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OUTREACH IN SOUTH QUEENSLAND STRENGTHENED BY . . .

DEDICATION OF NEW AEROPLANE

R. W. TOWNEND, President A.A.A., South Queensland



In the foreground is the new Cessna 206. Behind it is the soon-to-be-sold "Laurie Shields."
Photos: M. Kennaway.

THE THREATENING CLOUDS of Cyclone Cliff hung heavy over Archerfield aerodrome on Sabbath afternoon, February 14. Interested people from all over the Brisbane area, as well as some from the country and interstate, gathered in a hangar which had graciously been made available to the church for the dedication of the conference plane.

As the rain came down, Brother Murray Hallam welcomed those brave souls who had ventured out on such an uninviting Sabbath afternoon. He then introduced the various sections of the programme which included a rēsūmē of the history and work of aviation in the Australasian Division. Specific mention was made of the work being done by the Adventist Aviation Association in South Queensland.

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DEDICATION OF NEW AEROPLANE

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In his message of dedication, the conference president, Pastor Harold Harker, stated his full support for the concept of aerial evangelism in the vast western portions of this conference.

The name of the plane had been kept a closely guarded secret right up to the time of unveiling. Pastor Len Barnard had travelled up to Brisbane with a group of members of the North New South Wales A.A.A., and he was called upon to remove the covering over the name of the new plane. He was somewhat flabbergasted when his own name was revealed, painted in tidy script on the engine-cowling of the plane.

It is indeed fitting that this plane should be named after one who for so many years has been looked upon as the mentor of Adventist aviation in both the mission field and home conferences of this Division.

The plane is an almost new six-seater Cessna 206, and it will greatly increase the effectiveness of the outreach programme by its increased capacity. The smaller aircraft previously operated by the conference will be sold.

South Queensland A.A.A. is currently working in the towns of St. George, Mitchell and Charleville. In each of these places a dedicated Adventist layman is located on the ground to cultivate the interest developed.

Later this year, a fly 'n' build team will construct a church in the town of Roma where an Adventist minister is now located. Over the years, A.A.A. has done much work in this town, and it brings much joy to the members of the association who worked so consistently in this outback town.

We ask for your continued prayers and support for A.A.A. and those who will travel in this plane from week to week as it wings its way to the far corners of the South Queensland Conference. ##



The Cowes company on one of the high days. Pastor Beaty, from Leongatha and Bayles, was there to conduct the service, and a number of visitors added to the numbers.

Photo: P. Lixner.

Small Flock Seek Shepherd

L. STEED, Editorial Assistant, RECORD

ONE OF THE most popular tourist and holiday spots around Melbourne, Victoria, is Phillip Island. Located approximately 140 kilometres to the south-east of the city, the island offers sparkling surf beaches, sailing and fishing facilities, sand dunes and rocky outcrops, koala sanctuaries, fairy penguin parades and a thriving seal colony.

The island has managed to maintain its priceless heritage of geography, flora and fauna in spite of the bumper-to-bumper crowds and the thousands of holiday homes which dot the landscape. Yet there is an endangered species on the island—the local company of Seventh-day Adventists.

Last Sabbath it was my privilege to share some of the promises and certainties of God's Word with this small but faithful band. The services are held in a shop on the main street of Cowes, the town centre of the island, yet a sense of reverence and dedication dominates.

These people are fellow believers, part of the great Adventist family. The sad part of the story is that they feel isolated and almost forgotten by their brothers and sisters in Christ. Pastor H. W. Beaty, who cares for the Leongatha and Bayles churches, located eighty to one hundred kilometres from each other and from Cowes, visits whenever he can, but he cannot hope to devote sufficient time to this small company. On occasions other pastors visit for the Sabbath services. Such fleeting visits serve to heighten the Cowes company's sense of need for a full-time pastor on the island.

As I left Cowes after the 3 to 5 p.m. services, church member Mrs. P. Lixner repeated their request for a pastor. "Surely there is a retired pastor somewhere who is willing to come here and work for the upbuilding of the Cowes company?" She gave me the accompanying photograph, taken on a day when a number of visitors and Pastor Beaty (in waistcoat) were present. "Let the readers of the RECORD know of our need," she requested.

After Paul received the dream urging him to "Come over to Macedonia and help us," he lost no time in obeying the summons to service. The call from Phillip Island is, "Come over and pastor us." Surely such a call cannot go unanswered! ##



His face beginning to register disbelief, Pastor Len Barnard unveils the name on the new Cessna.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Church Leaders Visit King of Sweden

The president and secretary-treasurer of the Swedish Union were granted an audience with the King of Sweden, His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf, during which they presented to him the Swedish church's centennial celebration book. During the interview they were able to share with him information on and answer questions concerning our church's beliefs and activities in Sweden and abroad. The king admitted that he knew little about our church. He asked a great number of questions and listened with interest to all he was told. He mentioned that there had been religious services at the school he attended and it seemed apparent that he regretted the disappearance of Christian religious instruction in Swedish schools.

In an article from the pen of Ellen G. White that appeared in the *Review and Herald*, April 26, 1892, she made an urgent appeal to us not to forget "kings, governors and great men" in our work.

Evangelistic Harvest in Inter-America

In the Inter-America Division 4,035 baptisms resulted from seven evangelistic crusades conducted by evangelist Kenneth Cox and the Prophecy Crusade team. The crusades were conducted in Port-au-Prince, Guadeloupe, Trinidad, Guatemala, Panama, San Jose and Bogota. They brought inspiration and spiritual strength to the church workers, members and new believers.

Review and Herald Publishing Association Selects New Site

On March 20, 1980, the joint constituency of the Southern and Review publishing houses concurred with a 1979 Annual Council recommendation to bring the two publishing houses together under one roof in a new location. A search committee was appointed to locate a new site. The new site selected is located at Hagerstown, Maryland, within an hour and a half driving time from the General Conference headquarters. It is a beautiful 127-acre site on Interstate 70, and commands a magnificent view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The State of Maryland and Washington County, in which Hagerstown is situated, have given the project outstanding support. The brethren have felt God leading every step of the way in the selection of this site, and eagerly look forward to developing it.

Growth in Southwestern Union

Baptisms totalled 12,365 in the Southwestern Union Conference of U.S.A. during the past quinquennium, and total membership increased from 32,991 in 1975 to 40,121 by December 31, 1980. The number of churches increased by 340 to 405.

A stewardship story reported at the Union's session was the Argyhly Plantation gift from the Rex Collicott family, of which the multimillion dollar value of the mineral rights cannot yet be estimated. Royalties will be divided among five areas.

Canada Distributes Two Million Signs

Two million homes are being lit for God across Canada through the introductory issue of *Signs of the Times*. This is the first step in lighting all homes in Canada. Within three years

they are hoping to place in every home in Canada a free introductory copy of *Signs of the Times*. Some churches are covering their entire mission field this year, some next year, but all are planning to have every home covered for God by 1983.

Korean Adventist College Completes Largest Auditorium in Far East

A 3,000-seat auditorium has been completed on the campus of Korean Union College, near Seoul. The multipurpose building is the largest such facility in the territory of the Far Eastern Division. It was completed during the seventieth anniversary celebration of the founding of Adventist work in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

Seven Non-Adventist Congregations Join Church in Haiti

Seven congregations that have been affiliated with other denominations (approximately 1,000 persons) have expressed their desire to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Haiti Mission. Officers of the mission and the Franco-Haitian Union Mission have visited with these Christians, and have found them to be firm believers.

Southern Union Forges Ahead

During the past quinquennium, church membership in the Southern Union Conference in U.S.A. rose from 78,795 to 99,186. Ninety-eight new churches were organized, 118 new buildings constructed, and an additional twenty-one buildings are under construction. All of the departments of the church registered excellent growth during the five-year period.

While in 1970 there was one Seventh-day Adventist for every 535 people in the territory of the Southern Union Conference, at the end of 1980 there was one Seventh-day Adventist for every 396 people. The president, Pastor McClure, has challenged the constituency to move forward by faith toward an objective of 140,000 members in the Southern Union Conference by 1985.

Pacific Union Registers Progress

With a membership of 140,595, not only is the Pacific Union Conference the largest union in the North American Division, but it also is the third largest of the eighty-three union conferences comprising the world field. During the quinquennium, 33,357 members were added by baptism and profession.

Black Churches in U.S.A. Report Healthy Growth

There are 127,599 members in the regional conferences and black churches in the Pacific and North Pacific Union Conferences. Nearly \$30 million tithe was turned in, and 9,237 persons were baptised during 1980. An increase in baptisms of 10 per cent is anticipated in 1981. A goal of 100,000 *Message* magazine subscriptions for 1981 has been set.

Two Conferences Merge

The Colorado and Wyoming Conferences in North America have united and formed the new Rocky Mountain Conference. This conference will have nearly 15,000 members and ninety-six churches, and will comprise the states of Colorado, Wyoming, and San Juan County, New Mexico. It is the largest conference in the Mid-American Union. ##



THE BLESSED HOPE

WHEN WE ARRIVED in Australia we wondered whether the blessed hope, "the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" could have any relevance, any significance, for the people of this favoured land. You see, it's easy to preach about, and long for, the second coming of Jesus in areas of the world where war, turmoil, tension, strife and upheaval prevail. In some parts of earth thousands are dying of starvation. In other areas thousands have lost their homes, their belongings, their children—everything. We've all read about large numbers who have taken to the high seas on self-constructed rafts; on anything that will float. The more fortunate have found refuge on friendly shores. Unnumbered thousands of others have perished in the cruel sea. In such situations the second coming of Jesus is indeed the blessed hope. In such areas of earth, the persecuted, the starving, the strife-stripped, the homeless, the war-emaciated multitudes cry out in desperate expectancy "How long, O Lord . . .?" Rev. 6:10.

But in beautiful Australia, a land of peace, prosperity and plenty—here it was different! What kind of response would a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist get from an Australian audience if he spoke to them about the second coming of Jesus? Would he sound as if he were speaking a foreign language? Would it fall on the ears of his listeners like an idle tale?

We hadn't been here many weeks before we discovered that even Australia needs Jesus to come again! One of the first things that hit us was the story of a young couple whose ten-week-old baby had been snatched from their tent by a dingo while they were holidaying at Ayer's Rock. Then we were told about five of our young people who were killed when their light plane crashed on a flight from Kangaroo Island after attending an Adventist youth fellowship. We were also told about three children from one family in South Australia who disappeared without a trace, and from that day to this the mystery of their disappearance has never been solved. Right during our Victorian conference camp came the tragic news of the death of one of our Lilydale Academy students. Last Saturday night (for me as I pen these lines), one of our young men from the Signs Publishing Company was killed in a car smash. To all those affected by tragedies such as these, the second coming of Jesus is indeed the blessed hope. Though but a small fragment of the total picture of human tragedy, they come our way to remind us not to sink our roots too deeply into this sin-cursed old world which is soon to pass away. They shock us into the recognition that we're still in the enemy's territory. They cause us to pray with renewed intensity, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20!

And lest anyone who reads these lines is "having it so good" that you feel no need to pray that prayer, let me share with you a few thoughts that may help you see things in a different light.

"Our sin-scarred old world looks beautiful to us because it is all that we have ever known. But if we could see it side by side with the world as it was before the intrusion of sin, we would realise that what seems so lovely to us is like a faded rag in comparison with the magnificent original.

"We need have no fears that God is going to *spoil* anything in

the accomplishment of His eternal purpose. We can be absolutely satisfied that if the world He is about to destroy is a magnificently beautiful one, the one He produces will be infinitely *more* magnificent and beautiful. We love the sight and sound of a cascading river. In God's new world there will also be rivers: they will be much more lovely than the loveliest rivers we now know. We find delight in the sight of a field of flowers. In God's new world there will also be flowers; their shades will be more delicate and brilliant than anything we have ever seen or can possibly imagine. We catch our breath at the grandeur of a forest of stately trees. In God's new world there will also be trees: more impressive and perfect in form than any in whose shade we have ever walked. **Take all the colour pictures your mind has ever stored of our beautiful world, and project them onto the screen of eternal perfection by means of the powerful beam of God's omnipotence, and you will have a tiny glimpse of what God's tomorrow will be like.**

"We cannot escape the realisation that the beauty we so much admire and dread to think of as passing away, is at best marred and tainted. The most beautiful scene we have ever seen has, alas, been smudged with the ineffaceable mark which the reign of sin has imprinted upon it. The lovely rivers which have inspired our poets to produce such eloquent eulogies, are often polluted with waste and disease. The majestic mountains that guard like giant fortresses, the valleys smuggling at their feet, have cold, cruel hearts that mercilessly claim the lives of untold thousands of their devotees. The fascinating, ever-changing ocean with its thousand-stringed orchestra, plays not only tunes of tranquillity and peace but also of death and destruction. The floral-and-green carpet of woodland and meadow has all too often been dyed red with the youthful blood of the noblest and best of earth's sons. Ah, yes, there is plenty to remind us that, beautiful as our world may be, it is nevertheless a vale of tears, a house of suffering, a stage of tragedy. In God's tomorrow every prospect that now brings gladness to the human heart will endure, multiplied by infinity. Every element that now fills the heart of man with dread and foreboding, and that mars the memory of what is beautiful, will be removed eternally. "He will make an utter end." An end to suffering. An end to pain. An end to sickness. An end to sorrow. An end to death. An end to war. An end to crime. An end to dissipation. An end to injustice. An end to poverty. An end to slavery, in its many subtle forms. An end to parting. An end to separation. An end to selfishness. An end to hypocrisy. An end to sin. An end to *everything* that spoils the perfection of God's creation; everything that blights the happiness of His children."*

Whatever you're enjoying in life now that is in harmony with God's will, you'll enjoy infinitely more in God's tomorrow, unspoiled by the presence of evil, without the blight of sin.

The second coming of Jesus is the blessed hope when your heart aches. And if it has nothing to ache about, let it ache for the countless men and women whose hearts do. Then you will pray for *their* sake, even if not for your own, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

G. E. Garne.

* From the writer's book, "God's Tomorrow," published by Sentinel Publishing Association in South Africa.

Ordination of Youth Leader

E. B. PRICE, Communication Director, Greater Sydney Conference

A LARGE NUMBER of young people were among the congregation which packed the Dundas church in Sydney on Sabbath afternoon, February 14, 1981, to witness the ordination of their much-loved assistant Youth director, Trafford Fischer.

Among the friends and relatives who had travelled long distances to be present were Trafford's parents, Brother and Sister Robert Fischer of Wagga Wagga, and his three brothers, Merrick, Kerry and Murray. Trafford grew up in Wagga Wagga, where he attended high school until moving to Sydney to work in the computing department of the Department of Lands for most of 1970.

The next four years were spent at Avondale College in preparation for the work of a gospel minister. However, while at college and before his graduation, Trafford met Caryl Bond, the daughter of Brother and Sister Arthur Bond, a well-known colporteur of South Queensland. They married in 1974 and have been blessed with two children, a daughter Kelly, aged four years, and a son Jathan, aged eight months.

Much-Loved at Warburton

Referring to his first two years in the ministry as Warburton Youth pastor, the conference president, Pastor R. H. Parr, described the efficient work accomplished by this couple, and the keen disappointment of that large church membership when Trafford accepted a call to the Greater Sydney Conference as assistant Youth director. The former Youth director, Pastor Bryan Craig, who worked with Trafford these past three years, was present, as was the new Youth director, Pastor Ron Craig.

The ordination service was taken by the president of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, Pastor A. H. Tolhurst, who outlined the influence that a leader can have in the work of God. "God has a plan for each life. To know what that plan is and to follow it, is the most satisfying experience one can know," he said.

Pastor Ron Craig Sr., secretary of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, gave the ordination charge, after which Pastor and Mrs. Trafford Fischer, standing hand-in-hand, gave their testimony of gratitude to God for the wonderful way in which He has led them.

The high esteem and affection in which this couple are held was very obvious as young and old added their congratulations and best wishes for a very happy and effective future ministry. ##

OUR HELP

When God is our Companion.
As we walk the road of life,
There is help for every problem
And grace for care and strife!
And we'll find that we've been happy
All along the path we've trod,
When in faith we've made the journey
Hand-in-hand along with God.

—Jon Gilbert.



From left: Pastor Raymond Coombe, Pastor D. E. G. Mitchell, Pastor David Bertelsen, his daughters Susan and Carolyn, Elaine Bertelsen, Pastor Ritchie Way and Pastor Lewis Lansdown.

Photo: A. Johnson.

FROM SOLDIER TO PASTOR

RAYMOND L. COOMBE, Communication Director, Papua New Guinea Union Mission

THE LORD CALLS into full-time ministry men from many different vocations and walks of life.

When David Bertelsen first responded to the claims of Jesus on his life, he was a lieutenant in the New Zealand Army, and an engineering design draftsman by trade. Today, he is an ordained minister, and president of the Vanuatu Mission.

David was led from his Catholic faith to the Adventist message and conversion through the witnessing of an Adventist nurse in the Thames Hospital, New Zealand, where he was undergoing spinal surgery. He became acquainted with another nurse in that hospital, Elaine Crow, who became his wife, and now stands loyally by his side in the ministry. David

had no doubt about the call of God to be a minister and evangelist, and after training at Longburn and Avondale Colleges he commenced pastoral work in the Greater Sydney Conference, and gave fruitful leadership to the Wollongong church for four years.

In 1979, David, Elaine and their two girls, Carolyn and Susan, accepted a call to mission service in Papua New Guinea, where for the past two years he has been a district director at Maprik in the Sepik Mission. Always a practical and energetic man, David completed the building of a Laymen's Training School at Maprik in 1980, and had plans and a prototype model of a hovercraft that he was designing for use on the weed-locked Chambri Lakes of the Sepik area.

Before leaving Papua New Guinea for his appointment as president of the Vanuatu Mission at Santo, an ordination service was held in Lae on Sabbath, December 20, 1980. Pastor D. E. G. Mitchell, the union president, took the sermon on the subject of God's call to ministry, and a brief personal sketch was given by Pastor Ritchie Way. A very sacred atmosphere prevailed as Pastor Lewis Lansdown led in the prayer of ordination, and hands were placed upon David in consecration. The charge was given by Pastor Raymond Coombe, and Pastor David Bertelsen was then welcomed into the ranks of the ministry. Pastor Bertelsen gave a joyful testimony to the power of God in his life, and expressed his recommitment as a soldier for Jesus Christ.

We are sorry to lose Pastor Bertelsen's talents and ministry from Papua New Guinea, but know that God's call can lead him into wider spheres of influence and ministry. ##



Pastor and Mrs. Trafford Fischer with Kelly (4) and Jathan (8 months).

Photo: J. Chestnut.

FIRST OF A THREE-PART WAYSIDE PULPIT . . .

The Year-Day Principle—1

The year-day principle is the keystone of our interpretation of the time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

JEAN ZURCHER, Secretary, Euro-Africa Division

IN JERUSALEM RECENTLY I was privileged to visit the excavations being carried out at the south-west corner of the wall of the Temple esplanade, a little below the Wailing Wall. Since the site is not open to the public, I had to obtain special authorisation. The guide who accompanied me had taken part in the excavations. Because every stone was familiar to him, his explanations were enthralling.

Using the stones that were still in position and those scattered around, my guide tried to help me visualise the vast staircase and access bridge leading to the main entrance of the Temple courts. The beginning of the arch can still be seen in the wall. Below ground the archaeologists have discovered the foundations, several steps that are still intact, and the mass of hewed stones that helped to make up this imposing edifice. From these artefacts they were able to draw up an exact plan that shows the grandeur and beauty of this monumental entrance.

It was probably when they left through this exit from the Temple (Matt. 24:1) that the disciples drew Jesus' attention to the "great buildings" (Mark 13:2) and "goodly stones" (Luke 21:5) of which it was composed. I did not find it hard to picture the scene as I surveyed the immense white stones and the remains of the two magnificent columns of pink marble that formerly decorated the main gate leading to the Temple.

Contemplating these overturned stones, I asked my guide, "How could this destruction have taken place? What a titanic task it must have been to move all these stones, each weighing tens of tons!"

"Not at all," replied the archaeologist. "Nothing could have been simpler. We've found the secret of the stones themselves. All that had to be done was to heat the keystone until it became white-hot, so that it eventually crumbled and fell. Then the whole structure collapsed. Wherever they found keystones, the Roman soldiers used the same technique."

That is how Jesus' prophecy concerning the Temple of Jerusalem was fulfilled to the letter. "Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (Matt. 24:2).

In my opinion the keystone, so to speak, of our interpretation of the time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation is the year-day principle. If this principle is destroyed the marvellous edifice of typically Adventist truths collapses. The doctrine of the sanctuary, the investigative judgment, the role and teachings of Ellen White, the origin and growth of the Adventist Church—in brief, our *raison d'être* is called into question.

Critics have long recognised this. In his book "Another Look at Seventh-day Adventists," N. F. Douty wrote: "Yet Seventh-day Adventism, which claims to be divinely called to this work of completion, has this very theory as its bed-rock foundation, so that to discard it would be to destroy itself" (Grand Rapids, 1962, page 95). He vigorously attacked what he termed

"the fallacious year-day theory." Page 102.

Whatever the importance of the role of the year-day principle in our system of interpretation, it should be pointed out that it was not the pioneers of the Advent Movement who invented the year-day method of exegeting apocalyptic chronological prophecies. Rather, they inherited a tradition that goes back more than a thousand years to the first centuries of our era.

It is generally thought that the year-day principle was applied by the Church Fathers in interpreting the seventy weeks of Daniel, from the end of the second century onwards. We have every reason to believe that, instead, they followed the Jewish week-year tradition, as we shall point out in a subsequent article. However that may be, at least fourteen Jewish authors are known to have applied the year-day principle to the 2300 evenings and mornings (see A. Vaucher, "Lacunziana," Vol. 1, pages 54-56).

Many Catholic theologians in the Middle Ages and in modern times also admitted the year-day principle without question, as well as a large number of Protestant interpreters from the Reformation to our day. In "The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers," LeRoy E. Froom mentions nearly 200 authors who employed the year-day principle in their interpretation of the time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. It cannot be doubted that we find ourselves in good company.

Nevertheless, the accuracy of a principle, as that of truth, does not depend on the number of its proponents. Ellen White expressed this point well: "The fact that certain doctrines have been held as truth for many years by our people, is not a proof that our ideas are infallible. Age will not make error into truth."—"Counsels to Writers and Editors," page 35. That is why Adventists have never attempted to justify the year-day principle by tradition, however ancient it might be. Right from the beginning our pioneers sought to found it on a Biblical basis. Today our increased knowledge should help us to consolidate it further.

According to opponents of the year-day principle, one of the major objections is that it rests on two texts alone in the Old Testament, Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. They readily point out, also, that in these texts the principle is applied in opposite ways. In the first instance, it is a matter of a year for a day, whereas in the second text we have the reverse principle, a day for a year.

However valid these remarks may seem, they do not match up to reality. There are more Biblical examples of similar methods of

The concepts on the year-day principles set forth in this three-part series of articles were presented briefly at Glacier View to the Sanctuary Review Committee. The author was asked to write them out for closer examination and study.

calculation than is generally thought. Nor are they limited to prophetic language. We find evidence of this in Genesis 29:27. This verse contains an interesting concept: "Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years."

Perhaps in this connection we should also consider the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream by Joseph (Gen. 41:25-30). Admittedly, the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine do not stand in relation to days or weeks. However, the same form of relationship exists between the seven cows, the seven ears of corn, and the seven years. Each individual symbol represents a year.

A Biblical Principle

Although the year-day principle is not affirmed explicitly, the various examples quoted show that a principle of calculation was employed from the patriarchal period at least to the time of the Exile that established a day-year, year-day, or even a week-year relationship. There are yet other relationships based on the same principle. This makes it perfectly correct to state that there is a Biblical principle according to which "a day in prophecy stands for a year" ("The Great Controversy," page 324; "The Desire of Ages," page 233; "Prophets and Kings," page 698).

The same viewpoint was taken by the authors of the statement drawn up by the Sanctuary Review Committee: "The year-day relationship can be Biblically supported, although it is not explicitly identified as a principle of prophetic interpretation. . . . Furthermore, the Old Testament provides illustrations of the year-day interchangeability in symbolism (Gen. 29:27; Num. 14:34; Eze. 4:6; Dan. 9:24-27)."—"Adventist Review," Sept. 4, 1980, page 14; *Ministry*, October, 1980, page 18.

We are left, then, with the principal objection: "Even if we could 'prove' that the year-day principle is a Biblical datum, there is no basis to apply the principle in Daniel 8:14 or 9:24." At first sight, this seems a well-founded argument. However, proper exegesis of Daniel 9:24-27 and then Daniel 8:14 and 7:25 reveals, under one form or another, either in the text or in the context, the well-known Biblical principle of calculation. Thus, the historic interpretations of the time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation that stand at the foundation of the Advent Movement will be seen to be confirmed.

For those who search the Scriptures, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the words of Jesus still hold abundant promises: "Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." Matt. 13:52. ##



Blind campers and staff. Everybody concerned gained a "New Vision."
Photos: E. White.



The camp has its own corral of horses. It is a very popular place, as campers vie for the opportunity of a horseback ride.

NORTH NEW SOUTH WALES SUPER CAMPS . . .

“SERVING THE TOTAL PERSON”

E. WHITE, Youth Director, North New South Wales Conference

OVER the summer period four "super camps" were conducted for the youth and families of the North New South Wales Conference. The camps were the first to be conducted at Camp Yarrahapinni, the conference's beautiful new Youth and ecology camp—seventy acres of nature, bush and rain forest, situated on the coast just south of Macksville.

The first of the super camps was the New Vision camp for blind children. This year forty-one blind and partially sighted children attended. Most had attended the previous year's camp, and to the new campers it was an unforgettable experience. The fifty-three staff were kept very busy for the five exciting days. Young people from around the conference and Avondale College served as counsellors, and were supported by specialists including Pastor Ron Vince, for Christian Services for the Blind, Dr. John Duffy and Sister Gwen Wilkinson from the Sydney Adventist Hospital, as well as recreation, music and craft specialists.

A capacity number of 130 people attended the Youth, Junior and Teen camps. Activities included: surfing, water activities (canoeing, sailing, skiing), archery, screen-printing, abseiling and horsemanship.

The Sea Sled proved a real hit among the water activities and provided top group activity.

Yarrahapinni has its own horse corral and riding trails. Horses were provided by church members and friends in the Kempsey and Macksville area. Chief cowboys were Geoff and Trevor Gosling and David Ward.

Campers were more than well catered for in the dining halls by Mrs. Connie Porter and her team, who provided some super meals such as a Hawaiian tea, a Bible tea, a barbecue tea and more.

The camp council and evening campfire programmes provided fun and learning experiences. What with the Music Machine, Sixty Minutes and Have a Go there wasn't a dull moment.

Throughout the camps there was a super spiritual atmosphere. A play depicting the life of Moses gave everyone an opportunity to laugh and quietly meditate. Worshipping in the Rock Chapel, the camp worship bowl, was a unique experience. Hidden in the cleft of a huge rock-face, campers were introduced to the Rock of Ages.

Yes, Yarrahapinni's super camps did serve the total person.

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Activities on the nearby beachfront. This blue pontoon is much in demand for the exciting ride it offers.



Lots of spray and excitement as the blue fury is dragged at high speed over the water.

1981 SOUTH NEW ZEALAND CAMP

KEVIN PRICE, Communication Director, South New Zealand Conference



Eye-catching and thought-provoking—the motto for the camp.

Photos: K. Price

"IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE" appeared in huge, carved letters on the side of the stage. This was the theme chosen for the South New Zealand annual camp and biennial session, held from January 15 to 24, 1981, at Pascoe Park just north of Christchurch. Delegates and members were in attendance from all the South Island churches.

The actual business session commenced on Thursday night with the seating of the delegates and the choosing of the selection committee. This was followed by reports and discussion on Friday morning and Sunday. The church in session voted to accept the nominating committee's report and Pastor P. Colquhoun (president), Brother D. B. Mitchell (secretary-treasurer), Pastor K. Price (Sabbath School, Lay Activities, Community Services, Communication), Pastor R. Baird (Youth, Health and Temperance) and Brother J. Cunningham (Publishing director) were all returned for another term of office. In this case the session voted for a three-year term between sessions, replacing the former two-year period.

Sister V. Bank, Pastor J. Hackwell, Brother D. Thomson, Brother D. Bews, Brother B. Murphy, Brother J. Waring, make up the new executive committee. They will be joining Pastor Colquhoun, Brother Mitchell, and Brother E. Higgins, who also served on the former executive committee.

The Great Report

On the first Sabbath evening of the camp, the members travelled into town to view and hear a special multimedia

presentation at the Theatre Royal. Pastor Tolhurst reported on the General Conference session. The Australasian Division film, prepared for the General Conference, was also shown. Pastor Garrie Williams

told of the Williams Report in Auckland. This was followed by a report of the work in South New Zealand over the previous two years, shown on a giant screen. Pastor Hackwell then told of the plans for evangelism in Dunedin. Pastor Colquhoun closed the evening, and an offering was collected for evangelism in South New Zealand—approximately \$6,000 was given or pledged. We take this as evidence that our members are dedicated to the task of finishing God's work in the scenic south.

Impact Time

Each day the visiting delegates joined with the local ministry in presenting meetings for all age groups. The overall theme of the camp, "In Absolute Confidence," was supported by early morning devotional meetings on "Great New Testament Words." The mid-morning Bible study period focused on "Great Chapters of the Bible," and evening presentations were made on "Great Bible Themes."

In addition to the study periods there was visitation by ministry and delegates to assigned tents and caravans. This personal approach was appreciated by the campers. As usual in South New Zealand, literature evangelists' meetings were very popular. Pastors and board members were able to study church growth under the leadership of Pastor Hackwell. Each afternoon after



The newly elected executive committee. From left: Errol Higgins (layman), Pastor John Hackwell (evangelist in Dunedin), Doug Thomson (Nelson church minister), Jack Waring (Sanitarium Health Food Company), Brian Murphy (layman from Christchurch), David Bews (Invercargill elder) and Val Bank (Christchurch). Seated: D. B. Mitchell, secretary-treasurer, and P. Colquhoun, president.



Many campers, men as well as women, utilised the new amenities block/kitchen unit.

A Caring and Sharing Community

P. H. BALLIS, Minister, Wellington, North New Zealand

IN A GAME of word association, the word "Wellington" would, without doubt, evoke the response "wind." Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand, is world renowned for its harassing winds. And the Wellingtonians hardly try to hide this fact. They have a radio station suitably named "Radio Windy"; trees, which for some mysterious reason, mature with a perpetual lean; and most unusual of all, home gardens where even the cabbages are staked!

But there is one thing that the Adventist community in Wellington is known by. This league of nations—with members from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, The Netherlands, Pitcairn, Samoa, Rarotonga, Canada and even Greece—is a caring and sharing community.

This was well illustrated by a recent Sunday morning activity where the young people from the Wellington church travelled over 200 kilometres, which in New Zealand terms means "a long way," picking fruit and vegetables to raise funds for their Sabbath school Investment project. The Sabbath school has had other fund-raising activities for Investment—for example, having car drivers contribute fifty cents for every 100 kilometres they drive their cars. It has also made the suggestion that bus travellers get off the bus one stop before their destination, and donate their travelling expense savings to Investment. The church's participation in the Sabbath school Investment programme seems to have acted like a magnet, bringing together individual members of the church with a common purpose in reaching out beyond their local confines to the needs of others less fortunate than themselves.

It is, indeed, a good thing for a church to be known for its caring and sharing. After all, is this not one of the marks of a church standing squarely upon its apostolic witness?

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Heb. 13:16, R.S.V. ##

The Cook-house

The new amenities block was voted an outstanding success by the campers who used its facilities. This was the latest improvement to the campground, undertaken by the Adventist Businessmen's Association in conjunction with the conference administration. This is a special kitchen designed so that campers can do their own cooking and washing-up in clean and neat surroundings. Maybe this explains why Alister Yeo, the camp cook, reported a slight down-turn in the number of meals provided by the camp kitchen. I discovered that many of the campers were over in the amenities block, enjoying the aromas of a dozen delightful dishes. The sound of bubbling and boiling was drowned by the hum of conversation as campers shared together. ##

lunch, campers enjoyed Four Corners—Impact Time. Each person selected an area of interest. *Woman's World* discussed topics that ladies like to talk about. *World of Nature*, taken by Dr. R. Hosken, discussed fascinating insights into the marvels of creation. There was also the *Power House*, featuring practical aspects of Christian witnessing, and the *Impact Centre*, where printing, lettering, painting and writing skills were sharpened for the Master's use.

The Family Hour was a camp highlight. It all sounds like a very busy time, which it was, but God's blessing in the lives of the campers was rewarding for all who were involved. Many of the campers commented on how well the camp was organised, with a balanced spiritual and practical programme.



Delegates to the camp. From left: Pastor Malcolm Allen, T.T.U.C. Youth director; Pastor Athal Tolhurst, T.T.U.C. president; Pastor John Trim, T.T.U.C. Health, Temperance and Communication director; G. Laxton, Division Religious Liberty and SAWS director; Pastor Ron Taylor, Australasian Division secretary; Pastor David Rogers, Longburn College, and Dr. Robert Hosken, Avondale College.

The Unstoppable Drs. Murdoch

DEIRDRE LINDSAY, Student's Wife. Andrews University



Doctors W. G. C. and Ruth Murdoch.
Photo: D. Lindsay.

RETIREMENT is a sweet word to many. It is seen as a time when the pace of life slows and there is time for an extended vacation, hobbies, or to sit and enjoy the sunset longer than usual.

Two people who have not yet tasted of that sweetness are Drs. W. G. C. and Ruth Murdoch of Berrien Springs, Michigan. Well-known and loved in Australia, especially by those young people who walked the halls of Avondale during the years 1946 to 1953, when he was principal there, this still tall eighty-year-old Scotsman, with sharp memory and keen mind, carries out a programme which many younger men would be happy to keep pace with.

His office day in the Theological Seminary at Andrews University commences at 6.30 a.m. at the moment, when he arrives to prepare for his first lecture, which is scheduled for 7.30 a.m. After this fifty-minute class the time is spent in study and counselling students until his second lecture at 11.30. Another class in practical preaching is scheduled once a week. Most days he is back at his desk from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. I count it a privilege to be his secretary here at the seminary.

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School on the campus of Andrews University is a strong testimony to the influence of this sweet lady in the field of education, and on the many young people who "sit at her feet." She had earned the highest distinction in Michigan as a clinical psychologist, and her experience, wisdom and knowledge cause her to be in demand as a guest speaker near and far. The university values her contribution as a lecturer.

Following in the path of their parents, their children are all educators. Lamont is a doctor at the Loma Linda Medical School. Floyd, who has a Ph.D., is the principal of one of our schools in Washington, D.C. Marilyn is an instructor in nursing at Loma Linda, and William Jr., is a child psychiatrist at the University of Michigan.

The contribution which the Murdochs have made to the work of education in the Adventist Church has been a great blessing in England, where they served at Newbold College, 1924 to 1946; in Australia, at Avondale College, and in the United States where they have served for twenty-eight years. Thirteen of those years Dr. Murdoch served as Seminary dean.

One concession the Murdochs have allowed themselves—each year they escape the harshness of the Michigan winter to spend two and a half months in a warmer climate near their children in California. As God gives them strength they plan to add to the years already given in blessing to others. ##

HISTORIC PICTURE GALLERY



Avondale faculty and staff, taken sometime between 1946 and 1953, when Dr. Murdoch was principal.

BACK ROW: (from left) Harry Grosser, Ted Tonkin, Bill Summerscales (?), Ralph Watts, Noel Clapham, Howard Totenhofer, Pastor Ralph Wood, Edgar Langsford, Bill Driscoll, Dave Morgan, Alex Lowe.

MIDDLE ROW: Romney King, Elaine Pengilly, Elva Thorpe (Mrs. Shipton), Dorothy Bohringer (Mrs. McFarlane), Maureen Peacock (Mrs. Moe), May Schnapel*, Wanda Niebuhr (Mrs. Boulting), Louise Vetter, Jean Doble*, George Currow.

FRONT: Enid Christensen, Pastor Nelson Burns*, Pastor Alfred Kranz, Andrew Dawson, W.G.C. Murdoch (principal), Lionel Turner, Bill Wilson, Geoff Rosenhain and Marjorie Greive.

Photo: Signs file.

*indicates deceased.

They Shall Be Filled

BETTY MURRAY, Beulah College, Tonga

COOKING has never been my favourite task. However, I realise its importance, and when Miss B. Shollenburg took the time to come to Tonga to conduct a Home Nutrition Instructors' Course, I appreciated what we learned.

There was much more to be done and many subjects to cover, but also lots of inspiration and fun. One of our male members proved this point while doing the course. He arrived for his demonstration with all his aids completed, his cooking demonstration tray ready, and he was tidily dressed—but unshaven.

The ladies teased, as only Tongans can, "What are the whiskers for?"

"I was too busy. It was midnight before I finished my preparations," he sheepishly replied.

It came to me again, but forcibly this time, that our Beulah College students, although being filled, were not getting a balanced diet. Too much starchy food makes one sleepy, overweight and subject to boils, etc. What a blessing to be in a country where *no one* is hungry! However, not all are healthy. Many are in the 120 kilogram bracket. Unfortunately, more and more are turning to European foods, such as white bread and meat.

Yes, Miss Shollenburg, something had to be done. But I kept putting action off for several months. Partly it was the budget staring at me. Two cents per meal per student was allotted for everything other than sweet potato, taro or corn from the college farm. It wasn't an inspiring sum. Also, with the year drawing on, the school vegetable garden was dwindling.

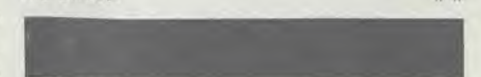
With the president's wife and our faithful college cook behind me, I determined to see what could be done for the coming school year.

During vacation, while the staff were on holidays, I urged my husband to plant Chinese cabbage, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, etc. Many cool evenings would find us weeding and watering in the garden. A bountiful harvest resulted, and a menu for the kitchen was prepared.

Every available pawpaw, plantain, and banana was picked and directed to the students' tables. Small-grade passionfruit from the college industry and the week-end dairy milk also contributed to the change in menu. After we bought eggs, gluten, rolled oats, lentils and split peas, things began to look up for meal-times.

Then came the appreciation of the parents as the students noted the varied diet. What a thrill it was as gifts of watermelons, breadfruit, etc., started to come in from them!

Beulah is looking forward to a good year, and above all, a healthier one. Yes, it was worth the effort. ##



"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

Jer. 9:24.



Mr. W. J. Reside receives the Community Service Award from Pastor Geoff Youlden. Mr. Reside is 6ft 8in tall, towering over Geoff Youlden at 6ft 1in.
Photo: John Martin.

Albany Honours a Friend

MRS. MARGARET MARTIN, Communication Secretary, Albany Church, Western Australia

A RECENT RECIPIENT of a B.E.M. in the Queen's New Year's Day Honours was Mr. William James Reside, of Albany, Western Australia. Just prior to receiving this distinguished award, Mr. Reside was presented with a Community Service Award from the Albany Seventh-day Adventist church. This was presented at a Community Guest Day by Pastor Geoff Youlden, who preached the sermon on this occasion to a packed church. The citation reads as follows:

"On November 11, 1977, a public meeting was called to consider building a hydrotherapy pool at the Albany Regional Hospital. A large number of people attended that first meeting when a steering committee was formed. Mr. Reside was elected chairman of the committee, known as the Great Southern Regional Hydrotherapy Pool Fund Committee, Inc.

"Since that time, Mr. Reside has travelled throughout the region, speaking at service clubs and other organisations to create interest in the fund-raising. Several large undertakings have helped to swell the funds, along with many personal donations.

Good Response

"The people of the Great Southern Region responded well under Mr. Reside's capable leadership, and fund-raising has now ceased with the total moneys raised standing at \$83,531. Tenders have now been called for a complete Rehabilitation Unit which will incorporate the hydrotherapy pool, physiotherapy, speech therapy, chiropody and

occupational therapy units, which is much more than the concept originally envisaged. The State Government will provide the funding for the balance of the Rehabilitation Unit. Mr. Reside is married with six children, and has always been actively involved in working for the good of the community. Another of the projects he has worked continuously for is the Masonic Retirement Village at Spencer Park, and today we pay tribute to his excellent community service and involvement. May it long continue."

Interest in Church

Since this award was presented, Mr. Reside and his wife have attended church several times, and also been guests at our Men's Fellowship programmes. He has befriended many of our ministers when delivering parcels and goods to the old Western Australian Conference office in Havelock Street, West Perth, and speaks highly of these men. We, in Albany, are proud to have a friend of the calibre of Mr. Reside. ##

IVAN RODERICK SCHULTZ, Born 20/11/60—Died 21/3/81

A TRIBUTE FROM
THE SIGNS PUBLISHING COMPANY
D. D. WOOLLEY, Manager, Signs Publishing Company

IVAN ENTERED the world of the Signs Publishing Company on January 9, 1979. The game of printing was not "the great unknown" to him, as he had put his hand to the trade while working at the Victorian Conference office.

He certainly brought with him a tremendous spirit that was uniquely Ivan. It did not take long for him to make a name for himself as a friendly, co-operative young man. Nothing was too much trouble for him. He was prepared to go the second mile. He was always polite and willing to learn.

He won a place in the hearts, not only of his closest workmates in the press-room, but right throughout the plant, from the cleaner to the manager. He always showed a conscientious spirit, and it soon became clear that he was destined to do great things in the printing game.

He put his best foot forward, not only in his work, but in his attitude to his studies, obtaining above-average results and thus earning, in 1981, a proficiency payment, which has not been obtained by any other press-room apprentice since I have been at the Signs Publishing Company.

All of his fellow work-mates speak extremely highly of him, and all, with one accord, mourn the loss of a close friend. His absence from the press-room is at present, and will continue to be, very noticeable.

Not only we at the Signs held Ivan in high regard, but all those he came in contact with, from the local milk-bar proprietor to the principal of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts.

The respect in which Ivan was held was very evident as expressed by the many personal messages in the Melbourne newspapers. It was also expressed in a very tangible way by the members of the Signs Publishing Company staff who donated, on their own initiative, several hundred dollars to help with funeral expenses.

The principal of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts told me that they were going to miss Ivan at the printing school very much. He expressed openly to me that Ivan was held in very high regard by his college instructors and fellow students alike. He was a friend to all. He was an excellent student and showed great potential. The principal asked me to express the sincere sympathy of the college to his parents and family. Subsequently we received this letter from the deputy principal of the college, which speaks for itself.

"We were very distressed to read of the sudden death of your apprentice, Ivan Schultz, and the staff of the college conveys their heartfelt sympathy.

"Ivan had been a model student; diligent, co-operative and respected by both staff and students. Our industry and the community can ill-afford to lose a young person of his calibre and potential, and he will be sadly missed.



"God has promised to
take care of His own."

"We would appreciate these thoughts being conveyed to his parents as some solace to their present grief. May God and His grace uphold them as they face the future lonely hours."

The management and staff of the Signs Publishing Company mourn the loss of not only a staff member, but a real friend, a mate, a helping hand and an excellent worker. He will be sorely missed. We offer to you, his family and many friends, our sincere sympathy, and want to assure you that the Signs Publishing Company has been a better place for the short time Ivan was able to spend with us. May God continue to encircle you with His arms of love and understanding. ##

where his friends, and two surviving brothers and their wives, were pointed to the promises of God's Word. Release from a painful arthritic condition came suddenly when Norman, aged seventy-nine, collapsed and died in a city park near his home in Christchurch on March 24, 1981.

A. A. Godfrey.

BURLEY, Violet Victoria Burley fell asleep in Jesus on March 11, 1981, at Murgon, Queensland, at the age of eighty-one years. She and her husband accepted the message as a result of the literature evangelist ministry of the late Brother W. G. Hodgkinson. He studied with the Burleys, and later in 1939 they were baptised. After the funeral at the Murgon Seventh-day Adventist church she was interred in the Murgon Cemetery where she awaits the call of the

Life-giver. To her sorrowing husband, Edward, her daughters Myrah, Audrey and Grace and her son Lionel, her seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, we extend our sympathy, and point them to the glad reunion day of all the faithful.

W. A. Coates.

COMMONS, Elsie Commons, for many years a member of the Huntly church, north New Zealand, passed quietly to her well-earned rest in the Bethesda Rest Home, Auckland, on Monday morning, March 2, 1981. She was in her eighty-ninth year. Sister Commons was a true lover of God and of nature. Her garden surrounding her home was fragrant as was her day-to-day life. Truly she was a virtuous woman. Pastor F. L. Baker was associated with the writer in offering

TILL HE COMES

BENNET. Norman Bennet's body was tenderly committed to the care of his heavenly Father in the Ruru Lawn Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 27, 1981. A faithful member of the Sydenham church for two and a half decades, Norman was remembered at the chapel service

words of comfort and hope to all gathered together at the Huntly church. May God richly bless her family and grandchildren as they with us await a grand reunion at the appearing of Jesus.
I. E. Trevena.

de CHARON. Stephanie Aleida de Charon passed peacefully to her rest in the early hours of Monday, February 16, 1981, at Henderson, Auckland, north New Zealand, two weeks before her eighty-eighth birthday. Of noble birth, she spent the first part of her life in pre-war Indonesia. World War II broke that tranquil existence, and found Mrs. de Charon, her little daughter (now Sister Frank de Bleick), and the grandmother in a prison camp for three and a half years. After her baptism in Holland in 1952, she moved to New Zealand to settle, where she attended the old Balmoral (Auckland) church, and later the Brentwood Avenue church. To the family, Helen and Frank and Germaine, we extend our sympathy and love.
D. R. Tasker.

HENNIG. Carmen Isabel Hennig was born on December 5, 1923, at Naracoorte, South Australia, and died on February 25, 1981, at Nambour, Queensland. Carmen was born to an Adventist family. At the age of nine she accompanied the family to the Monto district in Queensland. The family property was about sixty kilometres from Monto, and for many years this isolated family kept the Sabbath in their own home. Carmen met with an accident as a child and this affected her health throughout her life. She finally passed to her rest in her sleep, and now awaits the resurrection call of her Lord.
C. R. Wallace.

HODGKINSON. Arthur E. Hodgkinson died on February 28, 1981, aged almost ninety-two years. Born in 1889 in Brisbane, having spent most of his life in Queensland, he had helped build the Haden church, and had been in the Charles Harrison Home since 1973. His wife Daisy passed away in 1965. Their three children Lawrence, Ron (an ordained minister) and Olive Landa were all present as he was laid to rest in the Avondale Garden Cemetery, Cooranbong, New South Wales. Mourners were comforted with this assurance, "Those who belong to God shall live again. Their bodies shall rise again! Those who dwell in the dust shall awake and sing for joy. For God's light of life will fall like dew upon them!" Isa. 26:19., T.L.B.
L. J. Laws.

JONES. The large group of family and friends that gathered at the Wagga Wagga Seventh-day Adventist church, New South Wales, on January 21, 1981, showed the deep respect many held for Mrs. Ethel May Jones. "Jonesy," as many of us knew her, had been an active member of her beloved church for over forty years and a true mother in Israel. Son Geoff and daughter Yvonne, and their families will miss the active loving of a dear mother and grandmother, but the blessed hope of soon meeting on the evergreen fields of heaven brings joy to soften the pain. May God be very near them all.
K. R. Miller.

KING. Benjamin Derek King was only seven days old when he died in the Royal Children's Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia, on December 1, 1980. He was very precious to his parents, Jean and Derek, members of the Elizabeth church, and their other children, Michael, Jason and Lynda. As we laid him to rest in the Dudley Park Cemetery, our thoughts were drawn to the splendour of the life everlasting, when "the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . and a little child shall lead them." Brother Gary Kent assisted the writer at the graveside.
A. G. Byrne.

LUNDSTEN. On Friday afternoon, February 27, 1981, we laid Sister Christina Maud Lundsten of Flat 45, 19 South Terrace, Adelaide, to rest in the Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia. She was eighty-nine years of age, and had for some time been a member of the conference church. She awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning, a hope which was dear to her heart.
C. V. Christian.

MURRAY. Martha Sophia Murray fell asleep in Jesus on March 19, 1981, at Wongan Hills Hospital, Western Australia. After ninety-three years of life she was laid to rest next to her husband who passed away in 1968. Sister Murray was a foundation member of the Avon Valley church at Northam, Western Australia, and was greatly respected as a dedicated Christian and compassionate helper to all. Her only daughter, Hazel Sutton, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, received comfort and hope from the sure promises of God's Word at the quiet scene of Avon

Valley Hillside Cemetery. Each was given the sympathising comfort so necessary on such occasions as the writer, elders and church associates moved among the mourners. Come soon, Lord Jesus.
C. B. O'Neill.

PENNIFOLD. Darrell K. S. Pennifold fell asleep in Jesus on March 18, 1981, having attained the age of eighty-six years. After being wounded in the first world war, Brother Pennifold carried with him for more than sixty years the inconvenience of an artificial leg. His wife and daughter Elaine (Mrs. Crewe) predeceased him by several years. For the last eighteen months of his life, Brother Pennifold lived at the Charles Harrison Memorial Home at Cooranbong, New South Wales. Sincere sympathy is extended to his son Glen and his wife of Murwillumbah, New South Wales, and to the grandchildren. We laid him to rest in the Avondale Cemetery. The writer was assisted in the service by Pastor W. J. Cole.
R. H. Abbott.

PLATT. Albert Harris Platt died suddenly and unexpectedly after a brief illness in his eighty-second year on February 11, 1981. He leaves to mourn his passing his widow Neva, and their four sons, Tony, Neville, Lloyd and Ross. The service was conducted in a small chapel in Bathurst, New South Wales, and Brother Platt was then laid to rest in the Bathurst Cemetery. To Sister Platt, her children and their wives, and the grandchildren, we extend our sincere Christian sympathy.
W. J. Gerken.

REID. Maurice Charles Reid was born in Charleville, Queensland, on January 3, 1930. Brought up by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Morgan of the Rockhampton district, he maintained close connection with the Morgan family and was baptised at the Yandia church in 1948. His death at the WallSEND Hospital, New South Wales, on February 21, 1981, came after a long period of illness. Those knowing Maurie in earlier years will be glad to know that, before his death, he had made peace with his Lord and died in the confidence of the resurrection morning. The funeral was conducted by Pastor John Richardson, assisted by Eddie Piez of the Greater Sydney Conference. Maurie was laid to rest in the Church of England Cemetery at Sutton Forest. He is mourned by his wife, Lydia, his father, Oswald Reid of Toowoomba, his sister, Margaret Wills of Cooranbong, and the many members of the Morgan family.
J. R. Richardson, E. R. Piez.

ROBERTS. On February 22, 1981, Dorothy Roberts fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, New South Wales, at the age of almost eighty-five years. Sister Roberts graduated from the Missionary Course at the Avondale College in 1920, and later associated with Pastors W. G. Turner and G. Marriott as a Bible worker. In September, 1924, she was married to the late Reginald George Roberts. Mrs. Roberts' two sons, Pastor Harold Roberts of Melbourne and Dr. Reginald Roberts of Armidale, New South Wales, and her daughter, Mrs. Enid Irvine of Canada, were all present during her final illness and interment in the Avondale Cemetery on February 25. To the sorrowing relatives and assembled friends Pastor J. C. H. Perry and the writer extended words of comfort and assurance.
W. J. Richards.

ROLLAN. Isla Frances Augusta Rollan passed away on February 9, 1981, in the Coronella Nursing Home, Nunawading, Victoria, in her ninety-third year. Her late husband spent a number of years as a literature evangelist in the Shepparton and Wodonga districts. After his passing, our sister continued to worship with the Albury congregation and rejoiced to see the new building go up. Our condolences go to her daughter, Joann (Mrs. King) and to the five grandchildren. A service was conducted by the writer in the Nunawading church on February 11, and at the graveside in Albury by Pastor A. M. Penman on February 12. We confidently look forward to meeting her again at the return of the One who holds the keys of death and the grave, and who is the resurrection and the life.
J. A. Mitchell.

RUSSELL. Mrs. Minnie Eva Russell fell asleep in Jesus on February 26, 1981, at the Fairholme Hospital at Hamilton, north New Zealand, at the age of ninety-one. Baptised in Auckland in 1939 by Pastor Richards, she had been a faithful member of the Avondale, Royal Oak and Hamilton churches. After a service at the Hamilton church we laid her to rest at the Hamilton Park Cemetery till the call of the Life-giver. Our sympathies go to her daughter, Mrs. Thora Richards, and her family.
J. Veld.

SCHULTZ. Ivan Roderick Schultz was tragically killed in a car accident, at Warburton, Victoria, on March 21, 1981, aged twenty years. Ivan was an apprentice printer at the Signs Publishing Company, and previous to that worked at the Victorian Conference office. His parents, Ray and Glenice Schultz, have been serving at Kabiufa High School in Papua New Guinea. Ivan will be greatly missed by his parents, his sister Carol, brother Lyndon and their families, and also by many work-mates and friends. Ivan was laid to rest on March 25 at the Wesburn Cemetery near the town of Warburton where he worked and lived for the last two years. To our young friend we say, "We look forward to meeting you in the morning."
C. Lowe, D. Woolley, R. Possingham.

STANTON. Roy Ernest Stanton fell asleep in Jesus early on the morning of March 7, 1981, at Sandfly, Tasmania. It was appropriate that he entered his final rest on a Sabbath in the home in which he was born on March 23, 1903. He was a prominent community man in southern Tasmania, playing a major role in the orchard and earth-moving industries, and serving as a local councillor and a member of the Tasmanian Farmers' Federation and the State Fruit Board. He was baptised in 1933 by Pastor F. G. Rampton, and through the years played a significant role in the growth and development of the church in Tasmania. Four brothers and sisters survive him—Silvia (Mrs. Wakely, Richmond), Herbert (Hobart), Elvie (Mrs. Knott, Launceston) and Ella (Mrs. Jeefs, Hobart). Left with happy memories to cherish are his wife Marie, daughters Leonie (Mrs. Arthur Duffy), Joyce (Mrs. Eddie Totenhofer), sons David, Ray, Paul, Laurie, Ross, Harley and their families. Pastor C. D. Judd, assisted by Pastor R. G. Douglas and the writer, encouraged the large gathering of family, friends and business acquaintances, who met in the Glenorchy church and at the graveside in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, with those words of Scripture which point forward to a glorious resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ. May the day of His coming be hastened.
R. N. Lawson.

STEPHENSON. After a brief illness, Francis Ann Julia Stephenson fell asleep in Christ on February 2, 1981, at the age of ninety-seven years. Sissi, as she was known, lived a full life, and could be described as a grand lady, constantly active in her garden and generously open-handed to all her friends. Her presence will be sadly missed at the Brighton Seventh-day Adventist church, South Australia, and by her three sons. Sister Stephenson rests peacefully in the North Brighton Cemetery, as she awaits the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morning.
G. B. Agars.

STICKMAN. Phyllis Hilda Stickman passed quietly to her rest on Sabbath afternoon, March 7, 1981, after a long struggle with terminal illness. Sister Stickman had been a faithful member of the Victoria Park church, Western Australia, for many years, and was loved and well remembered by the many young people whom she greatly influenced. The confidence in the promises of the Word greatly sustain her husband, Norman, two daughters, Annette Watts and Elizabeth Windeyer, and four grandchildren. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark, also share with the family the reassurance of the resurrection. Sister Phyllis rests at Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth, awaiting the call of the Master.
G. A. Lee.

TAYLOR. Sister Ethel Matilda Taylor passed quietly to her rest in Morling Lodge, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, on March 4, 1981. She awaits the return of her Redeemer, in the Norwood Park Cemetery, Canberra. Sister Taylor lived previously in Narrabeen, New South Wales, then in Tumut, and finally near her son Athol in Canberra. She did what she could when she had opportunity, and she longed to hear the voice of her returning Lord.
C. H. Brown.

WALLACE. Barbara Sharon Wallace fell asleep in Jesus on January 28, 1981, after a tragic accident at her home near Lilydale, Victoria, the same day. Just seventeen years of age, Barbara was a conscientious and exemplary member of Croydon church and student of Lilydale Adventist Academy. Her devoted parents Finley and Sylvia Wallace, together with sister Wendy and brothers Finley Jr. and Lyndon, have reason both to be proud of Barbara and to anticipate a glad reunion. An honour guard of Academy fellow-students participated in services conducted at Croydon church and Springvale Lawn Cemetery on February 2. Pastor J. P. Holmes and the writer shared the meaningful promises of God with a large congregation. We long for the promised resurrection.
G. D. Giles.

WARDEN. Born at Tighes Hill, Newcastle, New South Wales, on March 3, 1913, Victor James Warden was the son of James Warden and Mabel Warden (née Stocks). After his early schooling, he attended Avondale College from which he graduated into the ministry, where for a few years his forte lay in broadcasting the three angels' messages by radio. When his ministry terminated in 1965, Vic was employed in printing, then was employed by the State Treasury. He also worked for the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, and the Department of Technical and Further Education (T.A.F.E.) up to the time of his death at Greenwich Hospital on March 4, 1981. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Eunice and his children, who look forward to the Lord's day of reunion. T. T. Turner.

WHITEHEAD. Millicent Pearl Whitehead of Carlton, Sydney, New South Wales, was called to rest on February 17, 1981, within six days of attaining her ninetieth birthday. Her husband, Pastor Edgar R. Whitehead, predeceased her in 1973. Pearl's long, loyal and talented service in a number of our churches endeared her to many. The sorrowing members of the family are Esme (and husband John Whitworth), Irwin (and wife Noelene), Gwendolen (and husband Alwyn Race), also Pearl's brother Ivan Comley (and wife Elsie), and the respective families. Many friends conveyed their supportive love and condolences at the services at our Chatswood church and at the Northern Suburbs Lawn Cemetery where we committed this trusting mother to our Lord's care until He returns. Ralph Tudor.

WILKINSON. Arthur Theodore Wilkinson, after a long illness, bravely borne, quietly fell asleep in the blessed hope on Sunday, January 18, 1981, at the Katoomba Hospital, Blue Mountains, New South Wales, in his eighty-fifth year. He was gently laid to rest at Wentworth Falls on Wednesday, January 21. His dear wife, Betty, awaits with assurance the dawn of the resurrection and reunion. Pastor Noel Smith was associated with the writer in the funeral services. V. Wood-Stotesbury.

WOODLEY. After several years of confinement at "Homedene," Balclutha, south New Zealand, Mrs. Lavinia Woodley, one of New Zealand's pioneer saints, was laid to rest at the age of ninety-one years, in the Kaitangata Cemetery, Balclutha, on March 9, 1981. Always serving others. W. J. Hackwell.



ADAMS—WHITE. What could be better than a day in Canberra when God smiled, nature smiled, friends and relatives smiled, and when the bride and bridegroom looked as though they had everything they could ever possibly want! Sunday, November 30, 1980, was such an occasion, when Norman Adams and Lydia White were united in holy matrimony at the beautifully decorated Woden church, A.C.T. A delightful breakfast was served at the National church hall where everyone wished this truly Christian couple God's blessing as they continue to work for Jesus in Canberra. W. J. Gerken.

HYLAND—SMITH. Sunday, January 11, 1981, was the day chosen by Philip Hyland and Nerellie Smith to exchange wedding vows before God and many relatives and friends. The beautifully decorated Glenorchy church, Tasmania, was the setting for the happy occasion. A delightful reception followed. Philip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyland of Smithton, and Nerellie, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Smith of Hobart. We wish Philip and Nerellie every happiness and much of God's blessing as they set up home in Hobart and continue to live and work there for their Lord. G. M. Smith.

KROGDahl—CLAYTON. The Queensland sun smiled in empathy as Patrick Krogdahl received his bride, Anna Clayton, in the Townsville Seventh-day Adventist church

early on Sunday morning, March 1, 1981. A happy group of relatives and friends from as far away as Western Australia filled the church to witness this delightful and sacred occasion. May the home and life of Patrick and Anna be a constant testimony to their faith and trust in God, and an inspiration to those who visit there. M. F. Browning.

MENHENETT—SUMMERSCALES. The marriage of Francis John Menhenett to Joan Summerscales was conducted on Sunday, March 15, 1981, at the Ringwood church, Victoria. This was a joyous occasion as two dedicated people linked their lives in the bond of lifelong devotion. Their many friends desire for them the continued approbation of Heaven as they serve God and their fellowmen. G. D. Giles.

RALPH—FERGUSON. On March 8, 1981, at the Wahroonga Uniting church, the well-planned wedding ceremony of Paul Ralph and Heather Ferguson was performed by Mr. Kevin Ralph and the writer. The bridegroom is the eldest child and only son of Mr. Norman and Mrs. Shirley Ralph of Victoria, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Wallace Ferguson. As the two graduates set up their Christian home together, it is the wish of all who witnessed their mutual promises that Paul and Heather will have God's blessing upon their united lives. W. R. Ferguson.

SIDDLE—SCHMIT. On Saturday, December 13, 1980, at 6 p.m., Warwick Siddle and Merle Schmit met before family and friends in the beautiful outdoor setting of Queens Gardens, Townsville, Queensland, to have their lives joined together by God in marriage. Warwick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Siddle of Warburton, Victoria, and Merle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Staub of Townsville. We pray that God will richly bless this couple as they set up a new Christian home in Townsville. The writer was assisted in the service by Brother Webber Roberts. G. M. Smith.

We apologise to our readers, and especially to the families concerned, for the back-log of obituaries and wedding notices. This has occurred on account of the unusual build-up of these notices over the December holiday period. We have been unable to catch up with the spate that has poured in at that time and since then. In order to catch up, we decided to devote extra space to notices in this and the past two issues. We hope thereafter to be able to keep up to date. Editors.

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Investiture at Wagga

MARGARET L. KERBY, Communication Secretary, Wagga Wagga Church, South N.S.W.

THIRTY-NINE Adventist Junior Youth and Pre-AJYs marched into a crowded church to the strains of their marching song during their annual Investiture Service, which convened in the Wagga Wagga church.

Mr. Burnie Nolan, Master Guide and leader, presented a report of the year's activities, and Pastor Don Hosken, Field Marshal Guide, was assisted by three local Master Guides in investing thirty-nine Pathfinders with honours for completion of their year's work and attainments.

"Rangers" was a new class inaugurated into Junior Adventist Youth at the commencement of 1980, and three Wagga AJYs were among the first to complete this advanced course.

Pastor Hosken congratulated and commended the work done during the year by the Master Guides and leaders who have enthused these youth in their progress. # #

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☆ **The new Lilydale church complex** was opened and dedicated on Sabbath, March 28. This beautiful complex is a real credit to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and to all who toiled so tirelessly and gave so liberally in time and money, to make it possible. Pictures and a report on the events of a memorable event will appear in RECORD shortly.

☆ **Special jubilee celebrations** were held on April 19 and 20 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries on the islands of Mussau and Erina. Pictures and a story will appear in our columns shortly.

☆ **Mr. Robert Young**, a volunteer builder from Newcastle, is now in Wewak, and work has commenced on the Wewak Youth Hall. The tractor that was doing excavation work dug up a live shell with its very first scoop of dirt. A short while later a second shell was unearthed, and still later the shrapnel from an exploded bomb was unearthed. The shells have been identified as Japanese 75 mm shells, and they were still on the site awaiting the arrival of a bomb squad from Port Moresby when we went to press with this item. Wow!

☆ **Building contracts** have been signed for the library and two dormitories of the South Pacific Adventist College at Tanuabada, P.N.G., and work on this next major stage is expected to start by the end of April.

☆ **The Thirteenth Sabbath Special Project Offering** for the third quarter, 1980, which was for the Australasian Division's South Pacific College, established a new record for a third quarter offering. The total offering from the world Sabbath school was \$US1,380,569, which is \$US57,890 more than ever before. The 25 per cent share to the Australasian Division amounts to \$US345,142.

☆ **The membership** of the Australasian Division now stands at 142,010. Last year there were 8,254 baptisms in this Division.

☆ **A brief look** at the Statistical Report for the year ending December 1980, reveals that the membership of Papua New Guinea Union Mission now stands at 58,929. Baptisms and additions by profession of faith for the ten local missions last year were as follows:

Central Papuan Mission	571
Eastern Highlands Mission	1,060
Madang Manus Mission	88
Morobe Mission	196
New Britain New Ireland	249
North East Papuan Mission	143
North Solomons Mission	145
Sepik Mission	253
South West Papuan Mission	232
Western Highlands Mission	1,120
P.N.G.U.M. TOTAL	4,003

This means that over one-third of the membership of this Division and 50 per cent of the baptisms for 1980 are in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission.

☆ **The 1980 report** from the Publishing Department of the P.N.G.U.M. reveals that seventy-one literature evangelists sold K116,513 worth of books and literature last year, and were instrumental in winning approximately 144 souls.

☆ **News has come through** from Sister Dianne Tokely, who is working as a volunteer in Kampuchea. Alan Harris is in charge of the operating room, doing three list cases a day plus three to five minor or emergency cases. Alison Colheart takes care of the surgical ward with sixteen to eighteen patients there at any one time. They have had a few osteoarthritis cases and also a repair of hare lip. Di looks after the outpatients department for surgery, with around thirty-six patients each morning and doctors' clinic in the afternoons. They have a dentist and his wife, and a pastor and his wife from America, working there as well. Occasionally they see Robyn and Warren Scales. At the end of February, Alan and Dianne were at Jonburrie Camp and had a very enjoyable day of fellowship with the Khmer refugees. One hundred and ninety-four V.O.P. certificates were handed out (all lessons are in English), and they witnessed a most moving baptism of twenty-nine in the afternoon. Part way through the baptism some water buffaloes came to take a dip and drink, but nobody worried about this. The sets of "The Bible Story" Dianne took with her to Kampuchea are being widely used, and if anyone has any spare copies of these books, they would be greatly appreciated by the people, as they find them easier to read than the Bible.

☆ **"Finally, brethren . . .":** The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.