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WHILE TAKING PART IN AN ORIENTEER-ATHON, NEWCASTLE ADVENTIST HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS DISCOVERED . . .

A SKELETON

MARY STELLMAKER, Assistant Communication Director, North New South Wales Conference

ON TUESDAY, September 28, while taking part in an Orienteering exercise at Jesmond Park, two Form 1 boys from the Newcastle Adventist High School discovered a human skeleton in rugged bushland. One hundred students from the school were involved in the morning exercise and the afternoon Orienteer-athon. These events had been organized by the sportsmaster, Mr. Colin Clark, to raise money for the Royal Blind Society.

Students taking part in the exercise were given a compass, a map and a clue sheet. With these aids, they had to locate the eighteen marker points shown on the map. Points were awarded for each point successfully located within a specified time limit. The course was difficult and required resourcefulness, initiative and athletic ability.

Grisly Find

When the two boys saw what they thought was one of the marker points, they crawled through thick undergrowth into a shallow cave. They discovered that the colour they had seen was remains of clothing on a skeleton. They reported to Mr. Clark, who at first was

sceptical, and said it was probably an animal. However, when our Biology teacher, Mr. Robert Florida, examined the skeleton, he said it was that of a middle-aged man.

This was later confirmed by the police, and other experts who arrived on the scene very quickly after Mr. Florida reported the find to them.

Because our Orienteer-athon was a "first," the news media were very interested, and TV and newspaper cameramen were present to cover the story, and so were in on the skeleton find from the very beginning.

We, of course, lost the publicity on the Orienteer-athon, for the story very quickly became, "That while taking part in an

Orienteering exercise at Jesmond Park, two students from the Newcastle Adventist High School discovered a skeleton." This was headline news on the Newcastle TV and radio evening news bulletins and was featured in every local bulletin the following day. However, several days later, the *Newcastle Morning Herald* published the story of the Orienteer-athon.

The students of our Hamilton school were made deeply conscious of the needs of blind people when Mrs. Jean Dowsett, who lost her sight in an accident nineteen years ago, and her guide dog Dino, visited the school the week before the Orienteer-athon. Dino revelled in the attention he received from the students, but it was obvious that at all times, his duty to his mistress was of first importance.

Mrs. Dowsett's visit to the school stimulated student interest in the Orienteer-athon and from then on, they worked with increased enthusiasm to gain sponsors for the event. There were a possible 100 points to be gained. Carl Arthur, a sixth-form student, by concentrating on business houses, received a total sponsorship of \$2.50 per point.

Dino's Discomfort

Mrs. Dowsett was present at Jesmond Park to raise the flag which signalled the commencement of the Orienteer-athon. As I accompanied Mrs. Dowsett from the car to the starting-point in the park, I was most interested when Dino stopped with a jerk and would not go a step further. Mrs. Dowsett immediately said, "There are prickles in the lawn. Dino doesn't like them."

I looked down, and sure enough Dino was holding up one of his paws. Mrs. Dowsett got down on her knees and lovingly inspected Dino's paws, removing any thorns she found! One of our male teachers later came to Dino's rescue by removing his jumper so that Dino could have protection from the prickles. Perhaps that action counted more with the students than many lectures in class.

Carl Arthur was one of the first to reach the finishing post and checked in with a perfect score of 100 points. Thus, he raised \$250 towards the approximate total of \$1,000, which was handed to the Newcastle Branch of the Royal Blind Society.



Mrs. Jean Dowsett raises the flag to signal the commencement of the Orienteer-athon. She is accompanied by her guide dog, Dino, who has been made comfortable on a jumper belonging to one of our teachers.
Photo: Courtesy Newcastle Morning Herald.

THE WITNESS OF SOPAS

G. HEALEY

MOST ADVENTISTS would be familiar with the Sydney Adventist Hospital, and know about the Auckland Adventist Hospital. But I wonder how many people know about Sopas Adventist Hospital in the Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea? Besides being an eighty-six bed general and maternity hospital, it is the only recognized nurse-training school, apart from the Sydney Adventist Hospital, in the whole of the Australasian Division.

The two hospitals differ greatly in the standard of facilities provided, the number of patients treated and the type of diseases encountered. But happy Christians exert their influence wherever they are.

Sopas hospital is of wooden construction, apart from one ward, the "kunai ward," which is of kunai grass. There is an open fire in the middle of each of the wards which is used by the patients to cook their kau kau (a sweet potato which is their staple food), and it also heats the ward because, despite the popular misconception of a tropical paradise it gets very cold, especially at night, up in the highlands. After all, we are situated at 7,500 feet up a mountain-side.

No Laboratory Technician

We have a laboratory equipped for such essential things as cross-matching blood, but there is no laboratory technician, not even a laboratory assistant, so the job falls to our doctor, Trevor Kerr, as does the taking of X-rays. We also have a physiotherapy room, with a bath and a shower in it. But as the hospital doesn't have running-water, the laundry being the only place where one can obtain hot water (by lighting a fire), the facilities are rarely used. It is more often used as a second class-room or study-room for the nurses we have in training, as there is only one small class-room next to the laboratory, and the nurses' home is very inadequate for sleeping quarters, let alone having a place in which the girls can study. Thirty girls are housed in the fifty-seven-foot by twenty-foot home at present. The small rooms have six girls, and smaller rooms house four girls. They have only three showers and three toilets, and the laundry consists of two concrete tubs outside. At least they can have hot water by lighting a Collister fire, when there is water in the tanks. If we go without rain for more than a week or so, they have no water for washing, except from the water race, and have to carry drinking water in buckets from the hospital.

Of course, we have plans for improving the facilities, building a new nurses' home and an underground tank for their water supply. But it all takes money, which is always in short supply.

We also have plans for a European Obstetric Unit, as the present set-up is really unsatisfactory. We have only one labour and maternity bed, so if there are two people in labour at the same time, we just have to deliver the other woman on the floor. At present when we have a European to confine, we deliver her in the hospital, and her subsequent care is given in one of the expatriates' homes.

There are three Australian families: Our doctor, Trevor Kerr, Ondrea and Karen, our garden and maintenance supervisor, Gordon Taylor, wife Lyn and girls Christina and Sandra. Our principal tutor is Wally Booker, with Margaret, Andrew and Nerelle. Marlene

Broad is our matron, and Olive Fisher, although officially retired, still eases Wally's load by doing half the teaching in the nursing school.

Isolated Situation

It is good having so many Europeans together, because our only contact with the outside world is by road. We have no telephone at the hospital, and radio reception is distorted because the mountain rises 1,500 feet behind us and there are other mountains all around us. Our closest town is Wabag, ten kilometres away. But to purchase anything as civilized as a newspaper we have to go to Mount Hagen, and although the road is only 112 kilometres long, it is a three-hour drive, which may give you some idea of the roads serving the most densely populated area of Papua New Guinea.

Life certainly is not easy in this stone-age country that belongs to the twentieth century, where bride prices are still paid and the pay-back system (a life for a life) is still prevalent. Papua New Guinea must surely be the only country in the world where "hit and run" is advocated by the police.

YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1977

With steadfast hope I greet the coming year—

This Year of Our Lord that here before me lies—

**Clasping with eager hand God's gift of time,
With all it holds of wonder and surprise.**

And though it bring me trial and trouble sore,

**I'll trust in Him, the guardian of my days,
To give me strength and courage to go on,
And bless my heart with faith to sing His praise.**

**For this is God's New Year, not mine alone,
And He who in the past has kept me true,
Guiding my feet along the unseen path,
Will still go with me in the future, too.**

**And so I welcome the oncoming year—
Another year to follow where Christ trod,
And learn new glories of the love divine,
By leaning daily on my Father God.**

—Helen Rogers Smith.



Elias, the young student whose life was spared through the good influence of Sopas Hospital.
Photo: G. Healey.

But the hospital exerts a profound influence on the surrounding area, and many have been won to the truth of our message through the witness of those who work here. Sopas Adventist Hospital's motto is "To Serve Humanity," and it is not only concerned with physical suffering, but with relieving the spiritual emptiness of the people it serves.

The good name of the hospital, and the respect with which it is regarded by the people, was responsible for saving one of our nurse's lives. Elias, one of our third-year students, was travelling to Wapenamunda at night in a big P.M.V. (public motor vehicle) truck. He was sitting in the cab with the driver and another passenger, with two others on the back of the truck, when they saw another light truck weaving towards them in the dark. They slowed down, but the driver of the other truck was so drunk that he just drove straight into them. The drunken driver and his two companions in the front of their truck and another man in the back were killed instantly, as was another man on the back of the truck Elias was in.

Horrifying System

Because of the pay-back system, Elias and the other three in his truck surviving the accident ran away. But through shock and the minor injuries that they had sustained, Elias and one of the men were caught by the kanakas living where the accident occurred. The man caught with Elias was axed to death, even though he was just a passenger on the truck and it was not their truck that had caused the accident. But the man who caught Elias recognized him as being a nurse from Sopas and let him go, telling him which way to go for refuge. If this captor had not had such respect for the hospital, Elias's fate would have been the same as that of the other man.

Surely the medical ministry of our church does much to influence people and win their hearts for the Lord. We at Sopas pray that the people "down south" will remember us as we strive for greater things.

Philquiz reviews the life of an illustrious pioneer. How much do you know about . . .

CHARLES HENRY WATSON

PHIL WARD

IN 1902 an Australian wool buyer was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was to become one of the most influential Seventh-day Adventists in the world.

Charles Watson is an example of how God can use a man's abilities if they are dedicated to Him. One story I was told was how Pastor Watson tried all day to convince a General Conference committee that it should withdraw its funds from the bank. Eventually the committee agreed and Pastor Watson went to the bank after closing time. He walked straight in, even though tellers thought they had locked the door.

Pastor Watson's withdrawal of all Seventh-day Adventist funds was the last withdrawal made at that bank. That night it closed its doors for ever—a victim of the Great Depression. But Charles Watson's action had saved every penny of the church's funds.

Mark the following statements either true or false, and check the answers for his amazing biography.

1. Charles Watson is the only Australian to have become a Seventh-day Adventist General Conference president. T F
2. Charles Watson at first bitterly opposed his Adventist relatives. T F
3. He became a Conference president only three years after graduation from Avondale College. T F
4. He became president of the Australasian Union Conference only six years after graduating from Avondale. T F
5. He helped establish an organization to be legal owner of all Seventh-day Adventist church properties in Australia. T F
6. Because of his outstanding business ability he was asked to go to the United States of America to become General Conference associate treasurer. T F
7. In 1930 he was asked to be world president and guide the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the Great Depression. T F
8. Despite his efforts to advance, the church lost considerable membership in this time. T F
9. Pastor Watson worked so hard that he asked to be relieved of his responsibilities in 1936. T F
10. A building at Avondale College is named after him. T F

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FIFTY YEARS OF HAPPINESS



Pastor and Mrs. C. A. W. Ritchie of Boonah, Queensland, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Relatives from Sydney, New Zealand and Queensland were present for the occasion. Pictured, from left: Pastor and Mrs. Lyman Ritchie from New Zealand, Pastor and Mrs. C. A. W. Ritchie, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Prescott from Ipswich, Queensland.
Photo: L. Ritchie.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

GLENNIE SHARP, Communication Secretary, North Shore Church, Auckland, New Zealand



ROGER AND PAM STOKES and family are pictured here, recently home on leave in Mailangi Bay.

We, at North Shore, always look forward to the news Roger and Pam bring to us of their work in Fiji.

During the past ten years, Roger has established and developed the Rarama Publishing House—the fifty-first to be operated by the denomination. It has a Fijian staff of twelve, and operates in a dozen different languages of the Pacific, serving an area from the Cook Islands in the east to Papua New Guinea in the west, with books and magazines.

Roger, the eldest son of Pastor and Mrs. F. L. Stokes, is right in the family tradition. His father, lately minister of the North Shore Seventh-day Adventist church, and now retired, spent seventeen years in Ghana, West Africa, as a missionary, and was responsible for the commencement and establishment of the Advent Press, now situated in Accla, Ghana.

"God's everlasting arm encircles the soul that turns to Him for aid, however feeble that soul may be."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 4, page 328.*

"The deeper the night for God's people, the more brilliant the stars."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 5, page 81.*

NOT an editorial—nothing so dull as that—but something that I can't help saying. Read this if you're . . .

YOUNG, EARNEST AND AMBITIOUS FOR GOD

THAT TITLE is not what I can't help saying. That's merely an instruction-cum-headline, and every article ought to have a headline; and every article ought to be beamed at a certain group. Mostly (but not always) this page is dedicated to editorial-reading people, and I guess that that is the older segment of the population. Today's page is dedicated to the under-thirty-fives.

Now, I could ease into this subject gradually and bring it to you subtly, but that isn't my way. I want to come right out and say it: this article is about Avondale College. No one told me what to say, and no one has told me my job is on the line unless I come up with something about the College. And I'm writing to the younger group of our possible readership because what I want to say concerns them particularly. Ready? Then, here we go!

First, have you been to Avondale? You have? Right, let me talk to you first. If you are anything like me, you look back on your days at Avondale with considerable nostalgia. Now, I have to admit that this year marks the thirty-seventh anniversary of my leaving the place (as a student), and yet the memories of those halcyon days are as fresh and green as though only a few months had slipped away. You too? Marvellous, isn't it, the way the old College moments well up at unexpected times and places? You know how it is: you are driving along in a car and bang! Suddenly you are back at College; some face you haven't seen or someone about whom you haven't thought in a brace of decades is suddenly there before you and you are saying to yourself, "I wonder what happened to old Bill Fitzarbuttle? Man, he was a character! Why, I remember . . ." and you're off on a nostalgia trip that has the memories crowding into the old mind, and pretty soon you get that warm, happy feeling around the region of the fifth rib. There's something about College that nothing—time, distance, space, age or even amnesia—can blot out. Right? Right!

Or you are visiting in a strange place. You go to church on Sabbath and you just KNOW that you won't know a soul there; in fact, you almost talked yourself out of going because, well, you know how awkward you feel in a strange church; when suddenly the Sabbath school officers take their places on the lower rostrum and you fairly goggle. WELL! If that isn't Vera Sticklewort! You remember the time when she nearly left College because of that minor scandal over the disappearance of three of the dean of women's curlers! And you remember how they suddenly turned up in the dean's overnight bag when she was leaving for holidays. Poor Vera! Well, here she is, bright as a button, and Sabbath school superintendent! And afterwards you fall all over each other and reminisce madly. And she asks you home to lunch; she has a husband and three kids and a mortgage now, and they're on the way up! (The mortgage is, hopefully, on the way down.) True, you didn't have much to do with one another at College; but now you are the closest of chums and buddies! What did it? College, nothing but COLLEGE!

Or you are sitting in a bus going home one night and reading the newspaper when suddenly you get a slap between the scapulae and you almost choke on your Lifesaver. You look up and there is old Bertie Nitweaver, and you forget yourself to the extent that you shout, "Bertie Nitweaver! Fancy seeing you here! Where have you been for the past ten years?" And the conversation never flags from that moment—simply because you and Bertie N. were at College the same year. But it doesn't surprise YOU, because YOU have been to College and this kind of thing has happened to you. It's happening somewhere all the time!

Or it suddenly dawns on you that this is June 18! Ah, June 18, you murmur to yourself! How well I remember June 18 back in old '63! That was the first time Maud and I went to one of those Ticket Tea things. They don't have them now, but it was a big deal back in old '63. And that night I really saw Maud for the first time as she really was. I loved the way her ears curled like stale bread and even the way she drenched herself in that perfume (for me!)—perfume that smelled like a mixture of vinegar and creosote! And how, at term-end, we vowed that we'd love each other eternally.

And we promised each other that June 18 would be a holy anniversary that we'd never forget, even when we had great-grandchildren. I wonder what happened to Maud? Funny

how she married Claude Birtlebaum just after graduation and I took up with Stella Stiffenback. Funny how I didn't even look at Stell all year until I saw her crying in the shadows when she'd failed her speed test in the typing class, and I asked her what was the matter. But here we are, and they've been a great decade-and-a-half (well, almost) together.

Memories! That is Avondale's chief product. And if you have been there, you'll have your share, and if you have been there, your memories will not be identical with those of any of your contemporaries. That's the marvellous thing. There is such a variety of things going on all the time that every day is a new excitement, and every day there is something just around the corner that will set you on your ear when you think about it ten years from now! Tremendous place!

Now, having been through all that, let me talk to those who did not go to Avondale; those of you who passed up the chance and stayed at home instead because you were afraid you'd lose your boy-friend or because you thought you'd be lonely there, or because you thought you didn't have enough money. Or for some other flimsy reason. I'm not a betting man, but I'll just be prepared to wager a stiff sum like twenty cents that you have moments when you wish with all your heart that you had grasped the nettle and gone. Your young sister did, and now she is Mrs. Missionary somewhere out in the New Hebrides, and comes home with buckets of stories that set you on the edge of your seat. Your girl-friend did, and she came home simply glowing! She found an experience at Avondale that you never dreamed was in her. (The truth is that it wasn't in her; Avondale put it there.) Now she is a leader in the church, but before she went you wouldn't have given a mouldy crumpet for her chances of being a leader of anything more than the hit-and-giggle crowd at the tennis club.

Often, in the silence of your room, deep within your heart, you acknowledge to yourself that you muffed a wonderful opportunity. You may even pass it off as nothing to your friends. "I didn't want to go to Avondale; I'm not the academic type," you say. And you're not! But you know that there are practical subjects that you could have handled and really shone at. And besides, look at that Fergus Sneezeworthy! He was the kid who used to pull your pig-tails in Sabbath school class when you were in Primary Division together. You didn't know he had that sort of ability then, but look at him now! He's an accountant in the Health Food company, and doing very nicely thank you, and everyone says that he has a big future there. A very cluey fellow. But you stayed at home, secure in that tatty little job that is getting you nowhere. And privately you kick yourself for being too timid to launch out into the deep of Avondale.

And those people you know who are making something of themselves in God's organized work were ordinary people. Nothing spectacular about them; you know that. But they somehow caught the gleam at Avondale. They came home with a strange "something" that had them marching to the beat of a different (and more exciting) drum. And you wish it had been you!

And now let me talk to those who are wondering whether they might possibly go to College. I have one word of advice for you. Just one word, believe me. Not a whole catechism of advice, but one single, solitary word. But before I give it to you, let me remind you that even if you do not take up a post in God's work, many a layman blesses the hour when he made the decision to go to College and thus lifted his vision, improved his abilities and made him a whole lot better worker for God in a lay capacity than he would otherwise have been. Many of our leading laymen have caught their vision and lifted their sights by going to Avondale for one year.

Of course, the fees rock you a little. They're just a bit less than it costs to launch a space rocket these days, but the happy story is that for every course at Avondale there are scholarships and assistance and all kinds of means by which that fearsome figure is drastically reduced. In some areas they actually PAY you to attend! Thinking about it? Then here is my word of advice: GO!

Write today for information; tell them you read this and decided to come; they'll put out the red carpet for you; 1977 is going to be a vintage year. Be part of the action!

Robert H. Parr.



Brother Owen Fox (Betikama High School agriculturist) at the controls of the D6.



Graders donated for the W.P.U.M. air-strip development programme.
Photos: C. Winch.

AMERICAN SURGEON DONATES BULLDOZER

COLIN M. WINCH, Youth, Health, Aviation Director, W.P.U.M.

THE ADVENTIST AVIATION SERVICE of the Western Pacific Union Mission is now the owner of a D6 Caterpillar bulldozer. Dr. Marion Barnard and his family have donated \$US12,500 for the purchase of this equipment to enable the construction of air strips throughout the Solomon Islands and New Hebrides.

Late in 1975 Dr. Barnard with his wife, daughter Jo-Ellen (also a surgeon) and an

American nurse, paid a visit to the Solomons and New Hebrides. After travelling in the mission *Aztec*, the *J.L. Tucker*, they were impressed with the speed and convenience of this form of transportation and could see the great advantage of having strips (strategically positioned) sprinkled throughout the area.

Dr. Barnard expressed the desire to see more Australian, New Zealand and American doctors and dentists visit the mission field on working holidays, volunteering their services. He felt the development of airfields in the "back blocks" would allow visiting medicos to

extend the benefits of modern medicine to the people of isolated areas. He envisaged a "Flying Doctor" service in the best traditions.

Being a man of action this big-hearted American doctor has "put his money where his heart is," and you can see the result in the photo. The historic old mission station at Batuna will be the first to benefit with the construction of an air strip. Then, as finance becomes available, the Caterpillar will move around the area constructing aerodromes on Choiseul, Vella Lavella, Ranonga, etc. We would like to see clinics established in connection with these air strips so that modern medical help can be extended to thousands who have no medical facility at this time.

We would solicit your prayers for this development programme, and please accept our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of the regular mission programme.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ME

A. S. JORGENSEN, Field Secretary, Australasian Division

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE HARPER STUDY BIBLE?

I understand that quite a number of these Bibles are being sold in our Adventist Book Centres, with a rubber-stamp imprint, SOLD AS IMPERFECT. I should hasten to add that the warning is intended to relate to the cover, not to the contents! I have secured one and I must say, despite the most careful examination of the typeface and stitching, I cannot fault it.

But now for the question.

The Harper Study Bible is an annotated edition of the Revised Standard Version, edited by Dr. Harold Lindsell, the distinguished editor of *Christianity Today*, and the author of the recently published highly controversial book, "The Battle for the Bible." Dr. Lindsell has outlined each book of the Bible and provided a useful "Introduction" in each instance. The comments are generally quite well done. Dr. Lindsell writes objectively, and usually presents the alternative options in debatable situations. We would not expect, of course, to concur with all his viewpoints; but it is refreshing to find him at times exhibiting a

tolerance and understanding, of which liberal theologians so often boast but, alas, so rarely exhibit!

Second Bible

I would recommend this book as a study Bible, that is, as a helpful second Bible in which one can record one's own references, comments and observations. I would, however, call attention to two matters where considerable care should be exercised.

My first comment relates to the outlines of the Bible books which are superimposed upon the text of Scripture, and my remarks here would likewise apply to any other similarly annotated editions of the Bible. Outlines of Bible books can be extremely useful guides, but by the same token, they can condition one to view a book the way the author of the outline sees it. However, for the general reader, the kind of topical outline which Dr. Lindsell supplies can be a tremendous help, especially when the respective headings are inserted at the appropriate point in the text. Those of us who have had long years of familiarity with the common versions of the Bible may not be aware

of it, but have we ever considered what a formidable undertaking the reading of the Bible must appear to be when one newly comes to the faith, or when a young person faces the unfamiliar format of the regularly printed Authorised Version with its snippet verse-paragraphs, or an English Revised Version with its over-lengthy sections! At least one cannot but appreciate the attractive and inviting type-face achieved in the format of the Harper Bible.

More Serious

A second and more serious matter is Dr. Lindsell's prophetic orientation. Dr. Lindsell obviously favours the futurist interpretation of apocalyptic prophecy, as witness his notes on the Book of Daniel, where his scheme follows closely that adopted in the Revised Scofield Bible. In his coverage of the Book of Revelation his comments are more broadly based, but they certainly assume the locus of an earthly millennial reign. (Seventh-day Adventists, it will be remembered, believe that the reign of Christ with His saints will take place in heaven, not on earth.)

Dr. Lindsell is to be congratulated, however, that he has avoided the excesses to be found in the Revised Scofield Bible, relating to the

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THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF FOUR ARTICLES ENTITLED "CARETAKING—OR TAKING CARE?"

OTHER VOICES

HEDLEY J. EAGER, Principal, Christchurch Adventist School, New Zealand

OUR TITLE SUGGESTS there are two types of voices. Jesus heard them. They were for ever a mixture of music and noise to His ears. There were the children's voices crying "Hosanna!", the sorrow of the widow of Nain, the inquiring and discussing of the doctors and lawyers in the temple, the advice and counsel of his mother and father, the pleadings of the mothers with their helpless babes. There were the Pharisees, the chief priests, Nicodemus, the money-changers. . . . Yes, voices and other voices.

"The Lord requires us to obey the voice of duty, when there are other voices all round us urging us to pursue an opposite course."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 69.

Which voices demanded His attention? From which did He purposely escape? He had to choose.

These other voices are thrown into our lives continually. Which are we going to accept, and from which will we flee?

Have you ever been attracted to the TV or radio programme, newspaper article, magazine, pop-record, or some other "voice," and hesitated to make a decision to resist evil? Notice what Roland Hegstad has to say in his book, *"Mind Manipulators"*: "Every time a resolve or a fine glow of feeling evaporates without positive action, more than a chance to act is lost. Changes in the brain cells actually hinder our acting on future resolutions and emotions." Page 17.

Just think of that! By not acting positively when we could do so, we changed the very structure of our brain cells to make it harder to do what we really wanted to do.

Fixed Patterns

Almost twenty years ago, Dr. J. A. Meerloo in his book, *"Rape of the Mind"*, wrote: "He who dictates and formulates the words and phrases we use, he who is master of the press and radio, is master of the mind. . . . Ready-made opinions can be distributed day by day through press, radio, and so on, again and again, till they reach the nerve cell and implant a fixed pattern of thought in the brain."—*Ibid.*

God has made us with a mind that has a capacity and power far beyond our everyday challenge. What use are we making of it? Is it being just a recipient of the ready-made opinions of others, or are we being challenged by what we hear and see? We have each been given an extremely intricate gift. Within our mind we are able to receive millions of thought stimuli in a fraction of a second. We can quickly assess these and sort out ideas which are good or bad, and those which support truth or error. It depends on how practised we may be at this type of thinking whether we bother to take the effort or not, and whether we are prepared consciously to accept or reject these ideas.

A mother of two small children and a devout viewer of television lived in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. She expressed something of her feelings to a friend in this letter: "I was raised to be thoughtful of people, to involve myself in church and community affairs. Now I realize that something is happening to me. I don't care any more. It's as if my will is paralysed, or as if I am in a trance or dreaming. . . . I can't seem to break out of the mould. It is as if I have become a machine, without feelings, without real compassion for anyone."—*Id.*, page 10.

Calloused

Another TV viewer, a young person, song-writer and record producer, wrote of his reaction this way: "I was becoming calloused and frustrated by needs and problems, starving Biafran children, mass murders, cancer, automobile accidents. My mind seemed to rebel at assimilating any more horror. A dehumanizing process was taking place in me."—*Ibid.*

Surely the one who was master of the news media, and the "other voices" this man was being exposed to, were becoming his master.



In 1973, Dr. J.L. Steinfeld reported, "Every day, some forty million American children aged two through eleven tune into their family television sets for an average of three-and-a-half hours of watching. By age twelve, they total an estimated viewing time of 13,500 hours apiece. . . . In the process, they will have watched 101,000 violent episodes, including an estimated 13,400 deaths."—*Reader's Digest*, April, 1973.

What relevance does this have for us in 1977? On July 22, 1975, Warren Mayne reported in the *Christchurch Star* that the average American at that time viewed from six to six-and-a-half hours of TV daily.

Who is master of the average person's mind today?

Who is master of my mind?

Does what we see really have an influence on what we become?

Dr. Lefkowitz of the New York Department of Mental Hygiene, in 1959 reported on a ten-year study of 184 third-grade boys. At the beginning of the study these boys were eight

years of age. The outcome of his study was most revealing, as quoted by Dr. J. Steinfeld. "Regardless of whether the individual's behaviour at eight was combative or non-aggressive, if he watched high levels of television violence, he was likely to rank high in aggression ten years later."

Minds Moulded?

Does this provide a possible reason for violence of teen gangs, bikies, baby bashing, and merciless beating of children and wives among young parents of our society? Are members of our families being moulded by the minds of a few mercenary TV producers?

What of the magazine racks, the pop-songs, the record bar, the pornographic world? Are these mercenary masters captivating our minds or the minds of our boys and girls?

One thing certainly is in evidence, and that is that there is a master intelligence dominating the evil that surrounds us today. But, as successful as it is, and sometimes even in our own Adventist homes, we do have access to a far greater source of power. Christ Himself said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. Furthermore, we have been given direction by the Lord through His messenger, Ellen White: "The Lord requires us to obey the voice of duty, when there are other voices all around us urging us to pursue an opposite course."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, page 69.

In Control

It is so often easy to say, "These voices don't affect me. I just listen to what I want to, the rest I forget about." If you are reacting even partially this way, you are ignoring the efficiency of the powerfully delicate machinery of your intricate God-given brain cells. These register and record more than voluntary thought. Sensory receptors are at work continuously and so is the seemingly unlimited storage capacity of the human brain, which, unlike most memory banks, in fact all known man-made ones, becomes more and more efficient the more exercise and work it is given. The brain works unconsciously as well as consciously. Because we can choose what we allow our mind to dwell upon and hear, so we are in control of the fine balance needed to feed into our minds those "voices" which will fill our mental storehouse with a pool of pleasant, good, and wholesome ideas that will better aid us to obey the voice of God and better equip us to serve Him and our fellow men.

Are we handling this control wisely?

Are we choosing with our God-given goal in mind?

Perhaps it is time for a check-up, not only on our own minds, but also on the thought-environment of our most cherished possession, our boys and girls.

A RELATIVE NEWCOMER TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA DISCOVERS . . .

THE END OF THE ROAD

JANN GIBBS, Wife of Missionary/Pilot

PORGERA! A name hitherto just a place on the map, but now an outpost we were to visit.

Porgera is virtually at the end of the snakelike road that winds around the precipitous limestone crags of the Western Highlands. Merely seventy-two kilometres due west of Laigam, it nevertheless takes four hours of jolting and bumping, along badly pot-holed roads, to reach this place. The road in parts rises to over 9,000 feet, with eerie, moss-clad trees looming out of the morning mists.

The mission plane, on the other hand, takes just twelve minutes to arrive at the same destination.

After an arduous journey by Land Rover, we were given a warm welcome by the thriving Adventist population of this area, and escorted to the mission compound which is situated directly at the end of the steeply sloping air strip.

Porgera has long been known for its deposits of alluvial gold. We visited this area, seven kilometres from the main town, and were fascinated by the methods used by an Australian company to wash the gold from between the rocks and mud. Many small-time prospectors try to get nibbles at the elusive precious metal as well.



With an experienced tutor, the author prepares a meal, Papua New Guinea style.

Of far greater value, however, are the human gems that make up God's church in this district.

We were spiritually refreshed during this week-end of devotions, highlighted by a meaningful communion service.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DAY IN HAMILTON

E. SMITH, Secretary Health and Welfare Society, Hamilton Church, New Zealand

"WITH SUCH an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the world!"—"Welfare Ministry," page 109. What a wonderful day Hamilton had on Community Services Day, many sections of the church taking part! Pastor Wolfe welcomed a very large congregation to the worship hour of the day. Luke 10:30-37 was read by one of our Welfare ladies, followed by a very delightful song rendered by the ladies' ensemble, which brought Dorcas home to each one of us.

We have one man who is very brave among all the ladies. Although he is a baker by trade, he gets out in his spare time, and gives out W-2 cards. The result is that a lot of good clothing comes into our unit. Our two leaders spoke at length of the work achieved so far this year, of the visiting done at the hospital, and of clothing given to people in need. One of our leaders informed us all that Welfare work is not an old biddys' meeting alone; it involves young and old alike. After all, our Welfare work covers many aspects of work, not just working with old clothes.

We are very fortunate in having Pastor and Mr. Wolfe working with us, and this has given us a big lift. He spoke of what can be done if we work with a will; with God's help an enormous job can be made easier with many members lending a hand.

Our community unit has had a face-lift. Cupboards have been built to hold our goods. At one stage before we had our updated cupboards, we had no end of clothing packed in some very awkward places, and when the door was opened, you got a bump on the head from a fat bag of clothing, the impact almost knocking you to the ground. After the service was over our unit was open to the church members to see what had been done. Beautiful rugs had been knitted, frocks made on our machines, stamps all enveloped ready for sale and baby's bassinette and nicely knitted layette displayed, but no baby! This is a day we shall not forget in a hurry, and we know that God will continue to bless us as we help needy souls.

"From what has been shown me, Sabbath keepers are growing more selfish as they increase in riches. Their love for Christ and His people is decreasing. They do not see the wants of the needy, nor feel their sufferings and sorrows. They do not realize that in neglecting the poor and the suffering they neglect Christ, and that in relieving the wants and sufferings of the poor as far as possible, they minister to Jesus."—"Welfare Ministry," page 39.



Through the morning mists and moss-covered trees appears Porgera, end of the line.
Photos: R. Gibbs.



A light aeroplane left in the wake of Cyclone Joan.



This house is typical of many that were extensively damaged by the force of the cyclone.

NEITHER CYCLONE JOAN NOR ISOLATION CAN HINDER THE . . .

MISSION OUTREACH AT PORT HEDLAND

MRS. DULCIE PARKER

HAVE YOU EVER heard of Port Hedland? Perhaps you should get out the atlas and you'll find it on the Western Australian coast about 1,840 kilometres north of Perth on the coastal highway.

Just over two years ago when we were asked to come to Port Hedland we didn't have much idea where it was, but after travelling up and down the coast to Perth several times, and across to Sydney and back once, we have a reasonable knowledge of its position. I used to think the distance between Melbourne and Sydney (we were in Melbourne before coming here) was a long way, but now I realize that that distance was nothing compared with the isolation of Port Hedland.

Port Hedland is a mining town, or at least a port where iron ore is stored and shipped after it has been brought here by rail. There are two companies operating from Port Hedland—Newman Mining Company and Goldsworthy Mining Company. Newman, being the larger of the two, has very long trains carrying its ore in from the mining town Newman, about 320 kilometres from here. These trains are often pulled by three or four engines, and usually pull 138 or more trucks loaded with ore. Needless to say, the railway line is the longest private track in the southern hemisphere.

Cyclone Joan

The elements didn't offer a very good welcome to Port Hedland, for we had been here only a little over two weeks when the first cyclone came down the coast. Of course, not all

cyclones hit, though we always get some wind and a little rain from them, until they pass us. In 1975 five such cyclones came and went, but the sixth one hit the coast about eighty kilometres south of Port Hedland, and you will see by the photos that quite a lot of damage was done around this town. The Lord's hand was over us, however, as the Adventist homes had very little damage done to them. The little green-and-white plane belonging to the church is stationed here, but it was quite safe, as my husband had flown it to Perth the Friday before "Joan" hit.

Even though we have only a small group of believers here, we are an active group, and do our bit when it comes to Ingathering, etc. The Pathfinders, along with their very able leader, Brother Ron Bower, and also Pastor Lew Parker, assistant Pathfinder leader, and Brother Harry Wrangmore, who came up from Perth to help us (he is also a Pathfinder leader down there), did a tremendous job by going out after school every night for two weeks and collecting \$1,200. Brother Wrangmore was on holidays, by the way, but kindly came all that way to give us a hand, instead of having a lazy holiday somewhere.

In May, 1976, a group of young people from Perth and Harvey also gave up their holidays to come up here and run a V.B.S., or a Happy Holiday Programme as we called it, and also a 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. Both these adventures were most successful and I'm sure there will be stars in the leaders' crowns as a result of their efforts. The local community really appreciated the children's programme, and are very anxious for another one to be run in the near future. The last programme was headed by Brother Morrie Krieg, the assistant Young People's director for Western Australia. But now the Kriegs are heading back to

Victoria, Pastor D. Croft has his hand over things and is organizing another youth missionary trip up this way. So, young folk, if you would like a "holiday with a difference," contact Pastor Croft, our Youth director in Western Australia.



Sister Jackie Browning and her daughter Karen, who were also baptized in the swimming-pool.



Some of the Port Hedland Pathfinders about to set off on the Appeal with Brother Harry Wrankmore.



Pastor Parker baptizes his son Darrin. Photos (except where indicated): D. Parker.

Lounge-dining-church-bedroom

We were privileged to have the Croft family at our last Pathfinder Camp, which was held on a station north of here. We had a wonderful time together, and the children, like all children, were sorry when it was over. On the Sabbath after our campout we had a lovely Investiture service back at Port Hedland in our lounge-dining-room area, which serves as a church. Perhaps you didn't know, but here in Port Hedland we eat, sit and sometimes even

sleep in our church, because when we have a crowd here the lounge-dining area is also used as a bedroom. But things are different now. We have been able to rent the new United Church building for the use of Sabbath school and church. Yes, we badly need a church building, and hope that too many years won't pass by before we've got one.

July 12, 1976, was a thrilling day for everyone at Port Hedland when Sister Jackie Browning and her daughter Karen, and also our

son Darrin, were baptized in our swimming-pool. While there are quite a number of rivers in this area, only a few have flowing water in them, and therefore the swimming-pool came in very handy for this very important occasion.

So, dear reader, you can see that even though we've had problems with cyclones, the Lord still has His hand over His work up here, and we pray that it will soon be finished and we shall all go home to live with Him.



The young people who made the trip from Perth to assist in the missionary outreach at Port Hedland. Front row, from left: Shirley Carstairs, Marlene Carstairs, Mrs. Glenys Krieg, Desiree Sleight, Marg Morgan. Back row: John Rice, Peter Owens, Julian Krieg, Neil Ainsworth, Morris Krieg. Photo: courtesy R. Bower.

PLANNING YOUR GIVING

GORDON A. LEE, Stewardship and Development Director, Australasian Division

WE DO NOT "give" our tithes to God, we "return" them, as the tithe is not ours to give. It is the Lord's. It is holy unto Him and wholly His. Therefore in discussing our giving we are talking about our offerings.

In a previous article entitled "Lessons from the First Fruits," we discovered something about offerings; when we were to set them aside, what attitude we must develop in order for our gifts to be acceptable to God, and something on how we are to determine what is an acceptable gift.

Through the church today the Lord has led us into a masterful organization that ties us as a sisterhood of local churches in every country around the world. By the proper administration and close co-operation of the membership, this sisterhood of churches can and will become the power-filled organization through which the Spirit of God will bring about the final triumph of the gospel.

Specific Areas

There are five specific areas where we, the members of the remnant, may bring our gifts as offerings so that the church may triumph.

1. The divine service offering.
2. The Sabbath school offering.
3. The Youth offering.
4. Special offerings.
5. Combined church offerings through the Stewardship Plan.

Let us examine these one at a time.

1. Each Sabbath at the eleven o'clock service hour we come before the Lord with an offering (Ps. 96:8; Deut. 16:16). These offerings in general are for the operation and spiritual outreach of the local church. On specified occasions they are directed to bless particular areas of our programme, such as education, health, welfare, temperance, disaster and famine, etc.

2. From its earliest times, the Sabbath school has been the rallying centre for the outreach into mission lands. It has been the champion of foreign missions. All Sabbath school offerings are directed for this purpose alone. For twelve Sabbaths each quarter a regular offering is promoted. On the thirteenth Sabbath of the quarter the world-wide call is made for an outstanding effort by all members to support a specific mission project with an overflow. The overflow is currently 25 per cent of the total world offering given on the thirteenth Sabbath.

3. Our youth are very precious to us, and thus through the JMV, MV and Pathfinder work we aim to train and maintain them in Christian fellowship. At the Sabbath afternoon Youth meeting, an offering is taken up which benefits directly the youth of the church. Of recent times in the Australasian Division one-third of this youth offering has been directed to inspiring projects such as "Fly 'n' Build" or "Missionary Volunteer Service."

Special Appeals

4. At various times the church makes appeal to the membership for special financial support of outstanding needs. The Thirteenth Sabbath School Offering overflow is one such appeal. The Week of Prayer Sacrifice offering, Disaster and Famine Relief, the Division College (Avondale) are some examples of where special emphasis is laid, calling for the extra sacrifice.

5. For many years the planning and budgeting for our local church operating costs, development and evangelistic outreach was sadly neglected. Since the formation of the Department of Stewardship and Development, emphasis and order has directed a large number of our churches into successful operation and meaningful outreach into the community. This portion of our offering is returned to the local church treasury through the Stewardship Plan to enhance the combined church budget. Such a programme eliminates the need for appeals to the local church membership for building offerings, Save our Children offerings, Sabbath school expense offerings, and a continuing list of wants to meet special needs. The local church can plan a year in advance and organize the finances for its needs. Such needs may be:

1. Operating expenses—rent, insurance, loan repayments, etc.
2. Departmental expenses—evangelistic outreach through branch Sabbath schools, VBS, nutrition classes, Signs and tracts distribution, youth evangelism, etc.
3. Capital development—church extensions or rebuilding programmes, new equipment or furnishings.

All offerings can thus be categorized in any one of these five areas of giving. We must now consider how we as individuals are going to align ourselves with the total church advancement through our offerings.

No Haphazard Approach

We need to begin our budgeting at home! Remembering our Lord's command that we put Him first, we set aside from our weekly, or fortnightly income, the tithe. Next, as taught us through the first fruits, we determine what amount we will give to the Lord as an offering. In so doing we are taking away the haphazard and careless approach to the presentation of gifts to the Lord, which for so long has been our undoing.

For example, if our weekly income is \$150, we set aside the tithe, i.e., \$15. Prayerfully we enter into partnership with God and determine what further portion we then will return as an offering. ("As a man purposeth in his heart, so let him give.") For argument's sake, let us say we determine to give as an offering an amount equal to the tithe, i.e., \$15. Having made this decision we now determine how we will spread this \$15 over the five areas of returning gifts to the Lord. We may decide to split this equally and put \$3 into each section, i.e., \$3 for Sabbath school, \$3 divine service, \$3 youth, \$3 put aside for special offerings, \$3 for combined church budget.

On the other hand, you may have a burden for some specific area in the church outreach and thus desire to place more emphasis in your giving in that direction. This is your prerogative. God gives to each of us varying talents and interests, and we are called upon to be faithful stewards of these responsibilities.

Now that you have ordered your life according to the divine blueprint and have entered into partnership arrangements with

your Maker, you can expect new and wonderful things to happen in your life. Your interests in God's cause will grow, for "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." You will see the hand of God moving quite distinctly in your life to bless and direct you in many and varied ways. You have now become a channel through which the Lord is going to pour out His heavenly riches to benefit suffering humanity.

Giving Becomes a Habit

"Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankering sins of selfishness and covetousness. God has arranged systematic benevolence to sustain His cause and relieve the necessities of the suffering and needy. He has ordained that giving should become a habit, that it may counteract the dangerous and deceitful sin of covetousness. Continual giving starves covetousness to death."—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 548.

"When Christians are controlled by the principles of heaven, they will dispense with one hand, while the other gains. This is the only rational and healthy position a Christian can occupy while having and still making money."—*Id.*, Vol. 2, page 240.

To many of us this comes as a shock when we sit down and work out our income and what the offering would be if we determined to give an amount equal to our tithe. At first we may stall at the idea and think it an impossibility. This is where the faith factor comes in. This is the "gold tried in the fire" we are called to accept as the remedy for our lukewarmness. If you take the plunge and enter into such a relationship with the King of kings, there is no limit to what He can do in and through you.

Why not prayerfully, actively begin a new experience with the Lord and His cause now, this very week?

WHERE MIRACLES OCCUR

K. J. GRAY, Temperance and Health Director, South Australian Conference

NHULUNBUY (pronounced New-loon-boy) in the district of Gove, one of the northern-most towns on the western shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria, made church history recently with a 5-Day Plan, the first ever to be run in Arnhem land.

Like many another town in this great Northern Territory, it exists solely because of the wealth produced from mining metals and minerals. This one belongs to the Nabalco Company, and produces aluminium from the vast supplies of bauxite being extracted from the red soil of the great plains all over this area. In fact, from the mine to the coast the longest conveyor belt in the South Pacific, I understand, stretches for miles and miles transporting the ore from its source in the bush to a huge refining industry on the coast.

In order to enter this forbidden land, permits are necessary and thorough medical examinations for those who plan to remain, for here are numerous Aboriginal people living under fairly primitive conditions. So what is unusual in running a 5-Day Plan in such a place? First of all, we have fewer than a handful of church members there. Second, due to other commitments, my time was limited to three days only. Third, and perhaps quite unusual, was that the



In his appearances before high-school and primary-school children, Smoking Sam gives a message that convinces boys and girls of the harmful effects of smoking.

Photo: K. Gray.

initiator and co-operator in this plan was the Reverend Bill Clarke, the minister of the United Church of South Australia, and the meetings were held in the hall under his house, fully sponsored by him, and the final two nights taken entirely under his care.

Considerable Interest

Here I would like to quote from a letter received from him: "Well, we certainly missed your spontaneous and infectious enthusiasm on Friday and Saturday evenings. Yet I felt the group spirit was so high that we were able to cope. There is considerable interest in town regarding the 5-Day Plan, and if it consolidates into the form of a definite need and request (or when it does), I will be in touch with you. I've suggested that participants contribute the price spent on cigarettes to the reunion to help make up the shortfall. If they do I'll send that to Glenelg too. I'd be really ungrateful if I didn't express my thanks for the opportunity to work with you; it was really marvellous. Bill."

Quoting from the *Northern Territory News* on July 21, 1976, we have the following:

"A colour film showing a lung-cancer operation will be screened in Darwin on Sunday to introduce a five-night anti-smoking convention. Organized by the Narcotics Education Service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it will be held in the Parap Community Health Centre, corner of Ross Smith Avenue, and Parap Road, Parap. A sort of 'smokers anonymous,' the 5-Day Plan is designed to help people who have an honest desire to stop smoking. The series of five consecutive group therapy sessions will start each night at 7:30 p.m. from Sunday, July 25."

"Is This Where Miracles Happen?"

At the community centre, while we were getting our gear into the hall, a man and his wife arrived with the question, "Is this the place where miracles are about to happen?" We assured them both that if they really wanted to stop and follow our programme, that we could almost guarantee a miracle for them.

On the last night this is the testimony of both Betty and Glen, who in their spare time were singing entertainers, and smoking has greatly affected their voices. Glen is an R.A.A.F. police officer and now a very ardent supporter of the 5-Day Plan.

"In the past I tried many ways, including hypnotism, to stop smoking, and on starting the 5-Day Plan I believed it would take a miracle to achieve this, as all else had failed. If a miracle was needed, you supplied it, and I will for ever be grateful. Best wishes for the future and may God bless.

Betty Eyre, Darwin,
July 1976."

"I would sincerely like to thank everybody concerned with the 5-Day Plan. I can assure you all that your efforts on my behalf have succeeded. I choose not to smoke ever. I know the battle is not over yet, but I now have the confidence in myself, that I do have the will-power not to smoke. For this self-confidence and feeling of well-being, I once again thank you and God for your help. May God bless you and your work. Yours sincerely,

John R. Eyre."

Both of these 5-Day Plans were most successful, and we have at least forty very good friends who are mostly now ex-smokers as a result.

FLINDERS FLIGHT

C. S. ADAMS, President, Tasmanian Conference

FOR THOSE unacquainted with the geography of Bass Strait, Flinders Island is the main larger island in the easterly projection from the heart-shaped island of Tasmania, reaching almost halfway across the strait toward Victoria and continually swept by the prevailing westerlies that bend the trees toward the sun.

Several Adventists have lived on the island at different times, and have left a good name, which partly accounts for the present interest

there. The work currently being done has been made possible by the liberality of the Stanton family in making available their light plane, a Cessna 182, and also by the willing service of the pilot, Brother Allen Southwell, and dedicated laymen with assistance of Conference workers.

As it was my first trip over, I felt that I should tell RECORD readers a little about it.

Four of us took off on Thursday morning, October 28, 1976, from the Civilian Airport, Hobart, under clear skies, and after an hour's flight over mountains and valleys we were out over the ocean, peering down at the rocky string of islands, including Cape Barron and Flinders and many smaller ones, each surrounded by dangerous reefs. This area has claimed the largest number of wrecks for any part of Australasia of a comparable size. Fifty-six hulks are marked on the little map, with hulls and masts still visible in shallow water.

Brother Kuch was at the airport with the Conference car which stays permanently on the island, a car purchased partly with gifts and partly with funds from last year's "Adventure in Faith" offering. Our tasks were twofold: first to complete the Appeal for Missions begun on the previous visit, and second, to meet and further develop interests in various places. The island is sixty kilometres long and contains some excellent farming land. We found a very friendly reception and met some very interesting people tucked away in isolated areas. The following are typical:

Interesting People

We met two elderly ladies, seventy-nine and eighty-one, living away in a hidden forested corner in a house built in the early eighteen hundreds. They chop their own wood, make their own butter from their one cow, but more importantly, they enjoy a talk about the Bible and salvation.

An evening spent in the home of Mr. Goss was also a real experience. He is a hard-working fisherman and bushman, yet alone he finds time to bring up a family of four children. He was called to Sydney recently to appear in a TV show depicting life on this quaint little island. He, too, was glad to hear more of Christ and the signs of His soon return, and is looking forward to our next visit.

At the township of Lady Barron we were very pleased with the number of sincere seekers for truth. One lady has completed the Gift Bible guides and is commencing another course and interesting her husband in Bible study. We had a most profitable hour with her.

A Mr. Bryant was eager to get an answer to a number of questions, e.g., "Why do many churches say the law is done away with?" He was interested to learn that there was really only one reason out of the ten possibles (ten commandments). The forty-five-minute discussion in a small kitchen was a success, in spite of two ladies who were not kindly disposed toward us, one listening to a radio and the other baking a cake and getting in the way as much as possible. We have had an open invitation to return there and also to three other homes that were contacted by the other men in the same area.

We invite the prayers of our people for the work in this little-known and isolated corner. We are hopeful of mining some gems from this rocky outpost.



The Stanton family's Cessna 182, which transports laymen and ministers to remote Flinders Island to spread the gospel.

Photo: C. S. Adams.



Siga, Salote and Laisa, assisted by Martha Elisha, wife of Pastor Elisha Goropava, president of Eastern Solomons Mission, demonstrate some mouth-watering Fijian recipes.



Pastor Elisha Goropava (left) leads Mattias from the waters of baptism. Mattias represents the first fruits of the island of Tikopia. Photos: W. Liversidge.

A report on the new departmental-minister-laymen approach to evangelism in the Solomon Islands.

BETTER LIVING CRUSADE IN HONIARA

W. LIVERSIDGE, Lay Activities Director, Western Pacific Union Mission

TAKE FOUR Union departmental directors, mix with them four young, enthusiastic evangelists and add fifty solid, dedicated laymen. Sprinkle the mixture liberally with the health message and the prophecies of Revelation: the ensuing blast will result in a unique and successful approach to public evangelism. It was unique because it was a "first" for Honiara; successful, because it contained the God-given ingredients for success—a health emphasis, and co-operation between the ministry and the laity.

Under the direction of Pastor W. Liversidge, Lay Activities director for the Union, a Better Living Crusade was recently conducted in Honiara containing the foregoing ingredients. Four Union departmental directors were involved right from the beginning. Pastor Colin Winch (Health), Pastor Lui Solomon (Stewardship), Brother Max Miller (Temperance), combined with the writer to present a programme that covered such diverse subjects as physical fitness, vegetarian cooking, smoking, drinking, sex, mental health, youth problems, how to budget your money, fresh air and home treatments.

A Holy Boldness

It was a laymen's show right from the word Go! These faithful soldiers for Christ distributed handbills, invited their friends and contacts, took part in demonstrations (sometimes leading out), conducted Bible-marking classes each night and willingly assumed responsibility for large numbers of interests that needed to be followed up. Praise God for men and women who are not frightened to get involved. They had a holy boldness.

From the outset it was apparent that God was prepared to bless an approach that He Himself had ordained. With a first-night crowd of 1,500 and a last-night audience of nearly 1,000, it was an evangelist's dream. The preaching was shared between Wilson Katovai, Lay Activities director for the Eastern Solomons Mission, and the writer. Each message was preceded by a half-hour lecture-demonstration on one aspect of health and better living. Full credit for organization must be shared by Wilfred Liligeto, Matthew Taupongi and Joshua Lapo, pastors and evangelists who laboured many long hours to prepare the new Kukum church and to co-ordinate the entire programme.

The three-week effort was not without incident. With many leading lights from various churches attending, as well as some pastors, we expected opposition. It came one night in the form of a Catholic priest who stood outside the church in the darkness and sent two of his colleagues into the crowded building with instructions to root out the members of his flock who had dared to attend. One well-known Catholic objected so violently to this kind of pressure that he openly challenged the priest to come in and find out the truth for himself.

Balanced Approach

Peter Salaka, ex-member for Honiara in the government, and well-known rogue around the town, was a frequent visitor. It was a thrill to see the Spirit of God working on the heart of this man; a man who had been to the top in business and government, but now humbled and bankrupt and desperately in need of physical and spiritual healing. Having studied for the priesthood in Sydney, his approach to theology was beautiful, but it wasn't until the chains of alcoholism were broken that he embraced God's last message. He recently came to my office and requested baptism for his

family and himself. When we present the balanced approach to living—the physical and spiritual—we can anticipate lasting conversions to the truth.

About a month ago we witnessed the first baptisms from the programme. Tikopia is a small island in the outer group of the eastern Solomons. With a population of 4,000, this completely Anglican island has long held a fascination for Seventh-day Adventists who believe in taking their message to all the world. Despite opposition from the Bishop of Tikopia and all his relatives, Mattias represented the first fruits of the campaign. A young man who had been contacted initially by two laymen visiting from house to house in the White River suburb of Honiara, he developed into a born-again Christian, who delights in witnessing for Christ. Present to watch his baptism was Walter, another young man from Tikopia who was drawn by the witness of Mattias.

Triumphant Lives

The laymen of Honiara are confident this year of baptizing 100 souls for Jesus Christ. But figures are misleading. The real triumphs of the gospel can be seen in the lives of these faithful members and workers who have experienced the joy of seeing others embrace God's truth. We have seen the fire of God's love spread in Honiara this year till it is entering every house in town. The final outcome of that fire may never be known until Jesus comes. With our right arms greatly strengthened and our confidence in God and His message stronger than ever, we are marching together, ministers and laymen with one aim: to prepare a people to meet the Lord.

"While the law of God requires supreme love to God and impartial love to our neighbours, its far-reaching requirements also take in the dumb creatures that cannot express in words their wants or sufferings. . . . He who loves God not only will love his fellow men but will regard with tender compassion the creatures which God has made."—*"Welfare Ministry,"* pages 47, 48.



Some of the new believers recently baptized at Morphett Vale, South Australia.
Photo: E. Stuart.

LARGE HARVEST IN MORPHETT VALE

E. M. STUART, Assistant to City Evangelist, Adelaide, South Australian Conference

MORPHETT VALE, a southern suburb of Adelaide, has had another large harvest for God's kingdom. As a result of our church's growth, we are now having two services every Sabbath, one at 8.00 a.m. and the other at 11:00 a.m., so that all may comfortably hear the Sabbath service.

What has led to this growth? The working of the Holy Spirit preparing the world for the final crisis; and the vacuum left in men's hearts as they look for certainty in a world so hopelessly divided.

As Pastor G. E. Youlden, our evangelist, has often stated, "What a wonderful hour to be preaching the great Advent message! Never

before has public evangelism been more relevant, more acceptable, or more urgent." The swift current of events is sweeping the people along in its swollen stream. But people are still people with their sins and sorrows, their sadness and sickness, their soul hunger and emptiness; men and women for whom Christ died, needing Him above everything else. As

the prophet Joel said: "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." We must not consider the sky. Now is the time to sow and reap. The fields are white unto harvest . . . urgent harvest.

What has surprised us is the large number of Roman Catholics who have been baptized. They amount to just under 50 per cent of our baptisms. One Catholic man has two brothers who are priests, another has a sister who is a nun; some have been active participants in the Catholic Church for years. One lady who is at present preparing for baptism is the leading catechist.

One man handed a cheque to Pastor Youlden after one meeting. The cheque was his tithe. This amount was large enough to repay the whole mission budget, with \$1,000 to spare. Another man, who turned down work opportunities and financial gain because he had heard about God's Sabbath, was promoted to manager. This position has helped him financially, as well as providing greater scope for his abilities; and his Sabbaths are free. I know this young man testifies to the Lord's leading in his life and has sure evidence of how God's promises are fulfilled.

Many folk have had to stand for Christ and His will amid great opposition. Threats of death and banishment from the rest of the family have not deterred others from taking their stand.

One of the most pleasing features of any evangelist's work is to see active laymen leading others to Christ. A young married couple were baptized recently as the result of a lay member who contacted them during the Appeal for Missions, and then studied with them for several months.

In our next baptism an It Is Written interest is being baptized. This man was also contacted by a layman who has continued to study with him, lending him cassette tapes of our evangelistic meetings.

During the year 1976 we took laymen with us to Bible studies in order to train them for greater service in 1977. We are confident that with the Lord's blessing we shall yet see "greater things."

SIX BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

N. K. PEATEY, Communication Director, C.P.U.M.

BROTHER PULEIA ONESEMO, Sabbath school director for the Samoa Mission, tells the story of how one blind Samoan lady started a branch Sabbath school which was so successful that other members of her home Sabbath school were finally inspired to conduct a total of six branch Sabbath schools.

Si'imoa, though blind, had a burden to work for the Lord and to witness for Jesus, especially after a visit to her church of Pastor Fereti Puni (Mission president) and Brother Puleia Onesemo. During their visit they had promoted the need for more evangelism through the Sabbath School. Si'imoa prayed about her burden, and as she witnessed to her neighbours she was inspired to invite them with their

children to a branch Sabbath school which she would conduct with the help of her daughter. Si'imoa had her daughter conduct the singing, but she always led out in the Scripture herself. As the programme progressed, she invited Brother Onesemo to visit her successful branch Sabbath school. He was amazed at just how many children and their parents were attending. He was happy to conduct the programme with his wife that Sunday. As the weeks went by, one of the children requested that the programme be conducted in his home, which evidently had more space and better facilities. God surely looked down and was pleased with the efforts of this dear old blind lady, for now many of the children and some of their parents are keeping the Sabbath and studying the Bible in preparation for baptism.

These results interested the church pastor,

who then challenged his members to follow the example of Si'imoa. Now that Sabbath school in Western Samoa has six branch Sabbath schools operating each week, inspired and enthused by Si'imoa, the old blind lady who did what she could with what she had. The members of that Sabbath school now firmly believe that "The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*"Counsels on Sabbath School Work,"* page 10.

THE LAMPSTAND

"Shine as lights in the world"
Shine forth, O light of God indwelling,
May the flame burn clear and bright
Fed by that pure and endless oil,
The Spirit filling me. Let not
This flesh, this mortal lamp, obscure
The brightly burning flame. O God,
Let not the lampstand intervene
Or claim the glory for itself.
May it be clean, and plain, and yielded
To the holding of that precious
Oil, flaming, burning brightly
That the world may see Christ.

—Joan H. Lyon.

ANSWERS TO PHILQUIZ

from page 3

1. True.
2. True. His opposition to Adventists changed when he met a Seventh-day Adventist minister at the funeral of his sister.
3. True. He became Queensland Conference president in 1912.
4. True. Pastor Watson's abilities could have earned him a fortune in business, but they did far more good for his church.
5. True. He was first president of the Australasian Conference Association Limited. This is a legal organization which prevents church property falling into wrong hands.
6. True.
7. True. Pastor Watson's financial abilities were such that it is claimed it is difficult to see the mark of the Depression on the books of the church. Guided by God, his policies saved the church from financial disaster in many ways.
8. False. From 1930 to 1936, Seventh-day Adventist world-wide membership increased from 314,000 to 438,000. Financial pressures caused a drop in the number of evangelistic workers in the first few years, but this was made up. Overall, the number of evangelistic workers increased from 10,988 to 12,589. Pastor Watson's sanctified financial genius helped find the money to pay for this increase.
9. True. But even after this strenuous job, he still took the important role of Australasian Division president.
10. True. The Avondale male residence building, Watson Hall, is named after C. H. Watson.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK ME

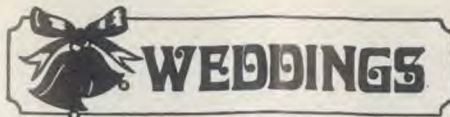
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present position of the Jews as yet embraced within the eternal purpose of God and the consequent parenthetical role of the Christian church, as witness his excellent note on Rom. 11:25 in which he underscores the truth that "the new Israel is of all races and tongues." We can agree with him, too, when he adds that "substantial numbers of Israelites will turn to God in Christ before the end of the present age. The converts will be saved in exactly the same way and by the same means as anyone is being saved today." The writings of the Spirit of Prophecy say the same thing.

My whole point is simply a word of gentle warning that we exercise due care when we read Dr. Lindsell's comments on Daniel and the Revelation.

"The perfect fruit of faith, meekness, and love often matures best amid storm clouds and darkness."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* page 61.

"Knowledge humbleth the great man, astonisheth the common man, and puffeth up the little man."—*The War Cry.*



Would those who send notices of weddings and obituaries please remember that two facts must be included in every notice. These are the date and the place at which the death (or burial) or wedding took place. Without this information the notices cannot be published. Correspondents are reminded that wedding details must be limited to ninety words and obituaries to one hundred and twenty words.—Editor.

KAOUKLIS—HEMSLEY. The Upper Room in the centre of Brisbane provided the venue for the marriage of Tony Kaouklis and Cherie Hemsley. It was at this outreach centre that Tony first met Cherie and first became acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On Sunday, October 17, 1976, at 11:30 a.m., Tony and Cherie exchanged their wedding vows in the presence of a group of well-wishing family and friends. A beautiful wedding breakfast was later provided by the staff of the Upper Room. Tony and Cherie have established their home in Brisbane, where they will continue to witness for their Lord.

D.G. Stacey.

MAGERL—BROMFIELD. On a beautiful sunny afternoon, October 24, 1976, Ronald Alexander Magerl, son of Brother and Sister Kurt Magerl of Double View, Western Australia, and Vonnie Bromfield, daughter of Brother and Sister Burdon of Claremont, Tasmania, met at the altar in the Osborne Park Seventh-day Adventist church, Western Australia, to exchange wedding vows. Relatives and many friends gathered at the church to witness this happy event. Later, at the reception in the home of Brother and Sister Magerl, the guests shared the joy of the happy couple and joined together in wishing Ron and Vonnie God's richest blessing and every happiness as they establish another Christian home in Perth.

H. G. Bone.

MCNEILL—STONEMAN. On Sunday, November 7, 1976, Simeon McNeill and Ann Stoneman were united in marriage at the Presbyterian church (in which the Adventists hold their services), Mooroolbark, Victoria. Simeon is the eldest son of Mr. L. McNeill and Mrs. D. Newell, and Ann is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stoneman. Later, relatives and friends joined with the bride and groom at the reception in the Presbyterian Hall. May the blessing of Heaven continue to be with these two young people as they set up their home together.

J.P. Holmes.

READ—SATCHELL. In the Dundas church, New South Wales, decorated with an abundance of flowers arranged by Mrs. E. Long, Peter Leslie Read, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Read, well-known members of the Dundas church, and Janine May Satchell, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Jean Satchell, linked their lives as one on October 28, 1976. Many relatives and friends gathered at the church and then later at the Wahroonga Activities Centre to wish the young couple every joy and happiness as they begin another Christian home in the Sydney area.

G.W. Maywald.

SPERRING—SHIELDS. It was a happy occasion when many relatives and friends gathered at the Perth City church, Western Australia, to witness the marriage of Lyndon Sperring, formerly of Melbourne, and Beth Shields, of Perth. Lyndon and Beth have many well-wishers as they set up home in Perth. It is a joy to see two dedicated young people accept the responsibilities of marriage intelligently and with a desire to demonstrate to the world the advantages of Christian living.

D. W. Croft.

SIMPSON—HAYES. In the Lakemba church, New South Wales, on November 3, 1976, Paul Robert Simpson and Narelle Glenda Hayes exchanged vows of love and loyalty and were united in the bonds of Christian marriage. Loved ones and many friends shared in the blessings of this joyous and memorable occasion. Paul is the son of the late Leonard and Marjorie Simpson, and Narelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes of Yagoona. The prayers and good wishes of all continue with this dedicated couple as they establish another Christian home as a blessing in the community.

Ralph Tudor.

TOOLEY—WEST. Monday, October 25, 1976, was the chosen day and the Wanganui church, New Zealand, the chosen venue, for the wedding of Cranville Craig Tooley and

Rona Maree West. The union of these two lives brought real happiness to the families and friends who had gathered to rejoice with the happy couple. As they establish a Christian home in Wanganui, we pray that the blessing of God will rest upon them and their home.

E. S. Kingdon.

WAREHAM—WOLFE. It was a happy day for Bruce Wareham and Donetta Wolfe when, on November 14, 1976, they were joined together in marriage in a garden setting at Warburton, Victoria. Bruce is the second son of Mrs. Alma Sibley and the late Mr. Ted Wareham of Warburton, and Donetta is the youngest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Eric Wolfe of New Zealand. The relatives and friends who gathered for the occasion wish them well as they start out in life together. We pray that theirs will indeed be a true and happy Christian home.

J.P. Holmes.

WEST—SODEMAN. Nuptials were celebrated for Robert West and Lee-Anne Sodemans in the Watson Hall chapel, Avondale College, New South Wales, on September 6, 1976. The groom and bride are the children of the Jack Wests of Parramatta, New South Wales, and the Roy Sodemans of Cooranbong, New South Wales, respectively. After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was enjoyed by many friends and relatives in a most convivial celebration to bid the newly-weds every happiness in their future wedded bliss. Robert and Lee-Anne have made their home in Sydney.

H. J. Bolst.

WINTER—KOOYMAN. The Toronto church, New South Wales, was the setting chosen by Terryanne Kooymans and Brian Winter as they exchanged the sacred vows of marriage on Sunday, October 31, 1976. Terryanne is the younger daughter of John Kooymans and the late Martha Kooymans, and Brian is the only son of Arthur and Pearl Winter of Wilson's Creek, New South Wales. As this young couple reside at Bonnell's Bay, may the Lord always be the head of their home and the King of their lives. S. G. Winter.



ASHCROFT. On October 15, 1976, Ernest Richard Ashcroft laid down the burdens of this life after seventy-six years as a warrior for his Lord, and awaits the call of the Life-giver in the Wangaratta Cemetery, Victoria. To his dear wife, Doris, and to his sons, Richard (Dick) and John, and to their families and many friends who knew the value of the life of Ern, our sympathies are extended. Together with them we trust in "the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort" till that day when all shall meet again.

H.E. Roberts.

CORMACK. William Herbert Cormack passed to his rest at his home in Alstonville, New South Wales, on November 14, 1976. Bill's great love for the Lord and his confidence in the blessed hope enabled him to accept suffering and death with unusual courage and cheerfulness. His life was a continual testimony of praise for the goodness of the Lord. At the Lismore church and the Goonellabah Lawn Cemetery, messages from the great promises of the reward reserved in heaven for them that love the Lord comforted the mourners. These included his wife, Evelyn, his sons David and Barry, his brothers, Pastor Jim Cormack, and Bob, and his sister Grace (Mrs. A. Wills), and relatives and friends. Pastor Jim Cormack graciously assisted the writer at the service.

F.M. Slade.

DICKER. Rubina Dicker was a faithful member of the Prospect church, South Australia, until she passed to her rest on October 11, 1976, at the age of eighty-five years. This respected and exemplary Christian lady was committed to the Saviour's care in the Dudley Park Cemetery until He comes.

H.G. Josephs.

FRANCIS. It was on October 18, 1976, that the friends and family of George Francis, of Nowra, New South Wales, gathered together at the Nowra Seventh-day Adventist church, to entrust him to the Lord's keeping until the day of the resurrection. Brother Francis, who was aged eighty-eight, and his wife, Dora (deceased), had been baptized under the ministry of Pastor Bryce Andrews. Ill-health had confined him to a nursing home for the last few years of his life, but he was always of good faith in the Lord. He now awaits the call of the Life-giver in the Nowra Cemetery.

E. L. Garry.

GIBLETT. Our church members living on the North Shore, Sydney, were saddened at the news of the unexpected passing of Marcus Vane Giblett in the Royal North Shore Hospital, New South Wales, on October 28, 1976. Marcus was born in Lismore fifty-six years ago. He and his wife Jean attended the Wairoonga church. Dr. A.P. Salom associated with the writer in bringing Scriptural comfort to his beloved wife, their three sons, John, David and Paul, and other relatives present at the services held in the Wairoonga church and at the Northern Suburbs Lawn Cemetery on October 29. The theme at these crowded services was the certain hope of a glorious resurrection for God's saints on the day of His return. L.C. Naden.

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Speaker: Pastor A. L. Tolhurst
- Feb. 6, 2.30 p.m. **Dedication & Official Opening**
Speaker: Pastor C. D. Judd

Conference Session and Camp Meeting

The eightieth session of the Victorian Conference will be held at the Nunawading convention grounds from January 12-14, 1977. This will be followed by the eighty-eighth camp meeting on January 14-22, 1977.

At the session the business of the Conference will be conducted in harmony with the constitution. Reports will be presented by the departmental directors and officers for the years 1974-75, with current figures for 1976 operating.

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FLASHPOINT

☆ WE SEND THIS ISSUE OUT before Christmas, but it is really the first number for 1977. It is therefore fitting that I offer you the good wishes of the editorial staff for 1977, which I do with the warmest of hopes for your continued good health, and may you long be spared to be one of our readers. May 1977 see a great advance in the spirituality of our people—and that means all of us, and God bless every outreach that may be made in His name in 1977. And thank you for your constant support during 1976. Have a happy year!

☆ That Mary Stellmaker! She wants me to tell you that the 1977 Fly-In will be held at the Cooranbong air strip over the week-end of January 29-31, with appropriate meetings at the Avondale Memorial church on the Sabbath. Mr. Wes Guy, Australasian Division Chief Pilot, will be taking the divine service, and will be doing testing at the air strip on the Sunday and Monday. There will be lectures for pilots by a Department of Air Safety officer, and pilot discussion periods. To honour the wives of the pilots, who spend many a week-end alone while their husbands are skipping about in the clouds, a tea for pilots and their wives will be held this year. A nice touch. You know, I don't mind making mention of a thing like this, but that Mary Stellmaker! You know what she said? I quote her letter (in part) directly: "... but whatever you do, don't put this note in your pocket, like last year." You sure know how to hurt a chap, Mary!

☆ But to pleasanter touches. Erwin Gane is an Australian (married to Winsome Baron, whose parents live in Waitara, Sydney) who is well entrenched in the Pacific Union College on the staff there. Word comes through that he has just been notified that he was successful in his recent examinations, etc., and is now Erwin Gane, Ph.D. To Dr. Gane we offer our congratulations. His area of special interest is church history. He must know his share of the subject; his dissertation on his theme ran to a marathon 452 pages. Dr. Gane, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Roy Gane of Asquith, Sydney, his wife and two sons (aged twenty-one and nineteen) arrived in Sydney on December 12 for a well-deserved furlough.

☆ CALLS AND TRANSFERS DEPARTMENT:

- Pastor J. K. Hankinson, from departmental director, South New South Wales Conference, to Communication/Sabbath School/Lay Activities and Publishing director, W.P.U.M.

- Ken Boehm, from Union building supervisor, P.N.G.U.M., to Union building supervisor, C.P.U.M.

- Pastor G. Williams, from evangelism, South Queensland Conference, to lecturer in Practical Theology, Avondale College.

- Pastor C. G. Allen, from departmental director, North Queensland Conference, to Communication/Sabbath School and Lay Activities director, South New South Wales Conference.

- P. B. Brewin, from assistant treasurer, P.N.G.U.M., to treasurer, P.N.G.U.M.

- A. R. Butler, from assistant Business manager, Sonoma College, to assistant treasurer, P.N.G.U.M.

- K. A. Carr, from accountant, Carmel College, to assistant Business manager, Sonoma College, P.N.G.U.M.

☆ *South Pacific Profile*, the film made by the Australasian Division, has received the Film of Merit Award in the 1976 Golden Target Public Relations Awards competition. The Golden Target Awards competition is conducted annually by the Public Relations Institute of Australia to give deserved recognition to outstanding public relations programmes and to stimulate and encourage improved public relations performance and technique. Entries must make an important contribution to the profession and be representative of the best public relations objectives. Pastor M. G. Townend, as chairman of the Division-appointed three-man *South Pacific Profile* film committee, received the award last Thursday evening (November 25) at a presentation banquet held at the Royal Motor Yacht Squadron, Point Piper. Mr. R. Bruce Jackson, who with his wife and Pastor and Mrs. Townend, represented the Division at the banquet, said that the presentation of the award to the church was in itself excellent public relations and the judges' statement of evaluation was a good public relations exercise for the church. Awards went to M. G. Townend (chairman/producer), Eric Were (photography and script), Warren Judd (sound editor), Geoff Batchelor (sound recording) and Alistair Duncan (narration). There were something like thirty-six films entered. Co-sponsors of the awards were Australian Pulp and Paper Mills, Colonial Sugar Refineries and Unilever Australia. Splendid work, men!

☆ **APPEAL TO DATE:** The figures collected to date for the Appeal for Missions for the two Union Conferences are as follows: T.T.U.C. \$669,879; T.A.U.C. \$309,944.

☆ **SCHOOL VISIT:** David Faull, principal of Navesau Junior Secondary School, Fiji, reports the visit of Pastors Kabu and Ilimo to the school to conduct a large baptism and an even larger investiture. Sixty-one candidates (mainly students) were baptized in the Wainibuka River. One hundred and fifty-six Pathfinders were invested on the same day.

☆ **TONGAN YOUTH NEWS:** Fonua Ofa, Youth director of Tonga and Niue Mission, reports an investiture service at Nuku'alofa when 102 Pathfinders were invested. Brother Fonua is expecting to invest another sixty Pathfinders at Tonga's Beulah College shortly.

☆ MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS:

- Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sontor and family are in on furlough from the Central Pacific Union Mission, where Brother Sontor serves as principal of Fulton College.

- Pastor and Mrs. R. W. Townend and family have arrived in Brisbane for furlough. Pastor Townend is district pilot at Kainantu in the P.N.G.U.M.

- Mrs. Melva Winch and family have arrived in Sydney for furlough. Pastor Winch will be with them by the time you read this.

- Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Butler and family are in Sydney on furlough from the P.N.G.U.M., where Brother Butler has been assistant Business manager at Sonoma Adventist College.

- Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Dyson and family have arrived in Sydney for furlough. Pastor Dyson is president of the Sepik Mission in the P.N.G.U.M.

- Pastor and Mrs. P. E. Roennfeldt and their children arrived in Brisbane on furlough from the P.N.G.U.M., where Pastor Roennfeldt serves as evangelist and District director, Port Moresby.

☆ "Finally, brethren . . .": The closest any of us get to perfection is when we fill out a job application form.