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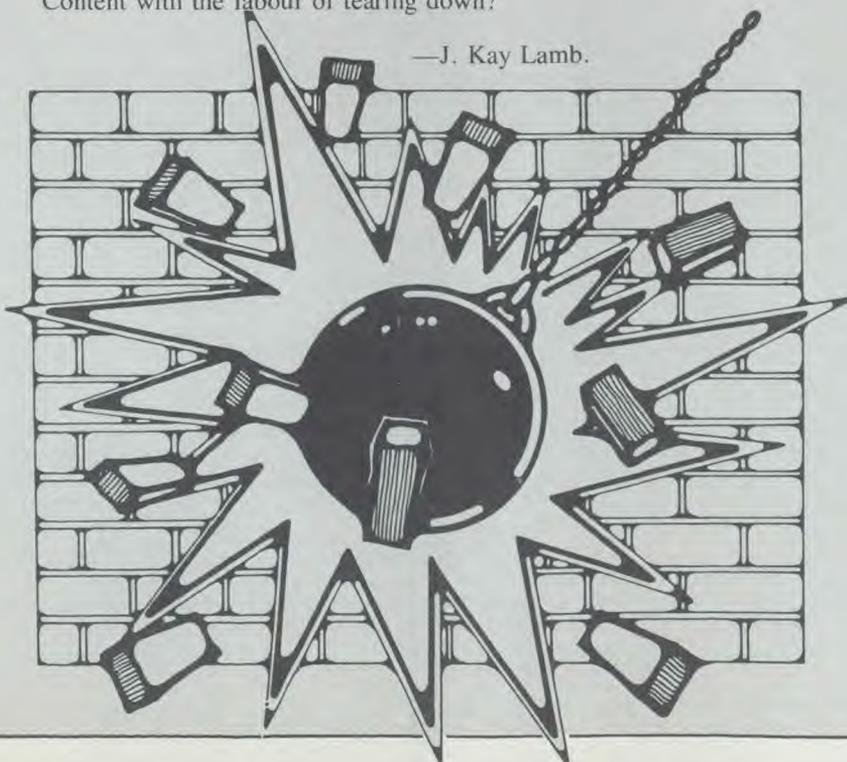
BUILDER OR WRECKER?

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town.
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell
They swung a beam and a side-wall fell.

I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled,
As the men you would use if you had to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed
Just common labour is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do!"

I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these rules have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who builds with care,
Measuring truth by the rule and square,
Am I shaping my deed to a well-laid plan,
Patiently doing the best I can,
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,
Content with the labour of tearing down?

—J. Kay Lamb.



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THE DROUGHT

THE AGE today carried a front-page story headed *Drought Cuts Wheat 80 per cent*. It reports that "Victorian farmers have not brought in a harvest as small as this season's forecast 500,000 tonnes since 1944, and then the area planted to wheat was much smaller. The State's crop last year was 2.7 million tonnes." It predicts that "wheat will have to be shipped from other States, or imported to meet Victorian requirements."

"The strain on Victoria's wheat supplies," continues the report, "is being made worse by the demand for wheat to feed pasture-starved sheep, which are now being fed 12,000 tonnes of wheat a week."

"The drought devastation is equally bad in New South Wales," according to the report, where the wheat board expects the harvest to produce a crop of no more than 1.5 million tonnes. This is only a quarter of the 5.7 million tonnes harvested last year.

"Nationally the harvest is expected to reach no more than 8.6 million tonnes, little more than half last year's. Of it, nearly two-thirds will come from drought-free Western Australia. Wheat production from the eastern states will fall from 10 million to three million tonnes."

Rain the Decisive Factor

This bleak picture underscores the essentiality of rain in the harvest-ripening process. The farmers had ploughed their fields, fed them with the necessary fertilisers, and sown their seed. The crops failed despite the fact that the farmers invested millions of dollars in the very best of equipment, fertilisers and seed. All of this expenditure and labour were in vain without rain.

As a church we have launched a historic worldwide soul-winning outreach program called "1,000 Days of Reaping." The goal with which our leaders have challenged us is to win a million souls in a thousand days—one thousand souls a day for the next one thousand days! To this end elaborate plans have been laid. Committees have been appointed. Resolutions have been taken. All will be of no avail unless we have rain.

In some parts of the world the rain is falling. The soul-winning efforts of God's servants are being blessed with phenomenal success. Scenes which can only be described as Pentecostal are being witnessed in these areas. But here in Australia and New Zealand—as with most "Industrialised" nations—drought prevails. In these drought-stricken countries we are engaged in a mere holding operation. The membership has been static for a decade. Not because nothing has been done to win souls. On the contrary. Millions of pages of literature have been printed, distributed and sold. Bigger and better evangelistic missions have been held than ever before in our history. Vast sums of money have been expended on beaming the message into homes through the electronic media. Schools have been built at great cost and sacrifice to win to Christ our most important asset—our children and youth. What we now need is rain. Without it, all we have

worked for, sacrificed for, given for, built for, will yield but disappointing results.

"THE LORD DOES NOT NOW WORK TO BRING MANY SOULS INTO THE TRUTH," His prophetic messenger tells us, "because of the church members who have never been converted and those who were once converted but who have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?"—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 371.

What a sobering thought that God could be withholding the rain so essential to an abundant harvest, because His people are not ready to receive new members and set them the right example! Could this be the reason why all our costly and elaborate efforts are so meagre in fruitage? Could it be that the spiritual drought condition we see in the homelands of our Division, exist because God cannot pour out the rain of His blessing upon us in abundant measure? Why? Because we are not living the truth and walking in the light He has given us as a people. Because of our apostasy. Because of our covetousness and lukewarmness. Because of our rebelliousness and disobedience.

"The ripening of the grain represents the completion of the work of God's grace in the soul. By the power of the Holy Spirit the moral image of God is to be perfected in the character. We are to be wholly transformed into the likeness of Christ. . . . There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. THIS WE SHOULD SEEK WITH INTENSITY OF DESIRE, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour. . . .

"Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognise the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pages 506, 507.

A Thrilling Prospect

By contrast with the sobering realisation that God could be withholding the life-giving showers of rain because we are not ready to receive them, is the tremendous assurance that "if we would humble ourselves before God, and be kind and courteous and tenderhearted and pitiful, THERE WOULD BE ONE HUNDRED CONVERSIONS TO THE TRUTH WHERE NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 189.

I long for that day! O Lord, the drought has lasted long enough! Please help us do whatever is needful to make it possible for Thee to pour out upon us Thy rich showers of blessing! Then open heaven and send rain in abundance on our parched church! "Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need; mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead." Will you join me in praying that prayer?

G.E.G.



From left: Pastor David Lamb, Mark McNicol, Carol Johnson, Marlene Baker, Annette Horwell, Mark Robinson, and Klaus Lietz.



Volunteers all! Volunteers from the Dysart and Moranbah churches who regularly go witnessing from door to door.

Photos: E. M. Courtney

Sweet Harvest in Mackay

MRS. E. M. COURTNEY, Communication Secretary, Mackay Church, North Queensland

MANY Southerners have never heard of Mackay. This is a pity, for it is one of the most beautiful areas of Australia, and also one of its most prosperous! Since the last census, quite a few thousand people have found new residence in Mackay. These newcomers came mainly from southern states. Unfortunately many come here only to find that no job opportunities await them.

What is so interesting in this area? Well, Mackay is the centre of the largest sugar-cane farming industry in Australia. A few miles to the south, midway between Mackay and Sarina, you will find (soon to be) the world's largest coal-loading facilities at Hay Point. Here we must mention the greatest development area in the north: the Mackay Hinterland. There are several large coalmines which are serviced by three towns, namely Dysart (260 kilometres west of Mackay), Moranbah (200 kilometres west of Mackay), and Middlemount (300 kilometres south-west of Mackay). All of these towns are still growing. This means that our church as a whole, and particularly Mackay, faces a tremendous challenge and adventure. Yes, adventure, for it is a real thrill to reach out with the gospel to previously unreached areas. So we can call the Mackay Hinterland the Gospel Development Country No. 1!

Besides coal, there is also a large percentage of cattle stations. Grain farms are also developing, mainly sorghum and sunflowers. Now in this sunbaked country our local literature evangelist Klaus Lietz has worked for over three years to spread the Word in the form of truth-filled

literature, but also has shown anti-drug films in the high schools and conducted 5-Day Plan programs, to open the way for some dedicated Adventist lay folk or retired minister who might be prepared to live in any of these towns. Hopefully one day we will have a strong church membership out in the west.

Some months ago, Pastor King and Pastor Lamb went on a tour of this area with a view to seeing what could be done. Other churches are already established there, and we too need to be established there as soon as possible. Conference funds do not allow an extra budget for a worker to be stationed there, so this is the reason for the plea for some dedicated Adventist family or retired pastor to come and work in this area.

In Mackay and district we have five churches, and even though it is the largest concentration of Adventists north of Brisbane, we haven't yet established a church in these western mining towns. The closest church is at Emerald in the South Queensland Conference.

To establish a church is the major goal. One of our main objectives is, however, to help, and serve the community in our own unique way. Many people have had Bible studies. In the town of Moranbah, which has a population of about 10,000, Brother Bill Nerdstrand and his wife Dorothy laboured for a number of months. There are about a dozen or so precious souls who might be "ripe," waiting for the harvest there in Moranbah. But who is going to reap? Dysart is even better. This town has a population of about 7,000. Since April 24 the combined Mackay churches, under

the leadership of Pastors Lamb and Frank Dyson, have arranged for twenty-five to thirty volunteers to conduct church services monthly for some isolated members in the towns (all are women), and also for those that are currently studying with some members there. Since we began, those members have also decided to witness on a door-to-door basis, and a number of people responded favourably.

Brother Lietz called some two years ago at a young lady's home who had an Adventist upbringing. Literature evangelists meet people like this quite often. He started to study with her and soon her heart melted at the love of our beloved Saviour Jesus Christ, and she decided to take her stand and be baptised. On July 31 Marlene Baker became a member of the church (North Queensland Conference), being baptised by Pastor Lamb in Mackay central Church. Her parents and one of her sisters came for the event from Maclean, New South Wales, and rejoiced greatly.

May we appeal to you, brothers and sisters who are reading this article, to remember these folk who are isolated in this particular area, where people live for mainly one purpose—*money*. How soon they find that money does not bring happiness, only more miseries, if the money is not used to the glory of God! These people are in fact crying out for practical and spiritual help. Do you not feel that you are called today? For job opportunities and accommodation in the mining areas, write to Pastor D. Lamb, 55 Black Street, Mackay, Qld. 4740, or to Klaus Lietz, P.O. Box 1195, Mackay, Qld. 4740.

Finally: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into the harvest field. May God find suitable workers through His Spirit. ■

Youth Feature . . .

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

NATHANAEL OLSON

LIFE is not worth living if you live it only for . . .

FORTUNE: Jay Gould, the multimillionaire, said, "I am the most miserable man on this earth."

Ivan Krueger, wealthy head of the world's largest monopoly, committed suicide.

FAME: "I walk up and down thinking I am happy and knowing I am not," said the famous essayist, Charles Lamb.

Stephen Foster, composer of "Poor Old Joe," "Swanee River," and other plantation songs, died a drunkard's death at thirty-eight.

Edgar Allan Poe, famous poet, drank himself to death.

PLEASURE: After years of pleasure, Robert Burns wrote: "Pleasures are as poppies spread, you seize the flower, the bloom is shed."

Lord Byron, who lived a life of sinful pleasure, lived and died an unhappy man. But life *is* worth living if you live it for . . .

CHRIST . . . The educated Apostle Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). The uneducated Jerry McAuley, "the river thief," found such joy in living after he started to live for Christ that he established rescue missions to tell the good news that life is worth living when it's lived for Jesus.

How does Christ make life worth living?

FIRST: He forgives all your sinful past. As long as you have past sins bothering you, a joyous life is impossible.

SECOND: He gives hope and help for the present. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

THIRD: Christ promises everlasting life and

an eternal home for you. "As many as received Him [Christ], to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3).

This Christ, who can save you from eternal death and make your life worth living, only asks one thing—obedience to Him.

Long ago, in the school of Socrates, it was customary at the beginning of the term for each student to bring him a present. After all the others had given their gifts, a very poor lad flung himself at the feet of the great teacher and said, "Oh Socrates, I give thee myself." What that one did, you can do now as a poor, lost and needy sinner.

Throw yourself at Christ's feet and say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Oh Christ, I give myself to Thee."

If you will do this in simple faith and in sincerity, Christ will make your life worth living. ■

AUSSIE GIRLS UP NORTH

LAURENCE GILMORE, Assistant Communication Director,
North N.S.W. Conference

"*YOROBUN ssi annynonghi chumusot-supnikka taedanhi komapsupnida,*" translated from the Korean language, means: "Honourable ladies and gentlemen, Good morning—thank you very much."

It's a long way from Avondale College to Seoul, capital of South Korea. And when you want to eat Weet-Bix, Nut Meat or Marmite, it's a long way from those tasty products. Two Australasian young women will go without many commonly accepted home foods as they do a year of voluntary service away over in the Far East Division.

It was Sunday morning, August 8, 1982, when Julia White, nineteen years old, and her friend, Jennelle Smith, twenty years old, left Sydney by Garuda Airways to be student missionaries at the language institute operated by our church there. They briefly visited Bali, Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Bangkok and Hong Kong on the way through. Their assignment is to teach English, and it will have an Australian flavour. The institute was looking for those who could present "American-style English," but were "prepared to overlook the Australian problem" (whatever that is!).

Who are these girls? Could they be the first student missionaries from this Division to go to this institute? Julia is the daughter of Pastor Eric White, Youth director of the North New South Wales

Conference, and Mrs. Colleen White. Born in Tasmania, Julia went with her parents when just six months old to old Bautama Mission, just out of Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea, and stayed there three years. She then moved up to Kabiufa High School in the Highlands for another three years, and then down to Newcastle where her father was assistant Youth director of the conference. Next, it was five years in South New Zealand and then back to Newcastle again. Julia is halfway through her primary teaching course at Avondale.

Jennelle Smith is the daughter of Mr. Ray and Mrs. Carol Smith of Lismore. She lived at Kambubu on New Britain Island where her father taught at the Jones Missionary College for six years. Then it was two years back in the homeland, where her father qualified as a pilot. Out to the Solomon Islands, Jennelle spent the next six years of her life at Betikama before returning to Australia once more. Currently she is halfway through her secondary teaching course at Avondale. While attending a youth activity at the Yarrhapinni Ecology Centre, she met her travelling companion, Julia.

Our girls will teach five periods of English and one period of Bible each day from Sunday to Friday at the institute. The program operates on a two-monthly cycle.

They will have free board, a small



Jennelle Smith and Julia White: all smiles before the big adventure "up north."
Photo: L. A. Gilmore

monthly allowance and the opportunity of travel to other institutions. The girls are most grateful to their home churches of Hamilton and Lismore which have paid half their air fares, and if they see the twelve-month assignment out, this will be refunded. They look forward to contacting another Australian, Robert Palmer, son of Dr. Calvin and Mrs. Bobbie Palmer, who is teaching at the state university.

Girls, you do us proud, and our thoughts, our prayers, our good wishes for a grand time, go with you. God be with you every day in every occasion as you represent the lands of the Southern Cross. And as they say in Seoul: "*Annyonghi kesipsiyo komapsupnida*"—"Goodbye and thank you." ■

"The Smile of Angels"

MAXINE T. RASMUSSEN

SOME time ago I had the pleasure of a visit from a very dear friend from out of state. The first couple of days she spent with me, we chattered on into the early hours, as though we never could catch each other up on all the news. It had been several years since we had talked to each other, and there were many things to discuss.

As I asked her about various old and dear friends whom I had left behind when I moved to a new state, many fleeting emotions came and went as I learned of one friend's special problem or another friend's good fortune. When I mentioned the name of a woman who had been a very special friend to me, her eyes filled with tears.

"No, Maxine, she does not attend church any more."

Shocked, I asked, "Why not? I never expected to hear you tell me such sad news about her!"

"I know, but—well, you see, she just got so discouraged. It seemed that whenever she would come to church, many people whom she knew would come and go without greeting her or talking with her, even though she had gone to school and Sabbath school with some of them since she was a tiny girl. She is a very sensitive person, you know, and these snubs hurt her deeply. Then when she recently needed hospitalisation for a period of time, those same people completely ignored her. No visits, no cards, no phone calls—nothing. In fact, she never did have many visitors from the church, even though she herself had always been a friendly person."

My friend's voice choked up, since she was a close friend of this woman. It made me so sad to see my visitor's reaction that I changed the subject as soon as possible. But when she had returned home, I could not get our mutual friend out of my mind. In fact, I was so troubled that in my spare minutes I began to study all the material I could find on the subject of Christian friendship and fellowship.

To Church With Grandma

I recalled that when I was a child I had attended church with my grandmother, who had faithfully taken me and my brother and sister, although both our parents were non-members. Mum and Dad were not opposed to Grandma's beliefs; they just felt no special need to study into them personally. They did feel that the children could benefit from regular attendance at church, however, so they had no objections to our accompanying Grandma each Sabbath.

Since she had accepted the Advent message only a short time before, Grandma was full of enthusiasm and was constantly urging mother to come to church with her or to read this book or that one. I well recalled how excited both Grandma and we children were when Mum agreed to accompany us a few times to special school programs or to some other event at our church. I remembered a conversation I had

The warmth of a sincere Christian greeting borrows its spirit from the atmosphere of heaven.

overheard between Grandma and my mother. "Well, Inez, did you enjoy the Christmas program the children gave today? I thought it was really well done and very interesting."

"Yes, Mother, I enjoyed it, but please don't expect me to go back to your church for any of those programs. I just don't want to."

Puzzled, Grandma asked, "Why do you say that, dear?"

Mother was a very soft-spoken little lady—she never needed to raise her voice to us or to my father—but the things she quietly said to us carried a lot of weight, because we all knew that she meant every word.

"Mother," she said in a cool voice, "I don't believe I have ever been to such an unfriendly church. Except for a very few of the parents of the children we both know, nobody bothered to speak to me. They just rushed right past us, and when I ventured to smile at a couple of the ladies whose names I knew, they turned their heads and looked the other way. My own church is much more friendly than yours. Just don't bother to ask me to go back with you. I would rather spend what little churchgoing time I have where people at least acknowledge that I am there."

A Child's Tears

After hearing my dear mother say those words, I quietly slipped away into my bedroom. When Grandma later found me there, I was soberly playing with my doll, but seeing traces of tears on my cheeks, she asked what my problem was.

I replied that Jesus must not have heard our prayers for Mummy, because we had wanted her to come to church with us so very much, and now she would never come again. Grandma tried to comfort me, explaining that Jesus *did* hear us, and that we must never stop praying for Mummy.

This childhood memory still brings tears to my eyes, for my mother never did accept the Advent message. She did not even go often to her own church. The only time she went back to Grandma's church was for the simple services conducted three years later when my grandmother was buried.

This memory has affected permanently my attitude toward the importance of friendliness at all times, especially in our churches, where we are trying so hard to win others. I often think, What have we accomplished by bringing new people into our church if we then freeze them out after they join us? We truly have a responsibility to do our part to see that this does not happen. Even more important than greeting our friends, whom we probably have not seen during the previous week, is our thoughtfulness and friendliness toward strangers in church.

Often on Sabbaths, when we are involved with responsibilities for some part of the services or in keeping our children quiet, reverent, and behaving properly, our duties tend to overwhelm us and crowd from our minds the importance of true Christian love and fellowship.

We do not mean to be unfriendly; we simply are thoughtless, assuming that people understand that for one reason or another we don't have time to speak with them. But how do we know that someone is not going to notice this slight on our part and misunderstand it? Perhaps someone has a very pressing problem that we know nothing about. It has taken all the courage possible to attend church and act as though nothing is amiss. How encouraging it might be to him or her to be reassured of our Christian love by a special warm smile or a friendly greeting! Such gestures cost us nothing, but sometimes are priceless to those who are the recipients of them.

Hospitality Is For Everyone

There also are the people who are visiting us for the first time. We have no idea whether they are members of some other Adventist church or just interested guests. How much does it cost in time and effort to shake hands, to give a warm smile, to tell them we are glad to see them? Very little, but it could mean a lot more than we will ever know. We have no way of measuring how much good we might do by such an act, or how much harm we might do by a cold, uncaring attitude.

Ellen White tell us: "In all our associations it should be remembered that in the experience of others there are chapters sealed from mortal sight. On the pages of memory are sad histories that are sacredly guarded from curious eyes. There stand registered long, hard battles with trying circumstances, perhaps troubles in the home life, that day by day weaken courage, confidence, and faith. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be strengthened and encouraged by little attentions that cost only a loving effort. To such the strong, helpful grasp of the hand by a true friend is worth more than gold or silver. Words of kindness are as welcome as the smile of angels."—*"The Ministry of Healing,"* page 158.

Elsewhere she writes: "Men cannot love God supremely and their neighbour as themselves, and be as cold as icebergs. Not only do they rob God of the love due Him, but they rob their neighbour as well. Love is a plant of heavenly growth, and it must be fostered and nourished. Affectionate hearts, truthful, loving words, will make happy families and exert an elevating influence upon all who come within the sphere of their influence."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. 4, page 548.

"All around us are afflicted souls. Here and there, everywhere, we may find them. Let us search out these suffering ones and speak a word in season to comfort their hearts. Let us ever be channels through which shall flow the refreshing waters of compassion."—*"The Ministry of Healing,"* page 158.

Christian friendliness is a wonderful virtue, greatly to be praised. We all need it in life's journey.

—Adventist Review.

The Unnamed Soldier

WANDA E. BOULTING

Father was angry—the church school fees were too high. But his hasty decision had far-reaching consequences.

IN 1943, I was teaching in Rockhampton, Queensland. World War II was raging, and many thousands of American soldiers were stationed round about the city or had come to rest awhile from the heat of the tropics.

One midmorning break, I was giving extra help to two students with an arithmetic problem when we heard a man's footsteps clomping up the long front steps. Coming to the doorway, we saw an American soldier in full uniform. He smiled at me and then at the children before he caught his breath and spoke: "Say, teacher, is this really and truly a Seventh-day Adventist church school?"

"Yes, soldier," I replied.

"May I come in?"

"You surely are welcome," and I shook his hand in greeting.

He gazed interestedly at the blackboards, with their pictures and lesson preparations, then around the room again. He asked whether he might sit "over there" in the desk he pointed to.

I dismissed the two children, telling them to notify their teacher in the playground that we had a visitor and to defer ringing the bell for resumption of classes for a few minutes.

By now the soldier had wedged his big body into a child's seat and once more was gazing about the room. Suddenly he cupped his face in his hands and began to cry.

I walked over to him and, placing a hand on his shoulder, suggested he tell this old teacher all about it. This is what he told me:

His childhood home had been a normal, happy one. His Adventist parents had no money difficulties. They had only one complaint: the church school he and his brother attended had raised its fees several times and again more recently.

"This is just too much," stormed father on reading the note about the new fees. "On Monday you both will go to the public school. It's just as good and it's free. I'm tired of paying more and more for your schooling."

Wanda E. Boulting is a retired schoolteacher living in Cooranbong, N.S.W.



True to his threat, he sent them to public school. There older boys soon taught them to smoke, drink, and eat foods they had never eaten at home, although they were at first reluctant to do these things.

"Now I'm lost, I'm lost!" the soldier cried bitterly. "Oh! why do parents begrudge school tuition, especially when they can afford it?"

It took me several minutes to assure him of God's love and that God was speaking to him right then, pleading that he make a new commitment. We went to the teachers' room, where I prayed for him and he washed his face and became calmer. I invited him to come to church on Sabbath and have lunch with me and some friends. He readily promised to do so.

In the playground the headmaster greeted the soldier warmly and asked him to be his special guest on Sabbath. As we chatted he asked me whether *our* church schools were still as needy as ever for equipment. I nodded and pointed to a half-completed children's swing. He immediately took his wallet from his hip pocket and handed me a ten-pound note (\$20) with the wish that we complete our project.

Late Friday afternoon I received a message from the soldier. His division was being sent back to the battlefield that night. I did not hear from him again.

Did my unnamed soldier survive the war? Will he be among God's redeemed children in the earth made new? Perhaps the influence of two Adventist schools—one in his childhood, the other in adulthood—led to his eternal salvation.

—*Adventist Review.*

Devotional . . .

"LET'S BE GRATEFUL"

R. TINDALL, Lay Activities and Communication Director, South New South Wales Conference

"EARTH is here so kind (Australia) that just tickle her with a hoe, and she laughs with a harvest."—Douglas Jerrold, *"Wit and Opinions."*

That harvest might have been except for the *big* dry. Now the rains have come. "More!" you say! A "tickle" was not enough, and so we prayed; big prayers; urgent prayers; desperate prayers; and "If-the-rains-don't-come-soon" type of unsaid prayers.

Our beliefs be what they may, when we really face the wall with nowhere to go, our eyes have a strange habit of turning skyward.

"Dear God, please give—we want,
Give us this and give us that,
Until the list would fill a vat.
Now the rains have come!
Good rain in lots of places,
To lighten up so many faces,
Have we taken time to thank our God,
For all the rain that soaks the sod?"

Let's be grateful!

Mission Activity in Tamworth

MRS. H. WATERS, Communication Secretary, Tamworth Church, Nth. N.S.W.



LAST YEAR the Tamworth Choral Society staged its annual concert in the relatively new City Art Gallery. There are several good Seventh-day Adventist members of this choir, so a number of church members received personal invitations to this concert. Among them was the Adventist minister and his wife. From this, ideas began to form in Pastor Coltheart's mind. . . . How would the art gallery suit an exhibition of ancient archaeological artefacts?

Early in 1982 the ideas went into action. Six large, glass showcases were kindly lent for the week by the Tamworth P. and A. Association, and a number of church people were coopted to transport, clean

and assemble them on Sunday morning. Then it was down to the business of unpacking, sorting and placing these very fragile, very old originals and some replicas into the various areas. These sections included Jerash, Jerusalem, Baalbeck, Tyre, Petra, Babylon, Egypt, Nineveh, Ur, and, of course, some from the Dead Sea, and the famous Tutankhamen.

On Monday evening the gallery was filled for the official opening by Mr. Laurie Beattie, District Director of Youth and Community Services. During the week, lectures were given twice daily by Pastor Coltheart. Almost 1,000 people availed themselves of these, some even going back several times to see the films and hear the talks on the various areas exhibited.

Tours and Lectures

In addition to these, special guided tours and lectures for high school students were given every morning, and some 400 students from Armidale, Quirindi and Tamworth schools benefited.

The climax of the week came on Sabbath when three sessions were held with 250 in attendance. Meetings were then continued on Thursday nights and Sabbath afternoons and evenings at the Senior Citizens Centre.

The program, "Prophecies More Amazing than Nostradamus," drew an attendance of 150.

As a result of this exhibition and the meetings that followed, ten homes have been opened for Bible studies and many people in Tamworth have seen and heard evidences of the accuracy of the Bible. ■



Above: A boy examines an urn which dates from the time of Moses. Right: Guests examine some of the many archaeological exhibits.

Photos: D. Coltheart



Mayor Herman accepts a gift of books from Pastor Shelley, as conference president Pastor R. H. Parr looks on.

Photo: B. Shelley

Historical Reopening

BARBARA V. SHELLEY

THE ASHFIELD church, Greater Sydney, was filled to overflowing as members past and present came for the day that the church had been working towards for four years: the official opening of the new church complex.

The Ashfield church had its beginnings in 1895. Prior to this, the site was occupied by the Doctors Kress, who began an extensive health program which later moved to Wahroonga, and is now a modern 300-bed hospital known as the Sydney Adventist Hospital. A brick from the original health clinic has been built into the present foyer of the new church.

The original church (which still stands at the rear of the new building) has been converted into a hall for local church functions. The impressive modern church, which seats 160, was largely built by the voluntary labour of its dedicated members.

The minister of the church, Pastor B. Shelley, extended a special welcome to the honoured guests who included the Mayor, Mr. L. Herman, and Mrs. Herman, Pastor R. H. Parr, president of the Greater Sydney Conference, and his wife.

Some previous ministers of the Ashfield church who took part in the proceedings, were Pastors M. Hatton, A. L. Butler, A. C. Needham, G. W. Rollo and E. Krause, who presented the brief historical sketch of the church since its inception.

Former members came from as far as Victoria and Queensland for the occasion. Among them was Mrs. J. E. Maisey, whose father was an original foundation member.

In his speech the mayor congratulated the church on a fine community project, and concluded by wishing them well for the future.

The ceremony was concluded by Pastor Parr, who gave a brief biblically based message. He reminded the congregation that the new church was a memorial to their loving sacrifice. ■



"Marah" hill view of the glasshouse and the dairy and of the site for the Marah centre.



The homestead where the Bramleys live is an attractive log home.
Photos: C. Bramley

"MARAH"

LANCE O'NEILL, Publishing Director, North N.S.W. Conference

EXODUS 15:23-26: where bitter water was made sweet. Many people in this life have found nothing but bitterness. For some years, Dr. Helen Driscoll felt deeply impressed by God to establish a rehabilitation centre in the country, along the lines of the Spirit of Prophecy. I quote from "Testimonies," Vol. 7, page 81: "To locate our sanitariums amidst the scenes of nature would be to follow God's plan; and the more closely this plan is followed, the more wonderfully will He work to restore

suffering humanity.

"... sanitariums should be established in the midst of the most pleasant surroundings, in places not disturbed by the turmoil of the city, . . . where the thoughts of the patients can be bound up with the thoughts of God."

Marah is situated on a 500-acre farm in the Burringbar area, south of Murwillumbah in north New South Wales, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll, parents of Dr. Helen. The name Marah was chosen, for

as the children of Israel experienced bitter water that was made sweet, so people coming to Marah as a result of broken marriages, loneliness, nervous breakdowns, will experience the sweetness of the blessed hope at this centre.

The managers are Brother Ross Bramley and his wife, Denise. Before coming to a knowledge of Christ and this message, Ross served in the law courts for eighteen years, then as a cane farmer for four years, followed by three very successful soul-winning years as a literature evangelist.

Both Ross and Denise are ably suited to help Dr. Driscoll in this vital work, as they have a love of their Lord, the land He has provided to till and grow organic crops, and last but not least, a very real love for people. ■

New Part-Timers Report

LAURENCE GILMORE, Assistant Communication Director,
North New South Wales Conference

EVER HEARD of Jiggi? To many it might be as meaningful as Keri Keri. Three years ago, Peter and Thelma McHarg moved up from Melbourne to this little country town, thirty kilometres north of Lismore. We are on target now. (Keri Keri, incidentally, is in the top part of north New Zealand.) Our couple decided to "have a go" at the literature evangelist work and do something for their Lord.

Recently they had the big chief of L.E. work in the North New South Wales Conference, Pastor Lance O'Neill, to start them off. They watched the master salesman present the canvass, display the goods and close the sale. It looked so easy. But when their turn came, along a particular street, they found most of the people were out and those on the other side of the road were night-shift workers, so

you can see that their popularity rating was at zero level.

The Lismore Regional Library was a place to regain confidence, freshen up and have a little rest after their dinner. Leader O'Neill noted that there were not many Adventist books on the shelves so asked, "May I see the head librarian, please?" Peter McHarg went along to watch the scenario. After learning of the benefits of the books such as "The Bible Story," "Bedtime Stories," and others, a cheque was written out for almost \$1,200. Thelma said she was not sure whether her husband had had a coronary or was in a daze. We believe he will one day be able to do the same.

Pray for these dear people and all the other L.E.s so that they will have holy boldness as they knock on doors. ■



Peter and Thelma McHarg.
Photo: L. Gilmore

Opening of King Island Church

R. I. STRATFORD, Secretary-Treasurer, Tasmanian Conference



IT WAS ALMOST five years to the day since three laymen flew in a borrowed plane to King Island in search of one family that had Adventist connections in southern Tasmania. Their flight culminated in a high day for the sixteen members of the newly formed King Island church family when their volunteer-built church was officially opened.

Sabbath school was conducted by Jim Brewer and Brett Smoker, two young King Islanders. The lesson was taken by Barry Cook, a layman from northern Tasmania who was a member of the first flying laymen team. On the rostrum for the divine service with Pastor R. N. Lawson was Barry Whelan, the first volunteer minister on the island, who is presently attending Avondale for further ministerial studies, and Syd Dunstan from Western Australia, who is presently serving as the island's volunteer minister.

The divine service was punctuated by a series of historical events: the first baby dedication, the presentation of the first nominating committee's report, the first baptism in the church, and the first sermon by the president, Pastor Lawson, in the new church. The four baptised were Brendon and Graham Whelan (the two sons of Brother and Sister Whelan), Sister J. Scott (who had earlier connections with Adventists in the Huon district), and Susanne Summers (the eldest daughter of an island family).

The sun shone as members and friends reassembled at 2.30 p.m. for the moment that culminated many hours of lay efforts in establishing a core of fine people, in designing and planning and redrawing of plans, in arranging a fly 'n' build team, in ordering the material, in attending to the finishing touches and in planning the details of the official opening.

The members brought a group of elderly folk from the geriatric ward of the Currie Hospital to whom the members had spoken and sung on previous occasions. Into a church designed to seat seventy were crammed approximately 100 people, including a large proportion of the Uniting Church membership and their minister.

Pastor R. E. Clifford, secretary-treasurer of the T.A.U.C., spoke of the five major benefits of being an Adventist. His dedicatory address was well presented and well received, judging by the many comments one heard later.

Mr. Bob Barritt, the well-respected and distinguished Warden of King Island, declared the building open.

Later the guests were treated to genuine farm cooking in the hall at the rear of the church. The complex includes a welfare kitchen and storage area.

With the setting of the sun a tired but jubilant group paused to offer thanks and praise to God who had assisted them in building the most

attractive building of either of the island's two towns, Currie and Grassy, and for the opportunity of witnessing in a "concrete" way to their friends and neighbours. Harvey Eiszele, the volunteer electrician, showed his 8 mm movie depicting the building's progress and the volunteer builders' antics. Other 8 mm movie film and slides brought back memories of the early days when laymen flew to the island at their own expense to carry the gospel flame.

The members of the King Island church wish to express publicly their heartfelt thanks for the many gifts that came from their brothers and sisters around Australia. They are now settling down to the mundane task of servicing a loan and landscaping their monument to the three angels' message.

From Sabbath to Sabbath the King Island members with their nineteen children and grandchildren now meet in Tasmania's first and Australia's third island church building. Norfolk Island and Lord Howe Island are attached to the Greater Sydney Conference.

As a postscript we heard that a minister from another denomination on the island made some favourable comments about the King Island church and its members in his Sunday address. Witnessing is rewarding.

Interesting Statistics:

Early 1977 A group of three laymen borrowed another layman's plane and flew to King Island in search of one family who had Adventist connections thirty years previously.

Mid-1978 Cottage meetings commenced.

Mid-1978 C.W.A. hall hired for regular Sabbath services.

November 1979 First baptism held in C.W.A. Hall—four baptised.

January 1980 Barry Whelan and family commenced full-time volunteer work on the island.

December 1981 to January 1982 Fly 'n' build team built the church during a three-week period over Christmas holidays. Materials cost \$45,701, voluntary labour estimated at \$15,000.

July 22, 1982 King Island church group formally organised with sixteen members.

July 24, 1982 King Island church officially opened and two more members added by baptism. ■

Above: the new church.
Right: Pastor R. Clifford giving the dedicatory address.
Photos: R. I. Stratford.



WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Notes from Manila

K. S. PARMENTER, President, Australasian Division

Our Division president was attending the Annual Council of the General Conference in Manila, Philippines, when he sent us this thrilling report on what God is doing in various parts of earth during these sunset moments of history.

DURING the Division Presidents' meeting, I heard a few interesting stories that may be of interest. Pastor Neal Wilson gave a brief report on his sixteen-night crusade in the stadium here in Manila. He was assisted in these meetings by Pastors Spangler, Knowles and Charles Brooks. The attendance ranged around 7,000 people. The Manila Sanitarium conducted a health program in connection with this crusade.

Pastor Wilson mentioned that one evening a young couple from Nigeria, who were attending his meetings, asked for a private interview. The young man said that he was brought up an Adventist, but had wandered away from the church. After hearing the meetings he wanted to return, and made his decision at the meetings to be rebaptised.

A doctor who was not a Seventh-day Adventist, but was assisting with the health and temperance program operated by the Manila Hospital, stayed to listen to the messages delivered by Pastor Wilson each evening. He said that he came to the program with many, many questions. He had been a Catholic for fifty years and didn't think that his questions could be answered. However, at the end of the program he told Brother Wilson that he wanted to be a Seventh-day Adventist.

Pastor Bekele Heye of the Eastern Africa Division said that his division had set a goal of 65,000 baptisms for the 1,000 Days of Reaping. He challenged all the unions to set their own goals, and when all the figures came in it amounted to 150,000. With the goals set by all the divisions for the 1,000 Days of Reaping, the total now amounts to 1,250,000. That is 250,000 more than the actual goal of 1,000 baptisms per day for the next 1,000 days. In Angola, two of our missionaries were kidnapped and held as hostages in the jungle for over three months. They had no contact with their families during that time. Food was scarce and their lives were under threat during all that time. Recently they were released. You would think they would have wanted to return to their homeland in North America, but their first request was for a new assignment.

Persecution in Ethiopia

We are still experiencing persecution against the church in Ethiopia. Pastor Bekele Heye mentioned that ninety-two of our churches in Ethiopia have been either destroyed or closed. Soldiers often surround our churches and congregations and either lead our church members to gaol or shoot them on the spot. Still, our members are going forward in witnessing, and baptisms are still taking place in Ethiopia.

When one of our laymen was arrested he asked why he was being detained in this way.

He told the soldiers who had arrested him that the Minister of Defence in Ethiopia had bought Seventh-day Adventist books. They checked to see if this was so. Pastor Bekele Heye had given the Minister of Defence some of our books, which evidently he had treasured. When the Minister of Defence heard that this layman was arrested and that he represented the church which produced the books which were given him, he ordered his release and also ordered two truckloads of books from our church, which almost exhausted the supplies.

In Nigeria, some of our ladies are becoming public evangelists. One lady in particular is organising a team of ladies to conduct evangelistic meetings. The last effort conducted by this lady resulted in fifty baptisms. The idea of lady preachers is catching on in Nigeria and the question is asked, Why can't it happen in other countries as well?

In Inter-America they have the motto, "Each one win one till Jesus comes." They also declare that they are building churches with no back doors on them. Their intention is that those who are baptised will stay with the church. During this year they are training 250,000 laymen in evangelism with the idea that those 250,000 will train another 250,000 next year. During the first six months of 1982 the missions in Central America have baptised 10,595 people. This is the most war-torn area of the Americas. In the Mexico Union, 13,000 have already been baptised this year, and during 1942 44,700 were baptised. The division aims to baptise 77,000 before the end of 1982.

The China committee met in Hong Kong just before the meetings here in Manila. This committee is limited in what it can do to advance the work in China. The Protestant churches in this country have to operate under what is called "The Three Self Help Principles." They are: (1) Self funding (2) Self management (3) Self propagating. We were told that three young men were ordained to the gospel ministry in one province in China recently. We were also told that radio from outside China is getting through and 25,000 replies have been received. In one area in China, four new church buildings have been erected. The largest of these seats over 1,000 people. News has leaked through, too, that in one province south of Peking, it is known that there are 10,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Because it is impossible for communication between the various provinces and groups of Adventists in China, it is unknown just how many Seventh-day Adventists exist in China.

Just before we closed the Division Presidents' meeting, Pastor Bekele Heye read a telex

he had just received indicating that 13,300 baptisms took place in the Eastern Africa Division, of which he is president, on September 18, the day the 1,000 Days of Reaping commenced. It is expected that more than 6,000 baptisms will take place in the Philippines during the two Sabbaths of October 2 and 9.

Visit to Southern Philippines

On Friday afternoon, Heather and I, with two other division presidents, Bob Kloosterhuis and Gerry Christo, flew to Cagayan de Oro on Mindanao. The Southern Philippine Union office is quite a building. It's almost as large as our Division office. It is built on a rise above Cagayan de Oro City and has a very nice view. They have about ten or fifteen nice homes on the campus, and I understand this union has the largest membership of the three unions in the Philippines. There are now over 270,000 Adventists in the Philippines, and there are 112,000 members in the South Philippine Union which we were visiting. The people are most friendly and we enjoyed our weekend visit with them tremendously.

After arriving in Cagayan de Oro, we were taken on to Iligan City, where we have our Mindanao Sanitarium. It is about an hour and a half drive from Cagayan de Oro. The rain poured down during our trip and it was quite dark so that we weren't able to see very much. After putting our things in the room, we had to return to our Mindanao Academy where I was to speak that night. We didn't arrive till about 8.30, due to the late arrival of our plane. The students had already gone to bed, but they insisted on waking them up and we had a meeting with the students and staff that evening and then drove back to the Mindanao Sanitarium where we arrived at about 10.15 p.m. Heather and I and Gerry Christo stayed in the Mindanao Sanitarium on Friday evening.

I was the preacher in the language church during the Sabbath school hour, and the meeting place, which would hold about 600 people, was crammed full, with many people standing on the outside. As soon as the meeting was over there, I had to transfer over to the English-speaking church where again we had a capacity audience of approximately 400 to 500 people. Gerry Christo, president of the Southern Asia Division, preached at the Mindanao Academy during Sabbath morning. In the afternoon there were mass baptisms in almost every district. I had to preach the baptismal service for the Iligan District, and eighty-five people were baptised in the sea during the afternoon. It was quite an experience to see so many taking their stand at one time. Just a few miles south of where we were conducting the baptism, Brother Christo witnessed fifty people baptised, and in the city of Cagayan de Oro, Pastor Kloosterhuis said 150 were baptised. Pastor Wilson and Lance Butler were at Mountain View College and they had a mass baptism there of 683 on Sabbath afternoon. It is really thrilling to see how the work is going forward here and how enthusiastic our people are in the work of evangelism. About 90 per cent of the people here are Catholic. Five per cent are Moslem. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is the largest Protestant church in the Philippines. ■

What Could I Do More?

ALICE LOWE, Associate Sabbath School Director, General Conference

THE SMILES and trusting eyes of children stir me; so does the dedication and commitment of leaders who will sacrifice time, money, and convenience to attend workshops. This makes me ask myself many times, have I given all I could to them? What could I do more? Have I made the workshop program worth the money spent and the energy expended?

Sabbath school members in many countries could be likened to a tyre tubing filled with enthusiasm and ready to explode. The escape valve for such explosions is found in outreach programs such as Vacation Bible School, branch Sabbath schools, and the regular Sabbath school programs.

Young people as well as adults look for opportunities for the release of present truth into the hearts of men and women. The urgency of the time demands that the Word of God be made to do its work in and through us. Jeremiah said, "His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forebearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9). As I visit some of the fast-growing divisions of the world, it becomes apparent that they have a fire for souls, and this fire is so strong they cannot sit around any longer or they will burst like a rubber tube. They must do something for their children; they must provide adequately for the rising generation.

Many Needs

In many areas the Sabbath school needs rooms to meet in. And they need lessons as well as program helps and teaching aids translated in their own language. For these enthusiastic people, better programs and life-related lessons in the Sabbath school are imperative.

Administrators in many countries see the need of teaching the large number of children who are on loan from God to parents and to the church. To help train some of these potential leaders and teachers, some areas have added a child evangelism leader to the Sabbath School Department so the training of the leaders and teachers in the local church is now a yearly objective.

It is interesting to meet with a group of would-be teachers around tables and proceed to teach them how to teach a lesson and how to make and use visual aids. It is very necessary to teach them step by step how to trace out a picture from a pattern, make a visual aid, and then use it effectively.

After completing the first visual aid, a lady about fifty years of age came to me shaking the visual aid in my face; she said, "I've got it! I've got it." I said, "What do you have?" She said, "A picture to teach boys and girls, I have been wanting a picture all my life." I took her by the arm and said, "If you will sit down, I'll give you another visual aid to make." She said "Do you mean to say I can have two things?" I said, "If you work along with me, you will have six things by tomorrow evening." The dear soul cried until the tears fell to the floor. Through her tears she said, "I'm not sad, just happy too much."

At the same workshop a man and his wife walked for two days in the rain to be present. Two others sacrificed their life's savings to buy a plane ticket. When people make sacrifices like this, their enthusiasm is evident in the very atmosphere of the room.

Think about the sacrifice of some other leaders who are hungry for instruction in teaching children. In Tanzania the group were anxious that I stay longer to teach them some more. They told the union Sabbath school director that they would live on flour and water for a week if they would only get some more help. Two people at another Union-wide workshop waited at the airport for three days before they were allowed to get on a plane and leave the country to attend the program. One young woman with a three-months-old baby travelled for one week on a bus to get help.

On the fourth morning of a program in Tanzania I asked the union Sabbath school director why people were always coming out of the church when we arrived at 7.30 each morning. He told me that these people walked thirty-two kilometres and commenced prayer meeting each morning at 6.30, asking the Lord to keep me well (there was cholera in the area) and give me health and strength for the program; they were also seeking God's help so they could understand and remember what was

being said. That really did something to me.

In one large auditorium church seating 1,200 people I found most chairs had two people sitting on each chair, and there seemed to be half again as many people listening outside the church. The program began at 2.30 p.m. and lasted until 8.30 at night. Then the division Sabbath school director asked all except the 150 delegates to go home and get something to eat. Some did go, but over 1,000 stayed. We had to keep the program going until 10.30 at night before we reduced the number present to a workable size. It is difficult to have more than about 75 to 100 people making visual aids when you have to work through a translator. The delegates were just awestruck with the possibilities for making visual aids from materials they had on their own island.

You cannot help but be impressed with the enthusiasm of the leaders and teachers, and especially the youth. Some churches are sending at least one youth as their delegate to a weekend program; some of the young people are as young as fourteen years of age, but their youthful dedication to the task is a real inspiration.

Good church strategy would suggest that pastor and people together recognise the importance of the children's work in the Sabbath school, church school and the home, and provide it with their best resources.

What a task! What a challenge! What can we as a church do to help parents, leaders, and teachers build a strong foundation so children, youth, and adults will be headed in the same direction—to Jesus? ■

Fitness for Heaven?

BRUCE PRICE, Communication Director, Greater Sydney Conference

"I'VE BEEN to their Stop Smoking program, Weight Control, Stress Management, Nutrition class and now I'm doing this fitness program. All I need to do is to ask for their Bible instruction and I've done the lot!" Sue said with the wave of her hand toward the nearby Wahroonga church.

It was my first night observing (and being part of) the fitness class. Neil Keene had just finished his fourth night of the program. The thirty-plus participants were thoroughly enjoying it; some had been on others of these courses here at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, but none in the group who were talking together as they left had been to more programs than Sue. "A doctor friend of mine reckons these people have got something, and it is just more than their ideas about health!" she finally added.

From that night on Sue was a marked person. Her experience at the hospital's health education programs had awakened a spiritual interest. Before the course was over I determined I would make some special contact with her.

However, it was Don who claimed my attention for the next few weeks. While jogging around the hospital I discovered he had attended the Carter Report, and from the health screening had been led to join the fitness class. He travelled each night from the Sutherland

district. Don was keen. Our friendship grew. I invited him home for a vegetarian meal. On August 14, when I had the service at Caringbah church, Don attended for the first time. Don, an engineer with Qantas, was holidaying in Hong Kong the time of the next and last class.

Now it was Sue. I had prayed that somehow the Lord would help me to make contact with her. During that last class, Neil Keene was discreetly, but freely talking about Adventists, and looking at me, gave one of those nods, that reveals another member of "the family." When it came to exercise time, Sue moved across. "So you're an Adventist, Bruce," she began, "Can you tell me how I can find out more about them, and what they believe?"

As we jogged around the hospital with the group, Sue explained that she had been studying with Jehovah's Witnesses, but felt they were not right. She had questions. On the third and last lap she remarked, "That's marvellous, you've answered more questions for me than I could have imagined."

By the time you will have read this, Sue will have had her first formal Bible study. She also plans to attend the Carter mission at Ku-ring-gai.

Sue and Don are only two people whom the Sydney Adventist Hospital is helping to find health, happiness and then Christ and the marvellous Bible truths that are centred in Him.

New Complex at Erina

H. MILLIST, Communication Secretary,
Erina Church, North New South Wales

NEW EXTENSIONS have been added to the Seventh-day Adventist church at Erina. These include three classrooms to provide for the various grades of the Sabbath school, a deacons' storeroom, a large welfare room and toilet facilities. Access to the various departments is through a covered breezeway between the new and the main buildings. The floors are covered with a deep red carpet. Outside, the parking area has been outlined by small shrubs. The whole project represents a tremendous amount of careful planning, effort and long hours of voluntary labour on the part of the members.

The Erina church began in the year 1919 with a Bible study group deciding to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath of the Bible. A former jockey and pest exterminator of Ourimbah, Mr. Thomas Cowan, was instrumental in beginning both the Erina and the Ourimbah churches. Commencing with fourteen members, the number fluctuated somewhat, until in 1974 it attained a total of thirty-eight. By this time the little old church building was suffering badly from the ravages of white ants, and extra people could not be accommodated, so the present brick auditorium and hall were built. On the day of the dedication of the new extension, the seating capacity of over 200 was heavily taxed.

Some of the detailed history of the church makes interesting reading. It was in 1935 that our oldest present attending member, Mr. Jack Stevens, came to Erina from Woollahra. In 1927 the church paid the sum of £18 for half the cost of its land. At the same time it accepted a quotation of £6 to pay for the painting of the building. In 1928, £50 was paid for the addition of the children's room and vestry. The Gosford and Ourimbah churches were asked to assist. In 1928, £128 was contributed to the support of the ministry, and £12 was given to foreign missions. While these represented annual amounts at the time, they would scarcely make a noticeable difference in the weekly offering today. It was voted in 1925 to buy a blackboard and easel, which promptly fell to pieces when the minister wrote on it!

With what surprise and amazement the early members of the depression and pioneering days would contemplate the scene of present progress today! ■

Carter Report Mission Cassettes

HUNDREDS have been won to Christ and the Adventist message by these cassettes of speaker Pastor John Carter. Many families around Australia who did not attend the Melbourne and Sydney Opera House lectures are now rejoicing in the truth because these cassettes were lent to them by friends. They are ideal for your non-Adventist friends and relatives. Many churches are placing these cassettes in their libraries.

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12. What and Where is Hell?
13. Happiness Wall to Wall (Home)
14. The Last International Sign Before Armageddon (Revelation 14)
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16. Antichrist in Action (Daniel 7)
17. Theatre of the Universe
18. Dark Deeds of Antichrist (change of Sabbath)
19. Modern Preachers Go Wrong (two laws)
20. Adam's Mother's Birthday (Creation and Sabbath)
21. Life after Death
22. Millennium
23. The Strange World of the Occult
24. The Strange Origin of Christmas, Easter and Lent
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26. Trinity
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30. Seven Last Plagues
31. Mark of the Beast
32. How to Solve Your Financial Problems (Tithing)
33. The Coming World Boycott
34. Spirit of Prophecy
35. Trial by Jury (Sunday texts)
36. Righteousness by Faith
37. Why So Many Churches?
38. Mystery Woman in Scarlet (Revelation 17, 18)
39. Charismatic Movement
40. The Sin that God Can Never Forgive
41. The Return of Elijah the Prophet
42. Is It Necessary to Belong to a Church to Be Saved?
43. The Fatal Word that Will Doom Millions
44. Countdown to Eternity
45. A People for Our God (Standards)
46. Is God Particular?

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ACCORDING to a new Gallup survey, described by that organisation as the most comprehensive survey on beliefs about "the afterlife that has ever been undertaken," it was revealed that two-thirds of Americans believe in life after death, nearly half believe there is reincarnation. It would be realistic to say that the same percentages apply in Australia too.

During the 1,000 Days of Reaping program, let me suggest some books and an idea which will bring a blessing to many and which you can use. On the subject of death we have many very helpful books to read—the late veteran writer Carlyle B. Haynes's book, "When a Man Dies," is a solid Bible-based study, but of more recent times we have produced the following: "Life After What?" and "Journey for Bobby" by Marvin Moore, "Mary Is No More" by Ruth Buntain.

Now let me share with you an idea which came to me from our Hagarstown church in the U.S.A.—the church clerk (or it could be the communication secretary or Community Ser-

VICES secretary) writes a letter on a church letterhead over the signature of the pastor which says, "My congregation and I extend deepest sympathy to you. May God comfort and sustain you through this time of sorrow."

Now what takes place is this—the church member screens the daily newspapers and selects persons living in the city or area of their church who have lost a spouse. Because an address is given only for the deceased, it is not possible to send books to members of the family. Consequently a book is sent only where there is a surviving spouse.

Try it—it brings a response.

The book I would use is "Mary Is No More" by Ruth Buntain. It deals with how to adjust to shock, emotion, depression, guilt, loneliness and so on, plus a little bit of the truth about the nature of man and the state of the dead gently woven in.

Is this something your church could do?

—Winston Fletcher,
Assistant General Manager,
Signs Publishing Company

How to Cope With Bereavement and Grief



Wynnum Church Buys a Bus

DELL TOPEL

EVER SINCE a V.B.S. follow-up program has been conducted at Wynnum, Queensland, transport has been a problem, so it has often been necessary to pick up most of the children. Bringing the children to Sabbath school has presented several problems. Brother Stehn would pick up one car load of children and drop them off at church, and proceed to pick up more car loads. Now others have offered and attempted to pick up the children, but the children expected Brother Stehn to come for them, so often they would not go with anyone else. Therefore some children have had to wait around for up to half an hour or more before and after programs.

At a committee meeting the possibility of purchasing a bus was discussed, but it was felt that it was a little beyond our means. Still the idea was there. It was decided to make the follow-up program self-supporting, so children have been charged for each function to cover expenses. Also several stalls have been run to boost funds. Earlier in the year it was decided that a large tent was necessary, and this has since been bought, which left little in kitty.

But just last week the phones ran hot. Someone had seen a bus in the saleyard at the Gabba. Would the committee come and see it? By 4.30 p.m. all but one member of the committee was busily inspecting the vehicle. Upon the arrival of the last member, a trial run was taken. The bus did not quite come up to scratch. Two



The new Wynnum bus.
Photo: D. Topel.

days passed. More phone calls. Someone had seen an advertisement in the local paper. So the committee met again at another saleyard. Yes, this was more like it. Yes, they would put on a roof-rack, tow bar and whatever else needed doing as well as a new battery. The price was even better than the first one, but we didn't even have a bus fund!

The next step was a board meeting. Yes it was all right with the board. Most of the V.B.S. committee are on the board

anyway! So a bus committee was formed and some guidelines outlined.

Now just one week after first inspecting the second bus, it belongs to the church. It is fully paid for, as three families donated \$1,000 each, and the church funds only had to contribute \$500. The rest was given in donations. We believe the Holy Spirit has been at work, and that it is God's will that this bus has been purchased so that this important program may continue. ■

"Christ the Incomparable"

D. C. BOURNE, Communication Secretary, Adelaide City Church, South Australia

SABBATH, June 19, saw Sisters Gertrude Giles and Jean Ridley treat Adelaide to another musical afternoon on the life of Christ in word and song entitled, "Christ the Incomparable."

With the singing of the hymn "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," the majesty and magnificence of the story of salvation unfolded again and a packed church prayerfully asked for "A thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise."

But if we did have a thousand tongues we could not adequately express the courage, sacrificial love and character in the face of the One altogether lovely.

From the lowly stable and Herod's wrath, in narrative and song, we spent a thoughtful hour contemplating that life with all its pathos, shame and glorious triumph that has been the inspiration of great composers and motivation of world reformers.

Some of the guest artists had travelled 400 kilometres to participate in the afternoon's program.

Christ's power to transform a life was delightfully portrayed as the recitation, "The Touch of the Master's Hand," was rendered as a monologue to a violin accompaniment.

All aspects of His life, from His love of children to His giving of the water of life to the woman at the well in Samaria, were beautifully portrayed, with the singing of "Fill My Cup, Lord."

His fulfilment of prophecy came with "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Jerusalem:

behold, thy King cometh unto thee." We then "rode on" with "the King eternal."

From the borrowed upper room where our Lord blessed the bread and wine, and took a towel and girded Himself, we went to Olives' brow with the singing of, "'Tis Midnight; and on Olives' Brow."

Then we passed the sleeping disciples who let Him pray alone, and stood with Him, deserted in Pilate's hall.

The closing scenes of that life of sacrifice followed as if in living reality with "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Jerusalem." We truly rejoiced greatly with a delightful rendering of "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!" and "Christ Arose."

We stood as it were with the apostles on the Mount of Olives with the King at His ascension, to the delightful sounds of "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory."

With the sounds of "The Holy City" still in our ears, the narrator reminded us of the glories of the second coming, and the Living Circle group sang, "The King Is Coming."

From an obscure village life of a peasant to an itinerant preacher, with nowhere to lay His head, and with no credentials but Himself, He is today the centre of the human race.

The delightful afternoon closed with an organ/piano duet of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Weddings

BUTLER—GREENWOOD. At Redcliffe, Queensland, on September 27, 1982, Ray Butler of Redcliffe and Olive Greenwood of Zillmere, chose the home of the writer to pledge their lives together in marriage. We wish them much of Heaven's blessing as they travel life's road together.

G. H. Ormiston.

BUTTSWORTH—MORTON. In the beginning of time God declared that it was not good for man to be alone, and so it was that on a glorious spring day on October 3, 1982, Narell Gai Morton and Ross Allan Buttsworth became husband and wife, to the joy of loving friends and families who witnessed this sacred ceremony. Theirs was the first wedding to be celebrated in the new Taree church sanctuary, New South Wales. Narell's parents are Alan and Betty Morton of Taree, and Ross's parents are Allan and Winsome Buttsworth of Newcastle. As these two young people settle in the Newcastle area and commence their new life together, we pray that their shared partnership will clearly reflect the high standard of the Christian home.

S. G. Winter.

OSBORNE—CRAGO. On Sunday, October 10, 1982, at the Gosnells church, Perth, Western Australia, Ronald Osborne and Cindy Crago exchanged marriage vows before a large group of loved ones and friends. Ron and Cindy are deeply committed to establishing a Christian home, and all present felt the joy of this happy union. We firmly believe that Christ will be welcomed as head of the household, and that the joy and commitment of their wedding day will be experienced and renewed daily because of Him.

C. B. O'Neill.

PETERSON—CURKOWICZ. Sunday, October 10, 1982, was a glorious spring day. On this day David and

Elizabeth vowed to love each other for ever. Many friends and loved ones gathered to witness the happy occasion, and enjoyed the grandeur of the orchestra and trumpets in the old stone church at College Park, South Australia. David, who is the son of Denis and Carol Peterson, will take his bride, Elizabeth, the daughter of Alfred and Anna Curkowicz, to live in Sydney where he works in the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Glenn Roberts.

REID—D'HONDT. Malcolm Charles Reid and Annette Anna D'Hondt found great happiness as they sought God's blessing on their marriage solemnised at the beautiful Tatra Hut Chapel, Olinda, in the Mount Dandenong Ranges of Victoria, on Sunday, August 15, 1982. Malcolm is the son of Allan and Mavis Reid of Orbost, and Annette the daughter of Leon and Antoinette D'Hondt of Blackburn, Victoria. Together with the relatives and friends of each family were members of MABWA (Melbourne Adventist Bushwalkers' Association) joining in the happiness and festivities of this great occasion. As this dedicated young couple set up their new Christian home we pray for much of God's blessing on their united lives.

H. E. Roberts.

RICHARDSON—KEANE. On the sunny afternoon of Sunday, August 29, 1982, Wendy Keane walked up the aisle of the tastefully decorated Dubbo church, New South Wales, to unite her life in marriage with David Richardson. Wendy is the daughter of Sidney and Marge Keane of Dubbo, and David is the son of Pastor John and Dorothy Richardson of Liverpool. David and Wendy both graduated from Avondale College in 1981, and are setting up their home in Mudgee, where David is teaching. May God continue to bless you, David and Wendy. The wedding service was conducted jointly by Pastor Croft of Avondale College and the writer.

J. R. Richardson.

WOODWARD—BOWEN. The hospitable home of John and Norma Bowen at Tuncurry, New South Wales, was the picturesque setting for the marriage of their youngest

daughter Kathryn to Stephen, the son of John and May Woodward of Whangarei, New Zealand, on Sunday, October 10, 1982. A large group of relatives and friends shared in the happiness of the occasion, and extended good wishes to the young couple as they now travel life's road together.

O. H. Twist.

Till He Comes

BEST. Ada Maria Best was in her ninety-sixth year when she passed to her rest at Christchurch Public Hospital, New Zealand, on September 14, 1982. After a short service at the Ilam Adventist church, our sister was laid to rest at the Timaru Cemetery. Mrs. Best, with her family of three children, left England in 1925 and settled in the Palmerston North district where she was baptised by the late Pastor C. A. Wrigley. In May, 1965, she became a resident of the Ilam Lodge. Left to mourn her passing are her daughter Muriel (Gates) and son Pastor George Best. Pastors F. Slade and A. Godfrey were associated with the writer in bringing comfort to the sorrowing loved ones, pointing them to the resurrection morning, confident of meeting our sister and loved one on that reunion day.

D. B. Mitchell.

CRAWFORD. Hazel June Crawford, aged fifty-nine years, eldest daughter of Sister Mervyn Lillian Smith (whose obituary appears also in this issue), died on September 4, 1982, following a lengthy illness. June was a trained nurse and sister and a loving mother of two daughters, Joanne and Amanda. Her husband predeceased her by only three months. Exactly one week after her mother's interment, and at the same hour, we spoke words of comfort to family and friends and laid June to her rest in Jesus at Taihape Cemetery, New Zealand. Both mother and daughter were given tender loving family care in their time of need.

I. E. Trevena.

HUCKSCHLAG. Ernst Heinrich Karl Huckschlag was mercifully laid to rest on Monday, September 13, 1982. Born in Germany in 1912, and baptised in 1948, Karl with his wife migrated to Australia in 1956. Their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Franke and baby Gordon, migrated to Sydney in 1957. Karl was wholly devoted to his family and church. He was buried in the Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney, New South Wales, to await the return of the Life-giver.

D. I. Jenkins.

HUNTER. It was on January 9, 1896, that Mrs. Vila Muriel Hunter (nee Bell) was born and she passed away peacefully in death in Adelaide, South Australia, on September 28, 1982. She was a gracious woman, one who loved God and knew Christ personally as Lord and Saviour. She will be sadly missed by her three daughters, Loris (Mrs. Smith), Heather (Mrs. Rankin) and Beverly (Mrs. Sitters). We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to these dear bereaved ones, and also the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We claimed again the precious promises of Scripture at the Adelaide Centennial Park Crematorium, knowing that God doeth all things well.

J. H. Wade.

TAYLOR. Little Malcolm Shane Taylor was lent to his parents for just over eighteen months to love and to cherish. On the evening of October 2, 1982, he was the victim of a hit-and-run accident and was killed instantly. His parents, Michael and Christine Taylor (nee Bradshaw of Warburton, Victoria), were greatly shocked by the suddenness of the passing of their only child, and their friends joined them in mourning the loss of this lively little boy. We followed the tiny coffin to the Leppington Crematorium, New South Wales, where we said farewell to Malcolm, pointing the parents and grandparents and their many friends to the wonderful reunion day when Jesus shall come. Pastor Clem Moss was associated with the writer at the service at the Crematorium.

R. H. Parr.

RETURN THANKS

Edna, Leanne, Cheryl, Darren, Jason and Doris Twyford and family wish to thank all relatives and friends for their phone calls, telegrams, cards, expressions of love and sympathy, floral tributes and attendance at the funeral of Peter Twyford.

GREETINGS

"Season's Greetings and Christian love to all my friends at home and abroad."

Vi Langdon.

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BICKLEY SCHOOL 75th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, November 21, commencing 11 a.m., Bickley School is to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. It is believed to be the longest continuously operating Adventist primary school in Australia. All ex-students and teachers are invited to be present for the occasion. The program will consist of
 a. Photographic display depicting the history of the school
 b. Luncheon stalls
 c. Items by students and speeches
 d. Displays in the classrooms
 Any historical information or photos will be welcome for use on the day. These will be well cared for and returned promptly.
 Please contact Mr. Wayne Hawkins, Bickley S.D.A. School, 17 First Avenue, Bickley, W.A. 6076. Phone (09) 291 6399.

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FOR SALE

Established health food business in very progressive country town in Gippsland. Ideal for health-orientated young family. Further details ring (056) 68 6240 after 7 p.m.

FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Papatoetoe church, in beautiful New Zealand, is growing and enthusiastic for Jesus Christ. We wish to appoint a full-time volunteer for one or two years, commencing in February 1983.
 Local transport and accommodation costs are provided, together with a nominal allowance for other expenses.
 Responsibilities would be to assist the pastor in all areas of work, but especially in youth ministry.
 Applicants would be invited to pay their own fares to and from New Zealand.
 Inquiries may be made to Pastor Denne, phone Auckland (27) 99 789 or write to Pastor J. M. Denne, 32 Hillside Road, Papatoetoe, New Zealand.

GOVERNESS WANTED

A reliable Christian lady required to supervise the correspondence school lessons for three children aged 6, 8, 13, situated on property 113 km south of Bourke, commencing February 1983. Applicants should be able to work with and understand children. Own furnished room and keep provided. Wages on application. Own car an advantage. No pets please. Persons interested write to Ilse Muirhead, Wilga Downs, Byrock.

GOVERNESS REQUIRED IN 1983

To supervise correspondence school lessons for three children aged 11, 14, 16, on property 90 kilometres north of Bourke. Preference given to applicant over 21 having own car, able to teach music and to communicate freely with children. Apply in writing with references to Mrs. J. White, Congararra Station, Bourke, N.S.W. 2840.

HOUSE FOR SALE, WARBURTON

Clean, sound, fibro-cement cottage. One B/R sleepout attached. Carpeted, slow-combustion stove, oil heating lounge room. Established fruit trees, shrubs, etc. Brook at back of property. On bitumen road, 5 mins. from shopping centre, school, etc. \$23,000. Phone (059) 96 2619 after 6 p.m.

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90th Anniversary of Parramatta Church
 November 20, 1982

Come to:	Special Sabbath school	9.15 a.m.
	Divine service	11 a.m.
	Fellowship lunch	
	90th Anniversary program	3 p.m.
	Fellowship tea	5 p.m.

All former ministers and members are especially invited to come "Back to Parramatta" on November 20, 1982.
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 To make the project viable a full-time manager/operator is required, to develop an existing nursery. Type of activity envisaged—tomato growing in two large glasshouses; propagation and sale of potted plants; and related nursery activities; supervision of assistants; general management and development of the business. A good knowledge of horticulture is essential for the successful applicant.
 Persons interested should contact the Principal, Auckland Adventist High School, P.O. Box 59-047, Mangere Bridge, Auckland, New Zealand. Phone Auckland 275 9640.

TAURANGA CHURCH SCHOOL

Our school needs more children. We invite inquiries from parents wishing to move to this area. Tauranga (pop. 47,000) is the centre of a prosperous rural area in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty. The church is large and friendly with a membership of 270. The primary school has two teachers and a present enrolment of thirty-seven children. It is in a delightful country setting surrounded by orchards on three sides. We may be able to help you with employment and accommodation. Please direct inquiries to Mrs. J. Pleskovic, 7 Ely Place, Cambridge Heights, Tauranga, New Zealand. Phone 88 739.

VOLUNTEER MINISTER NEEDED

The Tasmanian Conference seeks the services of a volunteer family to care for the newly established church on King Island in 1983. Active, retired minister preferred, but dedicated layman with proven soul-winning and church leadership abilities could be suitable. Home and car provided. Term of service would be twelve months or longer by mutual agreement.
 Inquiries to: The President
 Tasmanian Conference of S.D.A. Church
 G.P.O. Box 1039K
 Hobart, Tas. 7001

WORK WANTED

Subcontract bricklayer (up to 30,000 bricks) requires work, anywhere from Warragul to Berwick, Warburton, Croydon, Yarra Glen. Would consider other areas. Barry Reynolds, 264 Patrick Street, Millgrove, Vic. 3139. Phone (059) 66 2988.



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Flashpoint

LINCOLN STEED
Assistant Editor



YES, it's me! I can no longer escape detection! Not with a more up-to-date photograph. In spite of the fact that it was taken shortly after an all-night bus trip back from Sydney, it is reasonably accurate. Now for the news.

MALCOLM ALLEN, T.T.U.C. Youth director, has just returned (November 3) from an eight-week fact-finding tour of youth work in the U.S. Of particular interest to him was to see Revelation Seminars being run by youth. "It is a fantastic new concept," he says.

A "REUNION FESTIVAL" was held in Timaru, south New Zealand, on October 23, 24. Back to celebrate with them was Pastor R. Stanley, T.T.U.C. Ministerial secretary, who conducted a family revival series there in April.

ON November 6, Pastor Athal Tolhurst, T.T.U.C. president, and the Division president, Pastor K. S. Parmenter, attended and led out in the dedication of the new Hamilton church, Newcastle.

TODAY Pastor Tolhurst is to open the new Grafton church, north New South Wales. May he be inundated with more such appointments!

GREATER SYDNEY Conference goes to the polls on November 21. That's the date for their conference session. We will report results in quick order.

A LITTLE FURTHER ahead is graduation time for Longburn Adventist College—November 26-27. A big day for New Zealand.

ADVENTIST APPEAL is in good hands in north Queensland and south New Zealand. Neil Peatey, T.T.U.C. Lay Activities director, is spending October and November in these two small conferences assisting them with the Appeal.

JACARANDA '82 has been released. Don't miss out on your copy. This year the Jac has been dedicated to Pastor Darryl Croft and Mrs. Joan Patrick, the residence hall deans.

IN their first week of the Adventist Appeal, Avondale students and staff collected \$6,500, in round figures. Oh that all could collect around such a figure!

BEST-SELLERS! "Family Medical Care" is selling well. Top literature evangelist for 81 Tim O'Neil of Nabowla, Tasmania, recently sold twenty of the four-volume sets in three days—a total value of \$2,120. Other LEs have sold six and seven in a day and a number are averaging seven sets a week.

COMPETITION for top spot is fierce among the LEs. Last year Tim O'Neil was a clear leader. This year Noel Cameron of north New Zealand and Ted Harrold of south Queensland have been jockeying for lead position in sales.

JOHN CAMPBELL, principal of Illawarra Primary School (Wollongong, N.S.W.), is proud of his pupils—and rightly so! His twenty pupils have raised \$135 (by way of a trash 'n' treasure stall, jobs for neighbours, and pocket money) to help the Kukudu mission 1982 project. Schools all over the Division are uniting to send funds to modernise and rebuild the junior secondary school at Kukudu. Deadline is the year-end, so time is running short!

MOONAH Adventist Primary and Secondary School in Tasmania counted its blessings on Sunday evening, October 24. A total of 120 attended a dinner to celebrate fifty years of the school's existence. Among the many students of yester-year were a number of former church members who answered the gathering call from the old school. A most successful evening.

DIAL-A-PRAYER also made big news in Tasmania. The *Tasmanian Mail*, a state-wide paper read by 87 per cent of the state, carried a very favourable article on this service of the Adventist church on October 20.

NEWLY arrived to our shores from Portland, Oregon, is Lester Divine (don't worry, he's a genuine Kiwi), the new T.T.U.C. Education director. His first job was to huddle with retiring director Lynn Thrift in planning school staffing in 1983.

THE NEW ORBOST CHURCH, the seventieth in Victoria, 450 kilometres east of Melbourne on the Princes Highway, was officially opened on Sabbath, September 25.

NO SOIL does not necessarily mean no crop. Not if there is a hydroponic agricultural system like the one recently installed at Kauma High School, Kiribati. This coral island area is unsuitable for crop growing, and food costs for the school have been \$18,000 per year. If the trial system now installed continues to fulfil its early promise, the school will be self-supporting in food production. The plastic bags filled with sand and watered with chemicals produce seedlings ready for transplanting in just over three days.

ON October 21 (a red-letter day indeed—it was my birthday!), Dr. Arthur Ferch flew to Washington, D.C., to present a study paper and to participate in the Daniel and Revelation study group established by the General Conference.

PETER Baskin, assistant to both the dean of students and the dean of men at Avondale College, has accepted a call to teach at Victoria Park High School, Western Australia.

IT WAS testing time for Avondale College from November 2 to 4. Dr. K. Anderson from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and Dr. Gordon Madgwick, academic dean of P.U.C., were here from the U.S. to evaluate Avondale's P.U.C.-accredited B.A. program.

AVONDALE takes care of its graduates. According to Dr. Alex Currie, dean of students, Avondale is able to place a higher percentage of its graduates than any other university or C.A.E. in Australia. Of the 1981 graduates who applied for employment, Avondale placed 100 per cent of ministerial and 91 per cent primary and secondary teachers.

APPOINTMENTS are now announced as they come. To hand are nine teaching appointments: Belinda Wong to Lilydale, Helena Alexis to Fulton, Colleen Halliday to Carmel, Darry Schick to Bowen, Rod Williams to Kabiufa, Veronika Simon to Murwillumbah, Christine George to Newcastle, Andrew Kendrick to Launceston, and Sue Swannell to Narromine.

"FINALLY, BRETHERN . . .": We are not the salt of the earth unless we are creating a thirst in others.