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## another year— untried but safe

A YEAR UNTRIED before me lies. What it will bring: a glad surprise, or joy or grief, I cannot tell; but God my Father knows that well. Sickness be mine or rugged health, hard times and penury or wealth—I make it no concern of mine, but leave it all with love Divine. If lonesome I must pass along, or living friends my way may throng, upon my Father's word I rest, and what He sends me will be best. Nothing can come but He can cure, His love does all my good ensure; He'll see me through the journey's length, meet daily need with daily strength. In Him I fortify my heart, and thus do fear and dread depart; my soul shall nothing know of fright since God is all my life and light. Suppose the sun is dark by day and stars by night confuse my way; suppose the earthly lamps grow dim? He walks in Light who walks with Him. Thou Year Untried—thou hast, I see, only what God has planned for me. You cannot cause a single pain, for what God sends is always Gain.

—Selected.

This poem appears as well in the January issue of *Signs of the Times*. Share it with your friends—by giving them *Signs*!



Pastor Dean Giles baptises Mr. and Mrs. Frost at the Ringwood Cultural Centre, as Pastor Parker watches.

## Melbourne Eastern Outreach

MRS. DEL GOULD, Secretary, Eastern Outreach Committee

IT ALL BEGAN in the hearts of dedicated lay people. These with their ministers prayed and hoped and planned for a local mission outreach. For two years we had been inspired and blessed in the city mission conducted by Pastor John Carter. Could we now have a local mission which would reach those who had been unable to travel to the city, and consolidate others who had not attended regularly?

Fred Caldwell thought we could! Fifty active lay members from outer eastern churches under Brother Caldwell's chairmanship thought we could—and now, a year later, we are reporting that we did!

The Victorian Conference provided an evangelist in the person of Pastor Ross Parker, and work began in earnest. Five churches—Croydon, Ferntree Gully, Ringwood, Lilydale and Wantirna—together with the Lilydale Adventist Academy, undertook the multitude of duties associated with planning and presenting an attractive public witness. A major preparation was the provision of \$4,000 worth of New International Version Bibles used in the Bible marking. They were provided by church members responding to the challenge of the finance committee under Brother Graeme Stott, chairman, and Brother Fred Wilson, treasurer. It would be a pleasure to list by name all who gave of their means, time and talent before and during the six month series, but space dictates mention of but a few.

### Came the Day in May

Using two giant screens, Pastor Parker took the stage at two suburban centres, Bayswater and Ringwood. With beautiful photography he took his audience week after week through Bible lands showing through archaeology and prophecy the inspiration of the Scriptures and the power and love of a wonderful Creator God who made us for fellowship with Himself.

"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11.

The eastern outreach provided a reaping of interest which had been generated by the many and varied methods of witness available for our use. Some of those baptised traced their initial interest to "It is Written," some to the Carter

Report, some to contact with faithful believers. The beautiful baptismal service in the Ringwood Cultural Centre attracted an attendance of 500, for whom we prayed that this would be a witness for Christ. The providential leading of God in the lives of these new members is the subject of another RECORD report being prepared. Pastor Parker has reported sixteen decisions for baptism where candidates have already gone forward, and a similar number are preparing for this sacred rite.

We have been told that when laymen unite their efforts with those of the ministry, the work of God will be finished in the earth and our dear Saviour will come in power and glory. We, of the 1981 Melbourne eastern outreach, praise Him for the precious privilege of being co-labourers with Him. ##

The Hawthorn Adventist High School choir, under the baton of Bruce Youlden, sings at the eastern outreach programme.

Photos: D. Giles.



## Resolutions

A little less impatient  
with those we deem too slow;  
A little less of arrogance  
because of all we know;  
A little more humility,  
seeing our worth is slight;  
We are such trivial candles  
compared to stars at night!  
A little more forgiving  
and swifter to be kind;  
A little more desirous  
the word of praise to find;  
The word of praise to utter  
and make a heart rejoice;  
A little bit more careful  
to speak with gentle voice;  
A little more true eagerness  
to understand each other;  
A little more real striving  
to heal a shipwrecked brother;  
A little more high courage  
to each task that must be done;  
These be our resolutions—  
and God help everyone!

—Selected.

## YOUTH FEATURE . . .

# The Missing Bible

JUDI S. HOLT

"HE'S THREATENED to kill you, Grimez. You'd better be careful!" But the tall, broad-shouldered forester only smiled at his companion and continued through the trees. "Samuel, I've got my gun and my dogs. I don't need to worry." And with a scornful laugh Grimez turned down the path leading to his cabin.

In the unsettled days of the Napoleonic wars, Grimez was keeper of a large tract of woodland in the Silesian mountains. He and Maria, his wife, lived in a snug wooden cottage, deep in the forest. Grimez had helped bring to justice a band of thieves and outlaws. Now only their leader remained, and he had sworn to have his revenge against the forester.

Maria was a Christian, and she faithfully read her Bible and prayed. But Grimez seemed as irreligious as his wife was devout. He laughed at Maria and her many prayers for his safety. "Don't waste your time praying for me, Maria, for I can certainly take care of myself. All I need is my gun and dogs, not your silly prayers!"

One evening Grimez did not come home at the usual time. As the night wore on, Maria became more and more anxious. She couldn't help remembering how the robber had sworn to take her husband's life. Picking up the large Bible, she began to read aloud to her mother and young daughter from the seventy-first Psalm: "In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust. . . . Be Thou my strong habitation. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man."

Then the three knelt together and Maria prayed. "Dear Lord, You know Grimez is a proud, yet good man, and You know how much we need him. Help him to put his trust in You. Keep him from danger. And Father, also bless the robber whom we fear. Have mercy on him, and soften his heart. Thank you for hearing our prayer! Amen."

Just as she had finished tucking their daughter into bed, Maria heard footsteps on the path outside! Someone began pounding on the door!

"Maria, Maria. It's me, Grimez. Let me in!"

She ran to the door. "Oh, Grimez! How thankful I am that you're home safely! I've been so worried, and we had prayer for you."

"Bah," replied Grimez. "It's foolish to waste your time praying for me. Instead, you had better pray my gun works and my dogs are alert. That might do some good!"

The next morning as the sun was just beginning to filter through the trees, Grimez got up to build the morning fire. To his great surprise, one of the front windows stood wide open! Then he noticed that Maria's large Bible, which she always left on the table, had disappeared. In its place was a sharp, dangerous-looking knife!

"I don't understand it. I double-checked those windows last night," puzzled Grimez, as he thought of how carefully he had closed up the cottage. "I'm positive they were latched."

Obviously someone who had planned murder had been inside the cottage. Everyone

searched the house, but they found nothing missing except the Bible. Even Grimez had to admit that it was neither his gun nor his dogs that had saved his life. He thought about Maria's Bible during the next few days. He stopped laughing at his wife and gradually began to believe that there might be something to her prayers after all.

After that night the outlaw who had promised to kill Grimez simply disappeared, and no one heard from him again.

Some years later war broke out, and Grimez enlisted in the army. He soon found himself on the front lines of battle where the fighting raged along a stretch of lake shore. During the battle Grimez was shot. He felt a piercing pain in his side. Everything whirled, then turned black. When he came to, he was lying on the cold ground, unable to move. Dead men lay all around him.

Later a fisherman came rowing cautiously in to the shore to see whether his hut had been destroyed in the fighting. Hearing the groans of the wounded soldier, he landed and went to help him. He and his companions carried the wounded man to their boat and rowed to the opposite shore of the lake, about three kilometres away. Into one of the cottages at the water's edge they carried Grimez.

"Hurry, Babetta," the fisherman called to his wife. "Get some clean bandages and boil some water. We must clean his wounds."

And so Adolph, the fisherman, and his wife, Babetta, nursed and cared for Grimez with tender kindness. The fisherman wrote to the forester's family, and soon they came to be with Grimez.

As he lay in bed, Grimez thought of the wonderful way his life had been spared when he was left for dead on the battlefield. He thought, too, of the miraculous way in which God had protected him and his family from the robber that night so long ago. He saw God's hand in it all. That night Grimez prayed for God to

forgive his sins and to help him become a Christian.

When he became well enough to return home, Grimez thanked the kind fisherman for all that he had done, and offered to pay him for the trouble and expense he had caused. But the fisherman would take nothing.

"Indeed, I owe you much more than you could ever owe me," he told Grimez.

"Why, how could that be?" the forester asked in astonishment. "You saved my life. I owe you everything!"

Adolph went over to the front closet as he spoke. "I have a great treasure that I took from you many years ago, and now I wish to give it back." He turned to face them with a large Bible in his hands.

"Oh!" Maria exclaimed. She recognised the dear old family Bible that had disappeared so strangely on that never-to-be forgotten night.

Hesitatingly the fisherman began his story. "I see you do not recognise me," he said softly, looking at Grimez, "but I am the robber who caused so much trouble in your neighbourhood. I was furious with you for catching my companions, and swore to have revenge. One evening about dark, I crept into your house, intending to murder you and all your family while you slept.

"The whole evening I lay under the couch in your sitting-room, waiting for you to come home and go to bed. While I was hiding, your wife read the seventy-first psalm out of this Bible. Then she knelt and prayed not only for you and your safety, but also for me and my hardened heart. As she read and prayed a strange feeling came over me. It seemed as if an unseen hand was laid upon me to keep me from doing what I had come to do. I only wanted to get that wonderful book and read it for myself. In my haste I left my knife on the table. For some reason even your dogs didn't bark as I fled out the window.

"For weeks I hid in the woods near your home and did practically nothing but read your Bible. I saw what a great sinner I was, and like the other thief, the one on the cross, I was forgiven. Then I left that part of the country and became a fisherman.

"You, Grimez, trusted your gun and dogs, but they couldn't have helped you. God's Word saved you. It protected you then, and it also saved you on the battlefield. So don't thank me; thank God, who through this blessed Book saved you—and me." ##

## Your Bank Account

If you had a bank that credited your account every morning with \$86,400, that carried over no balance from day to day, allowed you to keep no cash in your account, and everything cancelled out whatever part of that amount you failed to use during the day, what would you do?

Draw out every cent, of course! Well, you do have such a bank and its name is "time." Every morning it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it rules as lost whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose! It carries over no balance and allows no overdrafts. If you fail to use the day's deposit, the loss is yours. There is no going back, no drawing against tomorrow. Invest your seconds so that they will give you the utmost in value. ##

# In Touch

—with the President

## 1982—ONE YEAR CLOSER



RECENTLY a news reporter told a pathetic story. A landlord requested his tenants to vacate his property by a certain date. The family was given several months' notice. However, it was suggested that they should endeavour to find alternative accommodation immediately. But the weeks and months passed without any effort on their part to find another home. They were sure that the owner would not throw them out on the street. But they misjudged his intentions.

The final hour arrived. There didn't seem to be much difference about this hour from those that preceded it. Father went off to work. The children set off for school, while mother busied herself with the chores about the house. However, time had run out for this family. When the clock struck twelve noon the landlord and his agent moved in and carried all the furniture out of the house and dumped it on the street. The last day and hour had passed for them, yet they had not made any preparation.

Seventh-day Adventists are much concerned with time and eternity. As the years come and go we keep a watchful eye on the prophetic time-clock. The "signs of the times" are very important to us. We know that *time* is running out for the world and for the church. Soon there will be time no longer. God's great eternity will have taken over.

Another year has just been wiped from our calendar. The year 1981, with all its successes and failures, has gone forever; 1982, with its challenges, is spread out before us. What does it have in store for us?

No human foot has left its print,  
No one has trodden here;  
No one has broken yet the trail  
Into the unknown year.

We have not passed this way before  
A white path lies ahead;  
A page we have not written on,  
A book we have not read.

We know not what the future holds—  
Who holds the future Him we know!  
So, with Him through the unknown path  
On this year's errands go.

—Author unknown.

The world has a right to expect Adventists to know and understand the meaning of the times in which we live. After listing the events that would precede His coming, our Lord declared, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33. We cannot know the day or the hour of His coming, but we can know when it is near. The coming of Jesus is just as close for you and me as the number of days, months or years we have left to live. No wonder then that our Lord urges, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44. The Bible does not pinpoint the exact time of Christ's return. In fact it warns against time setting. The emphasis is on preparation!

"Now is the day of salvation." If we wish to meet our Lord in peace, we cannot afford to procrastinate. Life is too short. It is like the flower that blossoms in the morning, but wilts under the noonday sun. Another year has dawned bright with promise, but we have no guarantee on the future.

If Christ came today, would you be ready? You have so many plans for 1982, you are probably wondering how you are going to fit them all in. Your hopes and dreams may be very worth while. In fact your plans may be of the highest order. But I ask again, Can you be sure that you will have sufficient time to carry them out?

"Of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. . . . Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." 1 Thess. 5:1-3, 6.

The world is soon to witness the greatest event of all time. Jesus has promised to come again. We can depend on His Word. When the fullness of time was come, God sent His Son to live and die among men. His first coming is a guarantee that He will come again. He did not die in vain. He will return!

Every year that passes brings us closer to the glorious event. The world is soon to see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven. Two men in white apparel were sent to assure His disciples that "this same Jesus" would come back in the same manner as they had seen Him go (Acts 1:11). The "same Jesus" who healed the sick is coming again. The "same Jesus" who forgave sinners, comforted the sorrowing and spoke peace to troubled hearts will soon return. The "same Jesus" who took little children on His knee and blessed them is coming to claim His children. Death, sorrow, suffering and separation will all be banished when He comes. I wish He would come today. He will come one day, one month, one year. Why not in 1982? As John the revelator thought of the glorious event, he uttered the last prayer in the Bible, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

As we stand at the threshold of 1982, the past, present and future come into sharper focus. We cannot do anything about the past. It is gone forever. The future is in God's hands. I am so glad that it is, for I know He wants the best for His people. The present is given to me so that I will be ready to enjoy God's glorious tomorrows. Eternity does not concern itself with days, months and years. In this life we watch the years rushing past. The Grim Reaper is waiting there somewhere between the terminus of threescore years and ten. All the wealth in the world cannot lengthen life when that last hour arrives. But we belong to One who holds the keys of heaven and hell. He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). I am looking forward to a reunion with loved ones who are waiting to hear the voice of the Life-giver. I am really "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. What about you?

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## North-East Papua Pathfinder Fair

G. B. HAVANNAH IABEI, District Director, Kokoda District, North-East Papuan Mission

I WAS HAPPY indeed to spend a week at Inonda Adventist School with our Union Youth director, Mr. Kevin Silva. He ran a workshop for thirty leaders and other youth on AY, AJY and Youth programmes. He also conducted a Youth open Bible marking class. The young people learned how to give Bible studies and are now ready to go out to study with the village people in their homes.

On Sunday, August 9, 1981, North-East Papua held their very first Pathfinder Fair. Those who came to watch were very interested in the events. The aim of each club was to beat the clock. It was surprising to see how fast the young ones tied their knots and ran in the chariot race. The results were very good.

Brother and Sister Koma spent many hours with the Pathfinders, helping them with their classwork and their outdoor activities. If you were to speak with Brother Koma he would tell you, "Next year we will have another bigger and better Pathfinder Fair in North East Papua."

On Sabbath evening, August 7, Mr. Silva held an induction service, during which new members joined the Pathfinder club. We all enjoyed this meeting very much.

I am proud to say that we are no longer to be called the "small mission," because North-East Papua young people have the "muscle" to do the tasks which God has given them to do. I believe that the North-East Papua youth "can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth them." Please remember these youth and other youth of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission in your daily prayers. ##



Part of the march-past during the Pathfinder fair held in North-East Papua.

Photo: K. Silva.

## Our Leaders Affirm Their Faith

### Absolute Confidence

WHILE THE WORLD'S spokesmen are gloomy and pessimistic, the wonderful thing about Adventism is the good news from heaven about our world—all embodied in our message and commission symbolised by the three angels of Revelation 14.

The inspiring, confirming, unchanging truth of the three angels is their timeliness. Having the everlasting gospel at their heart, they are tailor-made for today's "end-time" world. Their *specialness* and *timeliness* can only speak of their divine origin.

Before Adventism was born, God had already forecast our role, message and mission (Daniel 8:14; Revelation chapters 10, 11, 12, 14). To nurse that infant church to maturity, He sent His special messenger. I am awed and challenged by all this. Ours is a staggering task; a tremendous responsibility. We are to give the good news to everyone, everywhere.

Recent challenges from without and within have sent me to my knees and Bible study, only to emerge with deeper convictions than ever that our statements of belief reflect the truth of the Inspired Word. The magnitude of the current challenge, again only reveals how deep are the foundations of prophetic truth and causes it to shine with more lustre than ever. (It is exciting to note the number of non-Adventist scholars moving closer to our prophetic interpretations.)

In this "judgment hour" let the Adventist Church sound the "everlasting gospel"—not with a whimper, but with a trumpet blast!—and watch the "dead" rise to walk in newness of life,

looking to the day when we shall see Jesus.

This is my commitment.

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*It was intended that this series would end with the last issue for 1981. Unfortunately, owing to the vagaries of the mail, Pastor Colquhoun's statement took over three weeks to reach us and arrived too late for inclusion with the others in the series. We are happy to share it with our readers now.*

**PASTOR PETER J. COLQUHOUN** was one of five children reared on a farm in the South Auckland area of New Zealand. When he was a youth his whole family accepted the Adventist message. Following on from Longburn Adventist College, he completed his ministerial training at Avondale College, graduating in 1962.

While at Avondale he met Carelle Boyle from Perth, and in 1965 they married. Carelle graduated as a high-school teacher.

Peter's first appointment, commencing in 1963, was with the North New South Wales Conference, where he was engaged in evangelistic and pastoral ministry for four years.

Then followed a period of service in the mission fields as president of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Mission, at the time a British colony. Following their mission service they were appointed to pastoral evangelism in North New Zealand.

In 1976 he was called to Avondale College to serve as dean of students. With a yen to be back in evangelistic work, he responded to a call to North New South Wales again. Six months later he was appointed as president of the South New Zealand Conference.

Two boys, Paul and Michael, make up their family. ##



The new church at Palamanda village, with some of the interests raised by a layman



Old Minimbi, whose visit to the Holy Land convinced him of the truth.  
Photos: R. L. Coombe.

## LAYMEN IN THE FRONTLINE

RAYMOND COOMBE, Lay Activities Director, Papua New Guinea Union Mission

I HAD HARDLY BEEN in Mount Hagen one hour when the Mission Lay Activities director, John Hamura, said, "We are going to take you to see the work that some of our laymen have been doing." And with that we piled into his Land Rover and started out of town.

On the way to Ugulupen, the Lutheran headquarters for Western Highlands, we stopped to pick up Pastor Kome Topela, the district director. He began telling me of the wonderful support that our laymen and Adventist businessmen are giving him in the Mount Hagen district. Just the previous evening one businessman had told Pastor Kome that he would like to pay for two laymen to care for some of the churches that have no pastor. He has already provided the cash for a generator, movie projector and some movie films which the laymen are using in their evangelistic outreach. Just then we pulled into the village compound of Palamanda where one of three lay preaching efforts had recently been conducted.

Mr. Tender Wak was there. Even before he was baptised this man ran a one-week series of meetings in a new church that he built. About 400 people attended every night, and then at the end of the campaign the little *kunai* church was dedicated and seventeen people were baptised,

including Mr. Wak and his family. Three hundred people stood in line to join the church, and this from Ugulupen!

One of the initiators of this mass movement is Minimbi, an old chief of the area who went to the Holy Land with Pastor Hackwell in 1979. He is convinced that the "Seven-day Church" is the true church, because he saw with his own eyes the river Jordan where Jesus was baptised by immersion, and he saw that the Jews are still keeping a Saturday Sabbath. Old Minimbi, who once had fourteen wives, is just waiting for the last *moka* (pig-killing ceremony) before he too can join the baptismal class.

Next we headed out the other direction from town to Uliya village, where Mr. Wilfred Walua had conducted a lay effort. Again six people had been baptised and 150 stood in line to join the baptismal class. We did not have time to visit the Avi church, which stands alongside the Highlands highway. But when I was told that Nelson Rorah had been running

meetings for two weeks, I was not surprised. That dynamic Remington salesman is always involved in outreach somewhere, and this time he had seen twenty-eight people make decisions and eight people baptised.

Although it was getting late in the afternoon we still had one more appointment—Togoba! Now I wondered what the Lay Activities Department had to do at the Health Centre? I am glad we did not disappoint them, for waiting in the home of Mrs. Sambale were the Dorcas ladies of Togoba Society, and what a happy, industrious team they are! Three sewing-machines were out on the table, and every dear soul held a garment with needle and thread in hand. They were making Dorcas uniform dresses for other societies who do not know how to sew, and Mrs. Benson from Mussau is teaching them the skills of sewing. I also learned that two laymen from Mussau have been active in missionary work, and together with the officer in charge, Robert Sambale, they have started a couple of branch Sabbath schools. God bless them!

My visit to the Western Highlands Mission took me to the Laiagam District, where we conducted Sabbath school and Lay Activities workshops over the week-end. What an inspiration to see the enthusiasm of these humble folks, who got quite excited over some new possibilities for witnessing!



"First-fruits" from a new-work area, baptised recently at Pangol in the Kandep District.



A happy Dorcas lady, Langare, stands with some of her interests, and a missionary at Kampia.

The following week we made our way over the rugged range to the Kandep basin. It is a high, swampy plateau, which suffered such severe frosts last year that food crops were destroyed and twelve people died from starvation. Pastor Daniel Napu is the district director there at present, and what a great man he is! After conducting workshops during the day we showed films and preached each night. You should have seen the crowds! The new church at Pindak, which was erected by Pastor Len Barnard and a "fly 'n' build" team just last year, was not nearly big enough. It was a thrill to preach the wonderful message of Christ's love and soon return, and I am sure the Lord longs to clothe those dirty, naked bodies with His robe of righteousness as much as those who "have need of nothing." How they can stand the shivering cold I do not know, for I certainly shivered in my sleeping-bag at night, even with two pairs of trousers and socks on!

On Friday we made a tortuous trip around the edge of the Kandep basin to a place called Pangol. It was a hazardous trip too, for the road crosses many little rivers and gullies by means of a few bush timbers and logs, many of which were rotting or insecurely placed. And with a light rain falling it made the crossing a breathtaking experience each time. However we made it, and spent a precious Sabbath with folk there.

Sitting around the fire in the cookhouse, drying out our clothes, gave opportunity to hear stories of how laymen and missionaries are extending the work of God in this remote area. Pangol is the gateway to another large highland valley called the Waghi Valley, which is a new-work area. Many requests for missionaries have come from there, but our work is only just starting. It is an "in-between" area, where the people speak both the Huli language of Tari and the Enga language of Laiagam and Wabag. It was therefore a real thrill to see the first six precious souls from this new area baptised in a delightful baptism of fourteen candidates on Sabbath afternoon. I believe these are just the first-fruits of a harvest.

#### Fulfilling a Promise

Later in the afternoon we returned to Kandep headquarters, and as the sun was setting we made our way in the opposite direction to another new-work area. Really it was just to fulfil a promise: a promise made to a dear little Dorcas lady named Langare, who had been sharing her faith and "preaching" to her people. Now she has started her own branch Sabbath school and Dorcas Society and has two people in the "class ready." So we had promised to come to her place on Saturday night and show some pictures, knowing very well the positive result that such a visit would produce. We were not disappointed. The people came from miles around. We could see them coming in the darkness, their torches winding across the swampy plains and up the hill. The Lord provided a perfectly clear sky, and Langare was happy to the marrow. I don't think too many European missionaries have ever seen this area, but there's certainly a shining light in Kampia that is going to grow, because the laymen are on fire. And with people like Langare and others in the front-line, there's only one way to go—forward! ##

# IS THIS HAT FOR YOU?

W. A. TOWNEND

A SURPRISING NUMBER of males and females would say "Yes," I think. They would like to wear this hat. They can. If . . .

If they "get something under it," as we say. That can be done. The news is good.

Minutes ago I talked with Dr. Thea Hanson who, with her husband, Dr. Jim Hanson, joined Avondale College faculty a few months ago. Dr. T told me that right now Avondale is setting up a brand new one-year Cooks and Bakers course. Brand new, starting February, 1982. That's soon!

My slow old pen couldn't get it all down. But I did catch this for you: No long hours in the classroom. A few hours a week. That's all. The rest of the time in the bakehouse and in the kitchen doing things under the guidance of a fully qualified and experienced chef. One day a week the class will actually run the college "caff," without the regular caff supervision.

There will also be instruction in basic and fancy cooking and baking, catering for social and church "dos," creative use of leftovers, waiting table, menu planning, garnishing (yum!). And more.

"Alive" is my label for the classroom side of the course. There will be a top college lecturer on human relations (not a bad idea for cooks and bakers); Dr. Jim Hanson on physical education; a specialist on sanitation and safety in the kitchen. And more.

These fortunate new Cooking and Baking students will also take a Bible subject for three class periods a week. I've heard that it may be "Bible Survey." Ask a 1979-81 Bible Survey student about that! Hope they don't let their teacher down!!

Well, is that hat for you? It can be. Looks like this new one-year course (graduation? Yes) could lead you in that direction.



No, don't write to me about it. Try Dr. Tim Gorie who is the college registrar, P. O. Box 19, Cooranbong, N.S.W. 2265, or Dr. Hanson herself. Or you may like to go to the top by contacting our college president, Dr. Jim Cox. I've heard that he too is pretty keen about this new venture at Avondale.

That hat? For you? Why not?

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## Prayer Meeting With a Difference

HEATHER TOPP, Communication Secretary, Papanui Church, South New Zealand

THE LAY ACTIVITIES team of Papanui church have planned prayerfully a cottage prayer meeting with a difference, in the comfort of a centralised Papanui home. It was decided that to encourage effective witnessing, people must have the opportunity to meet with and share their Christian experiences with folk of other denominations. Subsequently, it was agreed upon to each week invite a Christian guest speaker from a different faith, to share his experiences. In this sharing concept, the Lay Activities team felt that, in return, it would give folk from other faiths the opportunity to see what Adventists were like, to ask questions, and promote fellowship and discussions.

The Lay Activities team feel that prejudices are being eliminated, and fallacies of Adven-

tism are falling away, as folk are exposed to the warmth of Christ-centred worship. One guest speaker was so impressed with a talk led out by John Schoolderman on prayer, that he requested that John share his faith with the congregation of South Brighton Methodist church. John was happy to do this, and has been requested to study with this family, beginning with the second coming of Christ! Every ten weeks a pot-luck evening meal is to be held, where all guest speakers will be invited to attend, and the meal will be followed by an Adventist speaker who will share studies such as the Sabbath. With as many as twenty to thirty folk attending regularly, and sometimes up to ten non-Adventists, trust is placed in God, that effective "seed-sowing" and spiritual awakening will bring positive results. ##

# VOICE OF JUNIOR YOUTH

MARY STELLMAKER, Communication Secretary, Avondale Memorial Church, North New South Wales



Some of the Voice of Junior Youth team at the Avondale swing-bridge.  
Photos: M. Stellmaker.



Sanya Zeman was a speaker for one of the programmes.

DEAR LORD,

"Thank You for the good week we have had at school. Please be with us as we go home to prepare for Sabbath. Bless each one taking part in the mission tonight, and may we be able to share Your love to others. Amen."

"See you tonight, Mrs. Stellmaker"; and my Year 9 Textile class were out the door, and school was over for another week.

Later that evening, when I arrived at the Bonnells Bay hall for the Voice of Junior Youth mission programme, the hall was almost full. So many of our students, so familiar in school

uniform, transformed by their Sabbath clothes, were poised, courteous and confident as they went about their duties.

Geoff Coyte, the Voice of Junior Youth director, conceived the idea of conducting the programme when he saw the first Voice of Junior Youth conducted in this conference at

Murwillumbah in 1979. Since then Geoff and his wife Robyn have lived with the programme and been totally committed to it.

For Robyn that meant supervising the preparing of 18,827 letters used in 126 texts over the thirteen weeks of the series. Many folk helped with this task.

Meanwhile Geoff's first hurdle was to interest the local churches and get their support. Finally a committee was formed with representatives from the Avondale Memorial, Avondale College, Hillview, Brightwaters, and Dora Creek churches. Directors were appointed to care for transposing the script from the American, voice training for the youthful speakers, and music.

The churches supplied financial backing, and folk close to the programme also contributed much. "But," says Geoff, "without the leading of God we would never have gotten off the ground. I want to praise God for the opportunity of working for Him. It was a thrill to see the way some of the lively kids buckled down when spoken to and did a really terrific job."

Each programme was presented in the local churches before the mission. In this way the young people gained a tremendous amount of confidence in public speaking. Not only the youth, but the parents also were totally involved in the programme, for they were constantly required for transport.

That young people do not have the gospel commission, the same as adults, was one of the main reasons for the programme, Geoff explained. Then, the truth of the statement, too, "He that watereth will be watered also," was proved as the youth got more and more involved and their own souls were watered.



The programme which explained the seven beasts. Texts were held up on cards.



Cathy Parr—the voice which narrated all the programmes.



Lyndon Voigt and Greg Till did a fine job on the sound system.



Evangelist Pastor Austen Fletcher, a veteran of many public campaigns, assessed the Voice of Junior Youth in this way: "The Voice of Junior Youth programme that was conducted at Bonnells Bay earlier this year was of excellent quality and efficient performance, impressively so. I noticed that the young people had been well trained; they presented themselves as good representatives of the Lord and of His message. Their material was good material, with a high interest factor. Pictures on the screen, diagrams and chart devices were very well done, and the young people themselves spoke clearly, audibly and with good presence and good command.

"The overall appeal of the programme was such that I frankly wished an advertising approach had been used that had been more geared to attracting non-Adventist members and parents. With such a well-presented programme and with such interesting material, the value of the programme could be very greatly enhanced were the public to be approached in a manner that would appeal to it. The Voice of Junior Youth is highly commendable."

On the final night in June, seven persons responded to the appeal given by the young people themselves. Several of these have been baptised already.

One of the boys summed it up this way: "The best thing about the Voice of Junior Youth was the way the kids could do their own thing in their own way, and the adults sat back and watched." Yes, young people do want to be involved and can be effective soul-winners.

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UPPER LEFT: Ricky Lang gave a special item. LOWER LEFT: Wayne Reynolds taking up the offering.

UPPER RIGHT: Punching the cards at the door. LOWER RIGHT: Directors Geoff and Robyn Coyte.

Photos: Bruce Jones.



# A Profession of Faith

BRIAN CURSON, Publishing Director, North Queensland Conference



From left: David Woolley (manager, Signs Publishing Company), Klaus Lietz, Wayne McPaul, Ray Givney, Pastor Noel Bolst (Publishing director, T.T.U.C.), Brian Ward, Jim Gray, Paul Van Waveren, Brian Curson (Publishing director, North Queensland).  
Photo: B. Curson.

TOBACCO research station manager, builder, coppersmith, hearing-aid consultant, electrician, bread-delivery contractor, and insurance agent. From these six varied occupations come the team of dedicated, full-time literature evangelists of north Queensland.

For our recent camp-meeting we were very privileged to have the manager of the Signs Publishing Company and the Publishing director of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference present, to give instruction and share experiences of the Lord's leading. Daily, during camp, the literature

evangelist meetings were packed with eager listeners, drinking in the amazing accounts and miracles wrought by the power of God. The greatest thrill was the presence of precious souls won to the Lord through the avenue of the literature ministry.

Recently an aboriginal settlement at Yarrabah, south of Cairns, with approximately 100 homes, was canvassed by Brian Ward and the writer over a period of one week. In a number of the homes people were playing gospel songs, while in others the conversation expressed a love for the Lord. During the week, contact was made with the resident Anglican minister, Father Malcolm, who appreciated the work being done. The minister was complimented on the fine work he was doing and assured that our books would only develop that spiritual interest further. (Hopefully the complete three angels' messages.) At the completion of the week the figures were tallied up to what was a fantastic week: Over \$4,000 in business: forty-eight 'Your Bible and You' were ordered.

Now, let me tell you of our very successful team. In 1980 our team consisted of six men, and during that record year over \$135,000 worth of books were placed in the homes. That means each literature evangelist delivered over \$22,000 worth. Praise the Lord!

Today, God is working through humble instruments, giving amazing results. 'To everyone who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results.' — 'Testimonies,' Vol. 7, page 30. God is calling people today from all walks of life to enter a very rewarding work. Don't hesitate if He calls you. ##

## Open Day in South Australia

NAT E. DEVENISH, Communication Director, South Australian Conference

OCTOBER 18, 1981 was open day for the South Australian Adventist Book Centre. Yes, I know others had their open days on October 11, but that date was a long week-end in our state.

Instead of the usual open day features, camel and donkey rides, this year it was decided to have two Bible quizzes. One was for those up to and including sixteen years of age, and the other for those seventeen years and over. The prize for each quiz was two return tickets (including day tour) to Kangaroo Island, flying Airlines of South Australia.

Well-known Adelaide radio personality Mr. Des Feary of Radio 5AA, not only compered the quizzes, but, along with his mobile studio, provided music and ably hosted the various features of the day. Mr. Feary, who is a committed Christian, donated his services for the day free of charge. One of our members, Mr.

Roderick Mead, who is the assistant secretary of Airlines of South Australia, represented the airline and presented the prizes. The Adelaide Advent Silver Band rendered one hour of much appreciated music.

Julie Wind and Gary Gracie compete in a semifinal of the junior quiz. The compere was Mr. Des Feary of Radio 5AA.

Photo: N. Devenish.

Oh, yes, you are wondering who won the trips to Kangaroo Island! Jennine Dickson won the junior quiz, and Brother Chris Hough won the senior quiz.

Open day was a lot of fun and thousands of dollars of helpful items were sold. ##



## The Light in the Face of Jesus

PEARL M. SMITH

YEARS AGO when I was a teenager, a friend gave me a copy of that delightful little book, "Pen Pictures of the Face of Jesus." Its message has come to mean more and more to me as I have become better acquainted with this Jesus through the study of the Bible and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. I have especially pondered Scriptures such as 2 Cor. 4:5-7 and 3:18, as I have sought for a deeper meaning.

Only recently, in studying the Ellen G. White comments on the Sabbath school lessons, has this meaning opened up to my mind. It all has to do with the light of Him "who commanded the light to shine out of darkness." 2 Cor. 4:6. We read in "The Ministry of Healing," pages 461, 462, "Before the entrance of sin, Adam and Eve were surrounded with a clear and beautiful light, the light of God. This light illuminated everything which they approached. . . . In losing the garments of holiness they lost the light that had illuminated nature." "Christ's Object Lessons," page 18, tells us that "As soon as the holy pair transgressed the law of the Most High, the brightness from the face of God departed from the face of nature."

Put with these thoughts the experience of Moses referred to by Paul in 2 Cor. 3:7, 13-18. His face shone so brightly after his close contact with the glory of God on Mount Sinai that it became necessary for him to veil his face for the sake of the people. But this bright glow on his face gradually disappeared. Today God's glory is revealed by the lives of Christians as their hearts become aglow with His presence. J. B. Phillips has it translated this way:

"All of us who are Christians have no veils on our faces, but reflect like mirrors the glory of the Lord. We are transfigured in ever-increasing splendour into His own image, and the transformation comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. . . . God, who first ordered light to shine in darkness, has flooded our hearts with His light."

And so God says, in Isa. 60:1, 2, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee . . . but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee."

This intimate knowledge of the glory of God is the light which we are to give to the world, glorifying, not ourselves, but God. "It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. . . . The dwelling of the Spirit will be shown by the outflowing of heavenly love. . . . Remove the obstructions and the Lord's glory will be revealed. . . . The revelation of His own glory in the form of humanity, will bring heaven so near to men that the beauty adorning the inner temple will be seen every soul in whom the Saviour dwells. Men will be captivated by the glory of an abiding Christ."—"Christ's Object Lessons," pages 419, 420. ##



Winner of the Bible quiz, John Morris, is congratulated by Pastor R. H. Parr.  
Photos: W. W. Fletcher.

## Greater Sydney Open Day

W. A. FLETCHER, ABC Manager, Greater Sydney Conference

YES it rained on October 11, 1981, but so what! We had always been blessed in previous years with beautiful sunny days; but this year for the Greater Sydney Adventist Book Centre open house day it rained. You see, each year on the second Sunday in October the Adventist Book Centres of the Australasian Division have this open house day. In Sydney, because we don't hold camp-meetings, we try to make it a real big event—like the old-fashioned family camp Sunday. To accommodate the anticipated crowds we display a varied arrangement of our books and records outside the office—in the open air—so you can imagine why we look forward to a fine, sunny day. But this year it drizzled all day.

A special feature this year was arranged when a number of our church members jointly sponsored a Bible quiz, with the winner enjoying a holiday trip for two to beautiful Norfolk Island for a week. The quiz was divided into three sections—juniors, youth and open. The open section carried the major award. Interest was keen, contestants were nervous, but quizmaster Pastor R. H. Parr, president of the Greater Sydney Conference, very quickly put everyone at ease. The quiz heats and finals were held in the conference office assembly room and it was packed for all sessions. The finalists in the Bible quiz were given the opportunity to select an envelope, and for the final round they had to answer verbally, as many as they could of the questions in the envelope within one minute. Brother John Morris of our Thornleigh church was the winner, while Brothers Vern Wilkinson of Wairoonga, and Garry Pearce of Parramatta, achieved second and third places respectively. Garry is a blind member of our church.

We thank our sponsors—Mr. A. L. Knight, Mr. A. Raphael, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson, *Adventist News*, Ross Fehlberg and Sons Pty. Ltd., and the Gordon Travel Centre for their willing support.

Another major contribution to our programme this year was the music provided by the Wairoonga School Choir, the Wairoonga School Band and the Sydney Adventist Youth Band. We wish to thank again all the children, teachers and parents for their support in this area. I know that many hours of preparation were spent by all to make this such a valuable occasion.

Open house day is the day in Sydney where we literally experience church members leaving with armfuls of our literature as "satisfied customers." ##



Literature evangelists Ian Crisp, Ray McPherson and Gus Silva helped in selling.

# Life-Sketch of Thomas Robert Kent

A. C. NEEDHAM

ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1893, on the homestead of Herbert and Ellen Kent at Eugowra, New South Wales, a son was born to this happy couple. They named him Thomas Robert. Thomas was to be followed later by Herbert, Ellie, Mary, John, Doreen, Hilton, Ruth and Leonard; making Thomas the eldest of nine children.

As was natural and customary, Father Kent planned that his eldest son should take over the farm at a suitable age, but thoughts of a different kind filled the mind of the youthful Thomas. Although he loved the land and would have been content to spend his days in tranquillity and security growing wheat, he felt moved by an ever-increasing urge to give himself to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the setting of Revelation chapter 14.

It was while praying for some definite guidance from the Lord that a passage of Scripture was read at family worship which forever settled the matter. The text was Isaiah 42:6: "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light to the Gentiles." Thomas was then eighteen years of age.

Soon after, Thomas was introduced to the colporteur ministry by Pastor W. N. Lock, and the next four years saw most of the roads of south-western New South Wales passing beneath the tyres of his bicycle as he enthusiastically scattered the printed page and witnessed to the hope of his heart.

World War I was at its height in 1916 when Thomas Robert Kent presented himself for training in the army. But it was not in the armed forces that he sought his field of service. He enrolled as a student at the Australasian Missionary College.

## Uniting for Service

It would seem that the same General who called T. R. Kent to the banner of Prince Emmanuel was also directing in the affairs of one Laura Peterson. This young lady had also enrolled at Avondale in preparation for service. When Thomas and Laura met they knew that here was another providence opening before them, and soon they pledged themselves in united service for the King of kings.

Suburban Newcastle was the stage for the drama of Tom's internship, and from there it was Lithgow and then in the suburbs of Sydney, teamed up with Pastor Reuben Hare.

Tom and Laura were united in marriage on February 7, 1921, in the original Avondale village church. They were destined to soldier on as comrades in arms for the next sixty-one fruitful years.

Together the Kents continued their ministry in various country towns in southern New South Wales, and then came a call to labour in tropical north Queensland. Here they threw their energies into proclaiming the gospel in

most of the cities and towns and villages and farmlands of that rain-drenched territory.

Thomas R. Kent was ordained to the gospel ministry in the year 1931, Pastor W. A. Spicer officiating at the ceremony. It was around this time that Pastor Kent organised the first camp-meeting to be convened in north Queensland. Magnetic Island was the venue, and because no tents were available the tourist facilities served for accommodation. The delegation from the Australasian Union Conference comprised Pastors Robert Hare, A. H. Piper, E. B. Rudge and A. G. Stewart.

During all this time the Kent family was on the increase. Each child was diligently instructed in the ways of the Lord and their lives were bathed in the earnest prayers of their devoted parents. Money was scarce in the home, but there was no want of zeal for the cause of the third angel. The first church building in the city of Mackay came into being through the leadership of Pastor Kent.

Many earnest souls whose children now carry responsibilities in God's cause were left in north Queensland as the Kents responded to a call to South Australia.

From South Australia it was Dubbo, Narromine, Sydney, Glen Innes and Lismore where the Kents formally retired. Retirement was indeed only a formality, for they continued to care for two churches and several companies in the Lismore district. Even a holiday to visit son Raymond in South Africa led to acceptance of an invitation to pastor a church in Capetown for one year.

## Still Preaching

Back in Australia again the Kents were soon caring for the faithful little flock in the Forster and Tuncurry district. Here Pastor Kent preached his last sermon at the age of eighty-eight.

Pastor Thomas Robert Kent loved the Lord Jesus, whom he knew as a personal friend and constant companion. His conversation was always on the themes of the Bible. The signs of the times were his constant study, and he longed for the speedy return of his Saviour in the clouds of heaven. It was his constant pleasure to recount the providential leadings of God in his own life and in the experiences of others.

A lifelong victim of asthma, he often found himself struggling for breath while awaiting the arrival of his mission audience. The time would be spent in prayer for help to deliver the sermon, and then as it came time to step to the platform he would speak with perfect ease and



Pastor and Mrs. Kent and their family; taken in December 1979 at the wedding of a grandson.  
Photo: M. Stellmaker.

freedom throughout the entire discourse.

His labours were not confined to the pulpit, but through long and wearisome hours, over weeks and months and sometimes over years, Thomas Kent laboured unselfishly for the rescue of one soul. His work was thorough and has stood the test of time.

When bushrangers set fire to his childhood home, young Tom Kent escaped with burns from the flames which took the life of his infant sister Ellie. His life was preserved for a purpose. At the age of sixty-two his doctor confided to a close relative that his days were few for his lungs were leathery and his heart enlarged. But the Lord saw fit to favour him with another twenty fruitful years of service, before spending the last seven years at Cooranbong in well-earned retirement. His spirit might be illustrated by an incident in his early ministry when he set out with his little family with a horse and sulky in the snows of a severe winter. A Bible study was a sacred trust and not to be postponed on account of a mere snowfall. In the darkness of night, as they drove into the home yard, it was noticed that Thomas Kent was softly singing, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

The same God who preserved the life of our brother from the flames and who gave him eighty-eight years of fruitfulness, has seen fit to allow him to rest from his labours while his works do follow him. We know that when the roll is called up yonder, he'll be there. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Laura and five children, Melvin, Raymond, Rhoda (Mrs. Milton Krause), Thomas, Glenda (Mrs. Robert Hansford), as well as sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. When the roll is called up yonder, may all be there. # #

*The Editor,  
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#### WHEN IS AN ARCHITECT AN ARCHITECT?

What is happening to our Christian virtues? The letter in RECORD 19/10/81 written by David Stafford certainly didn't show it. It sounds to me like he may be a "sour grapes architect." Mr. Menzies is a very brilliant man and his work proves this. There wouldn't be too many of the so-called architects who could match him. I must also say he is very humble about his achievements, and quietly works for his church, saving it many thousands of precious dollars. Take one glimpse at that majestic church in Cooranbong, all of those home units for the aged, the hostel and hospital, not forgetting that cleverly designed school, and many churches around Newcastle, Singleton, etc. I wonder whether Mr. Stafford has done as much for the church?

Wilsie Evans,  
New South Wales.

[We did not think that Mr. Stafford was pulling anybody down, or we wouldn't have published his letter. As we saw it, the writer was simply speaking to a technical point relating to designation, not to another man's professional ability, skill, quality or contribution. Mr. Menzies' work is highly regarded and deeply appreciated by all. We apologise to him and to those who have benefited from his dedicated talent, if in the process of airing a reader's opinion on a technicality, we inadvertently did him an injustice. We herewith thank and honour him for his incalculable service to his church and its institutions. Editor.]

## Trusting

A year ago you did not know  
What the future held for you,  
But you have trusted God and so  
In love He brought you safely through.

And neither can you know today  
What in the year ahead may lie,  
But He who is the loving Way  
Has said, "I'll guide thee with Mine eye."

Then do not fear, dear child of God,  
Though troubles come and cares increase;  
Though briars infest the path you tread,  
He'll keep your heart in perfect peace.

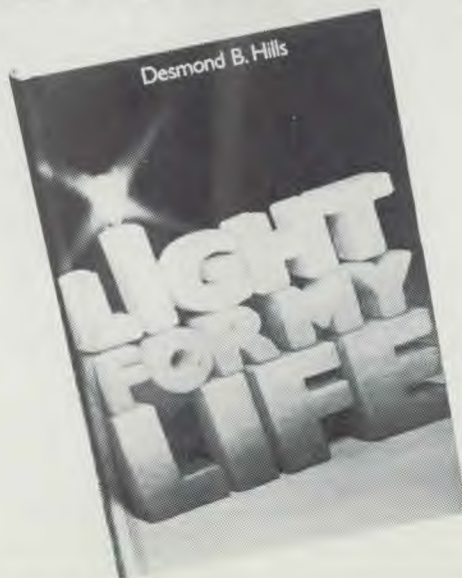
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# Weddings

**SLOAN—WELLS.** On Sunday, October 18, 1981, George Sloan and Zaria Wells joined their lives together in holy wedlock, at the Canberra National Church, Australian Capital Territory. A highlight of the wedding reception was when George made his speech telling his friends and relatives of his new-found faith. A week earlier they had been together through the waters of baptism, having committed their lives to following their Saviour. These two events have given them much joy, and the prayers of many go with them as they unite their lives to witness for Christ. Graeme Bradford.

**VAN DER KROON—LAMBERT.** Mark John van der Kroon and Victoria Maria Louise Lambert not only chose a beautiful church, our new Yugoslav church at St. Albans, Victoria, but a beautiful spring Melbourne day of Sunday, November 1, 1981, for the occasion of their wedding. This lovely young couple are recent converts of the Carter programme, and their many friends and well-wishers who were there to share in the joy of the occasion are praying for the continued blessing of God upon them both. E. G. Conley.

**WHITE—PIEZ.** It was very much a happy family occasion when Arthur White and Dorothy Piez were married on October 11, 1981, at the home of Dorothy's son (Bryon Hooper) of Connell's Point, New South Wales. Arthur, a retired Union Conference Youth director, of many years experience, from Redland Bay, Brisbane, Queensland, and Dorothy of Elizabeth Lodge, Normanhurst, New South Wales, gathered their families and close friends for the seeking of the Lord's blessing upon the uniting of their lives. Their continuing ministry is centred at the Redland Bay Retirement Village. L. F. Hooper.



## TILL HE COMES

**KENT.** Thomas Robert Kent fell asleep in Jesus in the Wallend Hospital, New South Wales, on the evening of Sabbath, October 31, 1981, at the age of eighty-eight. He was laid to rest in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, on the following Tuesday, after which a memorial service was conducted in the Avondale Memorial church by Pastor Eric Clarke, assisted by Pastor Arthur Jacobson and the writer. He leaves his wife and five children, Mel, Ray, Rhoda (Mrs. M. Krause), Tom and Glenda (Mrs. R. Hansford), also sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those loved ones who mourn his passing. A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. A. C. Needham.

**MAIDMAN.** Willy Maidman was born in Indonesia in 1925, and although suffering from a terminal disease for a long time, she bore it without complaint, not revealing it to others until close to her death. She died peacefully with a very confident hope at her home in Eight Mile Plains, Queensland, on August 14, 1981. We mourn with her husband, John, her mother, Giridina van Ligen, and other members of the family, but we mourn not as others, for we share in the blessed hope which our sister Willy carried with her to the grave. And that hope helps us visualise an open grave. Ray Fraser.

**MASON.** Donald Arthur John Mason, a seventeen-year-old university student of Auckland, New Zealand, and a fine young member of the Brentwood Avenue church, was killed instantly and his fifteen-year-old brother, Michael, was seriously injured (and later died) in a motor-cycle accident on September 7, 1981. To the mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Ford, and relatives and many friends, words of hope and comfort were spoken at the funeral service in the Brentwood Avenue church on September 10, 1981, and at

the Waikumete Crematorium. Don's many friends look forward to the day of resurrection when such tragedies shall be no more. Douglas Hokin.

**MANNING.** Violet Manning passed to rest at the Laureldean Nursing Home, Redland Bay, Queensland, on October 13, 1981, at the age of ninety-six years. She was baptised at the mature age of eighty-seven after attending evangelistic meetings and receiving studies in Brisbane. The seven years preceding her death were spent in the nursing home. She was a cheerful soul, a lively conversationalist, and an acceptable companion among her fellow aged. With her only son, Mr. D. T. Manning, and his wife, we gave Sister Manning to the care of Jesus, who will rejoice with the meek at His second coming. Our sympathies are also with the grandsons and their families in Victoria. D. A. Brennan.

**ORD.** Mildred Olive Ord fell asleep in Jesus on October 9, 1981, at the Ararat Hospital, Victoria. She was in her seventy-ninth year. This saint of God was a paraplegic most of her life, which in the last years prevented her attending church. However, these circumstances did not prevent her being a stalwart to the church in Ararat on many occasions. Not only this, but our sister always revealed a happy spirit, full of conversation and courageous in her affliction. Born on the beautiful Mount Cole, Victoria, there we laid her to rest to await the life-giving call of her Lord and Master, Jesus. R. E. Singer.

**PEACH.** Frank Morris Peach of Baulkham Hills, New South Wales, and formerly of Terrigal, and of The Entrance church, passed to his final rest at the home of his daughter and son-in-law on October 21, 1981. He was in his seventy-eighth year. Left to mourn were his wife of fifty-three years, Sister Florence Ida Peach, his daughter Margaret (Mrs. Ray Trim), Barrie, of Honiara, Solomon Islands, where he is the secretary-treasurer of the Western Pacific Union Mission, and Bryan of Gosford. After a service at the Mount Colah church, we committed our friend and brother to the elements of the Castlebrook Crematorium on Friday, October 23. Our Brother Peach was a man much loved and respected by all who knew him. A former senior elder of The Entrance church, he will be sorely missed. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." R. H. Parr.

**POLLARD.** Gladys May Pollard passed suddenly to her rest on Thursday, November 12, 1981, aged sixty-seven. A member of the Young church, New South Wales, she had lived in the village of Rye Park since her marriage to Arthur Pollard in 1940. Here she was well-known for her community work, particularly in the field of handicrafts and gardening. The uniting church at Rye Park was filled and overflowing as her friends from within the community joined her husband, her sons Barry and Neville and their families, in saying "Good-night" to their loved one, prior to her being laid to rest in the rural environs of the Rye Park Cemetery. Here we leave her to await the call of the Life-giver, who promises to restore her to her loved ones. F. J. Gorry.

**SHEPARD.** Alfred Henry Sturt Shepherd, affectionately known to his friends as Uncle Shep, passed to his rest in the Mount Gambier Hospital, South Australia, on October 19, 1981, at the age of eighty years. He was a man who loved his Lord and his Church, and for many years served as a deacon in the Millicent church, during which time he trained many of the young men to serve in that capacity. He leaves behind his wife Adel, son Max, daughter-in-law Joan, daughter Yvonne, son-in-law John Hann, and five grandchildren. Both the writer, during the service in the Millicent church, and Pastor Josephs at the graveside, encouraged all to keep before them the time when loved ones will be reunited on the glorious resurrection morning. A. J. Croft.

**SISSON.** John George Sisson fell asleep in Jesus at the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, on November 4, 1981. Brother Sisson was baptised by Pastor O. K. Anderson in the year 1941, and became a charter member of the Guyra church. His devoted wife and three sons, Michael, David and Gerald, and three daughters, Rosemary (Mrs. Lane), Yvonne (Mrs. Piper) and Annabel (Mrs. Warren), were all at the graveside, as we laid him to rest in God's Acre at Avondale. We rejoice in the blessed hope. R. H. Abbott.

**STETTAFORD.** Raymond Peter Stettaford was born in Melbourne on April 11, 1939, and his very fruitful life was tragically cut short in a motor accident on the night of October 10, 1981, near Moss Vale, as he was travelling to

Sydney to visit with his mother, brother and sisters before attending a medical conference in Canberra. Dr. Stettaford was the Director of Medical Services of the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, and had outstanding record in medical service. However, his life was more than medical services—he had a love for young people, and many responded to the warmth of his character. As he was laid to rest in the Avondale Cemetery on October 22, 1981, his loved ones and friends were pointed with assurance to the joyous day of reunion when the last trump sounds and the Lord Himself descends to gather the trophies of His grace for an eternity with Him. L. N. Lock.

**SYKES.** John Colley Sykes fell asleep in Jesus in the Coffs Harbour Hospital, north New South Wales, on September 15, 1981, aged seventy-one years, and was privately cremated at Lismore two days later. With his second wife, Gladys, John was baptised at Lithgow by Pastor Laurie Byrne, and later moved to Coffs Harbour to grace our church there with the witness of their love, loyalty and dignity. The writer was assisted by Pastor W. Baines and Brother Neville Crossley in bringing comfort and reassurance to Gladys, Joyce, Doreen, Rosemary and Gregory and friends; pointing their attention to the promises of the Word of God, the sure and certain call that John will soon hear from his Lord, and the glorious resurrection experience. Doug Weare.

**TAYLOR.** On October 26, 1981, at the age of fifty-six, Kathleen Mary Taylor passed away in the Weemala Hospital, Ryde, New South Wales. Friends and family gathered to mourn their loss as she was laid to rest at the Rookwood Lawn Cemetery on October 29. Kathleen Taylor learned to love the Lord, and was baptised by Pastor G. Maywald. He joined with the writer to give words of hope and comfort to the family. G. E. Christian.

**TOTENHOFFER.** On July 21, 1981, in the peaceful setting of Karrakatta Cemetery, Western Australia, Howard Earl Totenhofer was laid to rest among God's sleeping saints, to await the life-call of the coming Lord. After a life of full and active service for the Lord, even in his retirement, Howard laid down the "weapons of our warfare" on July 18, 1981. A life-sketch appeared in an earlier issue. Owen D'Costa.

**TURNER.** Sister Margaret Turner of Toronto, Newcastle, New South Wales, closed her earthly sojourn at her home early Sabbath morning, October 17, 1981. Over thirty-three years ago the dear Lord, through the Advent message, captured the heart and life of this dear little princess of women. Through the years that followed, Sister Turner remained a very loyal, devoted Christian worker. Her faith in the Lord brought a silver lining to the dark clouds that hovered about the family. To her husband, and her family—Bill, a very active church layman, Jim, Elsie, Lilian and their respective families—we extended the glorious promises of God. Sister Turner was tenderly laid to rest in the Avondale Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. L. S. Rose.

**WALLS.** Margaret Allen Harley was born in Ayrshire, Scotland in 1885. She married William Ferguson Walls in 1906 and enjoyed a happy marriage until his death in 1946. She and her family came to Australia in 1910, where they settled in Sydney. Margaret was baptised by Pastor Baker in 1918 after two years of intensive study, and became a member of the old North Sydney church. A fine Christian, a good wife, and devoted mother, she raised a family of six children and saw them established. Her daughter Margaret cared faithfully for her mother over many years of sickness and in health until Sister Walls passed to rest at her home on November 16, 1981, aged ninety-six years—to await the call of Jesus, the Life-giver. The funeral service was conducted on November 17 at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. T. T. Turner.

**WELLING.** Ian McLean Welling, a long-time member and former senior elder and treasurer of the Epping church, New South Wales, passed to his final rest on Sabbath morning, October 10, 1981. Ian served his country during World War II, and later returned to civilian life when he married Iris Patrick. Three children came to add joy to the home: Leigh, Jasmine and Holly. We gathered at the Epping church on Tuesday, October 13, to pay our respects to our friend, and to bring comfort to those who mourned the passing of a loving husband, and good father, and an earnest Christian friend. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope, but rather cherish even more "that blessed hope." The writer was assisted by Brother Chris Jager, the minister of the Epping church, at the service in the church and at the graveside at the Northern Suburbs Cemetery. R. H. Parr.

WIK. Joshua Campbell Wik awaits the awakening call of the resurrection morning, having laid down the burdens of this life on July 3, 1981. Our late brother was born in 1902 on September 16, and spent most of his life in the Wimmera and Mallee districts, particularly in the Horsham area of Victoria. He was a man of conviction and principle, and as such earned the respect of many. Following the passing of his wife, Pearl, he more fully responded to the call of God in his life, and looked forward with anticipation to the great reunion day. To that great day of rejoicing were also turned the thoughts of the three children, Marjorie (Mrs. Thomas), Gwenda (Mrs. Badham), and Graham, and their families and many friends as we met around his resting-place in the Horsham Cemetery. What a thrill it will be when Joshua and Pearl rise together in newness of life!

H. E. Roberts.

WILLIAMS. After a long illness borne with great Christian fortitude, Sister Mary Anne Williams passed away at the age of ninety-one years and was interred in the Adventist portion of the Port Macquarie Cemetery on November 4, 1981. Sister Williams and her late husband were introduced to the Advent message fifty-eight years ago by Pastor R. A. Salton. Her sons Eric and Royce and daughter Maisie and families rise up and call a true mother in Israel "blessed." She went to her rest in absolute confidence that she would soon see her Saviour face to face and tell the story "saved by grace." Pastors A. Watts and O. K. Anderson assisted the writer in the services at the church and graveside.

V. J. Heise.

WONG. On Friday, October 9, 1981, Louise Wong, aged forty-six, was laid to her rest in the Lord at Cranbrook Memorial Gardens, Rouse Hill, New South Wales. The wife of Roddy, and mother of Natalie and Jessica, Louise was greatly loved by her family, and her passing to rest is deeply felt by them. Louise struggled against sickness and disease for twenty years, and her fighting spirit has been a tremendous example of Christian fortitude, determination, and commitment. The inspiration of this one godly woman affected all who knew her for the good, especially her friends at the Castle Hill Adventist church. We look with expectation and hope for that day when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, when we shall see Roddy, Natalie and Jessica reunited with their beloved who shall be presented to them radiant with eternal life.

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# Flash Point

THE SIGNS PUBLISHING COMPANY staff and the RECORD editorial team take this opportunity of extending our new year wishes to our readers. May you experience many answers to prayer, many fulfilments of God's promises and many evidences of His love and leading throughout the coming year!

OUR RECORD EDITORIAL TEAM has been considerably enlarged, as you will discover if you will turn to our directory on page 15. Commencing with this issue, all of our Communication directors are being listed as Regional Reporters and/or Special Correspondents. We believe that this step will further ensure that RECORD will be the newsworthy, helpful, inspiring and enjoyable paper we all want it to be!

GRAHAM WRIGHT, Sydney Adventist Hospital secretary, has been awarded a Master's degree in Business Administration from Sydney University. Mr. Wright undertook the study for his degree on a part-time basis which required considerable application due to his extremely heavy work load. We congratulate him on his success and wish him much of God's continued blessing as he dedicates his talents to his Master's service.

APPARENTLY some of our young people in the eastern states of Australia sometimes experience difficulty being approved by universities and advanced colleges of education because competition is so great and facilities so limited. If you fall into this category, have you ever thought of going West? We're told that in Western Australia the position is much easier. Such institutions as Murdoch University, the Western Australian Institute of Technology, the University of Western Australia and other colleges of advanced education are anxious to open their doors to students with passes at the Tertiary Admittance Examination level. This is not a plug for these particular institutions! The message is that students who attend Carmel College for Years 11 and 12 and gain a suitable pass at the T.A.E. level there, have access to a wide range of courses with these tertiary institutions. So, if you're having problems getting in where you want to be, locally—don't despair. Consider going West! Carmel could be the answer.

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IN RECORD 49, 1981, we reported that the Lilydale Adventist Academy students raised \$5,000 in their "athon" (swimming, cycling, skating, walking) project to build two teachers' houses at Fulton College. Well, the final figure was over \$6,000. In addition to the original objective, \$1,000 will be donated to Rakamunda Primary School, Western Highlands, Papua New Guinea, and \$700 to Atoifi Hospital, Solomon Islands.

HONIARA RADIO STATION, the only station broadcasting on Solomon Islands, plays Chapel records regularly in their request programmes. Rod Nixon, S.P.C. sales manager, has sent twenty Chapel records to Honiara to help the station keep up with the popular demand.

THE WESTERN PACIFIC UNION MISSION plans to establish a Medical and Dental Centre in Honiara. Dr. Haynes Posala, Medical Director of Atoifi Hospital and Dr. Onity Sarue, dentist, will be working at the centre.

A 5-DAY PLAN was held in Honiara recently, geared specifically for the students of the Honiara Technical Institute. Mrs. Maureen Moe, wife of the Union president, who is also a lecturer at the school, was instrumental in promoting the plan. There were more applicants than space. More 5-Day Plans are envisioned during the course of the year.

KURU PERESI, of the Madang Manus Mission, P.N.G., has been ordained to the gospel ministry. He is the district director at Usino and is a real soul-winner. BENI SULIM, North Solomons Mission Youth director, was ordained to the gospel ministry during the workers' meetings at Rumba toward the end of last year. We welcome these brethren to the fraternity of the gospel ministry and wish them much of God's blessing.

LAYMEN from the Central Province of P.N.G., who have opened up the work in a hitherto-unentered area with an estimated population of from ten to twenty thousand, have reported that one village has been keeping the Sabbath and observing health principles ever since "a visitor" instructed them soon after World War II.

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