Krejci, the minister of the Yugoslav church in Brisbane, who reports that your generosity is more than he had hoped for. Now these good people have a mandolin, a clarinet and a piano accordion (all the way from Tasmania, this last one) and some cash. The church members have bought an electric guitar and have a couple of other instruments on loan and are practising feverishly. Will the Queensland Symphony Orchestra please move aside? Here come the Yugoslav Adventists!

★ Speaking of that same Yugoslav group, theirs was a great day on June 13 when they were organized into a church. Pastor R. A. Vince, the conference president, was the preacher at the service and led out in the organization of the company into a church. The Yugoslav brethren are grateful for all the help they have received (see item above), and are looking forward to great things. Probably their next major project will be to get a church building.

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