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Power For a Finished Work

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LEADERS of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, representing 585 language areas of the world, were present at the Annual Council of the General Conference, which was held in the Philippine International Convention Centre, Manila, from October 5 to 12. In addition to the 208 official delegates there were several hundred observers. Among the official delegates were two from the Soviet Union, and also the President of the Polish Union of Seventh-day Adventists, which has its headquarters in Warsaw.

The Russian delegates in their report to the council claimed that Seventh-day Adventists were a recognised, organised church in each of the Soviet Republics where, they claimed, freedom of conscience and religion were the people's right, guaranteed by law.

Special greetings were received from eighty-six-year-old Pastor R. R. Figuhr, a former president of the General Conference who first served in the Philippines in 1923. Greetings were also received from the immediate past president of the General Conference, Pastor R. H. Pierson.

A Challenge Given

For his opening address, President Neal Wilson chose not to give a "state of the world church" report, but challenged delegates with a timely message emphasising the general theme chosen for the council, "Power For a Finished Work." His study was based upon two scriptures familiar to Adventists everywhere; Acts 1:8-11 and Matthew 24:14. He defined the message and mission of the church within the framework of Revelation 14.

"We have truths committed to this people that will move the world," Pastor Wilson emphasised, reminding church leaders that power will be given to each for his and her specific responsibility; and to all was given power to be His witnesses.

"These promises of power are just as much ours today as they were to those who first heard the pledge of promised power. The power of the Holy Spirit is the only power that the church can use to fulfil its holy mission. This Spirit power must be claimed *now* as we launch our 1,000 Days of Reaping, which will guarantee a harvest of one million souls and more, between



now and the General Conference session in 1985."

As he challenged the delegation to evangelism, Pastor Wilson was able to do so against the background of his own recent evangelistic experience. He had led out as the featured speaker each night for several weeks immediately preceding the annual council, preaching the everlasting gospel to several thousand each evening. From the Metro Manila

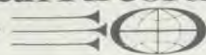
crusade it is expected that more than 2,000 will be baptised.

To conclude the opening council meeting, several leaders who had assisted in the Manila crusade gave their personal testimony of the blessings gained personally from being associated with Pastor Wilson in that wonderful soul-winning endeavour which was the culmination of some eight months of intensive preparation. ■

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Reflections on the Chamberlain Case



WE WERE attending a spiritual retreat at Howqua youth camp, Victoria, when the news of the verdict in the Chamberlain trial shattered our serenity. The words of one of the choruses we sang during that heart-rending weekend were to become especially meaningful to us. A phrase from the chorus, "The Family of God," expresses the thought that "when one has a heartache we all share the tears." A lot of members of "the family of God" have aching hearts as a result of this tragedy. Lindy Michael. Their sons. Their parents. Other relatives and close friends. Our hearts go out to them in tender pity. We share their tears. We cannot, must not, forsake them now in their hour of need. Throughout their trial many people have been deeply impressed with the way we have stood by them and sustained them spiritually. They now need our loving support and prayers more than ever. Let us not only continue to love them and pray for them, but LET US TELL THEM SO! Not only Lindy and Michael, but also their parents. If there is only one thing the world ever gets to know about Seventh-day Adventists, let it be how much we love one another and come to each other's aid in times of need! Let it be known that we are a people with warm, compassionate hearts, and with hands that are stretched out to lift and heal. The world must know that we don't forsake a brother when he's down. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples," said Jesus, "if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

If there's one thing above all else the devil would like to accomplish through experiences like this, it is to shatter our morale as a church and bring discouragement into our ranks. We must not permit our morale to be fragmented. Regardless of whether or not the jury's verdict was correct, we need not despair. Even if it was correct, a church's integrity does not stand or fall on the record of one or two of its members, whoever they may be. Some people seem to feel that the whole Seventh-day Adventist Church has fallen under condemnation and that its image has been damaged. **A church must, however, be judged by its pronouncements, its teachings, its philosophy, its doctrines, its attitudes, its corporate witness, its standards, its principles, and by the overall influence of all these components on the lives of the majority of those who embrace them. We can still rejoice in all that the Seventh-day Adventist Church stands for and hold our heads high!**

If, on the other hand, there has been a miscarriage of justice—an opinion held and openly expressed by thousands of people of many different religious persuasions—then we need have no misgivings but that God will, in His own good time and wonderful way, turn the tables and vindicate His servants. He did it for Joseph when he was innocently imprisoned for a crime he hadn't committed. He did it for His people when they were tricked into a death-trap by Haman in the days of Queen Esther. He

signally revealed His power on behalf of Daniel when plotted against by schemers dedicated to his destruction. God does not *always* intervene on behalf of His servants in this life, but we have His solemn pledge that He will do so in the hereafter and will mete out retribution on their enemies (Revelation 6:9-11). So we can confidently leave the outcome in His hands and take heart. God keeps all the records, and He keeps them straight. He knows exactly what happened. He witnessed everything that was done. He is cognisant of the minutest detail. He bids us, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10, N.I.V.

As a church we cannot initiate any type of campaign to have the verdict reversed. This we must leave to our public-spirited friends and to those in a position of authority in legal circles. Whatever support we give them should be in our capacity as private citizens and not as church members *per se*. The reason is obvious. Whatever we said or did in an official way, would be seen and interpreted as being parochially motivated and as lacking in objectivity. We can be sure that every move we make and every word we say as Seventh-day Adventists, is being carefully watched. We need now to carefully watch every word we utter and every step we take as a church, or as members of it. If ever there was a time that called for cool, level heads and warm hearts, it is now.

Many questions remain unanswered. The last word has not been said. It is incomprehensible that a person could be convicted of murder without a motive having been established and without the question being settled as to *how*, *when*, and *where*, the body could have been disposed of. By no stretch of the imagination can it be said that the verdict was "beyond all reasonable doubt." Without needing to add further fuel to the fire of speculation on these points, we can find solace in the fact that our wonderful God has incredible ways of bringing good out of *any* circumstance, no matter how adverse! His promise is that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28.

This is no time to lose heart, or to question God's leading. He sometimes works in mysterious ways for the accomplishment of His purposes. Through this sad experience He wants to draw us all nearer to Him and closer to each other. The call that comes to us is "Press together! Press together! Press together!" If this bitter experience accomplishes nothing else than to draw us nearer to Him and closer to each other, then all the sorrow and suffering, the trauma and tragedy, the heartache and tears of the past trying months, will not have been in vain!

Geoff Garne

A MIRACLE OF SAVING GRACE

LOYD M. CHILCOTT, Tauranga Adventist Primary School, North New Zealand

TODAY Neville and Janie Kiriona and their five children attend the Tauranga Seventh-day Adventist church.

On October 28, 1975, in Wanganui Court, New Zealand, Neville Kiriona received a sentence of six months' imprisonment. It was nothing new for Neville; he had been in and out of courts since the age of fifteen, having spent a total of almost ten years in gaol, the result of a life of crime.

Unknown to him at the time, a new life was just around the corner. Not long before his court appearance in October, a literature evangelist named Frank Henderson had sold a set of "The Bible Story" books to Neville's family. The LE was friendly and took note of some spiritual awakening in Neville and Janie. It wasn't long before Pastor Des Hale began to visit the family.

The visits lasted through Neville's time in gaol. Pastor Hale had free access to the prison and visited and studied regularly with Neville. Previous to his sentence, Neville had thought of God only as someone who might be able to keep him out of prison. Now God was becoming a Friend.

God Very Special

God became very special to Janie and Neville after an answer to prayer. Neville's time in gaol was emotionally trying. He learned to pray earnestly. He says of those days, "Without the Lord I would never have made it." Janie also was a great encouragement, writing every day and visiting whenever possible. Neville became worried when Janie became sick, knowing that she had two young children to care for.

Just three weeks before Neville was to be released, God answered his prayer and performed a miracle. Neville was taken in a prison vehicle outside the prison and was able to help Janie. This was an unheard-of privilege. He was amazed to find that Janie also had been praying the same prayer at the same time. This was the beginning of a relationship between Neville and Janie and God. Neville says, "From then on the Lord began to move in our family."

They moved to Tauranga to escape evil associations in Wanganui, and in God's providence found that Pastor Hale was also there. It was the love and friendship shown to them by the Tauranga church members that helped them to feel wanted and accepted.

They were married and Janie was baptised on September 11, 1976—Neville followed on November 6, 1976. They describe their experience since 1976 in these words: "It's new life, happiness, and there are no words that can describe the blessings we have had from the Lord."

Neville likes to recount several experiences in which the Lord has saved his life. He works for the New Zealand Railways, and on one occasion was almost crushed between two freight cars. A workmate was badly injured and



From left: Mariana Walker, Jantwan Kiriona, Snowy, and Chimmyma Kiriona.
Photo: L. Chilcott

died in hospital later. Another time found him behind the wheel of a workers' bus, sliding on an icy road in the Kaimai hills. Neville is sure that the wheels were over the bank, but no harm came to the bus. God made the air into a solid road.

Once he was in a small railcar on a railway track and felt a strong impression that said, "Get off the track." Neville obeyed, and not a moment too soon. A train thundered around the corner. God was there again.

Neville and Janie have a strong commitment to Adventist education. At the Tauranga school we are privileged to have three of their children; Chimmyma, Jantwan and De Allen. Neville and Janie look back over the years and

remember the ongoing struggle to pay school fees; but when asked what they thought about their children attending the Adventist school, they replied, "Our aim is Christ," and, "We wouldn't have it any other way." Maybe God has a wonderful plan in His work for Chimmyma, Jantwan, De Allen, Nevilla and Akeesha Kiriona. Could the school be part of God's plan too? I like to think so.

Every child in school is unique and special. Each child has the potential to become someone great, not in the estimation of the world, but in the sight of God. I believe that we need to give our children all the opportunities possible to follow God's way. That is why the Seventh-day Adventist school in Tauranga exists. We want to teach our children not only the academic curriculum, but the ideals of the Christian life as well.

Girls and boys come to our school from a wide variety of backgrounds. Some, like the Kiriona children, have already had strong evidence of the Lord's leading.

Dedication

In Tauranga a mother brought her son to school for the first time. Her husband had said, "You didn't consult me as to which school to send our son to." The mother replied, "From the day he was born there was never a thought that he may go to any other school." Thanks be to God for dedication like that.

My prayer is that God will work with the teachers in our schools and that the teachers will draw close to God, and then the hearts of our children will be prepared for His kingdom. Maybe the time will come when many more children will be brought to our schools, the results of miracles of grace. ■

Adventist Appeal in Tennant Creek

M. P. COZENS

IF you haven't heard of Tennant Creek before, put your finger right in the middle of the map of the Northern Territory and you'll be very close to the spot. In the last year Tennant has been dealt a heavy blow by the mining recession, but it refuses to give in.

As my wife and I completed the 500-kilometre drive from Alice Springs, we wondered how the Appeal would go this year. By the time we drove out three days later, we knew. The Appeal was virtually complete. The 2,500 people donated \$1,136. We are very grateful to our church people, to the townspeople and to God.

The procedure adopted in the Appeal was simple but whole-hearted. On Friday three ladies worked the less populous side of the town while I visited the places of business. On Sabbath afternoon every member, together with all the children, participated. There was no clanging of gongs and nobody was overcome by exhaustion. Rather, every Adventist in the

town, including a lady visiting from Brisbane, joined in.

Yes, some, perhaps all, were a little fearful, but they went. Not least important is the fact that *all* came back feeling happy and rewarded because they had been on the Lord's work.

Space does not permit recounting the experiences of all, but we give that of Janet Moffatt, just two and a half years in Tennant from the Philippines, and speaking a foreign language. At first she nearly didn't get her foot outside her own door, but then she put son Jeffery in his pusher and joined the Appealers. Before long she was knocking successfully in her own territory. At about five o'clock she forged to the lead with a visit to the caravan park. After nightfall she had to be gently restrained from going straight on to the next caravan park—which she then willingly worked on Sunday morning.

May every church have many Janets! ■

YOUTH FEATURE . . .

The Mystery of the Blank Columns

DESMOND B. HILLS

THE STORY STARTED with a man named Tex Wilson, who owned a weekly newspaper. During the second year of Tex's editorship, an edition appeared with a blank column on the second page. After that, perhaps twice a year, another blank column would appear. Once there was one even on the front page.

No one could find out why Tex ran blank columns in his newspaper. When he was asked why, he would reply, "There is no law that says an editor has to fill every column, is there?" And, of course, there isn't.

The mystery might never have been explained if someone hadn't started the rumour that Tex was paid to keep stories out of his paper that would reflect unfavourably on certain people. One day at the grocery store, old Pete Moody heard the rumour. As he had been at home for several weeks grieving over the death of his wife, Molly, he was one of the last in town to hear the gossip.

The store grew very quiet when old Pete jumped to his feet, and cried, "It isn't so! Tex never took a penny in his life to keep stories out of his paper. What he did was out of the

greatness of his heart. I know, because . . . because . . . I . . . was one of those columns."

It took courage for Pete to tell the story, but he didn't hesitate. Four years before, he had reached the age of seventy, and he knew that he would be replaced on the job by a young man.

Pete didn't know how Molly and he would live after his retirement. They had no savings. For years Pete had been helping a poor daughter, and there was no one to take them in.

Pete worked in the supply room of a large tool company. One day, worrying about how he would care for Molly, he did the first dishonest thing he had done in his life. He took an expensive tool and sold it in the next town.

Then he took another. And another. He had been stealing for several weeks when his employer, who had become suspicious, caught him.

Tex was in the sheriff's office nosing around for news when the employer phoned in. He went with the sheriff to the tool company and stood making notes for a story while Pete, in shamed whispers, explained the fear that had led him into stealing.

As he haltingly concluded his sad story, Tex

cleared his throat. "Pete's wife has done a lot of church work in this town," he said huskily. "Molly is a fine woman. She doesn't deserve to be disgraced."

Tex took the sheriff and the employer into another room. Twenty minutes later he came back to tell Pete that he was to be given another chance—with the understanding that he must return the money he had received from the stolen tools.

"Normally," Tex told Pete, "I would run the story of your thefts in the paper. As a warning to you, I'm going to run the column anyway, but it will be blank. If you ever let Molly down again, I'll publish the story. People think I'm crazy because I run these blank columns, Pete; but for you this column will be a warning. And let it be a monument, too, to my faith that you are a good and honest man."

When Pete was replaced on his job some months later, it was Tex who encouraged Molly and Pete to support themselves by selling Molly's prize-winning jams. And when Molly died, she was a happy woman who had never known disgrace.

Eight of the eleven blank columns Tex ran before he died still remain mysteries. No one knows what mistakes, what sorrows, were hidden there. As for Tex, I hope that when the last edition is run from the heavenly press, under the headline reading, "Sins of Tex Wilson," there will be a blank column for him.

The man who first told this story, R. R. Hegstad, has in his files a copy of the newspaper with a blank column on the front page. It is certainly one of the strangest stories I have ever read.

Tex Wilson's blank columns remind us of the forgiveness of God. Although we "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," we can have a blank column in the record books of heaven. There is no reason for anyone to be weighed down by the thoughts of past mistakes. Yes, I know that this statement is hard to believe, but it is true. Christianity is based on the promise that we can be at peace with God and man through the merits and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is just one of the hundreds of promises of pardon in the Scriptures:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

It is wonderful to know that we can have a "blank column" in the record books of heaven. However, that is not all by any means. God has not only made provision for us to be delivered from the *penalty* of sin, but also from the *power* and ultimately the very *presence* of sin. We were delivered from the *penalty* of sin at Calvary and we can daily have victory over the *power* of sin, through prayer and Bible study.

We shall be delivered from the very *presence* of sin at the second advent of Jesus Christ.

Everyone has the opportunity of starting each new day with a "blank column" in the presses of heaven. What a joy it is to know that the mistakes of yesteryear and yesterday are cancelled out! As we claim the provisions of Calvary, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be at peace with God and man. With "blank columns" at the beginning of each day we will live victoriously each day and every year. ■

The following statement was released to the media by the Department of Communication of the Australasian Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Press Statement Regarding Michael and Lindy Chamberlain

THE decision of the court in the Chamberlain case has been very distressing to Seventh-day Adventists.

Obedience to the Ten Commandments, reverence for life, respect for marriage and the family and a practical appreciation of the love of Jesus Christ are central to Adventist faith.

Holding such beliefs, we support the legal system and appreciate the way Legal Aid has helped to meet the costs of the case thus far.

The Adventist Church agrees with the idea of an appeal to a higher court, but such action is a matter for the Chamberlains and their legal counsel to consider.

It is evident that the processes of law have not yet been fully exhausted. Until this happens, the church does not propose to take any action concerning Michael's future. It will certainly continue to support the Chamberlains as it would any other family in distress. ■

"A GREATER VISION"

E. H. WINTER, Communication Director, Tasmanian Conference

"I HAVE never been to Avondale as a student," said Lyn Knight, the founder of the Avondale College Foundation, "but I believe in it. The role Avondale plays in the onward work of the church in this Division is absolutely important and necessary."

Mr. Knight was speaking to a capacity house at the recent Avondale College Foundation annual general meeting which was held at the Tasmanian University, Hobart.

Vision of College Needs

The motto of Avondale is "For a Greater Vision of World Needs," but it is obvious that in recent years the lay members of the church (together with encouragement from the administrators) also have had a vision of some of the needs of the college itself. Hence the establishment of the foundation which is now giving strong financial support to Avondale, which results in the entire Division receiving the benefits.

The Sabbath meetings conducted in Hobart were obviously appreciated by the church members. Dr. J. Cox, president of Avondale College, preached the sermon at the divine service, and Pastor Russell Kranz, Division Communication director, spoke in the afternoon. The evening foundation dinner at Margate was another highlight.

Reports given at the annual general meeting of the Avondale College Foundation were most encouraging. Strong membership growth, successful business ventures to raise money, a greater awareness of Avondale's needs and role by the church at large, and finally the evidence of God's blessing as we see the college given



Dr. Cox, president of Avondale College, addresses the Hobart A.C.F. meeting.

Photo: E. Winter

support to improve its facilities that it would not have otherwise received.

I was impressed by the confidence, support and defence of the college as demonstrated by both words and works by the members of the college foundation. Here is a large group of dedicated people from all walks of life who see

Avondale as a key institution in the gospel commission as given to the church by its Lord. Those members of Avondale College Foundation have set high ideals, aims, and expectations, and God is blessing their efforts far beyond what could have been imagined just a few years ago. ■

PASTOR and Mrs. Ernest Steed returned to Australia, their homeland, on furlough following the International Congress on the Prevention of Alcoholism held in Nairobi, Kenya, in September. Pastor Steed is the director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, with headquarters at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., and was recently appointed as assistant to the president of the General Conference, for Special Projects. During the course of their two-month visit in Australia, they visited their son, Lincoln, and his wife, Rosa, in Victoria. Lincoln, right in the picture, is assistant editor of RECORD. Editorial roles seem to go with the family. Pastor and Mrs. Steed's son-in-law, James Coffin, was recently appointed an assistant editor of *Adventist Review*. And before he left Australia to take responsibility in the General Conference Temperance Department, Pastor Steed was editor of *Alert*, our narcotics-education journal for Australasia.

G.E.G.



DEVOTIONAL . . .

WHY I DID IT

W. A. TOWNEND

ALL the men who served on conference committees during the fifteen years that I was their chairman will remember how before every committee meeting I read Revelation 14:6-12, or a portion of those verses, as material for our devotional contemplation before we got down to work on the agenda.

Why did I do this for fifteen years? Why did I, as a conference president, meeting after meeting, have us think about Revelation 14:6-12? Why did I do it? I certainly did know why, and so did my fellow committee men.

Before I give you the reason, one basic reason, perhaps I should mention that each committee meeting a different translation or version of the Scriptures was used, since for almost all of my adult life I have been interested in translations, and have been a collector of them. Whatever the translation of Scripture, the Scripture is the Word of God, in man's language, of course, as we all know. Every translation has *something* for us. And when we put those somethings together, what glorious, full-orbed concepts of truth we do get! But let me not go into that fascinating subject just now.

Back to the question. Why did I do it? Why did I always read to the committee men Revelation 14:6-12 or a portion of it? Why? Answer . . .

Because we needed it. I needed it as chairman, and each one of my fellow committee men needed it. We needed focus. We needed a sense of mission. We needed direction. We needed perspective. We needed encouragement. We needed courage. We needed a sense of values. We needed to remember why we were meeting. We needed to remember why we were doing business. We needed to remember the people for whom we were doing business. We needed to remember whose people they were. We needed Revelation 14:6-12.

And, committee men of those meetings, weren't we always blessed as we always went to Revelation 14:6-12? I would expect as many "yes" answers to that question as there were men, dozens of them, who served with me those years, 1963-1977. Remember, brethren?

Remember Revelation 14:6 in the Authentic New Testament? The work of not a Christian, but a Jewish scholar, with no Christian theological axe to grind: "Now I saw another angel flying in the mid-heaven with a firm and final ultimatum to deliver to those who dwell on earth. . . ." That did something for us. Still does!

Ronald Knox (Roman Catholic) had something for us with his somewhat amazing note at the foot of the page where appears Revelation 14:6. Ready? "Final" . . . It is not clear why the 'gospel' preached by the angel is so described; but the context suggests that it is the last call to repentance which will be offered to

men this side of eternity." And that did something for us. Still does, I believe.

There was the morning when J. N. Darby, the Brethren Bible translator gave us something to think about with his version of verse 6, where he says of the "everlasting tidings" that it is to be announced "to those settled on the earth. . . ." Our message does have its unsettling aspects. It unsettles earth settlers to get them ready for becoming heaven settlers. And that's part of our delicate work.

Then there was the day when we were galvanised by William Barclay's Revelation 14:12: "A situation like this demands the gallantry of God's dedicated people, of those who continue to maintain their obedience to the commandments of God and their loyalty to God." Similar soul-tingling came to us the day we considered William Beck's (The New Testament in the Language of Today) presentation of the same verse: "Here the holy people need to stand their ground as they keep on doing what God orders and trusting in Jesus."

Quiet Strength

When we went to what we came to often speak of as "our" Scripture in The Bible in Basic English we found something there that led us into meaningful prayer: "Here is the quiet strength of the saints, who keep the orders of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12. Prayer again had real meaning for us at the meeting in which we prayed after considering Charles B. Williams' (The New Testament in the Language of the People) Revelation 14:12: "In this way is shown the patient endurance of God's people, who always cling to God's commands and their faith in Jesus."

A reinforcing of basic Adventist belief came to us with the reading of The Translator's New Testament presentation of Revelation 14:6: "Fear God and praise Him, because the time

has come for Him to pass judgement. . . ."

Well do I recall the morning our devotional time was given to the consideration of the divine imperative suggested in Kenneth S. Wuest's rendering of Revelation 14:6 in his Expanded New Testament: "Fear God at once and at once give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him at once who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and springs of waters."

We noticed on another committee day that after Edgar J. Goodspeed had translated the verses dealing with the mark of the beast he gave us verse 12 in these tied-in words: "On this fact rests the endurance of God's people, who obey God's commands and cling to their faith in Jesus." There's stimulation there.

Because it first appeared in 1978, our committee men of 1963-1977 just missed another slant on the connection between the mark of the beast and verse 12 as presented in An Easy-to-Read Version: "This means that God's holy people must be patient. They must obey God's commandments and keep their faith in Jesus." Even Kenneth Taylor's paraphrase of Scripture (The Living Bible) had something for us with his "Let this encourage God's people to endure patiently every trial and persecution, for they are His saints who remain firm to the end in obedience to His commands and trust in Jesus." Revelation 14:12.

Many times during those fifteen years we found ourselves nodding assent to Ellen G. White's claim that "the fourteenth chapter of Revelation is a chapter of deepest interest." It was when she wrote that in 1904. It was to us in 1963-1977 again. It still is!

I would do it again. Given the task of leading conference committees for fifteen years, I would again, every meeting, have them consider some aspect of Revelation 14:6-12. Why? Because, like their chairman, they would need to keep its grand truths sharply in focus, to keep them as committee men on target in their discussions and decisions. And perhaps that goes for God's people *outside* of committee rooms, as well as for those *inside*. Whatever the circumstances or the years, our needs seem to remain unchanged, like God's own Word in Revelation 14:6-12 is unchanged.

That Word meets our needs as Seventh-day Adventists. Let's read it more often, believing more firmly each time we read it. Is not this God's plan and purpose for us? And that's why we do it. We read, and read, Revelation 14:6-12. ■

GROWTH SEMINAR was the title that attracted sixty-five church members to Cootamundra recently for a program designed to teach us to be Christians just where we are.

Pastor Rex Tindall, South New South Wales Conference Communication director, and Pastor Frank Gorry, of Cootamundra-Young-Temora-West Wyalong, shared responsibility for the program. They interspersed serious matters throughout the day with solos and community singing by guitarist-songwriter and singer, Leanne Willis of Boorowa, supported by John McKinnon of Young.

The seminar was designed to make us aware of community needs and to identify crisis situations, and then to relate to them in practical Christian ways. We talked to each other, we listened to each other, we

broke into discussion groups, and we talked back at our pastors (and they listened).

A questionnaire spotlighted the spiritual abilities of those who dared to come face to face with themselves. A few of us who believed we had no recognisable talents—and who loved to boast that we were behind the door when talents were handed out—had our complacency shattered.

The growth seminar was a grassroots affair in which thoughts were planted and a harvest is silently growing. But I hope they remember to water us occasionally: we've been thirsty for a long, long time.

—Betty Price, Communication Secretary,
Cootamundra Church,
South New South Wales.



Second in Final Bake-off

MANUKAU COURIER, September 21, 1981

LINELLE HEDGES (right) and KERILEE TOWNEND, two Form 4 students from the Auckland Adventist High School, won second prize in the Poultry Board's national Eggs for Dinner competition open to all Form 4 home economics, students in the country.

Having received the highest marks among the Auckland schools, they were excited to participate in the final "Bake Off" in Wellington. Accompanied by Miss Miriam Tanner, the economist from the Auckland branch of the Poultry Board, Linelle and Kerilee flew to Wellington last week and were joined by the ten other participants in the finals.

The girls, who had to prepare a luncheon for two, under \$4, were marked on their menu choice, efficiency in meal preparation and the attractiveness of presentation. ■

A Parent's View

JOHN DUNCAN, Parent of an Adventist School Pupil, Greater Sydney Conference

THE PUPILS attending an Adventist school are experiencing the benefits of the "extended family" of the church. Academic qualifications are not concentrated on to the exclusion of other important aspects of a child's development. The spiritual, physical and social aspects are also developed.

The major advantage enjoyed by children in our church schools, as opposed to secular educational institutions, is being taught by Christian teachers. These teachers are committed to developing Christian ideals in the children, involving them in Christian outreach and service. The idea of self-discipline is fostered, rather than self-expression (i.e., do your own thing, forget everyone else). It is comforting to know that one's children are being educated by dedicated church members.

When attending church school the children are associating with others of the same faith, with similar standards and values being taught in their homes. One does not need to worry about the examples being shown by other non-Christian parents to their children and in turn being passed on to one's own children. Children do seem to have the happy knack of noticing and/or being impressed by the very things their parents would have them ignore. ■

When parents and teachers are working toward the same aim the chances must be that the children will be influenced for the better.

What is in it for parents? Involvement! Planning and helping in the education of your children. This can take many forms: serving on the school board, assisting the teacher in planning and running of the school, being an active member of the home and school association, or driving the school bus. You may find yourself assisting on street stalls, at markets or running a school tuckshop. After your efforts in raising money for the school, you will have the pleasure of seeing it used to provide a wide range of things of interest and assistance to the children.

School working-bees enable parents to assist the teacher, reduce maintenance costs, and provide pleasant surroundings for the children. Help can further be provided by assisting with supervision during outings. Of course, all this can be time consuming, inconvenient and a little frustrating, but anything worth while entails some sacrifice. Satisfaction is the reward—plus the knowledge that you are helping a system dedicated to the highest ideals, to provide a sound, all-round education for your children. ■

Influence of a Dedicated Teacher

ERIKA ASHLIN

I BELIEVE today's teenagers are, for the most part, sincere, thinking young people who are deeply concerned with what happens in the world about them. Social, moral, educational and occupational problems confront students, and I often looked to my teachers for answers. Thus teachers have a unique opportunity to guide and influence students as they simultaneously provide us with the skills we need.

Sports and outdoor activities have never been my greatest love, but with the help of my Pathfinder leader I have learned to enjoy these activities more. His enthusiasm and encouragement were enough to inspire me to want to succeed. "Come on, of course you can do it!" (Challenge Valley) are great words to someone who is not at all sure that he can do it.

Enthusiasm is infectious, and I'm sure I was at first interested by that side of my teacher's personality, rather than by the subject being presented.

My father often talks of his school days—most of his stories are quite hilarious. One story in particular stands out. He was helping me to learn my spelling list as homework, when he told of his experience at school with spelling lists: Being more of a practical, out-of-doors person, rather than a studious type, he never bothered to do any homework assigned to him—particularly a subject as boring as spelling. Consequently he repeatedly failed his tests. After several such poor test results arrived home, one of his older sisters decided it was time she took him in hand. She made him learn his spelling list every night—with excellent results. He passed his test that week with 100 per cent. But this was more than his poor teacher could comprehend. She tore up his test paper and accused him of cheating. Right at that moment Dad made up his mind, he was through with her—and spelling! He remains a poor speller to this day. I am grateful that I can say I never had any such experiences.

I had three teachers during my high school years who perhaps influenced me most towards academic success. These teachers revealed that they were interested in each of us as individuals. This feeling of being understood as a unique individual to that teacher built such a relationship, that I wasn't afraid to admit my weaknesses, and in fact it gave me the desire and drive to overcome and to achieve. And I still endeavour to do this, remembering the words: "Of course you can do it!"

Students learn by observation and repetition. By observing the poise, appearance and bearing of my different teachers, I soon learned how I wanted to be seen in the eyes of others. Teachers in some of their remarks about students can be very hurtful, but in many cases I found these remarks very educational, helping me decide on my own personal attitude and appearance.

The right words at the right time can inspire. The wrong words at the wrong time can destroy. ■

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

P. MICHALSKI, Head Teacher, Auburn School, Greater Sydney Conference

IS THERE REALLY a need for Adventist schools? Are they really so different that the expense is justifiable, and is the sacrifice on the part of parents necessary when there are so many other needs, especially the new arrivals from other countries, as is the case with migrant families? Can the work of moulding character be done at home, in good Christian families?

In his book *"God's Way in Education,"* W. J. Gilson, the first teacher of Auburn school, wrote: "No system of education can reach higher aims or achieve greater objectives than the ideals of the philosophy on which it is founded; for all education derives both its source and its vitality from a philosophy of life which it endeavours both to establish and perpetuate."

Our philosophy of education is unique to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. There is no question in my mind that it is God-given to the church to train its young people in the last days of earth's history. The education system does not begin at school. The education of each child begins with the parents in their home. The formal school is only an aid to the parents to help them guide their children into making choices that will be God-centred. The world has enough self-centred people in it to perpetuate its system.

"Christian education is God revealing Himself to our students—entering into a communion with them as real as the communion Adam and Eve enjoyed with Him in the Garden."—*"God's Way in Education,"* page 16. Therefore something supernatural should be happening in our classrooms as God is going into action through His Holy Spirit.

I believe something supernatural has been happening at Auburn School in the past sixty-four years. It began with the choosing of the location—which is close to the railway station, always ensuring access to the school. Further, the Lord has protected the students who travel on the train each day. That is a miracle in itself.

The attitude of love is encouraged at Auburn, as we are all created in the image of God—in the image of a loving, caring God. This caring attitude was expressed in a practical way last year when the students embarked on a plan to sponsor a little girl in South America. By raising \$18 per month they were able to provide food, clothing and education for this little girl through the World Vision organisation. The idea was proposed by the children themselves and funded from their own funds. They collected cans, gave up extras and treats in order to raise the \$18 per month. This year the students are working on a Mission Project to raise funds for our schools in the mission field. They decided to do it alone again, with as little parental or teacher help as possible. The amounts might not be staggering, but the Lord sees the cheerful and willing giver.

The greatest miracles that happen at Auburn are the quietest ones. It is extremely rewarding to see students respond to the promptings of the

Holy Spirit in their lives. The contribution to the community and to our church that the individuals have made as a result of the influence of a Christian school environment where the Holy Spirit interacts with individuals each day is immeasurable. The effect can be seen in the children of those who are in a Christian school. There is no need to debate the fact that those who attend our schools and come from Adventist homes are more likely to remain in the church and actively support it than if they attended a secular school.

I've had the opportunity to visit schools in the United States and to see Europe firsthand, and it is obvious to me that our work has advanced and developed far more rapidly in the countries where the church has invested its money in a strong educational program.

Do you want to see miracles? Well, go to your local church school, ask to see what is happening, or invite the school to come to your church, and you will see the miracle of learning. The "A" in Auburn does not stand only for Academic Achievement, although that is certainly a close second. It stands for "Activity"—quiet, God-centred activity. ■



Above: Students from Auburn S.D.A. Primary School on their snow trip. Right: Mrs. Christine Harvey was Zaccheus for an evening worship program. Lower right: Kristina Sauka received a citizenship award from the Mayor of Auburn.

Photos: P. Michalski

OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

P. MICHALSKI, Head Teacher, Auburn School, Greater Sydney Conference

THE OUTDOORS in any country is, I believe, God's lesson book for His children. In order to take full advantage of God's wonderful "lesson book" of nature, Auburn School transferred the classroom "out-of-doors." With the cooperation of the Greater Sydney Conference, we hired the Crosslands Youth Camp and transferred the middle and upper primary children down to Crosslands.

The program was a cross between a junior camp and school: Rise at 6 a.m., jog, showers, cabin clean-up, worship, breakfast, duties. After duties were completed it was time for normal school basics: Bible, spelling, maths, reading and writing until lunchtime. After lunch there were the usual clean-up duties before the outdoor activities began—activities such as search and rescue, with canoes and CB radios (it was more like hide and seek); bush-walking, that took the children over the ridge; bike-riding through the bush—dodging trees and going over bumps; and finally there was bushcraft.

Apart from physical activities we were privileged to have some very interesting visitors like Mr. Keith Irvine, who kept us spellbound telling us about orchids. If you think talking about flowers is dull, you ought to talk to Mr. Irvine. Then there was Mr. Colin Fraser, who told us about our local trees and birds, and then we went to find these for ourselves. We also had a visit from Mr. Harvey of Avondale,

who told us about the heaven above us and showed slides of the various planets, stars and galaxies.

That's not all! The children could also meet some of the Bible characters they will be studying about in their Bible class. People like the Apostle Peter, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus and the woman at the well; each one telling us how they met Jesus and what He meant to them personally, and how we can get to know Him ourselves.

In the evening we had games or a singalong by the camp fire, with a visit from the local (now disbanded) Bushwhacker's band who taught us many good old Australian songs. An evening by the camp fire is not complete without a story, and Andrew Wawzyniak kept us on the edge of our seats with his story.

The end of the week came too quickly and it was time to pack up. A program like this would not be possible if it wasn't for the gift of dedicated practice teachers from Avondale like Miss Jenny Cox, Mrs. Christine Harvey and Lyn Wrangmore; not forgetting our regular staff member Miss Neva Taylor and our cook, Jill Michalski.

Outdoor education programs are not only fun and educational, they give us an excellent opportunity to present city children with the wondrous works of our Creator and experience active fellowship with Him. It gave us all an opportunity to get to know one another, especially between teachers and children. ■

A Day in the Life of a Sole Charge Teacher

B. NORMAN



IT'S 8.15 A.M. and we have just arrived at school. I open the door and muse to myself, I must get into that Government Stores Order Form before the children come. Then there is that modification to my Health Science program. I must write that in before the educational directors come next week.

The school day proper starts with a good singalong. Nothing like a singalong to help make everyone happy to start the day. "Thank you, Mrs. McCutcheon, for playing the piano for us this morning." Onward into the day's program. Bible—a time to study the ways of salvation. Maths—a time to study ways of measuring, calculating and exploring the many things God has given us.

"Mr. Norman, why do we have to do this 'stuff' on bases?" asks Danny.

"Well there are quite a few reasons. God has given us ten fingers so we use base ten. Computers don't have ten fingers, they only know about on and off, so they work in base two. If you were always working with weeks of seven days, that God has given us, you can use base seven, and so we could go on."

After some writing practice recess comes around—a welcome physical break for both teacher and students. Out into the fresh air to enjoy the playground games of the children. To conclude recess we have a few physical exercises to make sure the lungs have an ample dosage of air and various muscles have been exercised. Back into classwork and into English—seeing how we speak and the best ways to write down our thoughts. Reading—obtaining skills to unlock stories and knowledge for our pleasure and learning.

"Grade 1; colour in the pictures when you have finished. Sherri, it looks like you've finished. I think it would do you well if you read the story again to help you when it comes around to comprehension. Wade, why are you at my desk? Oh! I see, waiting for me to mark

your workbook. If you go back and sit at your desk for a minute, Troy will be finished and I'll mark the two books together. Bradley, what are you doing whispering to Warrick? Both of you boys have work to do." The thoughts flash past, "Lord give me strength!" The well-structured lesson is falling apart, but the Lord picks it up and we all learn something. Sara's the next to ask me something; being early in the year they sometimes forget to put up their hand.

"Mr. Norman, when is it lunch-time?"

"Lunch-time will be in ten minutes."

Have you ever sat with a group of children and eaten lunch and listened and joined in with their idle chit-chat—it's a joyous occasion, especially when you do it every day.

I love these children no matter what, and so the lunch period goes on.

After lunch, Art is when Danny must have his Volkswagen in the picture somewhere. Science—where we learn about God's great world. Library, Recess and Agriculture—a look at God's second book, full of object lessons.

School has finished for the children. Some have learned more than others. I sit at my desk and look at the chairs on the desks and pray for each child and consider the day. I continue to finish the day's marking.

The office work begins again and I finish off that Government order, do some blackboard preparation, receive the mail and sift through the educational propaganda, acknowledge that the school needs to order some more paper handtowels and that we need more matches.

Some time well past four o'clock, my wife picks me up and we go home. The evening has been set aside for a visit to a family who feel that their child is not achieving. We ponder over the problems and ask God for guidance and solutions.

A study of the lesson that night shows that if there has been any glory in the day's work, it's because God has been with us. ■



Thank God for Church Halls

K. TREGENZA

THEY aren't the ideal as school buildings but, in many cases, church halls have provided accommodation for newly established Seventh-day Adventist schools. At times our schools start with nothing but a handful of children, a teacher, plenty of determined prayer and effort from dedicated parents and supporting church members and a humble church hall. However it is rewarding to see the gradual growth from such an apparently "empty" beginning to a well-equipped school with an increasing enrolment and, hopefully, eventually, into a building designed as a school.

Education directors, parents, pastors and teachers work together when a new school is

established, as they deal with the extra administrative red tape in preparing, guiding and equipping the new school.

Do the inconveniences experienced in such situations affect the children? Yes, to a degree. But on the positive side, they learn patience, cooperation, how to improvise and make the most of a little, and of course they become proficient storemen and packers when the school disappears each Friday afternoon to make way for what church halls are usually used for on Sabbaths.

If your church has a hall, look after it. It may one day temporarily shelter a newly born Adventist school. ■

Sydney Teachers Re-study Reading

TREVOR G. LLOYD, Bible Teacher,
Strathfield High School, Greater Sydney

ADVENTIST primary teachers in the Greater Sydney Conference spent the last two days of their second term vacation taking a fresh look at the teaching of reading in church schools. Together with lecturers and discussion leaders, there were approximately forty in attendance at the Sydney Adventist High School at Strathfield.

Over the two days a balance was maintained between lectures presented by visiting experts and papers prepared in advance by the classroom teachers themselves from their experience and personal research. Guest lecturers represented both the Department of Education of Avondale College and the Curriculum Division of the New South Wales Department of Education. Topics ranged over theoretical matters ("Philosophy of Reading") and very practical day-to-day demands (e.g., "Reading Schedule for Years 3 to 6").

Four meetings over the two days involved plenary presentations for the whole group of teachers. Alternatively three significant blocks of time catered for infant and upper-level teachers separately.

Topics raised in the infant area, included "The Place of Phonics," "Building Recognition Vocabulary," "Pre-Reading Skills and Tests," "Developing and Testing Reading Comprehension," "Checklist of Progressive Reading Achievements" and "Encouraging Out-of-class Reading." The emphasis was on ideas which could be carried back directly to the classroom to enrich the individual teacher's teaching of reading and other related subjects (and what subject is unrelated to reading?).

One of the more memorable features of the seminar was the readily and generally expressed desire for the church school teachers of the Greater Sydney Conference to continue supporting each other in evangelistically based curriculum development on a regular basis. It was decided that the group should meet once or twice each term at the various schools represented on a rotating basis.

On these occasions materials and ideas were to be shared and, in particular, teachers were to nominate specific subjects in which they individually were to take a special interest, keeping up to date in current research and preparing and disseminating teaching resource materials.



Pupils of the Albany S.D.A. School at the Albany church Harvest Thanksgiving service.
Photo: J. Bylund.

How We Went About It

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

IT IS DELIGHTFUL to write an article about how we went about starting our Albany Adventist Junior High School, as we are all so proud of our school and the children who attend there.

For many years, the project was discussed, plans made, but there was not too much action. But eventually, a small group decided that we must have a school and steadfastly forged ahead. That enthusiasm did not waver, despite setbacks and frustrations, and discussions continued with the Western Australian Conference. It was very evident that the Lord was leading and guiding in our planning as funds were raised and plans drawn up. At the time we built our school, the local church had to provide 30 per cent of the capital building costs.

Many educational surveys were undertaken over the years to estimate the number of children who would attend our school when it opened and in future years. Our expectations were always conservative, so now that we can see a great upsurge in enrolments, we are greatly encouraged to continue our expansion program. So many dedicated new families are moving to our beautiful town to live and take advantage of the excellent facilities provided by our school and its dedicated staff. We have 100 per cent enrolment of children from our church family—not one child is missing from our school, which shows the importance the total membership places on Christian education.

The school opened in 1979 with eighteen children under the leadership of Mr. R. Walker. He was joined in 1980 by Mrs. E. Bylund, and an enrolment of twenty-eight children. In 1981, approval was granted to commence a junior high school (Year 8), with thirty-eight children, and Mr. W. Rawlins joined the staff as

headmaster. In 1982, we began with an enrolment of fifty-five children. Miss K. Gidley and Miss J. Steed have joined the staff at the school, and next year a fourth teacher is planned when the full three high school grades will be taught.

The physical plant of the school is modern, spacious and provides all facilities. The school oval has been levelled and most of it planted with lawn. The magnificent vegetable garden has flourished and provides a good source of fundraising.

Our present church minister is Pastor L. S. Uttley, assisted by Mr. M. Brownhill. He says, "The church membership of over 180 has capable and talented leaders, and with a school offering both primary and secondary facilities, Albany is a very attractive prospect for those responding to the counsel of Mrs. White regarding leaving the cities and settling in the country."

Another new arrival, Brother R. Godfrey, says: "I am a State- and Avondale-trained teacher, currently employed at the local senior high school, and in moving to Albany for my three children's church schooling, I find that I am gaining wonderful blessings by participation in the active church life. I have attended many churches, but Albany is by far the best and most alive church."

Yes, we are proud of our school and of the dedicated staff who are guiding the minds of our precious young people. To other churches who are trying to get their own school established, we in Albany would say, Don't be deterred by problems and obstacles. If you have the numbers to guarantee a continued and ongoing school program, and the full support of your church membership, your plans will flourish under the Lord's blessing.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

12,000 VICTORIES

M. G. TOWNEND, Communication Director, Far Eastern Division

MALolos, where the first Seventh-day Adventist church building in the Philippines was erected, was the place chosen for the writer to launch, on October 2, the 1,000 Days of Reaping. Malolos, we discovered, was about an hour's Sabbath morning drive from the centre of Metro Manila.

Arriving at the church just in time for the 8.30 a.m. commencement of Sabbath school, we found the very representative church building already well filled with members from the four Adventist churches in the district.

Highlight of the day was an early afternoon baptism when seven candidates gave public witness to their new-found faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As the seven souls went down into the baptismal waters, I reflected that this was but one of the several hundreds of baptismal services that would be held that day, when thousands would enter the church as baptismal floodgates opened throughout the lands of the Far Eastern Division.

Baptism Story

I snapped back to the reality of baptism as a one-to-one relationship experience with Christ, as the story of the first candidate to be baptised in Malolos that day was told. She was a young married woman whose husband was working in Saudi Arabia. When her husband learned of her desire to join the Adventist Church, he became very angry, and forbade her to be baptised. Much prayerful thought went into the loving wife's letter-writing over the next few weeks, culminating not only in the husband's permission for her baptism, but the joy of knowing that, through her efforts, her husband, still in Saudi Arabia, was now himself studying our Bible course by correspondence.

The other six candidates were young people in early adulthood. Three of them told of finding their Lord while attending the Metro Manila evangelistic effort conducted by General Conference president Neal Wilson over the preceding few weeks. They had chosen to be baptised in their home district rather than in the mass baptism scheduled in Manila for the following Sabbath, that they might better bear a local witness to their faith. Others from the Malolos district who were ready for baptism were willing to wait for the mass baptism held on October 9 at the Rizal Swimming Centre, Metro Manila.

Mass Baptism

The mass baptism on October 9 was a display of spectacular inspiration, as more than 1,100 converts before the 3,000 witnesses signified their individual commitment to Christ, and rejection of the ownership claims of Satan. It was indeed moving to see such a multitude moving the waters of baptism as Pentecost was re-enacted; however, what brought a choke in

my throat and yes, even a little mist to my eyes, was to see the tears of repentance and salvation's joy flowing into the waters of baptism as children, young people, and older folk gave public witness to their faith. There was the teenage girl on crutches who had to be lowered into the pool, and the lady who had recently had a tracheostomy and therefore had to hold her hand over the breathing-hole in her throat as she went beneath the water. A mass baptism? No, for each candidate it was *their* baptism, *their* moment of victory with Christ.

On the first two Sabbaths of the 1,000 Days of Reaping the churches in the Far East were able to report a total of almost 12,000 persons baptised.

In Southeast Asia Union where the majority of the population of 65 million are Moslem, Buddhist and Hindu, 321 were baptised. Hong

Kong, Taiwan and Japan have similar non-Christian populations, all the more reason for rejoicing in the reports of eighty-one for South China Island Union and thirty-two for Japan. Korea, with an Adventist Church membership of well over 50,000, baptised 800 on those two Sabbaths. South Philippines reported 3,661, Central Philippines 1,132, East Indonesia 953 and West Indonesia 945. Guam Micronesia with a total population of little more than 200,000, living on thousands of islands scattered over thousands of square miles of ocean, baptised sixty-one on October 2. Including those in the mass baptism, South Philippines was able to report 3,820.

Reflecting on the total of around 12,000 baptised on October 2 and 9 we can but declare it to be a glorious beginning in the Far East to the 1,000 Days of Reaping. ■

AWR Represented at North American Convention

ADRIAN M. PETERSON, Communication Director, Southern Asia Division

FOR the first time ever, Adventist World Radio (AWR) was represented at the prestigious ANARC Convention, which was conducted recently in Montreal, Canada. Representing the AWR international broadcasting network were Pastor Tulio Haylock from the AWR international headquarters in Washington D.C., and Pastor A. M. Peterson, director of AWR-Asia in Poona, India. Pastor Peterson is an Australian who has served in Southern Asia for the past fifteen years.

The 1982 ANARC convention drew more than 200 representatives from leading international broadcasting stations, speciality radio magazines, radio listening clubs, receiver manufacturers, and university personnel. The convention was held in the Montreal headquarters of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Association of North American Radio Clubs (ANARC) was formed in 1964, and annual conventions have been held in Canada and the United States for the past seventeen years. The annual conventions usually draw some 200 key personnel from among radio broadcasters, manufacturers and listeners. Among the broadcasting representatives present at the 1982 convention were Margaret Howard from the BBC World Service, Bob

Zanotti from Swiss Radio International, Jonathan Marks from Radio Netherlands, and Phil Sandahl from the Gospel station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. Additional key personnel came from other countries in Europe, as well as U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, Africa and Turkey.

The four-day convention was hosted by Ian McFarland of Radio Canada International. Features of the convention included receiver displays, a tour of the new headquarters building of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and talks presented by delegates. By special invitation, Pastor Peterson presented two talks: one on the "Story of Radio Broadcasting in Southern Asia" (including AWR), and the other on the "The Philosophy of Shortwave Broadcasting." There was also a "Broadcasters Forum" in which the personnel from the main international broadcasters formed a panel and answered impromptu questions from the convention audience.

There are three units in the network of stations operated by Adventist World Radio. These are AWR-Europe, broadcasting into Europe and the Mediterranean from Portugal and Malta; AWR-Latin America, broadcasting into Central America and the Caribbean from Guatemala City; and AWR-Asia, broadcasting into Southern Asia and the Far East. ■

Investment Field Day

MRS. P. HORWOOD

THE COTTESLOE church, Western Australia, held their Investment Field Day at Miss Joy Hort's (Sabbath school superintendent) home.

For five or six weeks beforehand the members placed a notice in the church bulletin, advising folk of their project. Manning various stalls, they sold cakes, apple pies, plants and anything else they could gather. A great deal of credit for the success of the day must go to their superintendent, who worked so hard for weeks, organising and baking for it.

Mr. Roy Richards (head elder) roamed around all morning with his video camera, taking shots of the activity that was going on, and also of the lovely surroundings. Brother Roy showed the result of his filming after a wonderful basket lunch had been eaten, prepared and served by the few ladies of the church. The church members had the pleasure of viewing the film of Thirteenth Sabbath. This was during the Sabbath school, when the final figure of their Investment fund was announced. A liberal offering of over \$450 was handed in for the furtherance of our work among our ethnic friends, not to mention the generous Thirteenth Sabbath offering. From this you can see just how wholeheartedly this little church of twenty-three supports the work of mission fields, both in and around the conference. ■



Pastor Kenneth Arthur Davey and his wife Shirley.
Photo: M. M. Kennaway.

South Queensland Camp

M. M. KENNAWAY, Communication Director, South Queensland Conference

SOUTH QUEENSLAND'S camp-meeting, from September 24 to October 2, saw records and capacities in several areas. Sabbath attendances averaged about 4,100. Campers were accommodated in approximately 600 tents, caravans and cabins. Giving to the Lord's

cause indicated a wonderful spirit on the part of the constituency, with \$41,000 being given and pledged for the camp Mission Offering, and the two weeks' Sabbath school offerings amounting to \$7,309.

The church's liaison with Red Cross was again recognised, as representatives from the Red Cross Society presented cups and plaques to the Community Services director, marking the church's contribution to Red Cross Calling. The Adventists in Queensland collected \$90,000 in 1982 on behalf of Red Cross. At the same time that these presentations were being made, 164 folk were donating blood to the Blood Transfusion Service in the Pine Rivers School, on one section of the campground.

A special service of the camp was the ordination to the gospel ministry of Brother Kenneth Arthur Davey on Sabbath, October 2. Brother and Sister Davey are not new to Australia, having served for some years in both Australia and New Zealand in the literature ministry. For a time they were called back to England to leadership in the literature ministry. From this position in Northern Ireland, Brother Davey was called to the ministry to care for churches at Londonderry and Coleraine. Since returning to Australia, Brother and Sister Davey have been located at Chinchilla, and care for the churches at Dalby and Chinchilla.

In his ordination address, Pastor H. G. Harker, South Queensland Conference president, elaborated on Matthew 4:19: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." He said the call was first to know Him and follow His example, then it was to provide enabling power from the omnipotent One who will endow all He calls with the necessary attributes for ministry. Finally, it is a call to be fishers of men through the preaching of the Word. ■

Croydon Reflects

VIC MURRAY, Communication Secretary, Croydon Church, Victoria

IF YOU had been present at the Croydon church on Sabbath, October 9, you would have seen nearly seventy visitors among the regular members. At one time every one of those visitors were members at Croydon, and on this day they were all celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the church.

First was the "variety" type Sabbath school program, with a rousing song service, a special "News and Views" spot, special musical item and a combined lesson by D'Arcy Standish, a former member.

Then followed divine service, when Pastor Percy Holmes, a past minister of Croydon, preached on thanksgiving. He said, "This message is like a giant jigsaw puzzle. As we put the various doctrines together we then see the glorious whole" Then on a more personal note—"The greatest testimony we can give to the world is to let people see what God has done in our lives."

A festive atmosphere prevailed at the smorgasbord lunch in the hall where opportunity to renew acquaintances and fellowship together was enjoyed by all. This was followed

by a "look over our shoulder" over the past twenty-five years, presented by Col Pitches, our elder and one of the early members of Croydon. With the aid of colour slides we could see how the hand of the Lord has been guiding through the years. First a small church, followed by a one-teacher (Paul Woodward) school, then as membership exploded the church was doubled in size to hold 300. There followed the enlargement of the school—the last three buildings completed in recent years were the church hall, on a block donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brumby, church members of Croydon, the erection of the school library, and our Dorcas Welfare rooms.

Much of the work over the years was done by volunteer labour supervised by Carl Stoneman, a builder and Croydon member.

Today, if you visit Croydon (and we hope you do), you will see this whole complex in full and constant use for the training of children and proclamation of the gospel to the glory of God.

As the day of celebrating closed, Pastor Tony Campbell, our present minister, led in a final prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. ■

THANKS BE TO GOD

JEAN TAYLOR, Communication Secretary,
Ringwood Church, Victoria

IT WAS a high day on the church calendar of the Ringwood church. The occasion was a thanksgiving service acknowledging God's rich blessings, enabling us, after only five years of its completion, to worship in a debt-free church.

In response to an open invitation, friends and brothers and sisters in the faith came from near and far to worship with us, and share our joy. Special invitations were issued to some of our former pastors and members who had moved to other fields.

The well-planned program commenced with a prelude of organ, piano and stringed instruments. The whole program, through Sabbath school and divine service, was interlaced with lovely vocal and musical items, the main theme expressing gratitude and praise to our heavenly Father.

Pastor Llewellyn Jones led out in a combined Sabbath school lesson, transporting us in thought to the great reunion day. Our president, Pastor K. Low, preached at the divine service. One thought gleaned was, It takes more than bricks and mortar to build a church for God; it needs a Spirit-filled people. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Zechariah 4:6. We turned to the Book of Joel, "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Chapter 2:28. God wants a united church. It was when the disciples were all assembled in one place and of one accord that God poured out His Spirit in rich measure upon them.

Three points was made, (a) the disciples were in perfect harmony, (b) they were now humble, (c) they were all looking for ways and means to help others. When God's people today return to Him with all their hearts, the church will see the fulfilment of His promises in greater measure. Joel tells of the wonderful future God has for His church. It will realise this fulfilment in the last days.

After this feast of spiritual food, we assembled with our many friends in the church hall, where a sumptuous fellowship meal awaited us. The church ladies had brought bountifully of their cooking skills, and an enjoyable time was spent in Christian fellowship.

With glad anticipation we look forward to the time when we, with all the redeemed, shall gather around the table of our Lord and Redeemer, and enjoy the rich fruits of the better land. ■



The first Gosford church (top) and the present one—so much more roomy.
Photo: S. Harwood.

SIXTY YEARS

MRS. S. HARWOOD

IN 1922, with land donated by Mr. Charlie Parsons and a building fund of £114 (\$228), a company of twelve members at Gosford decided to build a church—the measurements being 30 by 20 feet, with a 7 by 6 foot porch.

Brother Edsall and Mr. Murray (a non-Adventist), both builders, gave two months' voluntary service to build the church. It was completed by voluntary labour from the Sonter, Gilbert, Cowan, Taylor, Ralfe and Ewers families and some brethren from Ourimbah and Erina churches.

The church was finished in two months, and on July 15, 1982, the little concrete church at Gosford was dedicated.

At the December 1922 business meeting, Brother Tommy Cowan suggested starting a fund by paying a halfpenny for every special blessing received. Brother Ewers gave the first halfpenny, which was placed under the pulpit, not to be lifted until the church became free of debt. On August 4, 1923, the church was free of doubt, and the halfpenny was presented to the conference president, Pastor A. White.

Many of the children and families of the charter members were among those who celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Gosford. They met at the new Gosford church, dedicated on April 21, 1968, for the old church had been pulled down in 1979 and the land used for the church parking area.

The history of those early years of the Gosford church came to life as Brother Roy Caro interviewed Sister Lily Woods, Pastor F. Taylor and Mr. Len Sonter.

After the divine service an enjoyable fellowship lunch was held at the home of Brother and Sister M. Sutton—she is the granddaughter of Tommy Cowan. ■



PITCAIRN

I have read in the August 28 RECORD of the plight of Pitcairn Island. I certainly don't blame the local folk for not wishing to turn their island into a tourist resort, but I do have a suggestion. Couldn't it be opened up as a holiday resort for Adventists and their families? Surely some of our more wealthy brethren would be willing to invest in building a landing strip for one of the smaller-type planes and a hotel to accommodate twelve or more guests? They of course would share in the profits. I think Adventists are no different to the rest of the world in wanting to get away from it all, and an island like Pitcairn would be ideal.

Thank you for the RECORD, I enjoy reading it each week.

Audrey Billiau,
Queensland.

WOULD THIS HAPPEN IN YOUR SABBATH SCHOOL?

It was her first Sabbath in the "big Sabbath school"—all her life she had been in the younger classes, but now she was officially "grown up." She didn't want to go to Sabbath school at all, and asked her parents if she could just arrive in time for church—or even stay home altogether. She wasn't sure if she wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist anyway, with all the attractions the world has to offer. The rest of her family were busy in other branches of the Sabbath school, and there were no girls of her age in her church.

She timidly walked in and sat down in the least conspicuous spot she could find. As she sat there, feeling very unsure of herself, a voice came from behind. "Excuse me, would you mind shifting? We always sit there—that's our seat."

She moved—she felt she had little choice. But she doesn't want to go back to Sabbath school—and who can blame her?

A Concerned Parent,
South Australia.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A short note regarding the building of the Len Larwood Memorial church at the Atoifi Hospital in the Solomon Islands. I'm now pleased to report that the final plans and specifications have been passed by the appropriate committees, the proposed site has been cleared, the levels taken, and bricks are being made for the project.

It is possible that we shall be calling for a fly 'n' build team to go to Atoifi to assist with the building of the church in the new year.

Ian Cameron,
Secretary/Treasurer, Len Larwood
Memorial Fund, Greater Sydney.

THANKS FOR MAGAZINES

Allow me to express appreciation to many RECORD readers on behalf of those workers in the New Britain New Ireland Mission, who have been receiving copies of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, *Signs of the Times*, etc.

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LETTERS

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Following a visit to our mission, Pastor Austen Fletcher wrote a letter to the RECORD inviting as many as were willing, to post used magazines to our island workers on a regular basis. The response was most gratifying, and the magazines have been coming regularly. I noticed that the postage on most of the bundles is considerable, but please be assured that the delight and thanks on the faces and in the hearts of the workers who are receiving the magazines is worth the cost. I am sorry that those who outlay the cost of the postage cannot share with us the enthusiasm and obvious pleasure of those who are receiving the magazines.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness. If there are others who would like to share in the project, please address your bundles to Pastor B. D. Oliver, The President, New Britain New Ireland Mission, P.O. Box 391, Rabaul, E.N.B.P., Papua New Guinea.

B. D. Oliver,
New Britain New Ireland Mission.

URGENT NEED

For a number of years our mission hospitals have been greatly helped by frequent donations of medical supplies from private individuals and also pharmaceutical companies.

During the past two months, medicines and medical supplies valued at approximately \$70,000 have been donated. Last week, members of the Sydney Adventist Hospital staff were presented with a large quantity of supplies by a major pharmaceutical company.

Now we have a problem—in fact two problems. We have no more storage space, hence some supplies are being stored in private garages. Also, we have no funds left to cover the cost of shipping the supplies to the hospitals.

Dr. Hilda Rainda, who is currently visiting the Sops Hospital in Papua New Guinea, has requested that antibiotics and other medicines be sent there urgently. Thirty tea-chests of supplies are now awaiting shipment, but the lack of funds makes this impossible.

Should anyone wish to help, donations should be forwarded to the Health and Temperance Department, Australasian Division, or if any wish to make tax-deductible donations, these should be sent to SAWS, also at the Australasian Division. Please indicate that these donations are to be used for the shipping of medical supplies.

Ian Cameron,
Greater Sydney.

"HERE I RAISE MY EBENEZER"

I am within two months of eighty-two, but my mind is very clear as regards my past history. I was reared on a little farm in the backblocks of Victoria. We had to walk six miles to school; twelve miles per day was the effort we put forth to receive an education in those days. My mother was a very devout person and she used the strap frequently to help us keep the "Sabbath day" (Sunday). Then one day when I was seven, I was amazed to hear her tell her sister-in-law that Saturday, not Sunday, was the true Sabbath. This exercised my young mind to the extent that I lost interest in religion. Yes, I would go to church, but always the words of mother that Saturday is the true Sabbath were in my mind. Then one day I heard an old gentleman say that his mother, who had been buried the day before, was not in heaven at all, but was resting in her grave, asleep in Jesus until He should come again. My attention was roused by that statement and I commented about it to another man. He warned me not to take any notice of the old man for he belonged to a queer sect who worshipped God

on Saturday. I said, "What are they like? Are they Jews?" He said, "No, they are Seventh-day Adventists." "Who are they?" I wanted to know, and he said, "Have you never heard of such a people?" I said, "Never." "Well, you soon will, but take no notice of them."

One day a gentleman called on our home in the Inverell district and he gave my wife a paper called the *Youth's Instructor*. She informed me that she had invited him to visit us that evening to study the Bible with us and so the battle was on, and went on for two years. I tried that poor pastor's patience very much. His name was C. J. Reynolds. That was fifty-five years ago, and I am still thrilled with the truth of the Advent message. When I read and hear our brethren downgrading Sister White as a prophet of God my heart is saddened. I wish to reaffirm my allegiance to the third angel's message and the commandments of God.

Tom Crabtree,
North New South Wales.

Wrong School

In your special education issue of RECORD July 19, 1982, and on page 8, under the caption Down Memory Lane, I noted an error. I have watched subsequent editions and thought that surely someone would have commented on the fact, and so I can let it go no longer.

As a pupil of the old Papanui Central School, Christchurch, New Zealand, when Dr. McDowell was the headmaster, I can naturally remember a few things. You have the caption "Longburn staff and prefects—1937." Actually it was the Papanui Central School there featured.

L. A. Gilmore,
North New South Wales.

Thanks for RECORD

For the past year Sister I. Entermann of Ipswich, south Queensland, has been sending her copies of RECORD to one of our national pastors in the mission field. Recently she received the following letter from him, which we share with readers for their encouragement and inspiration. A letter like this makes it all worth while, doesn't it?

Dear Sister Entermann,

It's quite a while now for me to receive the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD continuously. I often see your address on the envelope, and I think to write over and let you know how thankful I am to receive these RECORDS. It helps me to keep up to date with all the rest of the Pacific islands, and not only that, I have good materials to help me in my preaching.

Well, Mrs. Entermann, how do you know my address? Did anyone tell you? Though you sent it by Christian love, it will be received with great gratitude.

I want to let you know about our work here in this lonely island of Niue. Niue is the largest rock in the world. Most of the island is rocky. Trees grow wild on the rock, but there is soil here and there where people used to plant taro, etc. Population now is three thousand, nine hundred. Most of the people migrated to New Zealand. The church membership was migrating too, and only few stay behind. Anyway we still have to look after them.

My family and I or my wife and I came here from Tonga since 1974, and now we have three children, two girls and one boy. We are happy in our work here, and seeing God's hand in the work in providing our needs.

Well, Mrs. Entermann, thank you very much again. May God bless you in your ministry of sending over these RECORDS of which there is great help.

We don't have anything worth sending to you, but my wife said to me Don't worry. She is going to weave a Niuean basket to send you. Well this basket will be helpful for you for your Sabbath school books, or shopping in town.

Just wait patiently, we will send it when finished.

Yours in Christ,
Samivela Tu' Ifangaloka.

Till He Comes

ANDREWS. At the age of eighty-five, William Milard ("Bill") Andrews passed quietly to his rest in Jesus at the Warrnambool Base Hospital, Victoria, on September 29, 1982. Brother Andrews, a native of the Rendelsham district, South Australia, was a highly esteemed citizen who served his church and community with distinction. His last twenty-two years were spent in Warrnambool where he will be remembered as generous, genial, a good neighbour and enthusiastic for the welfare of the church. He was predeceased by his first wife Ethel and only daughter, Lois. Eagerly awaiting the resurrection are his wife Ivy (Cooke), sons Glen (Adelaide), Pastor Bryce (Solomon Islands), and Pastor Kingsley (Melbourne), and their families, a brother, sister, nieces and nephews. The writer was associated with Pastor J. P. Holmes in the service at the Warrnambool church, and Pastor L. R. Burns at the Warrnambool Cemetery on October 1.

G. W. W. Drinkall

CLARK. James McKenzie Clark, aged eight-one, died on Monday, October 18, 1982, while a patient in a private hospital in Perth. He was born in Geraldton, and after the death of his father the widowed mother with her five daughters made a wise decision to settle in Bickley district where her children were enrolled in the Darling Range School (now Carmel College). No mother could have made a wiser decision, for the five daughters all entered God's service giving invaluable years for God's work. James Clark became a trusted lay worker and for years farmed in the Dalwallinu district where he was widely known and respected. At the Karrakatta Cemetery on October 20, 1982, he was tenderly laid to rest to await Christ's returning and the resurrection morning. To all who feature in this bereavement—especially Val (Mrs. Lapsley), Jean (Mrs. Northover) and the beloved Clark sisters, we tender our condolences as we exclaim, "Come! Lord Jesus, quickly come!"

G. I. Wilson.

CONSTANTINI. On October 14, 1982, Madeline Louie Constantini, of Cockatoo, Victoria, fell asleep in Jesus at the age of ninety years. Sister Constantini joined the Adventist Church in the year 1953, and remained faithful to her Lord till her pilgrimage closed. Her love for her Lord and the hope of His soon appearing were precious realities to this wonderful old lady. She was greatly loved and respected by all who knew her. Her last resting place is in the beautifully situated Gembrook Cemetery, just a few miles from where she lived for many years. To her only daughter, Miss Thompson, who cared for her for many years, and other friends present, words of comfort and hope from God's Word were spoken.

C. C. Winter.

DONALDSON. Mrs. Jessie Edith Donaldson passed to her rest in the Home of Compassion, Wanganui, New Zealand, on October 5, 1982, aged eighty-eight years. For many years she and her first husband, Mr. Milham, farmed in Taranaki, New Zealand. To the Milhams were born three sons, Keith, who sadly lost his life during World War II, Mervyn and Bill. There are twenty-one grandchildren. Words of hope were spoken to the family and many friends who attended the service at the Wanganui Crematorium.

I. E. Trevena.

DYASON. On October 15, 1982, Louise Anne Dyason passed to her rest at Kings Langley Nursing Home, Sydney, New South Wales, in her eighty-second year. She had lived most of her life in New Zealand where, as Mrs. Albert Waddington, she served her Lord faithfully. She and her first husband were the original caretakers of "Haskell Park," the North New Zealand Conference campsite, and during that time she was camp cook. After his decease, she moved to Sydney, and in 1974 she married Milton Dyason, who predeceased her this year. She leaves to mourn two sons, Basil and Lance, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was buried at Pine Grove Lawn Cemetery, Eastern Creek, on October 18, awaiting God's call on the resurrection day.

T. H. Ludowici.

FENNEL. Bertha Norma Fennell, affectionately known as Norma, passed to her rest in Mount Gambier Hospital, South Australia, on October 19, 1982, at the age of seventy-nine years. Norma spent most of her life in the Penola district and was a faithful member of the Penola church. Following a service in the Penola church, which

overflowed with relatives and friends of the deceased, Norma was laid to rest beside her husband Thomas in the Penola Cemetery, there to await the call of the great Life-giver on the resurrection morning. Our Christian sympathies are extended to Norma's family, Inez, Isabel, Dudley, Aubrey and Raylene, also to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was the writer's privilege to point those present to the blessed hope of the resurrection when Christ will restore those who rest in Him, to their loved ones. A. J. Croft.

FORRESTER. On the morning of October 1, 1982, at the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, New South Wales, Sister Mildred Forrester peacefully passed away. She was born at Bellingen, on October 9, 1889, and became a Seventh-day Adventist through the evangelistic preaching of Pastor Stan Jackson at Macksville. Sister Forrester and her husband, who died in 1945, had six daughters and four sons. She was known in the community as a kindly Christian woman who conducted a stable home and was always available to help people in need. We laid Sister Forrester to rest in the Nambucca Heads Cemetery. We are sure that when "the small black cloud" comes in the east she will be awakened with the voice of the archangel. Brother Stan Ward associated with the writer in bringing the comfort of the Scriptures to the relatives and friends of Sister Forrester.

E. F. Giblett.

PRICE. At the age of eighty-seven years, Thomas Richard Price, affectionately known as Tommy, fell asleep in Jesus on September 26, 1982, at the Manangatang District Hospital, Victoria. Tommy's life was an inspiration to young and old, and he was truly a Christian gentleman. His hope was in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and because Jesus called death a "sleep" it carries with it the promise of the resurrection. His close friends were comforted by the Holy Scriptures and the promise of the resurrection at the second coming. May the angels of God mark this spot in the Robinvale Cemetery where we committed him to the arms of his Saviour "until He comes." S. J. Robinson.

RAYNER. Although George Rayner had only attended our church once or twice, he died in Broken Hill, New South Wales, safe in the Saviour. At the funeral service it was a joy to read a letter he had prepared several months before his death. He told of the change which had come into his life through the Bible and the caring ministry of his wife, Mavis, and Pastor E. Oliver (who baptised him in 1979). For seven years George suffered in a way few will have to, but his illness led him to a close walk with his Lord. He was sixty-six years at the time of his death on October 4, 1982. We wait for the resurrection. Bruce Manners.

SAMS. Mrs. Queenie Sams passed away suddenly at her home at East Maitland, New South Wales, on October 14, 1982. She was born in 1902 in Maitland, but lived thirty-five years of her life in Kurri Kurri, where for a number of years she was a welfare worker. In recent years she suffered much pain from arthritis. Left to mourn their sad loss are son Edward, and daughters Norma and Fay. She was laid to rest beside her husband's grave in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, to await the loving call of the Life-giver.

T. R. Potts.

SCHICK. Amy Josphine Schick passed quietly to her rest on September 21, 1982, at the Narrandera Nursing Home, New South Wales. On September 23, her family and friends gathered at the Temora Adventist church, and later at the graveside where the writer directed their minds to the blessed hope of the Lord's return and the resurrection morning. Left to mourn her passing are her children, Edna, Joyce, Lyndon (Pastor L. Schick, presently serving as chaplain of Auckland Adventist Hospital, New Zealand), Maurice and Dawn.

F. J. Gorry.

SKINNER. People of the north Queensland town of Bowen met at the small Adventist church on August 31, 1982, to commit into God's loving care one of God's great Adventist pioneers, Henry Alfred Skinner. Harry, as he was known to his friends, died at the age of ninety-two. Harry had served God wherever and whenever he was called, from literature evangelism in his early life, to pioneer missionary work in Burma, which included translating a dictionary from English to Burmese. When Harry was forced to return permanently to Australia because of recurring malaria, he travelled throughout the Northern Territory and Queensland, where again he made a name for himself as a real Christian gentleman and a renowned dingo catcher. Harry is resting, but his experience and personality live on in his book "You Never Can Tell When You May Meet a Leopard," by Goldie Down, to encourage us to remain loyal and faithful to the Master. M. B. Francis.

THOMPSON. On Thursday, September 16, 1982, George Bryce Thompson passed to his rest, aged seventy-six years. George was born in Waihi, New Zealand, on December 6, 1905. When he became a member of the Adventist Church he had a passion for sharing his beliefs, and continued as an active layman and a serious Bible student. The service was conducted from the Whangarei Adventist church, and expressions of sympathy and encouragement were extended to his wife, Rita, sons Kevin and Lee (residing in Western Australia) and daughter Barbara (Auckland). Many friends and relatives gathered to mark the passing of one who no doubt will be remembered as a man who had the courage to promulgate and defend what he believed to be right. Pastor Ray Sills assisted the writer in the service. I. B. Rankin.

WHYATT. The joy and anticipation of a second child to grace their home was turned to disappointment and loss for Trevor and Angela Whyatt. Nevin Paul, the looked-for brother for Alina, died shortly before birth. A private burial service was held at the Port Arthur Cemetery, Tasmania, on October 15, 1982. The family and friends of Angela and Trevor sympathise with them in their loss and with them look forward to the time when the Lord comes and ends the sorrow and heartache of this time. R. G. Douglas.

WINGARD. Helen Joyce Wingard passed tragically to her rest on September 26, 1982, aged thirty-eight years. Left to mourn her passing are her parents, Edna and Les Hocking, and her children, Mark, Lindy, Leanne and Travis. A service was conducted in the Le Pine Garner & Son Chapel, Dandenong, Victoria, followed by a graveside service at the Springvale Cemetery on September 29. Those present were pointed to Jesus as the One who comforts us in time of sorrow. David Pearce.

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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.

GOSNELLS CHURCH

On January 22, 1983, the members of the Gosnells church, Perth, Western Australia, will be celebrating the diamond (60th) anniversary of their church.

Past members and ministries are cordially invited to worship with the present church family on that day.

For further information please contact the organising committee, P.O. Box 46, Gosnells, W.A. 6110.

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Assistant Editor



WONDERFUL people of great judgment! I'm referring of course to the many people who have taken the time to tell me how much they appreciate the new news notes. Seriously, though, it is important that the RECORD be not only an official source of news, but that it is also up to date and interesting.

ON that high note a news item for a planned fly 'n' build seems appropriate. One is planned for January 1983 to build unit housing for married students at the rapidly taking shape Pacific Adventist College in P.N.G. Volunteers with building skills and three to four weeks to spare should contact the Division office.

ANOTHER group will be jetting off to the General Conference Session in New Orleans—in 1985. If you want to join this group (125 hotel rooms have already been booked in anticipation) contact Mrs. Marion Parry, Unit 4, "Coronella," 163 Central Road, Nunawading, Vic. 3131.

FUTURE TENSE also holds promise of a special Sabbath school in July next year. Miss Alice Lowe, an Australian (sister to our local Warburton pastor, Charles Lowe) and an associate in the General Conference Sabbath School Department, will be here on a working furlough.

OVER in New Zealand preparations are speeding up for the N.N.Z. Conference Christmas camp-meeting at Haskell Park. It will run from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day, and Calvyn Townend, the conference Communication director, told me he is confident of a record attendance.

A RECORD may well emerge from that same conference's Appeal efforts. The first report figure was \$50,732, up 25 per cent over last year's early return. It's inflation of this variety which spells Appeal success!

EVANGELISM is alive and well in Samoa. Fifteen full-scale evangelistic campaigns are currently being run there. The real 1,000 Days spirit!

YOUTH witnessing for their faith have been responsible for 602 baptisms in the C.P.U.M. so far this year. That includes: Fiji, 226; Samoa, 252; Cook Islands, 18; Tonga, 87; Tahiti, 19. "Many more to come," assures Youth director Ervin Ferris.

IN SYDNEY Pastor Carter reports that as many as 250 may be baptised this year from the Opera House mission.

PAPUA New Guinea youth recently hired a plane for K800 and flew to a neighbouring island to conduct two youth efforts. The meetings were attended by hundreds of interested people. That's initiative!

THIS YEAR we celebrated ninety years for Avondale College—next year will be the eightieth anniversary of the opening of the Sydney Adventist Hospital. The administration promise a "momentous" year of special meetings and celebrations.

A.B.C. "Open Day" for North New South Wales Conference netted \$15,000 in sales—the best in Australia. Not bad for four hours' trading!

THREE Youth Pathfinder Camporees are being held in P.N.G.U.M. this month: Papua Camporee at Bautama, Island Camporee at Rabaul and Mainland Camporee at Madang.

THE BIGGEST Camporee ever held in Australia will be held at Brisbane River from January 4 to 9, 1983. Over 3,000 Pathfinders and leaders are expected (820 from north N.S.W. alone!). Guest speaker is world Pathfinder leader Mike Stevenson.

APPEAL highlights in the Greater Sydney Conference: Two hours in the Flemington markets netted \$700 for two Adventist Appealers. Retired (?) Pastor W. A. Stewart collected over \$1,000. The Spanish choir raised \$2,000 in a day. A pastor's small son collected \$50 in one day after an incentive program that promised him pocket money at 10 per cent of his intake.

HELPERS are needed for the 1983 Blind Camp to be held at Crosslands from January 15 to 21. Interested? Contact the Greater Sydney Youth Department.

VOICE of Youth evangelistic programs are being conducted at Coffs Harbour and Dora Creek. Avondale Memorial Church recently concluded their youth mission. A nice triple item for North N.S.W.

CHURCH openings are always news! A few from the North N.S.W. Conference: Hamilton was dedicated on November 6. Kanwal was formally opened on November 7. Grafton followed on November 13. Looking ahead: Taree church will be officially opened on December 11, and Bonshaw—an opening was planned for December 18 but was deferred to April 23, 1983.

ORBOST church, Victoria, has moved. Yes, the whole building. Town electricity was cut for some time as the building, originally a Methodist church, was relocated.

THE FIRST Greek Adventist church building in Australia has been purchased. The Melbourne congregation, led by Pastor Dino Mastromihalis, and aided by the conference, has purchased a 100-year-old former Church of Christ building in North Fitzroy for \$100,000.

CHRISTIAN Services for the Blind are conducting a camp for around twenty-five visually handicapped children at Yarrahapinni, north N.S.W., from December 19 to 24.

EIGHTEEN people were baptised at the New Lynn Samoan church, Auckland, New Zealand, on November 6. Pastor Rank Tupai and his congregation expect to baptise as many again before the end of the year. One important factor in this influx—mission efforts with laymen preaching.

"FINALLY, BRETHERN . . .": Patience is the ability to throttle back your motor, when you feel like stripping your gears.