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What on Earth Are We Up To?

RUSSELL KRANZ, Communication Director, Australasian Division

IF THE RECENT CORPORATE IDENTITY survey conducted by the Division Communication Department, through the RECORD (February 15, 1982) is anything to go by, Australian Adventists have a unique sense of mission.

Thanks to our emphasis on the Sabbath and the second coming, we know where we came from and where we are going. The Sabbath provides a microcosm of the Adventist world view—work begun and work completed. At centre is Christ, who is the pledge of our inheritance. You see, origins and destinations largely determine the route travelled in between.

From the hundreds of responses received to the questionnaire, "How do we want people to see us?" the message has come through strong and clear. "The Adventist Church should be known as a loving, caring, Christian church, revealing Christ's character to the world in this end time."

Although there were many varieties of the one theme, there was no mistaking the central tenor of the replies. Several samples illustrate how members feel: "God's glorious people, reflecting God's love and character—announcing the soon appearing of the King;" "A Christian as in Christ's church, loving, caring, compassionate, friendly and helpful to all;" "A Bible-based church, which cares about the physical and spiritual needs of people as did Jesus;" "A light in the darkness, guiding others to the Light of the world, practising kindness and thoughtfulness;" "A Christ-centred church, meeting human needs;" "A vital force for good in every community; responding to the real felt needs of the individual and the community and giving consistent love and direction;" "A church whose main concern is people, humble, kind, courteous, pitiful and tenderhearted, with Christ-like love for everyone."

So the comments go, on and on and on. Frequently they're connected with the second coming: "Humble worshippers of the Creator who want to make the world happier for others while awaiting the soon return of Jesus;" "Sincerely Christian, caring, dedicated, really believing the second coming;" "Christ-centred, love-filled, longing for and in readiness for Christ's return;" "The blessed remnant who in course of alleviating suffering,

proclaim Christ as the last day message to the world."

Occasionally a purely doctrinal note was struck: "The only church to keep all the commandments;" "The one and only church which bases all its doctrines on the Bible and Bible only." Exclusivism was tempered in the comment, "The one that follows true Bible teaching, with love and compassion." Judgment must have been uppermost in one person's mind: "A church clearly warning of judgment and preparing for imminent translation."

Often the thought of Christ-likeness was associated with a living Christian experience: "A warm body of people who share with others the results of their own personal relationship with God."

Two replies that seemed to say a lot in a few words were these: "Somewhere I could invite my friends and they could feel welcome," and "A church where the love of Christ shines out so truly, that souls are drawn to it."

There were many who thought it was high time we identified ourselves more clearly by the one name Seventh-day Adventist: "It's great to see you doing this;" "My prayers go with you in your efforts to resolve the question of our public image."

It wasn't difficult for others to spell out what we should not be: censorious, unkind, legalistic, etc., etc.

Highest scoring profiles in the survey were Christian, friendly, active, prophetic, person-

ally helpful, humanitarian, loving, sharing, Christ-centred, Bible-based.

Overall we sense a concern that the church be seen in the finest light. And that is how it should be, isn't it? After all, Christ "consecrated it, gave Himself up for it, to consecrate it, cleansing it by water and word, so that He might present the church to Himself all glorious." Ephesians 5:27, N.E.B.

People care a lot about the appearance of those things that mean much to them. The widespread response to the corporate image questionnaire shows that the church's image is important to its members, because the church is important to them. They want to feel proud to be Adventists. Now the next step is to incorporate the church's ideals into a suitable logo, or symbol that is instantly recognisable.

We have appreciated your suggestions, thus far, and invite you to help us again by putting your thoughts on paper—this time in art form. Entries should be sent to Corporate Identity, Communication Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076. The closing date is August 30.

Please post submission to:
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NOW PUT THE IDEA INTO A LOGO

An important feature in establishing a corporate identity is a symbol or logo representing the name, aims, or ideals of an organisation. We're all familiar with the big "W" of the Bank of N.S.W. for instance.

Can you suggest a design to match the public image of the church indicated in the majority of replies to our corporate identity questionnaire?

Points to remember:

1. Simplicity
2. Balance
3. Style
4. Creative imagination
5. Relevance—medieval angels might not speak to people in the twentieth century.
6. Universality—the Adventist Church is a global church—a cross can be offensive to some cultures.
7. Colour.
8. Typography—if you're including type in your logo, clarity is essential.
9. Utility—the symbol must be capable of use in all situations, graphically practical, as for instance a letterhead, a church sign, architecturally acceptable, etc.



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EDITORIAL

DON'T DESPAIR

"For years now," writes a RECORD reader, "I've been hearing from Sabbath school teachers the discouraging news that we have to share our victories with the enemy of souls—because we are human, the argument goes.

"Yesterday the same song was sung in my Sabbath school. We inevitably fall because we are human. What a discouraging message to keep placing before our eyes!

"Where is the Christ who saves to the uttermost? Where is the Saviour who keeps us from falling?"

"My husband has left the church and taken up smoking, lulled into this false security. He is thinking that he is far too weak to overcome the habit, but, after all, he says, Jesus loves sinners; Jesus loves the weak. When I tell him I was able to give up smoking in the strength of Christ, he says, 'Yes, but you are a woman and they are stronger than men.'

"Do we have to succumb to Satan's beachhead strategies?"

"These words come from the depth of my spirit, as I, just a floundering layman, seek for oneness with a seemingly misguided people. There is a principle in the life of faith which has been overlooked in many quarters: 'Satan cannot touch the child of faith without our consent.' He cannot enter to plunder and destroy except through the door of voluntary surrender."

What could I say to my bewildered sister in answer to her letter? Offer her a long and involved theological explanation? That could produce more heat than light! Theologising often makes what is simple, complicated, instead of making what is complicated, simple.

No, I would simply share with her the promises of God! A person can argue with a man's theology and say he doesn't have his theology straight. But you can't argue with the promises of God! They mean what they say, and say what they mean! And because there other "floundering laymen" out there who are looking for something to cling to, I'm sharing these promises with her through RECORD, so that other despairing, discouraged travellers can have the benefit of them too, and take heart!

In Ezekiel 36:26, 27, our wonderful God tells us: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them." I thank God for that promise! It assures me that through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit I will be enabled to do what it would be impossible for me to do in my own strength; to walk, to keep and to do! The heart which was disposed to evil, God promises to replace with one which is disposed to do His will. This is a supernatural miracle. God isn't mocking us. I know it's for real. I've seen Him do it for others. What's more, praise God, He's done it for me!

In 1 John 3:8 we are told, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." I deliberately quoted the second half of the text first, so that the spotlight would fall on the promise. But the first part of the text gives the second part its punch! It says "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning." This thought is continued in verses 9 and 10 where we read, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

This part of the message wasn't intended to discourage us! It isn't there in God's Word so that we will say, "Well, that settles it; there's no hope for me!" On the contrary, it is intended to focus our attention on Jesus. Our hope is in Him, and in Him alone. There are three persons in this passage of Scripture: the devil, me, and Jesus. It tells me that the devil is stronger than me, and because He's stronger than me, my case is hopeless; I may as well give up! BUT, PRAISE GOD, IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT JESUS IS STRONGER THAN THE DEVIL! There's no "work of the devil" in my life that Jesus cannot handle! By placing myself on the side of the Lord Jesus, I can enjoy the overcoming power that is mine in Him!

In Romans 6, the Apostle Paul presses the point home! In this chapter the word *sin* appears sixteen times. In every instance it is counterbalanced by such expressions as grace, death, resurrection, newness of life, being "alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (verse 11), and being "made free from sin" and becoming "the servants of righteousness" (verse 18). It is a tremendously encouraging chapter to read, and read, and reread! Paul isn't teaching that a child of God is incapable of ever sinning! He is not giving a believer ground for presumptuously claiming that now he is a Christian he cannot sin; that he is above sin; that he is beyond sin's reach. He balances the assurance of victory in Romans 6 with the warning, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," in 1 Corinthians 10:12. But the message that comes through loud and clear in Romans 6 is that sin need not have DOMINION over our lives (verse 14). Sin need not REIGN over us (verse 12). The dominion of sin in my life has been broken by the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. He makes all the difference! If *sin* is mentioned sixteen times in Romans 6, God, the Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord are also mentioned sixteen times! I'm no match for sin; but sin is no match for them! They're on my side in the battle against sin. The important thing for me, is constantly to make sure that I'm on theirs!

To be continued.

G. E. Garne.

MEDICAL OUTREACH BOOKS

W. W. FLETCHER, Assistant General Manager, Signs Publishing Company

FOR THE FIRST TIME for many a year the literature evangelists of the Australasian Division will have a brand-new, Australian-produced, Australian-written, set of medical books.

Dr. J. F. Knight, well-known Adventist writer, is the author of this brand-new set of medical books entitled "Family Medical Care." Conservative television estimates believe that he has a listening audience of over three million viewers watching his segment on 120 television stations around Australia. In addition, Dr. Knight has an enormous exposure of articles through at least ten newspapers and magazines.

Can one realise what a tremendous blessing this set will be to our literature evangelists? Consider the possibilities of the literature ministry in view of the impact and news coverage that Dr. Knight already has in Australia.

The Signs Publishing Company, with the literature evangelists and publishing leaders of the Australasian Division, are proud to be associated with Dr. Knight in this phase of the literature ministry. We solicit your prayers and active support in this outreach program, and should the Holy Spirit guide you into this exciting program why not join the publishing army of L.E.s? Your local conference Publishing director will be delighted to hear from you. ■



At the recent T.A.U.C. literature evangelists' institute held at Warburton, Signs employees Leeta Barber, Lo Sirilo, Bal Sirilo and Ann Wepa introduced to the forty-eight literature evangelists Dr. Knight's latest set of books which the Signs has produced and which will be sold by the literature evangelists.

A Search for Signs

W. W. FLETCHER, Assistant General Manager, Signs Publishing Company

MEET TONY PAGE, a literature evangelist who has been fully employed as such in the Western Australian Conference for the past five years. Brother Page received the *Signs of the Times* for years from one of our faithful church members of Gabbin, Western Australia, by the name of Brother Hiscoe. Brother Hiscoe called on Brother Page at his home for years—and every Sabbath afternoon, once per month, he would call on this gentleman's home who, at the time, was not interested one little bit in religion. Tony would offer our brother a glass of beer month after month, he would blow smoke over his face month after month; but underneath there was a man searching for God, and the Holy Spirit was working on a man's life.

There are many men and women like Tony Page today who are searching for God, who know that there is a God in heaven who loves them, but are wistfully looking to find the answer.

During the month of August you can have a part in renewing your pledge for the *Signs* campaign and send *Signs* to people you have met. Soon 1,000 will be converted in one day who will trace the origin of their conversion to the reading of our publications. May the Holy Spirit guide you, dear reader, to do something through the literature ministry for our Saviour. ■



Tony Page.
Photo: K. Ellis.

AUGUST IS SIGNS MONTH

Youth Feature . . .

A Question Of Colour

ANNE NORMAN

BACK in the early 1960s a pop group called the Monkees made their mark on the American pop music scene. I have the feeling that after listening to their recordings many adults felt that the group was appropriately named. However one song they sang has been indelibly etched in my mind. The chorus of that song was:

But today there is no day or night
 Today there is no dark or light
 Today there is no black or white
 Only shades of grey.

I first heard this song when I was in my second year at university. The message of that song really hit home to me. This was just the problem I was facing. Brought up in a Christian home, attending private, church-operated schools, I had certainly been leading a very sheltered life in my religious cocoon, where everything dovetailed together and fitted perfectly.

Then along came university where there was no god but logic and philosophy, and where man was not one of God's special creations, but just an animal to be experimented with and exploited. My whole world began to crumble. Everything I believed in was being shot full of holes. I had a religion of the head, not the heart, and none of my trite reasons for believing in God could stand up to the onslaught of my educated associates. The opposition's arguments were very persuasive. My beliefs were not valid or even convincing because I had no faith or trust in God. I tried to tell my non-Christian friends about Jesus and His saving grace, but it sounded hollow and empty; no wonder they laughed at me. I was so confused and bewildered. My Christian friends couldn't help me—they just didn't understand. There was nowhere I could turn.

Then I heard this song. In its lyrics I found exactly the dilemma I was facing in my own life. It was comforting to realise that someone else had my problem too. In the world I was living in there was no dark or light, no day or night, no wrong or right, only shades of grey. If it makes you happy then do it, was the prevalent philosophy. There were no morals, no laws, just the pursuit of pleasure.

Hearing that song was the turning point of my life. I realised that I was living in a world that was all grey—an empty nothingness. There were no guideposts, nothing positive to strive for, no real reason for existing at all. This was not life to me. Life had to be something more. There had to be colour and purpose to life.

I started studying my Bible. I made Jesus my personal friend. No more "head" religion for me. But more importantly I learned to love people and accept them for what they were. This more than anything else added to my life what I felt was missing before.

I'm sure that I am not atypical in the experience I went

through. Many Christian young people seem to be going through the same experience and turmoil that I went through. It is worse for them now though; society and the church seem to have the same problem as well. All around people seem to be floundering in a fog of grey.

When I was a child I knew the difference between right and wrong. There were no grey areas. Everything in my experience had been categorised by loving parents into either right or wrong. As I grew older the grey areas began to appear, situations and opportunities that refused to be categorised as right or wrong. And looking back it seems as if it was the situations down the wrong end of the scale that seemed to be giving me the trouble. They weren't really wrong, but they weren't really right either. It took me a long hard battle to realise that if something isn't right then it must be wrong. There are no grey areas once you are one with Jesus. You may like to think that there are, but if you truly live for Jesus then there will be no grey areas in life—every corner will shine for Jesus.

Similarly when the church was first founded, there were no grey areas. God's laws were strictly adhered to. Legalism. I hear you say. If you have God's love I don't believe that you can be legalistic.

Today however it is a different story. We are all loving Christians, but we compromise our principles and the truths that we should hold dear. The attitude seems to be: let the standards fall, get more people into the church. Surely what we are doing can't be wrong if we are winning souls for Christ? It may not be altogether right, but it can't be wrong. If our church is to represent Christ on earth then we must take a firm stand. Christ did not compromise. He loved the sinner but He abhorred the sin. I am afraid we tend to love both the sinner and the sin equally.

We are facing the last days. Only those whose faith is founded in Jesus will stand through the trials ahead. If we compromise now, it will be so easy to compromise then. We can be a loving Christian church, but let us remember that we are God's remnant people. We should reflect His character in our church and we should reflect His love in our faces and in every aspect of our lives.

There is only one way to get rid of the grey areas. That is to learn to know Christ as our personal Saviour and Friend. We need to train our consciences, with the help of the Holy Spirit, so that we can distinguish between white and black, right and wrong, before it is too late and we hear those fateful words, "Depart from Me . . . I never knew you." ■

AROUND THE CONFERENCES

North New South Wales Conference

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS of Hamilton church, along with six from other churches in the conference, left on July 14 for a village called Burelevu, on the main island of Fiji, where the believers do not have a house of worship. These twenty-three people will erect the building—a cement block structure, designed to withstand tropical hurricanes. The group of volunteers includes a taxi driver, a finance advisor, two engineers, a builder, a retired bricklayer, an apprentice electrician, a colporteur, a secretary, a radio technician, a horticulturist, a student, a clerk. They plan to erect the building to the "roof-on" stage in two weeks. Interior lining and decorating will not be completed. Projects such as this are Christianity in action!

THE LADIES of the Hamilton church were invited by the Mothers' Club of the Windale Community Pre-school to present a program of vegetarian cookery combined with a health lecture. Those in attendance were impressed not only by what our ladies presented, but by the fact that after devoting their time and effort, the visitors donated the proceeds to the school.

THE GO-AHEAD has been given to Maitland church by the conference executive committee to buy three hectares of land in the Gillieston Heights area for a church school. This primary school will service not only the churches in the Maitland district, but initially provide schooling for pupils from Singleton. The new complex will be built immediately the title is secured.

WEDNESDAY, June 23, saw the bulldozer move into action minutes after 8 a.m. A few kilometres south of Toronto, on the eastern side of the road, a beautiful site has been cleared for the new Toronto school.

FORTY-TWO Murwillumbah laymen are running five missions in the surrounding towns, at which forty-two non-Adventists have attended. They are using evangelistic scripts and slides made available by the conference.

THE LISMORE COMMUNITY SERVICES women have aided five families this year whose home burned down.

ALL TOLD, some seventeen Avondale students have gone to the Morisset Hospital each week over the past two and a half months, since the beginning of staff strikes, to help in a practical way. At the present time, between eight and ten students go on a regular basis. Among the patients are youth who are on drugs and who smoke. Already a number of patients have been asking our young people about their faith. This same group and others are involved in a witnessing team to Newcastle city.

THERE HAS BEEN an 11.6 per cent increase in tithe in the conference up to the end of May this year, over the similar period of 1981.

North New Zealand Conference

ELEVEN V.B.S.s, known as Happy Hours, were conducted during the recent school holidays, with a total attendance of 716 children.

THE GISBORNE CHURCH, which was organised in 1890, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in just eight years time. The first pastors included such notable names in Adventist church history as Robert Hare, A. G. Daniells, M. G. Israel and E. W. Farnsworth. Ellen G. White visited the Gisborne church in 1894, and one of the services at which she preached was a baptism in the Botanical Gardens.

ANOTHER REPORT of the fruitfulness of placing our books in motels has been received. This second story highlights the need for each church to place truth-filled books in motels. Recently a local businessman and his wife were staying in a motel in Tauranga. They picked up a copy of "Your Bible and You," by Arthur S. Maxwell. The lady was very impressed with it and was delighted to find on the inside cover an address where she could order further copies. She ordered two. A short while after she returned home to Taihape, the books arrived, so she took a copy to the chairman of the Taihape College Board of Governors, who happens to be one of our church members saying, "I would like to place this book in the college library, but before I do so would you review it to see whether it is suitable?" Needless to say the book found its way into the college library! Our local church at Taihape has placed a copy of "Your Bible and You" in Taihape motels for some years and have had frequent requests for copies.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS discovered twelve people interested in the Bible Course as the result of their outreach visitation in Dannevirke. A team of literature evangelists also worked in Waipukurau and sold almost \$10,000-worth of books.

THERE ARE MANY lay people in New Zealand who are working as hard as ministers in order to see men and women take their stand for Jesus and the truth for these times. They are not only giving of their time, but also their money to help people with this important decision. Then, too, there are those who are not able to work with such vigour, who are praying and supporting evangelism and church growth.

PASTOR C. A. TOWNEND, Lay Activities and Communication director of the North New Zealand Conference, commenced a Revelation seminar on Auckland's North Shore on July 25.

THE DIRECTORS of the ten geographic pastoral districts meet every three months with the conference president. At these meetings, those present study the Word, share experiences, discuss methods of ministering, plan for church growth and evangelism and pray together. Each month the pastors in the districts meet with their district director and follow a similar agenda. Many pastors have expressed appreciation for the times of sharing and praying together. The conference administration considers that it is worth the cost to have these meetings. Besides benefiting from the instruction received, the pastors enjoy the fellowship, and profit from the discussions.

DR. GORDON BALHARRIE, former head of the Bible Department at Avondale and Walla Walla College, will be one of the teachers at the Church Ministries Seminar to be established at Longburn Adventist College in 1983. The seminar will offer up to a year's course for lay people and a ten-week course for church pastors. The courses will major in the area of practical soul-winning methods. It will be strongly field-oriented, and the students will work in churches in the Manawatu pastoral district. Pastor John Veld will also be lecturing at the seminar in addition to his regular pastoral responsibilities. In preparation for his new ministry, Pastor Veld will attend the Lake Union Soul-winning Institute in Chicago

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from August 12 to December 12, 1982. His study-trip is being financed by an Adventist layman in Australia.

THIRTEEN CHURCH SCHOOLS are operated in the conference, at Kaitaia, Whangarei, North Shore, Balmoral, West Auckland, South Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Rotorua, Hawke's Bay, New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Palmerston North, with a combined teaching force of twenty-six, most of whom are Longburn graduates. In addition, at Auckland Adventist High School, the thirteen teachers, under the principalship of Glynn Litster, are continuing to implement a program that is attracting a larger number of students each year. The enrolment currently stands at 185. At a time when many parochial schools are being integrated into the state school system, we are grateful for our denominationally operated schools. This year 120 Catholic, five Anglican, two Presbyterian and one Methodist school have integrated with the government school system.

THE LARGEST NUMBER of baptisms in any of the conferences in the Australasian Division in 1981, was in the North New Zealand Conference, with 302 baptisms. While the official membership of the conference is 7,218, national statistical surveys list over 12,000 people as indicating that they are Seventh-day Adventists.

MRS. LYNNE DENNE, busy wife of the minister of the Papatoetoe church, Pastor John Denne, and mother of three small children, in addition to her many other responsibilities and activities, edits a newsletter for their church family called "Snippets." Published bimonthly, it is brimful of news and human interest stories relating to the members of the Papatoetoe church.

Victorian Conference

THE VICTORIAN CONFERENCE will consider at its next conference session, extending its present two-year term to a three-year term. The session, scheduled for December 5, will be held at Warburton this year.

BAIRNSDALE CHURCH has had twenty guests in attendance at their Mission '82 outreach. Just prior to the beginning of their program, the literature evangelists had infiltrated the area with a survey sheet.

PASTOR FERRIS, a veteran missionary to Vanuatu (then the New Hebrides) and the Solomon Islands, had a pleasant surprise at a meeting of the friendship group at Wantirna church, in the form of a reunion with Elsie Masengnalo from Vanuatu, whom he fostered when she was orphaned as a young child. Her trip to Australia was made possible through the generosity of a television company.

CORONELLA RETIREMENT HOMES at Nunawading has sixty-nine residents in its hostel and nursing home, and their average age is eighty-seven years! They included until recently, one of the oldest residents in Australia, Mrs. Sara Potter, who was 108 years old.

THE SANDRINGHAM AND SPANISH CHURCHES in Melbourne have amalgamated, which gives the thirty-one-member Spanish congregation a church-home, and the dwindling Sandringham church a boost in its depleted membership. The two children's divisions of the Sabbath school are conducted in Spanish, but any English-speaking children who attend are provided for. Planning for the immediate future includes the building of a hall behind the church.

IN MELBOURNE there is an Adventist Bushwalking Association. They had their annual meeting and dinner at

Ringwood church hall on July 10, and on July 25 had an excursion to Mount Tool-be-wong, in the Healesville area.

THE MOE CHURCH in Gippsland has eleven pupils in their church school this year, of whom only one is a girl! A number of students left at the end of last year to attend high schools in the area.

THE USE OF VIDEO FILM at a Sabbath school workshop at Nunawading made it possible for leaders of five different divisions to receive instruction on their own level, simultaneously. This ensured the most economical use of time for people who came from as far afield as Moe, Warburton, Benalla, Ararat and Stawell, to attend the workshop.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 10,000 aboriginals in Victoria. Plans are being laid for the establishment of work among this segment of the community in Victoria.

A MAJOR PROBLEM in many churches is that of the partially deaf being unable to hear the service being preached. Many members unable to hear clearly are forced to sit each week in partial silence. Sale church, however, has overcome this problem with pleasing results. Church elder Brother Cliff McCormick has installed a set of three earphone outlets along one side of the church wall joining at the microphone amplifier. Members with hearing problems need only plug in their earphones and enjoy the worship service. First to try this system was Mrs. Mary Hardy of Stratford. "It's just wonderful, I can hear every word," she said. Brother McCormick said that as many as twenty plugs can be run off this one system.

South New South Wales Conference

BROTHER AND SISTER RHOD McLEOD of the Cootamundra church have their sights set on a form of Christian outreach with a difference. Rhod and his wife, Alise, are establishing a mini Book and Bible Centre in Boorowa to meet a local need. A variety of goods will be offered including crafts, etc. Brother McLeod is a well-known grazier in the area.

THE BELCONNEN COMPANY in Canberra seems to be living by the adage "boom or bust" as it relates to their new church building project. Meeting in a public hall in the suburb of Spence at the moment, they are determined to make that contract as short as possible. Among their recent projects was an enterprising move by the Duffy family to have the Melbourne Adventist Band stay over in Canberra for a concert—proceeds to the fund. Another innovative fundraiser is Mrs. Barbara Coombs. A trained nutritionist, she has raised some \$2,000 by conducting nutrition courses in her home. She conducts two sessions per week, having made her contact through paper adverts.

SISTER MARGARET JONES of Narrandera, and an executive member of the T.A.U.C., is also a trained nutrition instructor. Dubbo benefited from her expertise recently when she graduated fourteen eager beavers in nutrition. One of those was a man—the local minister (apron and all), Dave Donnelly. He is now conducting four classes himself, two at Dubbo, one at Gilgandra and one at Wellington.

THE NEW WAGGA CHURCH is rising by the day, and it is anticipated that all being well, construction will be completed by the end of October. Built in front of the present church in Coleman Street, the new building of cream brick and brown tiles, will seat 250.

DELEGATES FROM Nowra, Albury, Cowra, Temora, National and Woden (Canberra), Goulburn and Narramine churches, participated in a tightly packed, but instructive, workshop in which Miss Lynelle Chester from the Division Sabbath School Department led out in an intensive course featuring the "little divisions" of the Sabbath school. ■

Adventist Appointed To Temperance Alliance

W. G. DOWLING, Assistant Temperance Director, Australasian Division

MRS. JANET BELLING, a member of the Wahroonga (New South Wales), church, was recently appointed general secretary of the New South Wales Temperance Alliance. In this new and challenging role she has the wholehearted support of her husband, Garry, who has since been voted a member of the Alliance executive committee.

Several other applicants for the position of general secretary were carefully interviewed by a special Alliance committee. However, many aspects of Mrs. Belling's work experience, her genuine commitment to Christian living and service, as well as her close personal association with alcohol and drug rehabilitation, have well equipped her for the position and the committee's decision was unanimous.

For four years Mrs. Belling served in the British Army, Signals Corp, and during this time was seconded to special duties in cipher and coding, based in Hong Kong. Following this she joined Hong Kong government service as a personal secretary to heads of department.

Upon her return to England, Mrs. Belling was employed by British Airways where she soon rose to the position of chief training stewardess. Nine years were spent in this position, organising and conducting comprehensive training and refresher courses for stewards and stewardesses. Much of her time, however, was spent in the air, check flying or in charge of cabin crews.

More recently, as a personnel consultant with a leading Australian management consultancy, Mrs. Belling has been involved in the selection and placement of middle management personnel.

This could be the first time an Adventist woman has been appointed to the position of general secretary to a Temperance Alliance. We offer our congratulations, trusting God will bless Mrs. Belling and the activities of the Alliance in New South Wales. ■



Dr. Robin Higgs (left) discusses with Mrs. Belling and Dr. Ray Swannell, the alarmingly high rate of death and injury on our roads. Dr. Higgs is an orthopaedic surgeon at the Concord Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales, and a member of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons Road Trauma Committee. On this occasion, Dr. Higgs was guest speaker at the New South Wales Temperance Alliance annual general meeting.

Photo: W. G. Dowling.

Temperance Outreach Displays

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

"IF I CAN drink this, I don't need alcohol," was typical of the comments made by thousands of Sydney people who were confronted with the Temperance outreach displays during the 1982 Alcohol Awareness Week.

Displays were set up in five Sydney shopping centres. At Strathfield and Burwood Plazas, Greater Sydney Temperance and Youth directors Trafford Fischer and Robert Steed,

assisted by Health and Temperance secretary Mrs. Vicki Mitchell, ran their displays for six consecutive days. At the same time, Macquarie Fields Adventist School teacher D. N. Menkens organised displays in three centres in the Campbelltown district. The personnel manning the displays wore white tee-shirts with the wording "How Much Is Too Much?" on one side and "Alcohol Awareness Week" on the other. Over 2,500 gas-filled balloons with the same wording were given out, to the delight of the children, while their parents sampled the non-alcoholic drinks.

Many were convinced that they could serve such drinks to their guests at parties as an alternative to alcohol. With the introduction of breathalyser tests, New South Wales people have never been more interested in finding substitutes for alcoholic drinks.

Besides the displays in shopping centres, some were conducted in schools. Concord church Health and Temperance secretary Kevin Munro and his wife Lyn ran one in a large Catholic college. As teenage drinking is becoming an increasing problem, principals of schools and colleges are welcoming this outreach, and have expressed, like the public in general, their appreciation for such services by Seventh-day Adventists. ■



Vicki Mitchell and Karon Scolnes serve an interested shopper with non-alcoholic wine at the display stand at Burwood Plaza, Sydney.
Photo: E. B. Price.

Longburn Adventist College. . . Power Centre for Education

D. CHARLTON, Longburn Adventist College, North New Zealand

IT IS A FASCINATING challenge to write about an institution such as Longburn Adventist College. How can words portray the energy that flows in such a social milieu? How can symbols put to paper capture the power of a program designed to develop the social, spiritual, mental and physical aspects of each student?

Unless you are there and participating, you can never experience the vibrant life that abounds in a day-school-cum-boarding college. The principal, Mr. Des Cooke, gives his overview of the atmosphere that pervades Longburn in 1982:

"Longburn this year is a wonderful place to be. It is a real pleasure to be in such a wonderful atmosphere and spirit . . . I cannot remember a group of students in any school or college with such an attitude, behaviour and spirituality as there is at Longburn this year. . . ."

It is not always you hear such accolades from the man who has the responsibility of a college resting on his shoulders! But Mr. Cooke goes on to say:

"Recently I asked the students to say what they enjoyed about college, and the overwhelming impression I gained as I read through the responses was that students loved the friendships they were making, the Christian fellowship they were having, the Christian social activity and the spiritual experiences gained. Over and over, references were made to the caring atmosphere and the understanding attitudes of the students and staff. Many enjoyed going on outreach activities on Sabbath afternoons to the hospital, old folks homes, visiting people at home, etc."

To engender such enthusiasm, one would suppose that Longburn Adventist College must run a full, exciting, event-filled year. That inference is shown to be correct when a list of activities, both past and future, is viewed. During the first half of this year, besides the "normal" activities such as Sabbath evening beachwalks, barbecue teas, visitations, Sabbath and afternoon programs taken at various churches, the students have participated in a swimming carnival, an athletics meet and have been privileged to join in a youth rally which involved over 400 "young people" from the North Island of New Zealand.

The students have been able to mix with visitors using the campus facilities for such functions as a literature evangelists' institute, a Pathfinder rally and a basketball tournament in which teams from all over New Zealand played.

Cultural enrichment has been enjoyed when performances have been attended at Palmerston North, and recently the college was visited by the Lilydale Academy Concert Brass, a visit in which all involved thoroughly appreciated. In fact, this weekend of music prompted the college to begin a brass group, led by Peter King, brother of the conductor of the Academy Concert Brass! Such a step, of course, is to cost much money and involve the use of many instruments. So those of you "out there" with any to spare of either of these two ingredients. . . .

So much can be mentioned, so much missed out. But perhaps a preview of some events to come will round off this brief look at Longburn's 1982 activities. A pleasant note to begin with! July 9 to 12 will be mid-term break, a happy refreshment from the claws of study. Those with talents to share and parade will be able to do so on the July 24 Talent Quest Evening, and to offer the year's promotional climax, the College Choir will visit Auckland and perform the musical "The Apostle," a drama-based presentation which has been very well received when previous performances have been given.

The year *does* offer more; for example, witness groups are forming and Christ's love is being sung and testified to people within reach of Longburn. Every article must end, however, and this is an appropriate time to finish, with students and staff preparing to take Christ to the world around them, to study academic and spiritual aspects of life and to continue to grow in the social fellowship which Longburn College provides. ■



James Etuale leaps to a clean jump during Longburn Adventist College's 1982 athletic carnival.
Photo: D. Charlton



The stall run by the Form 5 Home Economics class.

PREVIEW

BOOK NEWS FROM REVIEW AND HERALD



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by Goldie Down

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Paper, 128 pages,

TOMBOY RANCH

by Alice Willsey

Alison was a knowledgeable city girl of 12 when her father died, setting in motion a wave of changes that altered her life style. Life on a large ranch in Northern California was far different from the comfortable city environment to which she was accustomed. The challenges of a new school and new friends helped mature Alison in her prayer life, in understanding God, other people, and even herself. The beautiful Arabian horses were her incentive to try to become as good a rider as the three ranch boys who willingly made room in their activities for this city girl.

Alice Willsey, wife of a Maryland pastor, received a WRITE NOW AUTHOR AWARD for TOMBOY RANCH.

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GOSPEL VIKING—THE STORY OF JOHN MATTESON

by A. D. Chilson

John Matteson, Danish born, he moved with his family to Wisconsin in 1854. Converted in 1859, he immediately began to witness to his new faith. Traveling from place to place as a lay preacher and later as an ordained minister, he was not intimidated by floods and storm, opponents and hardship. This intrepidity stood him in good stead when he decided to produce literature as a pioneer missionary for Scandinavia, where he was confronted by many difficulties and obstacles. Adriel D. Chilson, currently pastor of the Elko and Winnemucca churches in Nevada, is an Adventist history buff.

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by Eleanor Dewees

Eleanor Dewees tells the stories of her own childhood, which have been found so interesting by her students, family, and friends. Mrs. Dewees grew up in a family of four girls and their six younger brothers, and after serving as a schoolteacher and a missionary she now lives in the town in which she was born.

Paper, 96 pages,

MISSION TO THE UMATILLA

by Kathy Carr

For centuries the Umatilla Indians had freely roamed the valleys and rolling hills of Oregon, hunting, fishing, and harvesting wild berries and roots for a living. Then the white man came, and both the property and freedom of the Indians were gradually but inexorably diminished. As a consequence, it is very difficult to get them to accept Christianity. "The white man broke his promises and stole our land, so why should I want to know about the white man's God?" is the way one Indian put it.

Verna and Lee Clay and others have been trying to show them why—by demonstrating through lives and action the disinterested love and compassion of Christ. Progress is slow, but love can break down all barriers.

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by Yvonne Davy

It was only Emily's steely determination and doggedness that finally succeeded in forcing open the door that she held open for other women and that led her to national recognition and honor. Emily Dunning Barringer, in spite of her brilliance, capability, and motivation, had to fight every step of the way toward her chosen profession.

Mrs. Davy sympathetically tells the story of the lady who pioneered the way for other women in the medical profession.

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END OF A MASQUERADE

by Helen Godfrey Pyke

Teen-age Esther Harrison had been told she had less than a year to live. Then Dr. Charles Send entered her life. His concepts of diet and exercise restored her health. She became devoted to him and to his mission of service to others. But Esther also plunged into a bizarre world of reincarnation and spiritism.

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GOD'S THOUSAND WAYS

by Joan Richards

It is easy to say, "God will provide!" But how does one learn to depend entirely upon the Lord? Joan Richards reeled under the blows that came when her world seemed to collapse. Somehow she had to take over the full load and keep her family together despite the tremendous problems that confronted her daily. Trusting in God to lead her, Joan took one step at a time, and always God seemed to have a way open for her. She recounts her story to encourage others who face problems that seem too large. Her message is that God can sustain us through difficulty, loss, and tragedy.

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PURITAN REBEL

by Yvonne Davy

Time has a way of dimming the memory of some of the strong personalities who have shaped our destiny by their acts of courage. The biography of Roger Williams helps to remind us of what it took to be a leader of men 300 years ago. The Indians called him Dove-of-Peace and Quencher-of-Fires. The British labeled him a rebel heretic. There is no doubt that this brave man, the founder of Rhode Island, should properly be called a Christian, one who loved his fellowmen and who would sacrifice life itself that they might have freedom to worship as they chose. This fast-paced story is told by an experienced and well-known writer.

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DESERT DIARY

by Louise van Dyke

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by Charles Armistead

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A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

by Alice Covey

A summer on her grandparent's farm sounded like the ideal way for Mary Lynn to spend her vacation. It was her first time to be away from home by herself, and she wasn't too sure about the whole thing as mother drove away. Fortunately Granny understood, and she promised Mary Lynn she would help make the summer one that would stay in the girl's book of memories.

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The dietitians' display board adjacent to the Auckland High School stall reinforced the message of health.

Auckland High School Outreach

U. M. HEDGES

THE WHOLE FORM 5 Home Economics Class was enthusiastic. It sounded like a fun way to witness, and besides it wouldn't be too scary.

During the planning stages of a Health Fair to



Auckland High at the Mangere and Manukau Town

Hedges

be run for three days at the Mangere Town Centre, the council invited us to participate and run a stall. It seemed appropriate to include on our exhibit a continuous cooking demonstration so that passersby could sample our soya bean patties and stop to chat. Since the Papatōetoe church was planning a 5-Day Plan, we also featured an anti-smoking section headed "Smoking is a No No!" with the back up of a little hand-held cigarette smoking model to show how much residue was left behind on a renewable filter.

The class worked on a roster system, and after a turn meeting the public and giving away literature, as well as demonstrating, many students wanted extra turns at the exhibit.

During the Sabbath hours our popular cooking section closed down and some Forms 6 and 7 students helped to man the stall.

Interestingly, positioned beside our stall was a static display by dietitians who seemed to be preaching our message on health. They advised New Zealanders to eat a wide variety of foods and cut down on sugar, fat and meat.

After all the work put in by Mr. Steley to paint our large attractive backboards, we decided to take our whole set-up to the Manukau City Centre, where we ran successfully during a late shopping night.

We did get a few names for the 5-Day Plan and some for a nutrition series, but were pleased with the hundreds of contacts we had with the public, some of whom brought friends and relatives back to taste the food or hear and see for themselves how dangerous smoking is to health.

Goings On in Hamilton, New Zealand

EDNA SMITH, Hamilton Church, North New Zealand

Five-Day Plan: We have been really busy here in Hamilton; what with cooking demonstrations, V.B.S., Dorcas dinner, and the youth fellowship, we certainly haven't had time to think, let alone squabble with one another! Some twenty people attended the 5-Day Plan, and most of them were able to overcome the habit. Two people I know who attended the plan were very much impressed by the person conducting the meeting. He had once been a smoker himself and knew the battle one has to give up the habit.

Dorcas Dinner: Some sixty elderly people of our church and several non-Adventists attended a luncheon put on by the Dorcas ladies. This is one time when they all can come together and have a good chat about old times. So many of the elderly are unable to attend church, because of age and health. One Dorcas lady made the cake and another iced it. The hall had a festive appearance, the tables being nicely set, with floral arrangements adorning the tables. Many cars went out to bring in people, and strange to say none of them kept us waiting; some had been ready for two hours.

Vegetarian Cooking at the Mormon Temple: The health secretary and the writer were invited to attend a meeting being held at the Mormon church, and to follow it with our vegetarian cooking. Sometimes it does us good as Adventists to go out and observe other people's meetings. The Methodist Ladies League and the Salvation Army both asked us to talk on our way of living. Forty-three ladies attended both these meetings. They were all amazed at the appetising meals that can be made without using meat.

Happy Holiday Hour: These meetings were held during the May holidays—the first week they were held in Hamilton, and the second week in Te Awamutu. In both towns we had a good time working with the children and making some striking hobbies. In Hamilton some eighty children attended, and in Te Awamutu forty children came along to enjoy the treat prepared for them.

Youth Fellowship and Ordination: Hamilton had a shock last week when 500 or more people arrived for services in the church—it being youth fellowship weekend and the ordination of Chris Foote. It was amazing how we all fitted into the church, as every available seat was taken up. The president preached a very timely sermon, which made us all want to rededicate our own lives and get out and help finish the work. It was sure a great day for Mr. and Mrs. Foote to have two sons in the ministry. May the Lord continue to bless us each one in our different church activities.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



While 2,200 persons attended nightly meetings presented by Pastor Cameron, another 4,000 attended ninety satellite meetings. The meetings resulted in a baptism on 706 on February 27.

Simultaneous Meetings Result in 706 Baptised

A plan for total evangelism in the province of Chiriquí, Panama, has resulted in a baptism of 706 persons on February 27 and hundreds of other new believers preparing for baptism.

The province of Chiriquí is well known for its cattle and agricultural production and as a centre of tourism. It is called the Valle de Luna ('Valley of the Moon'). The capital of the province, David, is a city with 150,000 hardworking, progressive inhabitants. The conference committee made plans for an evangelistic campaign centred in this city, with satellite crusades to be held in the surrounding districts.

Pastors and laity from the entire area met with the visiting evangelist, Walter Cameron, of the Florida Conference, to plan for this outreach. The conference president, Humberto Moreno; the lay activities director, Braulio Concepcion; and the district pastor, Hector

Solera, coordinated the project.

After the planning session, during the last quarter of 1981, 500 missionary "mailmen" shared The Bible Speaks course with their friends. On January 7, 1982, this phase culminated with a graduation ceremony for 2,500 students.

When Pastor Cameron began meetings in David, using multimedia illustrations on three large screens, with a computer coordinating six projectors, an average of 2,200 persons attended nightly. At the same time approximately 4,000 persons were attending meetings in the ninety satellite centres where five other pastors, seven Bible instructors, and seventy lay preachers were conducting simultaneous crusades.

Baptismal classes were already in progress, so the first converts were baptised two weeks after the meetings began, as a stimulus to others. ■

More Than 6,000 Baptised on One Day

The intense soul-winning campaign in the Central American Union reached its crescendo on Sabbath, February 27, 1982, when 6,191 new believers were added to the church by baptism. The seven countries comprising the Central American Union were transformed into a veritable beehive of evangelistic activities during the closing weeks of 1981 and the first two months of 1982. Massive preparation was made everywhere for the big baptismal day.

The evangelistic fervour ran high as the history-making day arrived. Hundreds of candidates accompanied by happy lay

preachers, pastors, evangelists, and enthusiastic church members converged on the ocean beaches, banks of lakes and rivers, and church baptistries all over Central America. Undaunted by public unrest and fierce fighting in some countries of the union, the candidates came to seal their commitment with Christ and the Adventist message through the public act of baptism.

The largest number of baptisms took place in the El Salvador Mission, a territory plagued by constant unrest and bloodshed. In this mission a new and daring record was established when

1,750 believers were baptised on this special day. Hundreds of these new believers were won to Christ as a result of more than fifty simultaneous crusades held all over the Republic of El Salvador.

This memorable soul-winning accomplishment was the product of a massive two-part evangelistic thrust in Central America, seeking to bring 11,000 new believers to Christ during 1982. The next huge evangelistic drive will be dedicated to a powerful, well-coordinated youth campaign in which hundreds of youth will participate. The laity and leadership of the Central American Union are confident that another baptismal record will be set as a result. Truly, "the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Daniel 11:32. ■

More than 2,000

One tent could not hold the 2,000 to 3,000 persons who attended the Spanish Town, Jamaica, evangelistic meetings conducted by K. G. Vaz. The evangelistic team solved the space problem by pitching two tents side by side and placing the pulpit between the two.

The tents were crowded throughout the series. By the time the meetings concluded, 205 new believers had been baptised, forming a new congregation along with a few members from neighbouring Adventist churches.

The tents were located on a main thoroughfare in a section of the city that did not have an Adventist church. The location has now been made available to the Central Jamaica Conference for the construction of a church for the new congregation, to be known as the Spanish Town Central church. There is ample space there to develop an Adventist centre with a Community Services building and an ABC branch, according to plans. ■

Critic Reviews White Books

"The Great Controversy" and "Patriarchs and Prophets" received favourable reviews in the Norwegian secular newspaper *Troms Folkeblad* recently. Regarding "The Great Controversy," critic Jostein Turtumoygard said, "Ellen G. White has her own particular ability to make material from a faraway time and place present and personal—perhaps because it is of such great relevance also today."

He described "Patriarchs and Prophets" in even more glowing terms: "This book is not merely a proclamation, it is something more. It tells the story of the children of Israel, deals with world history, cultural and church history, and gives guidance in morality, ethics, care for the elderly, and raising of children. 'Patriarchs and Prophets' tells of old customs, racial discrimination, and everyday living in an easy style all the way through, but with variation in theme, tempo, and tone. This is a book that gives you something if you will just take your time. You find peace of mind by letting yourself merge into this material. Accept what this book has to offer, and you will gradually be filled with its message; good can conquer the world if you just let it." ■

—Selected from *Adventist Review*.

Every day, under Christ, the Christian may exercise the heroic option to obey.

"Well, then, keep on praying!"

DICK RENTFRO

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Genesis 5:24. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him . . . [because] he pleased God." Hebrews 11:5.

SOMEONE came to one of our ministers one day and confided: "I just can't overcome this tobacco thing—it's with me all the time." Our brother then asked him, "Do you have any problem with it while you are praying?"

"No," he replied.

"Well, then, keep on praying!"

So long as we keep our attention centred on Jesus, we have no problems. But when our minds drift and we grow careless, we meet our downfall.

Many years ago a man was riding on a stagecoach next to the driver. The passenger had made this particular trip with the driver a few times and noticed a peculiar thing—every time the team would pass a certain spot on their route, the driver would give the lead horse a sharp blow with the whip.

Finally one day the passenger could contain his curiosity no longer. "Why do you always strike the lead horse at this spot?" he asked. "Well, sir," came the reply, "every time the lead horse passes this spot, he sees a large white rock over there and shies away from it, endangering the rest of the team and all of us. So when we come to this particular curve, I give him something else to think about!" The passenger, Thomas Chalmers, then went home and wrote the famous sermon "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection."

Like Enoch, we must make up our minds to serve the Lord all the time every day and keep our choice centred in the Lord. We need to remember this simple face: we see what we *look at* and do not see what we *look away from*.

"In the work of redemption there is no compulsion. No external force is employed. Under the influence of the Spirit of God, man is left free to choose whom he will serve. In the change that takes place when the soul surrenders to Christ, there is the highest sense of freedom. The expulsion of sin is the act of the soul itself. True, we have no power to

free ourselves from Satan's control; but when we desire to be set free from sin, and in our great need cry out for a power out of and above ourselves, the powers of the soul are imbued with the divine energy of the Holy Spirit, and they obey the dictates of the will in fulfilling the will of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 466.

Many a trail-weary traveller, trying ever so hard to keep his eye fixed upon the Saviour and the final goal, has wished that, having made his decision to follow Christ, his feet would stay on the path automatically. But the Christian life is a battle and a march.

A couple sat with the minister one day when all at once the wife spoke up: "He never tells me that he loves me!" "Well," the husband explained, "I married you, didn't I? I keep this place and earn the living! Doesn't that show you?" Obviously not!

The power of daily, hourly, and moment-by-moment choices separates the human family from the brute creatures. Someday we will walk the streets of gold because it was our *choice* to do so—through Christ, of course. The strength of our very being lies in that power of choice. So it was with Enoch.

An unknown author told how we can cooperate with God just as Enoch did when he "walked with God." He said: "Here is a chessboard, and all the figures on the board, instead of being made of wood, are flesh and blood with wills of their own, persons. For God the game would be simple if the figures would go where He desires them to go. But suppose, when God would make a move in the game against Evil, that the figures should balk and refuse to move, and instead should move, on their own, to other positions without reference to the Player—God. That would complicate the game and mess it up badly."

That is what has happened. That is God's problem today. But suppose that we

cooperate with the Lord in this game of life, and that we not only refrain from making the bad moves on our own but decide every day that we will play in harmony with Him. How much finer that would be before the life-filled universe—to win as free creatures rather than for God to win with only pawns.

My Will Seems so Weak

"But," perhaps you respond, "my will seems so weak. I fall so often. What can I do?"

One who knew everything about the human heart gave us these encouraging words through His inspired messenger: "You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centred upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him."—*Steps to Christ*, page 47.

"Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be in your life."—*Id.*, page 48.

Every day, under Christ, the Christian may exercise the heroic option to obey, to please God by each and every choice. Then when we are tempted to yield, we each can be reminded, "Do you have any problem with it while you are praying? Well, then, keep on praying!"

"While engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. These silent petitions rise like incense before the throne of grace; and the enemy is baffled. The Christian whose heart is thus stayed upon God cannot be overcome. No evil arts can destroy his peace. All the promises of God's Word, all the power of divine grace, all the resources of Jehovah, are pledged to secure his deliverance. It was thus that Enoch walked with God. And God was with him, a present help in every time of need."—*Gospel Workers*, page 254. —*Adventist Review*.

Dick Rentfro is a conference evangelist for the Upper Columbia Conference in the State of Washington, U.S.A.

EXCITED STUDENTS

ALEX S. CURRIE, Dean of Students, Avondale College

HAD YOU BEEN a mosquito on the wall, you, too, would have buzzed with excitement. We had just commenced our monthly Physical Education committee in the Avondale College boardroom. Having reviewed the minutes of the last meeting I announced to the committee that our college board had voted unanimously that the 1982 Avondale College offering of August 21 was to help finance our health and recreational program. The faces of our student committee members glowed with enthusiasm.

Why the excited looks? Committee members knew that this offering would enable them to realise some of their goals.

Students coming from some of our high schools have discovered in recent years that the college's facilities and equipment were inferior to some high schools. In fact, a few of the high schools had more facilities than the college.

Then came Dr. Jim Hanson, physical education instructor from Pacific Union College, and the establishment of our physical education program.

What are some of the program's goals? Let me share with RECORD readers the general objectives our Physical Education committee voted: Provide students with opportunity:

1. to develop the Christian character and develop a living relationship with Christ.
2. develop a knowledge and understanding of how to take care of the body through proper health concepts, exercise and recreation.
3. to acquire proper body development and maintenance through vigorous physical activity.
4. to acquire various skills in recreational pursuits that will ensure a positive lifestyle.

5. to train individuals in the prevention and treatment of accidents and enable them to avoid dangerous situations that would be harmful to life and health.

6. for participation in a wide variety of suitable recreational activities in a controlled and wholesome atmosphere.

7. to prepare for future leadership in professions related to physical education, health and recreation, in order that they may better serve their fellow men.

8. to develop the well-rounded general education background of information to facilitate their better understanding of the complex world in which we live.

9. to develop a compassion and understanding of people.

10. to learn and use thinking skills to discover new relationships and solve problems.

11. to develop the physical, mental, social and spiritual aspects of the human organism.

Then the committee set specific objectives to include spiritual, safety, physical, neuromuscular, social and knowledge objectives.

One objective is to have all enrolled students engage in some type of recreation that will rest

and strengthen both body and brain. To enable us to accomplish this ambition we need a greater variety of recreational pursuits.

No wonder Ellen White's counsel was, "Recreation is needful to those who are engaged in physical labour, and is still more essential for those whose labour is principally mental."—"Counsels to Teachers," page 346.

Students particularly require good recreation, for the servant of the Lord observes, "If physical exercise were combined with mental exertion, the blood would be quickened in its circulation, the action of the heart would be more perfect, impure matter would be thrown off, and new life and vigour would be experienced in every part of the body.—"Testimonies," Vol. 3, page 490.

To improve our recreational facilities we plan to build a "par course" where students walk, run and exercise to specific instructions and on specially built equipment at established stations along the course. An outdoor sand volleyball court will be built. The college oval will be enlarged to standard size.

Then a small, new, specialised gymnasium will be erected. Students have planned fundraising projects for months to help build this complex.

On this last project, gifts of \$2 and upwards placed in an envelope (cheques or money orders only) and sent directly to Avondale, will attract tax concession. Special envelopes have been printed and distributed to assist with your special gift. The college will send you a receipt acknowledging your gift with the required college building number on it.

Remember, August 21 is the day you can help Avondale students obtain more from their college education. ■

Remember Avondale on August 21

"YES, I HAVE . . ."

W. A. TOWNEND

"YES, I HAVE," was my response to the church elder's reminder and question he had just brought to my attention. "Go ahead," was his response. So, I did.

We were about to have prayer together before the church service at Gosford today when one of the elders had remarked, "You usually give us some good news from Avondale College before your sermon—have you got some for us this time?" After the service more than one person, light in their eyes, remarked about the good news from Avondale—people news. Two items I had picked up just that week—people stories. Interested?

A non-Protestant young woman student who this year came to Avondale to be with some of her Adventist friends had, as she

confessed, "loathed the idea" of having to take a Bible subject as part of her chosen course. *But*—four months later she told her Bible teacher, "I love it. This is my best subject." *And* she had been to our principal, Dr. James Cox, to tell him that she wished to prepare to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Dr. Cox's response: he is having Bible studies with her. She will be some of the first-fruits of Avondale's reaping this year. And so will another young woman. Her story?

At the South New South Wales camp-meeting in Goulburn in January two new Adventists came into our Avondale College tent to ask me if I would talk with their non-Adventist daughter who was visiting for the weekend. She had, the

parents told me, a career mapped out that would take her into a certain non-Adventist educational institution in a few week's time. These parents would love to see her go to Avondale. They would gladly pay her fees.

This young woman and I talked together several times. A month after camp-meeting she was in the enrolment queue at Avondale, embarking on training for a new career which will probably lead her into denominational service. And, updating a couple of days before that Gosford sermon she told me, "I'm having regular Bible studies with my Bible lecturer in preparation for becoming a Seventh-day Adventist." Would it be going too far to say that Avondale College probably is good news for her parents?

"Have you got some good news for us this time?" asked the church elder.

"Yes, I have . . ."

And there's bound to be more. Avondale's that kind of place. ■



Homecoming honoured guests in 1981.
Photos: A. S. Currie

HOMECOMING 1982

NINETY YEARS of Seventh-day Adventist tertiary education in Australia will be celebrated at the second Avondale College Homecoming, September 10 to 12, 1982.

Commenced for Avondale in 1981, Homecoming is the occasion when former students, staff and faculty return to their alma mater for a weekend with each other and Avondale's present family. It is a unique opportunity to reminisce about the past and to refocus the vision of the future.

On the weekend of Homecoming many of those Adventist household names become real people to meet and talk with. This year Dr. and Mrs. E. E. White are flying from England as the most honoured of many special guests. Dr. White was principal at Avondale from 1954 to 1958.

While all the people from Avondale's past and present are invited to Homecoming, this year will feature particularly the graduates from certain designated honour years: 1972, 1962,

1957, 1952, 1942 and 1932. In addition, all students from 1922 and earlier will be honoured.

If Avondale is precious to you, plan now to experience the music, worship, fellowship, nostalgia and humour from Friday night, September 10, to Sunday, September 12.

Homecoming awakens memories and stirs hopes. It builds continuity between the Avondale of yesterday and the Avondale of tomorrow—today.

After all, it's ninety years since Avondale's forerunner began in rented premises in St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. It is time to remember the past and look to our mission for the future. Every "old" Avondalian and friend of the college is welcome. Plan now to come. And if you need further information, write to: The Secretary, 1982 Homecoming Committee, Avondale College, Cooranbong, N.S.W. 2265. ■



Homecoming fellowship in 1981—more of the same for 1982.

Book Survey . . .

Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven years

Arthur L. White, Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D.C., 1981, 448 pages.

THE WRITINGS of certain Seventh-day Adventist authors arrest us because we sense they are sharing convictions distilled during a lifetime of involvement with their subject matter. Now another volume with this quality is available: Arthur L. White's "Ellen G. White: The Early Elmshaven Years."

Although this book about Ellen Gould White (1872-1915) has her entire life in soft focus, it is the years 1900-1905 that are in sharp focus. It begins with her return to the United States after nine years in Australia and ends with the important General Conference session in May, 1905. Its perspectives are chiefly those of Ellen White and her son William, with less-frequent inclusions from such others as A. G. Daniells, J. H. Kellogg, A. F. Ballenger, and E. E. Andross. Understandably, Ellen White's words are the most quoted. Indeed, a random check of three chapters indicates about one-third of the words are hers. Long passages are cited, the author states in his foreword, to ensure "an accurate conveyance of the unique and fine points of the messages in the very expressions of the prophetic messenger herself." Page 11.

These were years of immense challenge for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Pastor White enables us to witness the struggle and boon—yet limitations—of reorganisation in 1901. With him we watch the anguish caused by John Harvey Kellogg and others as the "alpha and deadly heresies" distorts the understanding of God and Christ's redemptive work. We discern the peril of change that neglects continuity as Albion F. Ballenger makes his claims concerning the doctrine of the sanctuary. And we see tragedy strike beloved institutions: During 1902 the Battle Creek Sanitarium burns down as a "reproof" (page 161), and the "sword of fire" (pages 225, 235) falls upon the Review and Herald publishing house. But we note Ellen White's assessment is different when the Melrose Sanitarium burns: The Lord has "taken away an objectionable part of the building" (page 382).

Also during these years the church faced enormous financial pressures; it relocated its headquarters from Battle Creek to Washington; it commenced such new institutions as Paradise Valley and Glendale sanitariums; it developed further its mission to the black Americans of the South. Amid the push and pull of crowded events, Ellen White stands tall as confidant, counsellor, preacher, prophet, possibility thinker, traveller, and all-around mother in Israel. Treated within the narrative are a host of interesting questions, such as: How did Ellen White understand and apply the Bible's teaching concerning the use of tithe (pages 389-397)? When should children begin to attend church school (pages 312-317)?

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BOOK SURVEY

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So "*The Early Elmshaven Years*" tells us about Ellen White and her church in a colourful period marked by both crises and growth. But it also tells us much about the faith and perspectives of her grandson Arthur L. White six decades after her death. Pastor White notes Ellen White could speak "unadvisedly" and thus need the Lord's reproof as did Nathan (pages 187-197). Although her staff sometimes included four literary assistants, we are assured that Ellen White took responsibility for the output of her offices. Pastor White's assessments stem from a half-century of close association with the White Estate and its multi-faceted work. He affirms: "The development of this biography of Ellen G. White, parts of which are still in preparation, has been to the author a confidence-confirming experience."—Page 9.

In this book we learn more fully the life setting of such volumes precious to Adventists as "*Testimonies*," volumes seven and eight, and "*The Ministry of Healing*." We sense Pastor White's lifetime convictions are worth hearing, not least because they uncover some more of our Adventist roots. We are confronted with the reality that the history of our church belongs to all of us and that we cannot be indifferent about it.

"*The Early Elmshaven Years*" is the first to be published of a six-volume biography of Ellen White. It is not bedtime-story reading, but it caught this reviewer up in the strong flow of its narrative. It is not a super-history to crush all other historical attempts. Rather it will both stimulate and facilitate further research in a number of matters.

We can thank God as we think of the devotional and defence literature of our past. But we can be even more grateful that the understanding of Seventh-day Adventist history is slowly coming of age. That it experiences growing pains should in no way deter us from the quest for the truth concerning both events and their interpretation. Even old crises become unifying when new insights help us to avoid past pitfalls. As a major contribution to the process of understanding our heritage, "*The Early Elmshaven Years*" deserves strong commendation.

—ARTHUR N. PATRICK, Director, Ellen G. White Research Centre, Avondale College.

EMPTY PALACES

A note on Empty Palaces (AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, July 5, 1982, page 6). This was written originally by Marjorie Lewis Lloyd and appeared on pages 61-63 of her book "*Faith on Tiptoe*," published in 1946. You may wish to give credit for this.

Martin J. Ward,
Librarian, Avondale College.

We appreciate receiving this information to share with our RECORD readers. No author-line appeared on the copy that was given us, and we wondered at the time who the author of this beautiful essay was. We thank our Avondale librarian for filling us in on the missing detail. One more reason to be thankful for our college!—Editor.

Weddings

BENNETT—PFEIFFER. It was just the perfect day for a wedding on July 4, 1982, in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, when David Bennett was united with Kim Pfeiffer in the Woden Valley church. Just one week before they had been united together in the baptismal font, and now in holy wedlock. Many of their new friends in the church, along with relatives, were present to wish them God's richest blessing as they shared together this second important occasion in their lives.

G. S. Bradford.

BIDMEAD—CROSS. Katy Cross and Barrie Bidmead were married in the historic Collinsvale church, Tasmania, on December 28, 1981. Many friends and relatives travelled considerable distances to join in the celebration and witness Barry and Katy exchange vows. A happy, yet sincere atmosphere filled the recently restored church as the bridal party attended to their duties. I am sure it is the wish of all that this atmosphere may ever surround them as they follow the leading of the Lord in their lives.

G. N. McKenzie.

FOSTER—ATKIN. Petrina Atkin and Stephen Foster exchanged their wedding vows in Launceston church, Tasmania, on January 3, 1982. Petrina and Stephen travelled from Wahroonga, where they are working, to Petrina's home church for the ceremony. Many friends and relatives joined with them in the beautiful surroundings of one of Launceston's yester-year homes as they celebrated their wedding breakfast. May the Lord bless them as they look to Him day by day for His leading in their lives.

G. N. McKenzie.

LONGSON—HAMPSON. On Sunday, June 6, 1982, Verna Sylvia Pearl Hampson and Kenneth Henson Longson were united in marriage in a family ceremony at the home of the bride's daughter at Hornsby, New South Wales. Both Ken and Verna serve with distinction at Sydney Adventist Hospital: Ken as audiovisual technician in the chaplain's department; Verna as secretary in the purchasing department. As their lives are united in love and consecrated service, we know God will bless them abundantly as the joy of their home is shed abroad.

T. H. Ludowici.

MINEUR—RODGERS. Sally Rodgers and Ludo Mineur united their lives before the Lord in Devonport church, Tasmania, on January 27, 1982. A simple, yet sincere service marked this important event for them. Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Sally's parents to celebrate. It is the wish of all, I am sure, that they may find richness in each other as they take the counsel of God for the rule in their lives.

G. N. McKenzie.

PALMER—BURTON. Bright winter sunshine beamed upon Peter and Catherine as they exchanged marriage vows in the Bishopdale church, Christchurch, New Zealand, on Sunday, June 27, 1982. Peter is the son of Sister Palmer of Papanui, and Catherine is the younger daughter of Brother and Sister P. Burton of Sefton. Many friends and relatives gathered to witness this happy occasion, and to wish them the blessing of God as Peter and Catherine establish another Christian home in Christchurch.

R. L. Coombe.

Till He Comes

ALLEN. Clarence Edwin Allen fell asleep in Jesus at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, on May 28, 1982, aged seventy-eight years. Prior to his death he was a patient at the Adventist Nursing Home, Brisbane. Brother Allen accepted the Advent message after attending a mission conducted by Pastor George Burnside about thirty years ago in Brisbane. He loved the Lord and always wanted to tell the message to others. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Una and son Lloyd. The writer and Mr. T. Ellison quietly laid him to rest in the Redland Bay Lawn Cemetery to wait until the resurrection morning when he will be united again with his dear ones.

Victor Novelty.

BARRETT. Sister Rita Jean Barrett (nee Snibson) closed her eyes in death in Coronella Nursing Home, Nunawading, Victoria, on June 16, 1982, at the age of seventy-four years. She will be missed by her devoted husband Jack, three married children, Dorothy (Mrs. Hingston), Raymond and Lindsay, the grandchildren, relatives and friends. Brother and Sister Barrett started the first Adventist Home for the Aged in the Victorian Conference at Croydon in 1952 which they named Coronella. As the result of their generous donation this was later expanded by the Victorian Conference into the Nunawading Aged Home complex. Services were held in the Nunawading church and at the Box Hill Cemetery, but "we sorrow not as others who have no hope."

C. D. Judd.

BATCHELOR. William Anwil Batchelor was born in Capetown, South Africa, on June 4, 1932. He became a member of the Adventist Church during his teen years. In December 1959, he married Carmen Wasser. For a number of years the Batchelors worked at the Maluto Mission Hospital in Lesotholand, South Africa, where Bill was the plant manager. For some twenty-seven years he devoted much of his spare time to helping the handicapped in the Capetown area, making many friends, and at the same time witnessing for his Lord. In 1978, the Batchelors arrived in Warburton, Victoria, from South Africa, where Bill worked with the S.H.F. Company for a short time before transferring to the Warburton Health Care Centre as head gardener. Bill was a Christian gentleman, devoted to his family, his church and his work. He was an elder of our church and a member of the Warburton Advent Band, which he served as treasurer. He passed away on Thursday morning, June 24, 1982. The Warburton Advent Band and Lilydale Academy Concert Brass formed guards of honour both at the church and at the Wesburn Cemetery, as we laid our loved one to rest in the care of a loving God. Words of comfort were spoken in the Warburton church by Pastor G. E. Garne and the writer, who also officiated at the graveside. With his wife, Carmen, daughters Sharon and Michelle and son, Christopher, we look forward to the joyous resurrection day.

C. O. Lowe.

BELLCHAMBERS. Susannah Bellchambers (nee Walding) fell asleep in death at Gawler, South Australia, on June 14, 1982, aged eighty-seven years. We laid her to rest in the Murray Bridge Cemetery in the presence of a very large number of sympathising friends. To her loving husband, Reuben, now ninety-six years of age, we extend our Christian sympathy. We pray also that God will strengthen and sustain sons, Ray and Mervyn, and daughter, Adeline (Mrs. Hearse) as they face the future without a wonderful mother. Two surviving sisters, namely, Rose Appleyard and Florence Buderick, along with nineteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren, look longingly for the day of glad reunion when Jesus comes. Services at the Murray Bridge church and at the graveside were conducted by the writer assisted by Pastor W. Kraa.

J. H. Wade.

CONSTABLE. Isabella May Constable fell asleep in Jesus at the Wimmera Base Hospital, Horsham, Victoria, on July 2, 1982. Miss Constable, or "Bella" as she was affectionately known by church members, was born at Colac, Victoria, on May 19, 1904. She heard the Advent message preached by the late Pastor David Sibley, and in 1939 joined the church. Perhaps Sister Bella holds at least a "one-day record" from her colporteur ministry days, when some years ago, in just one morning's work, she sold and delivered thirteen sets of that wonderful book "*Bible Readings for the Home Circle*." Her funeral was the first conducted in the new Horsham church, opened and dedicated on June 5—the church she loved and worked so hard for over the years. We tenderly committed her to God's loving care at the Horsham Cemetery on Monday, July 5. She awaits the resurrection morning, as we all do.

E. M. Logue.

COSTAR. Janet Craig Costar closed her eyes in death's sleep on Sunday, June 6, 1982, at Tauranga, north New Zealand. She was aged eighty-eight. Sister Costar was a founding member of the Tauranga church. She loved to grow flowers to decorate her church, and enjoyed serving as a deaconess. In her later years she was tenderly cared for by her daughters, Sisters Olive Ashton and Lou Wainwright. Eventually she was admitted to Cambrae Hospital where she remained till her death. Her husband predeceased her by twenty-one years. Pastor Stewart Pressnall, whose wife, Nola, is a granddaughter, associated with the writer in the services. We laid her to rest in the Tauranga Cemetery, confident of her call to life in the first resurrection.

A. D. Judd.

COOPER. At a private funeral in the Kalgoorlie Cemetery, Western Australia, attended by only her daughter Brenda and her husband, the undertakers, and the angels of God, we laid to rest one of God's saints, Mrs. Christine Cooper. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Sister Cooper was a faithful follower of the message that God gave to the saints, and had been a member of the Kalgoorlie church since 1939. She was in her eighty-third year when she left us from the Kalgoorlie Hospital on June 3, 1982. God knows her grave and will open it once more. M. E. Peterson.

CRAGG. Sister Evelyn Dorothy Cragg was born at Nottinghamshire, England, on November 22, 1893, and passed quietly to her rest on June 10, 1982, in the Lister Hospital, Blenheim, south New Zealand. Together with her late husband, Edmond Roy Cragg, she accepted the Advent message in the early 1920s, soon after settling in New Zealand. Her life was one of devotion to her Lord, her family and her church. Sister Cragg leaves a son, Bevan of Blenheim, and two daughters, Mrs. Vivienne Ashcroft of Blenheim, and Mrs. Margo Burnside of Mapua, with their respective families. We laid her to rest in the Fairhall Lawn Cemetery in the presence of loving relatives and friends. G. W. Oaklands.

HARE. Eric Burnham Hare, much-loved storyteller, author, friend of young people, and servant of God, passed quietly to his rest on June 1, 1982. Pastor John Hancock officiated at the funeral service held in Washington, D.C., on June 7. Eric's wife Agnes (nee Fulton), sons Dr. Leonard (biologist at Andrews University) and Dr. Peter (research scientist with the Carnegie Institute), together with their wives, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, as well as sisters Ruth (Mrs. R. W. Lane) and Enid (Mrs. L. V. Wilkinson) and an innumerable company of friends look forward to the glad day of reunion. A life-sketch appeared in RECORD 30. E. J. Johanson.

HUNG. Hing Wan Hung died on May 12, 1982, in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, as the result of injuries received while fighting a grass fire at Purga, near Ipswich. He is survived by his wife, Woo Che, and three sons, three daughters and eleven grandchildren. We laid our dear brother to rest at the Werrill Park Lawn Cemetery, Ipswich, in sure and certain hope of the glorious resurrection. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his loved ones who sorrow not as those who have no hope. A life-sketch appeared in RECORD 30. H. W. Gunter.

LEEMAN. Stanley Robert Leeman, aged seventy-nine, passed to his rest in the Princess Margaret Hospital, Christchurch, New Zealand, on June 6, 1982. Stanley was a retired dairy farmer of Australia, but spent the last three years at the Ilam Lodge, Christchurch, under the able care of his niece, Matron B. Fletcher. After a service in the Ilam church, Stanley was laid to rest in the Waimairi Cemetery, Christchurch, waiting the call from Him who is the resurrection and the life. F. M. Slade.

RABE. Arthur Rabe was one of the younger children of the late Henry and Bertha Rabe of Collinsvale, Tasmania. Apart from a short time at Avondale about the time of the First World War, spent in clearing the land of tea-tree scrub, he worked on farms and gardens in Tasmania. He retired to live with his sisters in the Hobart suburb of Montrose. It was there that he passed away on June 22, 1982, at the age of eighty-nine years. He was laid to rest in the family plot in the Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Hobart. R. G. Douglas.

THOMAS. Mrs. Liliás Thomas, nee Cumming, passed away in death at Gawler, South Australia, on Friday evening, June 25, 1982, at the age of eighty-six years. Her connections with our church extended over a long period of years, her mother being one of the original members of the Grote Street church in Adelaide. We gathered at the Enfield Crematorium, and claimed again the promises of Scripture and committed her to God's safekeeping. We extend our sincere sympathy to her daughter, Bette, Mrs. Fuss, to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, knowing that very soon we shall be reunited for eternity. J. H. Wade.

PACIFIC ADVENTIST COLLEGE

Volunteers needed Volunteers needed

Pacific Adventist College, near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, urgently needs volunteer tradesmen to help build staff and student housing. Can you help in the greatest educational project ever launched in this Division's mission field?

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If you are not a tradesman or if you cannot give your time, can you help sponsor a volunteer by meeting travel and accommodation costs for someone who can go?

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December 27, 1982 to January 4, 1983

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REGISTRATION commences at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 1982.

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HIMALAYA TREK TO MOUNT EVEREST BASE CAMP

A thirty-day trek in the Nepal Himalayas, from Katmandu to the Mount Everest Base Camp, is being planned specifically for Adventist young people in December, 1982, to January, 1983. Our approach will be the classic route used by Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953, and subsequently by most other expeditions; this enables acclimatisation to the high altitudes of the region. This trek will be an incomparable experience with crystal-clear views of alpine scenery, culminating at the base camp of the world's highest mountain. In addition, there is the fascination of meeting the people of Nepal in the villages where they live, the Buddhist monasteries and Sherpas being of particular interest.

We would, of course, be using Sherpa porters. A high degree of physical fitness with previous outdoor experience is necessary, however, because of the altitude. Departure from Australia is planned for December 20, 1982, returning on January 27, 1983.

The organiser and trip leader is Mr. Don Atkins, an experienced bush-walking leader and former president of the Melbourne Adventist Bush Walkers Association. Don has led advanced bush-walking groups on extended trips to south-west Tasmania, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea (including the Kokoda Trail); he has previous trekking experience in the Everest region of the Himalayas.

All-inclusive cost from Melbourne or Sydney is \$1,985; this is more than \$500 cheaper than comparable commercially organised treks, because it is being run on a private, non-profit basis. Sabbath-observance and Adventist diet are included in the planning. Please write to Himalaya Trek, Simonsen International Travel, 132 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122, for a detailed itinerary and application form.

FOR SALE

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Good, reliable, Christian lady required to look after young children for busy couple. Nanny should be able to play piano and be able to work with and understand children. Car licence would be a great help. Up to fifty years of age, without big family ties. Own house in Mont Albert. Walking distance from church, and other facilities provided, including car and good salary. Person interested, ring Marilyn on (03) 890 2588, or write to "The Nanny," P.O. Box 139, Lilydale, Vic. 3140.

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Two experienced men required to operate sawmill on contract rates. Must be competent in all aspects of sawmilling and maintenance. New housing, primary school bus, 100 km from town. D. C. Stanley, 8 Bronte Street, Mackay. Phone (079) 52 1272 A/H.

SUSDASS SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Sydney University Seventh-day Adventist Students' Society is holding its Silver Anniversary Dinner on Sunday night, September 12. Past and present members and friends of SUSDASS are invited to attend. For details, write:

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 Box 34
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Flash Point

MINISTRY magazine, the professional journal published for the clergy by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is now being sent to 10,000 non-Adventist clergymen throughout Australia. Already many letters of appreciation have been received after mailing of the initial introductory copy. Pastor Arthur Duffy, Division Ministerial director, reports that to date not one unfavourable comment has been received. The *Ministry* outreach program, known as P_{REACH}, has been in operation in the U.S.A. for several years and has won many non-Adventist ministerial friends.

LOCAL "think-tanks" have been in operation throughout Australasia, making suggestions, generating ideas and laying plans for the 1,000 Days of Reaping outreach which will be launched shortly after the annual Week of Prayer in September.

LATEST SUCCESS scored by our SAWS office is 100 tonnes of new clothing donated by Japanese manufacturers toward refugee relief in Kampuchea. SAWS will pay freight charges to transport the goods direct from Japan to Bangkok.

A WEEKEND SEMINAR for church elders was conducted recently in the South New Zealand Conference. Dr. Eoin Gillier from Avondale College and Pastor Arthur Duffy from Division headquarters, were guest speakers.

SUSDASS SILVER ANNIVERSARY—Sydney University SDA Students' Society is holding its Silver Anniversary Dinner on Sunday night, September 12. Past and present members and friends of SUSDASS are invited to attend. For details write, SUSDASS, Box 34, Holme Building, Sydney University, N.S.W. 2006.

PASTOR C. D. JUDD, T.A.U.C. president, reports aboriginal revival meetings in W.A. In announcing the meetings in the Wiluna area, where we once operated a flourishing work, it was stressed there would be no drink, that there should be clean living, and no meddling in government affairs, and that they would meet for Bible study. Over one hundred responded. On the Sabbath, Pastor Eric Davey, W.A. Lay Activities director, conducted a meeting to meet an attack on our beliefs by another denomination, at the request of the aboriginal folk. Another surprise—150 attended. Because Pastor Davey was floodbound he took a further meeting on the Wednesday and another 100 turned out. The conference president, Pastor G. A. Lee, is now searching for a house of worship in which to conduct regular meetings.

"**TITHE INCOME** has shown a marked improvement this year," reports Victorian Conference treasurer J. Roberts. "Tithe percentage increase for five months to May 30, excluding two special tithe cheques totalling \$126,000, is up 8 per cent. If the two extraordinary amounts are included, the increase is 20 per cent. Given an average of 5 per cent increase for the next seven months we will meet budget requirement of a 10 per cent increase. If this happens it will enable us to eliminate a budget deficit for the first time in eight years."

EVANGELIST Graeme Bradford has moved his Goulburn mission meeting to the 11 o'clock Sabbath service, with sixteen non-S.D.A.s in attendance and the prospect of another five. He is pleased with the response in this conservative town where the going is not easy. The Bradford mission was first off the rank in late February with the opening in the Lilac Hall. Brother Don Fehlberg has been his assistant. Pastor Bradford also expects to baptise twenty this year in Canberra where he lives, and is continuing Bible studies with people carried over from a mission there two years ago. The Bradfords move to South Australia next year for public evangelism.

OMAURA BIBLE SCHOOL in Papua New Guinea is playing an important role in training laymen to share their faith effectively. Part of the students' practical work involves running branch Sabbath schools. Principal Ray Roenfeldt reports that 400 people are in baptismal classes as a result of this outreach.

DEBBIE WOOD has accepted a call from the Far Eastern Division to serve as a teacher at one of our hospitals in Hong Kong, teaching the primary-age children of our missionary staff members. Her appointment will be from mid-August for two years. Debbie has taught in our church schools in Murwillumbah and Gosford, N.S.W., and Bickley, W.A.

BROTHER PETER SIKONUE from Darutue, Bougainville, dropped in to visit me in my office last week. He had brought his wife, Louise, to Melbourne for medical treatment. Their mercy flight was sponsored by Lions Club International, and was their first visit to Australia. Peter tells me that he has served as elder, and presently serves as church clerk, of a remote 107-member church out in the bush.

THE VICTORIAN CONFERENCE has requested the rezoning of six and a quarter acres of land in Keilor West for the purpose of relocating the Pascoe Vale primary school, at present located in a congested Melbourne area. The new location will better serve the churches on the western side of the city.

THE W.A. PRESIDENT, Pastor G. A. Lee, reports the new \$140,000 Morley church on the north side of Perth is nearing completion. The new complex, which includes a hall, Sabbath school rooms, welfare centre, kitchen and other facilities, is built of salmon brick in Spanish style with arches and orange tiled roof. Pastor Lee's comment is "absolutely beautiful."

DISCUSSIONS are taking place between the teachers of Carmel College (Forms 5, 6) and Victoria Park High School (Forms 1 to 4) to coordinate subjects so that students can move progressively through the curriculum without drastic changes in the senior years.

"**FINALLY, BRETHREN . . .**" God is very polite. He will not come until you invite Him.