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NEW CHURCH FOR GOLD COAST

MAVIS RUDGE, Communication Secretary, Burleigh Gardens Church, South Queensland Conference



The impressive new Burleigh Gardens church: the aspect from the road (left), and the main entrance as seen from the church grounds (right).

Photos: G. E. Garne and W. E. Rudge.

SITUATED ON A HILL in Bridgman Drive, five kilometres from Burleigh Heads, the lovely new Burleigh Gardens church stands like a sentinel overlooking the junction of the new section of the Pacific Highway and Bridgman Drive, central Gold Coast, south Queensland.

About three hundred people gathered to witness the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Conference president Pastor Harker, and the ribbon cutting by Mrs Margaret Laver, wife of the Albert Shire President.

Prior to the 3 p.m. opening time, the Murwillumbah Adventist Band, under the baton of Roy Harris, provided a program of appropriate and inspirational music. Among those participating in the program were Mr Ron Eager, secretary, South Queensland Conference; Pastor P. B. Cousins, church pastor; the Shire President, Councillor W. M. Laver; Pastor H. G. Harker; Pastor G. E. Garne, editor of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD, and Pastor W. E. Rudge, Building Committee chairman and head elder.

After a short invocation by Pastor Harker, Pastor Cousins welcomed our special visitors and all assembled, and made mention of messages received from other clergy and former members. One of particular interest was from Ira and Myra Dawson at Atoifi Hospital, Solomon Islands, where Brother Dawson is hospital manager.

Pastor Rudge presented a history of the group and urged present members not to forget the services rendered by those who came and went over the years. (See as well the story on page 9 about the congregation's "moving" experience!)

An exquisitely rendered saxophone solo, "Bless This House," by Brother Will Smith, preceded the dedicatory sermon by the Conference president, Pastor Harker, based on Matthew 5:14-16. "Truly this building set on a hill cannot be hid," Pastor Harker said. "God intends His followers to be witnesses to Him. . . . The church is not just a welfare agency; not just a provider of social needs; neither a place to hear pious platitudes. It is a place where the power of God should be evident in the lives of its members, where His Word is upheld. It has lost its reason for existence if it fails to reach out to those around it with love and practical Christianity, as Jesus did." Pastor Garne offered the dedicatory prayer.

Councillor Laver extended the congratulations and good wishes of his Shire, and Pastor Cousins presented to him a copy of the New King James Version of the Bible.

To conclude, the band rendered the hymn "Majesty," and as the congregation rose and joined in the last verse, it seemed as if angels also were joining in, for the effect was truly majestic.

Burleigh Gardens is the third church in the South Queensland Conference to be opened this year; three others are under construction; four others have plans to build or extend shortly, and one other has been purchased from another denomination. Five new congregations were welcomed into the fellowship of churches at the South Queensland Conference Session, September 22 to October 1. This is in addition to three which were voted in at a special interim session during the course of the past triennium. The latest advance move in the conference is the opening of a denominationally operated medical program in the city of Brisbane. Dr Percy Harrold has moved up from Warburton to lead out in this exciting new venture.

We rejoice especially in the many evidences of progress on the Gold Coast. During the past year the new Gold Coast school building was opened (the new Burleigh Gardens church shares a portion of the ten-acre block on which it stands). A bus now operates to pick up the children, and a second teacher has been added. The school draws children from Tweed Heads, Burleigh Gardens and Southport churches. Best of all, several precious souls have been added to the family through baptism during the past year. We pray that the churches on the Gold Coast will continue to bear a mighty saving witness to this materially favoured but spiritually needy area of our land. ■



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Editorial . . .

The Avondale Church

MORE LETTERS have come to the editor's desk asking whether the proposed church building at Avondale College is justified in view of the pressing needs in the mission field, than on any other subject in the past three years. These letters were, of course, intended for publication, but since the sentiments expressed in them were so similar, publishing them would represent needless duplication. This statement serves, therefore, to record the fact that the question has been raised by readers in just about every state in Australia.

There is no question that there are needs in the mission field that make one weep. There is also no question that a house of worship on the Avondale campus is long overdue. For decades the venue for corporate worship appointments has been an auditorium which is used as well for concerts, film shows, other entertainments, and all manner of secular and academic functions. This is not good enough. The college which trains our young people for denominational service needs a church that is dedicated to the worship of God alone. A deep sense of reverence is one of the qualities that needs to be built into their characters during their Avondale years. Nothing could go further to contribute towards this ideal than a hallowed spot of which they could say, "How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" and they would call "the name of that place Bethel." Genesis 28:17, 19. It is indeed difficult to imagine how such a sense of reverence could ever be inculcated into our young people in the absence of such a building on their campus, dedicated exclusively to the worship of God. It should come as a challenge to us as Adventists that whenever the Anglicans and Catholics establish a church-operated boarding school, a chapel is *always* one of the very first buildings that goes up. Among us who profess to proclaim the message, "Fear God, and give glory to him . . . and worship him . . .," a place of worship is often the very last!

I have personally seen and experienced what a church building on a college campus can do to lift the entire spiritual tone and improve the spiritual atmosphere. In the case of the college which I attended and from which I graduated, the auditorium served for decades as the venue for Sabbath services, Saturday night entertainments and weekday academic exercises. Church services just weren't "church" services; there was a missing dimension. Finally, after years of campaigning by a group of dedicated crusaders—years during which building costs escalated to the point where every dollar given was eventually worth only twenty cents—the church was finally built. By then it cost many times more than it would have cost if built ten or twenty years earlier. But what a blessing it has brought! What it has done to improve the quality of worship on that campus is inestimable!

When we consider the cost of the proposed Avondale College church in relation to the crying needs of the mission fields, there are

several things we need to keep in mind:

1. The reason why the church is going to cost so much is precisely because it has taken so long to build it! There's no point now, however, in bemoaning the fact that it wasn't done sooner. Let's roll up our sleeves and get on with the job before costs go up any further!

2. The Division has for several years been setting aside funds in its budgeting for this project. The need is one which has been carefully and prayerfully weighed and considered. This is no time to vacillate on whether or not it is needed; that has already been settled. The only questions that are relevant now are, How? and How soon?

3. The major share of the funds still needed are being provided by the Avondale College Foundation, an independent laymen's organisation which raises funds through various legitimate business enterprises. If the Foundation decides to devote a portion of its earnings to the erection of a church, it has every bit as much right to do so as it does towards the building of a science lab, providing a bus, or providing items of educational equipment.

4. Whatever donations are given by individuals will be matched by the Foundation on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This means that every dollar contributed becomes two. This makes good business sense!

5. The giving of donations by our people cannot be regimented by the church or by any other person or group of people. Each person must be left free to give his money to whatever is closest to his heart. All we can do is to make known the needs and leave it to our people to respond as they wish.

Actually there is no reason why the need for a campus church at Avondale College or the needs of the mission field should suffer on account of each other. Both needs could be adequately met. In real terms, all that still needs to be raised for the Avondale project is \$500,000. If every church member in our two home unions gave only ten dollars each, there you would have your \$500,000! It's as simple as that. And if every church member in our two home unions faithfully participated in the annual Adventist Appeal and went out and collected only \$100 from their neighbours (the money *is there* to be collected!), this would mean an inflow of funds to the mission fields of five million dollars a year! What we're talking about is, of course, hypothetical. The hurdle to be mounted is that inevitable "If. . . ." But let's face it, what we're talking about is *possibility*, not fantasy!

By all means let's have a church at Avondale. It is needed. We wish the college and the Foundation every success, and all who contribute every blessing. And let us not forget or neglect the mission field. The needs there are tremendous. If only our commitment could match the enormity of the need, what immeasurable blessing would flow both to the mission field *and* to the church at home! Let's not forfeit that blessing!

Geoff Garne

Child Evangelism

ALICE LOWE, Associate Director, Sabbath School Department, General Conference



Left: Two child evangelism preachers being introduced at the Sabbath School Congress.

Photos: A. Lowe.

Above: Brothers—five and seven years old—singing evangelists.

"WE MAY BRING hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them."—*Review & Herald*, June 22, 1886. This is a statement the Far Eastern Division has taken seriously.

The Far Eastern Division has a progressive program for child evangelism for the next nine years, which is known as the Decade of the Child. This includes training child preachers to speak in public, tell the stories and teach the singing at Vacation Bible School, run branch Sabbath schools, and visit in the homes of the neighbourhood to invite people to meetings, including Sabbath school and church.

Child preachers from five to fifteen years of age are trained by the parents and child evangelism associate directors to preach in public. For some this includes occasionally taking the sermon on Sabbath morning.

Many of the pastors have so many churches to take care of, that talented and Spirit-directed children are doing an excellent job preaching the sermon to adults.

In questioning some parents and pastors on the home life of some of the many child preachers, I discovered that in these homes there is a time set apart every day for the study of the Word of God as a family. After the evening family worship many homes are spending an additional fifteen minutes each day memorising Scripture.

All the children and parents I questioned about the child's own devotional habits, gave indication that as soon as they can read, additional time is spent privately reading the Bible and in prayer.

In the Mux Tengarra Mission a seven-year-old boy read his Bible through before his evangelistic effort. His pastor baptised twenty-four people.

Some of the children have copied the singing evangelist in their outreach program. I heard an eight-year-old boy sing "The Holy City" like a trained professional. Children's choirs,

sometimes conducted by older children, are used in the outreach program to attract an audience.

The West Indonesian Union has a goal of 10,000 baptisms until 1985. Of that goal 3,000 is for the child preachers. This union has appointed a leader whose specific job is to work with the children, youth and their parents. Special courses will be given at their camp-meeting, teaching the children and parents how to speak effectively in public, teach the Bible, prepare a sermon using a concordance, and visit in the homes of the people, how to pray for people, invite people to meetings, and how to give a five-minute talk.

A Boy's Sermon

Child preacher Harry Dasim, aged ten, from the East Indonesian Union, preached a sermon at the recent Sabbath School Congress. In part it is as follows:

"What is a good communicator? Is it the television or the telephone? Perhaps here in Indonesia we can and do use the telephone to talk to others, but we do not need a telephone to talk with God; no, not with heaven.

"Do you talk with God in prayer? That is how we communicate with God. One day we will talk with God face to face, not just in prayer.

"Are you ready for Jesus to come? Are you ready now? There is a war going on between good and evil. Satan wants to destroy our communication with God. Don't let him.

"Christian, you should be careful so you can be firm to stand like Daniel. You know the story of Daniel—he was strong for God. He did not let the king or the lions discourage him. We should be like him.

"Today Satan goes about as a roaring lion, but Jesus is here to help us and is the only One who can help us. The Holy Spirit, one of the Trinity, stands beside us to communicate with

us. Prayer is our communication with God, so tell Him all our needs. . . .

"As fast as I can talk to you face to face, God in heaven can hear our talk and prayer. Telephone and radio waves travel at 3,000 kilometres a second, but faster than that, God can hear our prayers.

"We pray when we are in a difficult time, but we need to pray every day so we will not be afraid of the future, because God will come and help us.

"Why has Jesus not come? Signs tell us Jesus will come soon. One sign in Matthew 24:14 says, 'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' This text says, the gospel will go to all the world.

"Whose task is it to preach the gospel? Who will go and tell others that Jesus is coming again? Who will go and tell others to learn to communicate with heaven? Who will go? All who say they are followers of Christ will do this work.

"Jeremiah 1:1-8: 'Then said, I, Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee shalt thou speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.'

"We all are included in the people to do this work. Even if we are small we are to go and work for God. We are not too small. We can say we are too embarrassed to do this work. No! Don't be shy, this is God's work. He will help you as He helped Moses and Daniel. . . .

"Will you promise to take a part in this work? Express your promise by standing to your feet."

The young preacher then offered a prayer of dedication for those who promised to go and preach the Word or in any way participate in the 1,000 Days of Reaping program. ■

Isolated, and Yet Not Isolated

NAT E. DEVENISH, Field Promotion Officer, Adventist Media Centre

"WON'T YOU PLEASE send someone over here to visit with us? There are about twenty people on the island showing an interest in your church."

This plea was made by telephone to the South Australian Conference office by Cathy Whittle, who resides at Kingscote on beautiful Kangaroo Island off the South Australian coast.

At the time, there was no church company on the island, nor did the island receive visits from a conference worker or lay members. However, the residents of Kangaroo Island can pick up the Adelaide television channels, and most of the folks Cathy referred to in her phone call were regular viewers of Pastor George Vandeman's "It Is Written" telecast. Some had purchased books from a literature evangelist who visited the island quite a few years ago.

It was arranged for Pastor Ray Dickson, Lay Activities director of the South Australian Conference, to visit Kangaroo Island. On the night of his arrival he met with fourteen people at a specially arranged cottage meeting. Most of those present were viewers of the "It Is Written" telecast. Cathy herself was searching for truth. Many times she would telephone staff members at the Conference office seeking help. She actually had many Bible studies by telephone. Cathy also shared her new faith with some of the other residents of the island by personal witness and by sharing cassettes of



Pastor Ray Dickson interviews Cathy Whittle prior to her baptism.

Photo: N. Devenish.

Pastor Geoff Youlden's lectures.

One aspect of Adventism that was particularly interesting to Cathy was the health message. She arranged for Marjorie Dodd of Adelaide to visit Kangaroo Island to conduct vegetarian cooking demonstrations. Pastor Ray Dickson visited the island on a number of occasions to conduct Bible studies, many of them with Cathy.

Earlier this year, Cathy Whittle visited Adelaide. The purpose of her visit was a baptism—yes, her baptism, which took place in the Prospect church. The officiating minister, of course, was Pastor Dickson, who is now a regular visitor to Kangaroo Island. Today, because of his ministry, Cathy's faithful witness and the blessing of God, there is a company meeting regularly on the island. Some of the group are preparing for baptism.

In some ways, Kangaroo Island is isolated, but it is not isolated from the power of the Adventist message, as it is carried abroad by means of television. Cathy's interest in Adventism began with an "It Is Written" telecast; she invited others to watch the program.

I wonder, do you invite others not of our faith to view the "It Is Written" telecast? If your answer to this question is "No," why not start issuing invitations this week—it might just be the beginning of another Cathy Whittle story.

Youth Feature . . .

Read This Slowly, and Think



Does my life please God?
 Am I studying my Bible daily?
 Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?
 Am I enjoying my Christian life?
 How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
 Am I trying to bring my friends to Christ?
 Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?
 Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?
 Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
 How much time do I spend in prayer?
 Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?
 Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
 Just where am I making my greatest mistake?
 Is there anyone I can't forgive?

—Canadian Churchman.

To Finish the Work

KENNETH VOGEL, District Director/Pilot,
Enga Province, PNGUM

THE CRY of the world is "Better pay! Better conditions!" All of this is motivated by a desire to look after oneself—even at the expense of others. What a contrast there is when one looks at God's workmen—especially the lay workmen!

Paul made it clear that it is God's plan for His ministers to receive wages. But he himself determined never to receive such wages. He was a full-time lay evangelist. God's church has such men today—some by choice, others because of a lack of tithe to cover their wages.

Fortunately our present-day Seventh-day Adventist Church is now realising the significance of such workers. These people, plus the dedicated efforts of every church member, both young and old, as well as God's paid ministers, will bring the truth of trust in Jesus Christ to the world by the power of God's Spirit. As never before the leaders of God's work are putting emphasis on developing God-given skills of the church members to accomplish their responsibility.

Papua New Guinea, too, is becoming more concerned with this work. In the Eastern Highlands, Pastor Doug Robertson and his wife, Angela, are working full-time on just this. In the Southern Highlands, under the guidance of Pastor Gordon Stafford, more and more "schools" are being run. Also in the Enga Province God's work is developing due to the involvement of unpaid workers who are being trained under the supervision of Ken Vogel. Many of these men, working full-time leading God's work, and being mostly uneducated, come to receive training in the Scriptures and skills of leadership.

Near Tari, in the Southern Highlands, a small piece of land has been used to build up a specialised layman's school. It has been in development for a few years now. Just recently the first large-scale program has been run. It brought a real thrill to the local people who have worked hard to keep the "road" in good enough condition to enable a four-wheel-drive vehicle to get through. They have worked hard along with the layman caretaker, Mulupe, to keep the gardens growing and clean of weeds, to keep the thatched grass houses respectable. They all have kept at it because they long for training in their work for God.

The ground on which the training centre is established has a name given to it by the local people's ancestors—*Pieri*. Does it have any significance? Surely it does! Those people hundreds of years ago did not know the significance of such a name which means "To finish the work."

When every individual church member makes a commitment to Christ involving determination to share the gospel of Jesus; when the leaders of God's work make a commitment to support God's people in the aspect of training in Scripture and skill; when we all submit ourselves entirely to God—then the work of God will finish. Then Jesus will come (Matthew 24:14). ■



Pathfinders on Air

HAIKU BAIABE, Youth Director and Radio Speaker, Solomon Islands

IT WAS A SPECIAL Sabbath for Pathfinders, but it was extra special for Honiara church Pathfinders. This was also our radio recording day. Actually, once a month our Sabbath morning service is prerecorded and played over the radio station at 7.30 on the Sunday morning. The program is given sixty minutes of radio time, and it is all free time for the Adventists to share the good news.

This Sabbath morning, the church just looked beautiful with tropical flowers and many colourful Pathfinders. Very shortly they would be speaking on the radio and the thought made them restless.

The program was prepared in advance, and everybody knew when to come in. The radio man arrived, and set up all his "things." Microphones were put in place and the service was ready to begin. Some Pathfinders were nervous to be speaking to a big audience of 500, not to mention the fact of being heard throughout the country.

This was history for the Pathfinders and our radio ministry in the Solomon Islands.

Then the time came. Left, right, left; and they marched in with their flags and took their places. The welcome was given by the head elder, Jacob Kairi (Papua New Guinea High Commissioner to the Solomons), and he briefly gave a summary of the work, aims and objectives of the Pathfinder movement. The Pathfinder song was sung as the opening hymn. After the main prayer was offered, the Junior Pledge and Junior Law were read aloud in chorus.

Bravely Pathfinder Rose Mark came forward and read the aim and motto. Two others walked forward, stood in front of the microphones and read out Bible verses they had learned. They were great!

The Kukum Ladies Choir sang two beautiful songs for the recording. The offering was announced, and nine Pathfinders took up the morning collection. All was going well.

It was my turn to deliver the message. I had selected Revelation Chapter 14 as the Bible

passage for that day. We praise God for giving this golden opportunity for His message of love to be heard throughout the Solomon Islands. Our Pathfinders witnessed to other children in the country through the program.

In the afternoon, there was a special investiture service. Seventy pins and badges were given out to our Pathfinders who had completed their AJY classwork. Eight Master Guides from the church helped out in the service.

At 7.30 the next morning, the whole program was broadcast. The speeches, readings, singing and the preaching came out well. I could imagine the three angels of Revelation flying over the Solomon Islands as the message was being heard over the more than 20,000 transistor radios in the country.

Thank you, Vaivila Club, for the help that you gave to make this Pathfinder day and radio day a real blessing! ■

Kempsey Pathfinders

SABBATH, July 30, was a back-to-Kempsey day for the original group of Pathfinders celebrating their tenth birthday in an all-day program, from church service to basket tea and slide evening.

Seven of the original group were able to attend, including the man responsible for the group, Pastor Wilfred Pascoe. Also in attendance was Mr Earl Connor, mid-north coast director.

Centre of attention was a special birthday cake with ten candles, blown out by the oldies during the special church service.

The afternoon program was in the form of audiovisual slides of mission work in Papua New Guinea from pioneer days to the present day, taken by Pastor Pascoe. The night program featured the highlights on slide of the activities of the group in the past ten years.

Our present leader is Mr Ray Davis. ■

Jesus and the Spirit

WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

THAT DAY He stood by the riverbank. Like the excited crowd around Him, He was attracted by the message and personality of the prophet who had emerged from the wilderness across the river. Nothing set Him apart from His contemporaries—no halo, no holy glow, no commanding aura; He was truly man among His fellows. Only divine insight would have revealed His true identity to those around Him.

Nobody noticed especially when Jesus joined the line snaking down to where John was baptising. In response to the call of the Baptist He entered the water as dozens had done. Like them He knelt and prayed. Although John was aware of the significance of this moment, to casual onlookers Jesus was not in any way unusual. Contemporaries from Nazareth watching the line would have nodded to themselves, "Isn't he related to John?"

Nothing about that moment hinted at the drama of the events that followed: "During a general baptism of the people, when Jesus too had been baptised and was praying, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove; and there came a voice from heaven, 'Thou art my Son, my Beloved; on thee my favour rests.'" Luke 3:21, 22.*

In such a way the man Jesus received the divine acknowledgement of His Sonship. He was singled out. God spoke acceptance to the Son. God gave Him strength for His mission.

Jesus did not come to the Jordan bearing external marks of Sonship. When the lightning of the Spirit struck earthward it did not illuminate God masquerading as a man, activate a human body to make it for a time the receptacle of Deity. Although God declared His Son as truly Son, it was to the man Jesus¹ that the Spirit came with anointing power.

Not that the nature of Christ dominates the theological perspective of Luke at this point. For him the falling of the Spirit in birdlike form climaxes the event. More than any other Gospel writer, Luke chronicles the role of the Spirit in Jesus' life. At the climactic moment even John is doing the bidding of the Spirit, for "filled with the Holy Spirit," he alone is able to discern the true identity of the Man he will baptise.

At the beginning of Luke's narrative, one after the other, individuals fall under the control of the Spirit at the time of Jesus' incarnation:

"He [John] will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Chapter 1:15.

"Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." Verse 41.

"Zechariah . . . was filled with the Holy Spirit." Verse 67.

"The Holy Spirit was upon him [Simeon]. It had been disclosed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit he came into the temple." Chapter 2:25-27.

"There was also a prophetess, Anna." Verse 36.

Besides all these, and dominating the sequence of Spirit events, an angel declares to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you." Chapter 1:35.

The moment of baptism unfolds the sequel of events thirty years earlier. Just as Jesus was born under the Spirit, so Jesus is to be the Man of the Spirit, identified with Him.

The Spirit descends on the praying Jesus, and the heavenly Voice proclaims Him My beloved Son. From the perspective of Luke, this declares the divinity of Christ. It also proclaims the moment of completed self-awareness for Jesus and commissions Him for the task ahead.

To argue that Jesus lived thirty years, perhaps even from birth, in full awareness of His deity, holding in continuous tension His humanity and divinity, yet always shielding deity from human view, is not defensible. Tales of childhood, teenage, and carpenter-shop miracles, both ancient and modern, pander to false Christology.² Yet Deity answered to Deity in the Gospel interface of Father, Son, and Spirit at the moment of baptism.³

Luke invites us to think at two levels. The Trinitarian allusions are obvious to minds conditioned to think that way. Less obvious is the way Jesus is singled out from the general crowd to receive the Spirit, sharing our humanity, and receiving divine infilling as we also must, and hearing the acceptance of the Father, as we also may. There at Jordan our Man from among men stands in brotherhood with us in His humanity, in need of the acceptance, the anointing, and empowerment to meet the demands His mission will create.

Figure of a Dove

The figure of the dove has its own message. Scholars remain uncertain as to the use of the dove symbol. It may look back at the brooding of the Spirit over the chaos prior to creation. The rabbis failed to grasp the significance of the Spirit's ministry in Old Testament times. They regarded Song of Solomon 2:12 as confirming the Spirit's presence among God's people. After Malachi, the rabbis searched for the voice of the Spirit and where they thought they found it, calling it the *bath qul*—the "little voice"—which they described as like a dove's gentle cooing.⁴

In this figure the Spirit becomes Jesus' possession, or rather He is possessed by Him. Jesus now has not just the occasional filling of the Spirit of others recorded in Luke 1 and 2, but in the figure of the dove He gains what the scribes and Pharisees seek.

Despite the descent of the Dove and despite the voice from heaven, we are not left long contemplating the Son of God in His moment of anointing. Luke brings us back to our Lord's humanity, reminding us that those who shared His baptism saw Him not as Son of God, but as "son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God."

Chapter 3:38.⁵ He is not to become other than truly man, although we may also see Him as truly Son.

By inserting Jesus' genealogy between His baptism and the temptation, Luke posits Jesus in His humanity as He follows the Spirit into the wilderness.⁶ The evangelist does not speak of Jesus' being sent away or being driven by the Spirit (cf Mark 1:12). The Spirit goes before and Jesus follows. Nor is He left to go alone into the wild lands. The Spirit accompanies Him, leading Him up and down.

In the wilderness Jesus submits Himself to the will of the Spirit. At the end of the forty days He goes, with the Spirit, into the hours of dire trial and temptation. Here is an echo of the declaration in Hebrews that Jesus "learned obedience in the school of suffering." Chapter 5:8. To go with the Spirit is not to be overcome or destroyed by events. The tempter will assail, but victory awaits with the Spirit.

The Word Triumphs

One may view the temptations in various ways. They speak to us of the true Messiahship of Jesus. They tell us He is the Christ as well as Jesus. His divinity appears, although here partly obscured. The Word triumphs.

But at the end of the trials, we are left with two strong impressions. Although declared Son, Jesus conquers as son. The Spirit leads, the Spirit's sword triumphs. When Satan retreats, it is only a retreat. Even now at the moment of exultation, Jesus will go into a world where the devil lies ever in ambush. "So, having come to the end of all his temptations, the devil departed, biding his time." Luke 4:13. At any moment the trial may begin again, the battle flare up, and Jesus' humanity again be subjected to assault. He goes into the world with no assurance of freedom from temptation. He goes on guard, He goes with the Spirit as companion and protector, even as all the children of God must go about in the world.

Although the devil seems to bide his time, the prospect is ominous. Jesus recalls Satan's origin: "I watched how Satan fell, like lightning, out of the sky" (Chapter 10:18), but He must repeatedly confront the evil one in a contest that never really ceases until the final victory of the cross.

"Then Jesus, armed with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee; and reports about him spread through the whole country-side. He taught in their synagogues and all men sang his praises." Chapter 4:14, 15.

In our common humanity, we face an open future with choices, options, and uncertainties. Jesus went from the wilderness into such an open future. As Son of man He did not command absolute knowledge of the events ahead. Even the power of the Spirit awaited testing against coming challenges.

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* Texts in this article are taken from the *The New English Bible*.

The words that Christ would speak would be shaped by unknown circumstances. His success in securing a path through suffering and trials in perfect obedience encourages us toward a complete surrender to the Spirit.

The arming of the Spirit offered both offensive and defensive power. At this moment Jesus moves from the fierce struggle of the wilderness to invade a world Satan claims his.

His ministry finds confirmation as the people accept and respond to Him. In a few days He has won a foothold in the enemy's territory.⁷ Synagogue after synagogue welcomes Him and hears His words with gladness, offering thanks to God for this new coming of the Spirit among the people of God.

In His home town, Nazareth, He declares His openness to the future, charting the route He knows His ministry must take. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to let the broken victims go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Luke 4:18, 19.

From the glorious affirmation at Jordan, from the sense of confirmation in the wilderness, comes the confident declaration "The spirit of the Lord is upon me. . . ." From following the Spirit in the desert and learning from the encounter with evil, there arises the confident assertion of the Spirit-filled Man who has tested His power and felt His purpose, not finding the one wanting or the other to be denied.

In His ministry we often witness God at work and tend to lose sight of Jesus, the Spirit-powered man. Such understanding may indicate our own reluctance to come to terms with the potential the Spirit possesses when people yield completely and learn patiently, as Jesus did.

Is it too much to place ourselves with Jesus under the descending Dove, to submit ourselves to the leading of the Spirit, and to learn obedience through the suffering of our trials? Like Him, will we accept our humanity and yield to God's answering Spirit? Like Him, will we let the Spirit of God go between us and the world, both protecting and enabling? Will we, like Him, know the Spirit's anointing and receive His power?

These must be counted among the many responses Luke might have expected from his telling of the gospel. The acts of the Spirit in the anointing and empowering of Jesus parallel the acts of the Spirit in commissioning and empowering the apostles and the infant church.

We dare not walk apart from our Man from God. He came to share humanity with us; and in the Spirit's role within His humanity, He points the way to our victory, and empowering, and our Spirit-led future. —*Adventist Review*.

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Digging Foundations in 1983

HARLEY J. STANTON, Nunawading Polish Church Pastor, Victoria

ONE OF the most progressive church groups in Victoria is mushrooming in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The group comprises mainly Adventists with a Polish background, although several other nationalities are represented. At the time of founding in late 1982, there were sixty members, and this number is steadily growing in 1983.

The church is currently meeting in the Nunawading High School hall, but has definite plans for building on a block of land in nearby Knox Shire. The enthusiasm, dedication and family atmosphere of many ethnic churches, often reflects desirable traits to those of us of Anglo-Saxon background.

Some features of the cultural heritage shared by these Polish members would be advantageous if they could be cloned to "Australian" churches. There is a much greater reliance on the reading of the Word of God in church services. The cultural heritage of these people becomes evident in their love of music.

During 1984, it is hoped that this church will have a pastor of Polish background to minister to their specific needs. In twelve months they have collected just on \$30,000 towards their building program.

One of the joys of the Adventist faith must surely be that across the national and cultural boundaries of our backgrounds, we can in faith and worship share in a common bond of meaningful fellowship. Working and worshipping with my Polish members is indeed an enriching Christian experience. ■

Thirty-five Years' Service

LARRY J. LAREDO, Public Relations Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital

ONCE each quarter at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, members of the staff who have served for five, ten, fifteen or twenty years are presented with a special token of appreciation, but it is most unusual to have someone serving for as long as Mrs Joan Crowhurst. At the recent presentation she was recognised for her thirty-five years of continuous service at the hospital. Only two other staff members have been working at the institution for a longer period. Joan commenced at the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital in 1948, and as a medical technologist works in the Pathology department. ■



Admiring the gift presented to her in recognition of her thirty-five years of service to the Sydney Adventist Hospital is Mrs Joan Crowhurst of the Pathology department. Looking on are Rosamund Price (trainee medical technician) and Jennifer Fehlberg (medical technician).

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Our publishing house in Singapore.
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Pastor Peter Jack and the audiovisual display during an "Amazing Discoveries" program.



Many buses in Singapore carry these "Amazing Discoveries" poster ads.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Singapore Girl

H. ANDERSON

ON assignment to Singapore for two weeks, my job was to take photographs for a series of international Bible textbooks currently being printed by the Signs Publishing Company. I had been working for four days, and things were not going well for me. The difficulty seemed to be with the superstitious nature of the people, particularly the older folk. In Chinatown, a group of arm-waving and swearing youths chased me, convinced that the capture of their image on film would result in some terrible misfortune.

So Shirley Doo, Far Eastern Division Communications office secretary, then took me to the Southern Asia Union College where I could work in our own institution. Although approximately 22 per cent of the students are not Seventh-day Adventists, I was grateful for their cooperation, which made my work much easier.

While setting up a picture in the girls' dormitory, I asked one of the young ladies if she would kindly remove her statues, rosary beads

and holy pictures from her wall. Her name was Yenny, and she was a Roman Catholic from Indonesia.

Oddly enough, I saw her again that night at Pastor Peter Jack's "Amazing Discoveries" mission in downtown Singapore. I was greeted at the door by a gracious Yenny. To my surprise, she was handing out resumes of the previous night's lecture, entitled "Who Is the Real Antichrist?"

The very modern DBS Auditorium was the venue for Pastor Jack's unique presentation, a "first of its kind" for Singapore. To accommodate the crowds, three sessions were run each evening for three continuous weeks. The advertising was extensive, even on the back of the city's buses.

The audiovisual presentation was complex and sophisticated, the whole approach smooth and easy to understand. It featured one movie and nine Carousel slide projectors, three reverse screens and a dissolve unit; all computerised.



Pastor Jack and some of the young people who made decisions for Christ. Yenny is the shorter girl, with black-edged white blouse, standing three to the right of Pastor Jack.

The "Amazing Discoveries" campaign attracted the largest crowds in the history of evangelism in Singapore. It was challenging for the multi-racial mission team to work with these interests, but the Lord blessed abundantly, and miracles occurred in the individual lives of many of those attending.

I observed the audience numbers building up as the Adventist testing truths were presented each night. Three hundred people indicated their desire to have Bible studies commenced in their homes. And what a joy to witness 105 people respond to an altar call specifically for baptism! It was especially moving for me to see my young friend Yenny come forward as part of this group. In just over a week, I had witnessed Yenny's life change course as the Holy Spirit did its work.

In a country where most of the population are devotees of Eastern religions, and where the people are steeped in superstition, evangelism is not easy. I was thankful to have been a part of that mission experience and to see for myself the workings of the Lord in these last days. ■

Karachi Update

A LETTER from J. V. Golding, associate administrator of Karachi Adventist Hospital in Pakistan, says, "You may recall that almost twelve months ago you mentioned on the back page of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD that an administrator and an associate administrator were needed to continue the work at the Karachi Adventist Hospital in Pakistan. Following that notice, two families responded to calls and finally arrived early this year, and have subsequently taken up their respective positions. These are L. K. Bone and family (Western Australia) and J. V. Golding and family (New South Wales).

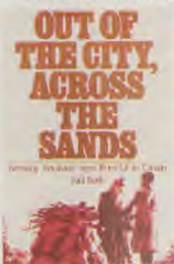
"Another urgent need is a pan sanitiser and/or steriliser. To date all routine bedside work is performed by manual labour, and as you can imagine requires large numbers of staff and is very unhygienic and time-consuming.

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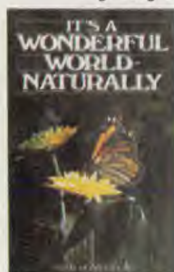
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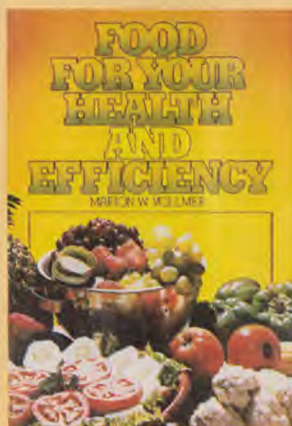
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MAVIS RUDGE, Communication Secretary, Burleigh Gardens Church, South Queensland

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This "moving" story, however, is about people, good Adventist people, who displayed cheerful patience in meeting difficulties. The foregoing preamble merely points out their location.

For well over a decade the Palm Beach Company had been meeting in a hall, the only one available, with its streamers and tobacco smells; so they were pleased indeed when, a year or two ago, a little church was made available for a time by the owners. Alas, time went too quickly, and the building was suddenly sold. However, God overruled, and the Uniting Church in nearby Currumbin allowed our company to use their small church temporarily. For several months our members enjoyed the quiet surroundings. During this time the company was formed into a church, to be known as the Burleigh Gardens church, in view of its proposed location when a church was built. (In previous years the Palm Beach company had purchased land, and tribute is due to those concerned. Sale of this land contributed toward the cost of the new church building.)

Then once again the axe fell! The land under the church was sold, but we could take the church with us if we wished! We now had more members, but no resting place for ourselves or a little church that anyhow was now too small. We waved our little church farewell while trusting our energetic pastors to find another meeting place.

The next venue was a lovely hall, made available for a few months, but we, "Cinderella-like," had to vacate on the stroke of twelve each Sabbath. (A sure cure for long-winded preachers!) More calls for good-humour, though, because our caretaker sometimes erred in planning afternoon wedding breakfasts, and would set up the hall with all the tables set for eighty wedding guests, complete with cutlery and glassware, on Friday night, and on arrival Sabbath morning we would have the choice of disturbing the arrangement or somehow fitting in, to the accompaniment of powerful meat cooking smells from the kitchen. (No caretaker around, just an innocent cook.)

On these occasions the writer, guessing what might occur, stood out in the foyer during divine service, with the door firmly closed. Sure enough, first came the florist with table flower arrangements, and wanted payment! Provided her a table, but no payment. Next came father of the bride, an irate man who was all for bursting into the hall. Mother (bearing the cake) agreed with me, however, that we were not the intruders. I promised to guard both cake and flowers, and that we would put them carefully on the tables! Next time, three Sabbaths later, a bridegroom arrived. A young Maori, he said, "Sorry, I've just arrived from New Zealand. What is this? Church on Saturday?" Strange time to find out about Adventists, but he won't forget!

Happily, the new Gold Coast School was nearing completion, and headmaster Elwyn Cherry kindly permitted the use of one of the least used classrooms as soon as available. However, the long road up to the school was not yet completed and was rocky, uneven, and often wet, so it was common practice for some weeks for the pastor to check the road late Friday and try to contact members to say, "Bring your heavy shoes with you," or "I think you could drive up most of the way this

week."

On the lovely, elevated ten-acre block the South Queensland Conference purchased for the school, they had thoughtfully offered land to us on which to build our church. Maybe the sight of that lovely spot on a nearby hill cheered the hearts of our "latter-day pioneers" because despite advanced years, disability, or ill-health, if there were any complaints, we didn't hear of them. Shoes suffered sometimes, but spirits of young and old didn't dampen. They were always there, and on time!

With the church almost completed a second last move was made. Home at last—almost. Meeting in the roomy Sabbath school rooms the members looked forward to the day when they would move into the church proper. That day has now come—the sixth move in about two years! And not easy moves.

Friends in already established churches, how much does attendance at Sabbath school and church service mean to you? Do you think sometimes it doesn't matter? Well, it does others good just to see you there; and spare a thought and a prayer sometimes for those who meet together with difficulty, or too far away to meet at all, but still remain faithful. We all tend to forget them at times. ■

Taree School History

THE TAREE Seventh-day Adventist School (Manning District), north New South Wales, commenced operations in 1977. Miss Elizabeth Tyler led out for the two years 1977 and 1978. The first schoolroom was in the back of an old church in Commerce Street, Taree. Here Miss Tyler taught her nineteen pupils under conditions which were far from favourable. The school then moved to Sabbath school rooms in the Taree church in Cowper Street, where Mr Daryl Thomson taught for two years. The school has operated in these premises for the past two and a half years under Mr Chris Frahm.

If planning proceeds on schedule, the school will soon move to its new premises on a twenty-eight-acre site, just six kilometres from Taree. ■

Right top: The new Taree school under construction. Right lower: First classes were conducted in the back rooms of the old church in Commerce Street.

Photos: S. Thomson.



TIDINGS FROM THE NORTH

by the Editor



Maranatha bananas on their way to the market.

Photo: Maranatha Enterprises.

EVERYTHING in the North Queensland Conference is north of the tropic of Capricorn, and everything in Queensland north of the tropic of Capricorn is in the North Queensland Conference, with the exception of Rockhampton, the northernmost centre of the South Queensland Conference.

During a *Signs* itinerary in the North Queensland Conference, it was my privilege to visit practically all the churches in the conference. The whole of my itinerary was by car—up to Townsville in my own car, with my wife as co-driver, and north of Townsville in company with the conference president and his wife, Pastor and Mrs Reg King.

Although the membership is small—only 1,800—this vigorous little conference has an impressive batting record. Last year 115 souls were added to the church through baptism—an average of ten per worker. The ministerial team has adopted an aim of 130 baptisms for 1983.

This year Pastor Geoff Youlden, an inter-union evangelist, is running four series of public meetings concurrently—at Charters Towers on Monday evenings; at Ayr and Home Hill on Tuesdays; in Townsville on Wednesdays, and in Ingham on Thursdays. In each of these places there is a steady group of good interests.

The spirit of the North Queenslanders is illustrated by the fact that in 1982 the North Queensland Conference had the distinction of raising the highest amount per member for the annual Adventist Appeal of any conference in the Australasian Division—\$29.90 per member. By comparison, in the case of some other conferences, the average per member was \$8. It is also worthy of note that the conference has just shipped ninety-six bags of clothing, donated by the churches, to the mission field.

The pleasant conference headquarters are

located at Aitkenvale, in Townsville, on the grounds of Halliday Park, the conference's attractive camp-meeting centre. A new ABC extension to the conference office was opened earlier this year. The city council has taken over the stretch of the camp-meeting estate running alongside the Ross River, and are developing it into a parklike area which camp-meeting attenders will be free and happy to use. A two-teacher school also operates on the convention estate.

Maranatha Park

An urgent challenge that confronts the brethren in north Queensland is that there is no Adventist high school in the conference. A group of Adventist laymen has taken the first step towards supplying this need by purchasing and developing a block of farmland at Mission Beach, north of Ingham, which they have named Maranatha Park. They are at present marketing their first crop of bananas and are planting lychees and other exotic fruits, with the long-term view of ultimately developing a high school for the north on the estate. Debentures of \$500 are being offered to any who are interested in helping develop this new laymen's project. Interest rates, terms and other information may be obtained from A. T. Davey, Chairman, Maranatha Enterprises, PO Box 59, Mission Beach, Qld 4855. There is also an immediate need to raise \$3,000 for the installation of electrical power in the present facilities.

Our Churches

Every congregation in the North Queensland Conference has its own church building, and while some of them are small, all are attractive and representative.

The Mackay Central church is the largest

congregation in the conference, with a membership of 250. Mackay is the capital of Australia's sugar industry, with no fewer than eight large sugar mills in the area. Pastor Raymond Kent is the pastor. He is concentrating during 1983 on a program of reclaiming backsliders and studying with interests. Typical of the interests to whom he is giving Bible studies is a gentleman who just turned up at church one Sabbath recently in response to a voice that spoke to him very clearly and told him this is what he ought to do! Pastor Kent also cares for the congregation at **Dalrymple Heights**, a small but dedicated group who worship in a delightful little church up in the mountains eighty kilometres north-west of Mackay. An interesting innovation that is meeting with great success at Mackay is that instead of weekly prayer meetings at the church, which used to draw only a handful of people, twelve cottage prayer meetings are now being held throughout the district, with a combined attendance of up to 130 people. Mackay also has a four-teacher church school—two men and two ladies—with seventy to eighty children up to Grade 10.

Pastor Paul Gredig cares for the **Mackay North congregation**, as well as for the **Farleigh and Walkerston churches**. These latter two care for the spiritual needs of the descendants of Solomon Islanders and Vanuatuans who, at the beginning of this century, came over to Australia to work in the sugar plantations, eventually becoming settlers and Australian citizens. Pastor Gredig's wife, Betty, last year sent *Signs* to her sister in New Zealand. She and her husband have been baptised; they and their three children now worship in the Rotorua church.

David Bryce is pastor of the small church at **Proserpine** and the larger **Bowen congregation**. The town of Bowen is the home of the famous mango that bears its name. The Bowen church operates a small one-teacher church school which presently has nine pupils. One of the former ministers in Bowen was Pastor Michael Chamberlain. The family is still remembered with fond affection by the members there, as well as by many of the townspeople.

The towns of **Home Hill** and **Ayr** are located on the southern and northern sides of the Burdekin River respectively. In both towns we have fine church buildings and active congregations, under the leadership of Pastor Frank Dyson. The new Ayr church was built over the old one about five years ago, mainly through volunteer labour by the church members.

There are **two congregations in Townsville**, the largest city in the conference. Pastor Alwyn Gersbach has charge of both congregations—the Town church and the Aitkenvale church. A fine new hall is nearing completion at the Town church. There is a very active youth group in Townsville. Unless you come early for a seat, it's standing room only at their youth fellowship on Friday evenings!

Pastor Bill Boucher cares for the **Tully and**



Headquarters office of the North Queensland Conference at Halliday Park, Aitkenvale, Townsville.



The Town church, one of two Seventh-day Adventist churches in Townsville, the other being the Aitkenvale church. A fine new hall has just been completed at the Town church.

Innisfail churches. He is kept busy with a good number of Bible-study interests, many of whom are relatives and friends of church members whose names have been referred to him by them.

One of our young ministers, Gavin Rowe, pastors our church in the beautiful city of **Charters Towers**. It was a gold mining town in earlier days, but now produces a far more valuable yield of gold—it is a notable educational centre and hosts many prestigious schools. Gavin is being kept on his toes caring for the interests engendered by the Youlden evangelistic meetings.

On the Atherton Tablelands there are four congregations. Three of these, at **Malanda, Ravenshoe and Mareeba**, are cared for by Pastor Bob Donaldson, and the other, at **Kuranda**, by one of our Aboriginal pastors, Pastor George Quinlan. The majority of the members at Kuranda are Aborigines. In the basement of the hall, woodwork classes are conducted to teach Aboriginal youths—all of them non-Adventists—a useful trade. Since the death of Pastor Pat Blanch, who started this outreach project, the instructor has been supplied by TAFE for lack of an Adventist replacement, but it is hoped that shortly an Adventist will arrive to step into the breach.

The Kuranda church operates a *Signs* rack on the railway station. This is not in itself unique; a number of churches in Australia do so. The thing that is special about this outreach project

is that Kuranda is probably one of the most visited and photographed railway stations in the world. The renowned scenic railway line brings two trainloads of tourists a day from Cairns. The mountainous nature of the terrain can be judged by the fact that the train passes through fourteen tunnels on the thirty-five-mile journey. Hundreds of tourists thus have the opportunity of taking literature from the rack serviced by our Kuranda church.

The pastor in **Cairns and Mossman**, Pastor Lloyd Robinson, is engaged in public evangelistic missions in both centres concurrently, and has a substantial interest in both places. Our church school in Cairns at present operates at the church, but the members there are looking at the possibility of purchasing a very fine five-acre block on which to locate a new school.

Unfortunately I didn't have time to get out to Mount Isa, 1,000 kilometres west of Townsville.

North Queensland is an interesting place to visit, and would be worth considering if you're looking for "a place that winter forgot" with a view to living there permanently! There's plenty to see; tourist attractions are virtually inexhaustible! Contrary to what we expected from what we were told, the roads are reasonably good and are constantly being improved. Most of all, there's a beautiful group of people in the Adventist family. Try camp-meeting up there some time! You can be assured of a real warm Queensland welcome! ■



Right, from top: Our church in Ayr, in the heart of sugar country.

Our church in the city of Cairns.

The Mackay Central church, in Australia's sugar capital.

Our church at Mareeba, one of three on the Atherton Tablelands.

Photos: G. E. Garne.

Left: Part of the banana plantation at Maranatha Park.



Guy Boyd Speaks in Warburton

GRAEME H. BROWN



Guy Boyd (right), campaigner for the release of Lindy Chamberlain, being interviewed by Jim Rabe.

Photo: H. Anderson.

GUY BOYD, who has been campaigning for the past nine months for the release of Lindy Chamberlain, spoke to a packed hall of the Warburton church, Victoria, on Sabbath afternoon, September 3.

Together with his wife Phyllis, he was invited to speak at a public meeting by the newly formed "Chamberlain Support Committee" in Warburton, made up of local citizens, including housewives, businessmen and a councillor.

Mr Boyd, a Melbourne sculptor of international repute who has given of his time and means to launch a "plea for mercy" petition, said that he believes Lindy Chamberlain is "absolutely innocent." His aim is to keep the Chamberlain case in the public eye, and to gain 100,000 signatures so that a judicial review of the Chamberlain case can be conducted. Already over 50,000 signatures have been obtained.

Interviewed during the meeting by Jim Rabe, book editor at the Signs Publishing Company, Mr Boyd said they were overseas when the verdict of the trial was announced last November, but were so shocked by the outcome that they determined to do what they could to exonerate Lindy when they returned to Australia.

Mr Boyd sees the Chamberlain case, in which there was no body, witness, weapon, motive or confession of guilt, as a threat to the judicial system in Australia, and "the worst case in Australia's judicial history—without the slightest doubt."

Almost a thousand letters voicing support for the Boyds' efforts on behalf of the Chamberlains have been received from concerned citizens all over Australia.

Guy Boyd also confirmed the fact that an unnamed chemical company stated that their product, used in the analysis of the blood, was unable to determine the difference between foetal and adult blood samples.

When he was asked if he had previously known of Adventists, Mr Boyd responded that he had not, but that he had gained a deep respect for the church and admired the lifestyle of its members. ■

After the generous response of Adventists to the Special Offering and Day of Prayer on behalf of the Chamberlains, the church continues to surround the Chamberlain family with Christian love and care. The Adventist Church is not conducting this case. Michael and Lindy chose their own legal counsel and work closely with him. As that relationship continues, we want to do all we can to help them solidly and unostentatiously in ways that the chosen legal counsel thinks will best serve the Chamberlains' interests.

To ensure that a High Court Appeal will have every possibility of success, proper legal procedures must be followed. For some time the lawyers have been engaged in lengthy research and preparation of materials. Documentation is now complete and it is expected that a specific date for the hearing will soon be allotted.

—Australasian Division Officers.

CHRISTIAN LAWYERS CONFERENCE

THE FIRST Seventh-day Adventist International Christian Lawyers Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, in September 1981. Lawyers came from as far apart as Finland and Australia, Nigeria and the Philippines to meet with fellow Christian lawyers from Europe and the USA.

This conference was judged a real success by all those who participated. Accordingly, a planning committee was established to consider the site and program for the next conference. John Bagnall, a solicitor from Sydney, has been appointed to that planning committee.

The second conference will be held in Rome, Italy, from September 6 to 9, 1984, in conjunction with a Religious Liberty Conference to be held in Rome from September 4 to 6.

To enable the planning committee to invite all Seventh-day Adventist lawyers in the Australasian Division to attend, John Bagnall, in conjunction with Ken Eastman, solicitor at the Australasian Division, is compiling an Australasian Division Register of Seventh-day Adventist members and adherents who are judges, magistrates, barristers, solicitors, law clerks or students studying to become lawyers.

It is also hoped that through the register, Adventist lawyers will be able to get in touch with each other and perhaps that some form of newsletter or even a convention may be possible in Australasia.

If you are a lawyer or student and you would like to be included on the register, would you please forward your name, address, phone number and details of your present employment or course of study to John Bagnall, 20th Level, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. Phone (02) 233 5311. ■

Gold Coast Adventist Golden Years Club

PAM HARRIS

THERE ARE many groups within our church organisation, Pathfinders, young marrieds, youth groups, etc. where folk of appropriate ages can socialise. Sometimes, however, there is a need for activities and recreation suitable for our more senior church members—a time and place where their non-Adventist spouses and neighbours can feel the warmth and love of their church friends without feeling pressured. On the Gold Coast there are many folk who have decided to retire in this beautiful climate, and so a club was formed twelve months ago. We have just celebrated our first birthday.

The name was chosen by the group and, indeed, our first year has been a golden one for all. We have been on several outings, including a lovely coach trip to the Toowoomba Flower Festival. Recently we cruised to Stradbroke Island for our first birthday celebration.

Our membership has grown from twenty to fifty, including eight non-Adventists. Once a month we have a luncheon and play indoor bowls and Scrabble, and have held several special dinners, the latest of which was for Pastor and Mrs B. Coates' golden wedding. Formed into a choral group, we even make a pretty good sound. However, the best thing about the Golden Years Club is the fellowship of old friends and the making of new ones, especially with our neighbours and friends. An outreach?—most definitely! Many happy returns! ■

Life-Sketch of Marian Hay

A. L. HEFREN

MARIAN, the first child of James and Annie Hay, was born on May 2, 1908, at Napier, New Zealand. Her mother was one of the very early believers in Australasia, for she accepted the message under the ministry of Pastor A. G. Daniells, and joined the Napier church in 1892.

Marian spent most of the early years of her life on an isolated farm near East Cape. At the early age of sixteen she left this lonely spot to make what was then a tedious three-day journey to the New Zealand Missionary College at Longburn. After two years there she graduated and returned to spend another year with her parents before she left for Avondale College for further study in February 1928.

Ever a woman of dauntless faith and courage, she earned there, in 1931, the distinction of being the first woman to graduate from the ministerial course.

She spent four years in the service of the North New South Wales Conference, first at Cessnock as a Bible instructor, and then at Hamilton where she became the Conference Sabbath school secretary and Youth leader.

My wife and I had the privilege of meeting her when she moved to the editorial department

of the Signs in 1935. To meet her was to both admire and love her. She worked there faithfully for nearly twenty-four years till her retirement in 1968. During those years she cared for her mother till that frail little old lady died. She also provided a home for a number of young women, who still testify to her godly example and guidance. She was one of those people who led a truly saintly life without the slightest tincture of sanctimoniousness.

We renewed our friendship gladly when she came to live as our neighbour at Silverwater, on the shores of Lake Macquarie. Her Christian witness was outstanding. God has myriads of faithful servants, but none has ever eclipsed her as a living testimony of the loveliness of her Saviour. All who knew her will rejoice that her trials and pangs are over, but we shall continue to mourn and miss her while our lives last. A male quartet sang her favourite hymn at the graveside—"Live out Thy life within me, O Jesus, King of kings!" a prayer abundantly answered in her life.

Let us all take up the challenge and so live and serve our Lord that we shall meet and rejoice with her in the glad tomorrow of the resurrection. "She being dead yet speaketh."



Happiness in Retrospect and Prospect

CONSTANCE M. GREIVE

IN 1921-22 an evangelistic mission was run in the town of Albany, Western Australia, by the late Pastor Gordon Robinson. His stirring sermons created both intense interest and severe opposition. Eventually, thirty rejoicing souls declared their intention to keep all the commandments of God. Thus a church was established in this picturesque southern seaport.

Among the charter members was a young engaged couple, John Shirley and Anne Tregear. Prior to the mission they were spiritually unsatisfied. They had been reading the Book of Daniel and puzzling over the meaning of the strange symbols pictured there. And they were fascinated when at the first meeting in the tent, the preacher began to unveil these mysteries with an exposition of Daniel 2.

Each week John and Anne were more convinced that what they were hearing was the truth, and at last they were convicted and converted by the Holy Spirit. An employee of the local post office, John was happy that he was able to observe the Sabbath by accepting a transfer to the General Post Office in Perth. The next year he and Anne were married, and 1924 found them at Avondale, John studying theology.

Both of them enjoyed happy associations in the community and at the college. The end of 1928 saw the completion of John's studies and the commencement of forty years of varied service for the Lord. This included departmental leadership in the South New Zealand Conference and in his home conference, and thirty-three years at the Signs Publishing Company as sales manager.

John has always been an enthusiastic home missionary. He delights in knocking on doors and speaking to people about their salvation.

In 1969 John retired, and in 1982 he and his wife and daughter Evelyn took up residence in the Avondale Retirement Village, Cooranbong. They are not only revelling in the warmer climate, but also are most grateful to be close to the other members of the family. Their two daughters, one son and six of the grandchildren are following in their spiritual footsteps.

May, the elder daughter, and her husband Pastor Doug Martin are currently caring for the Kellyville church in the Greater Sydney Conference. Evelyn has found a niche for herself in voluntarily ministering to patients in the Charles Harrison Home and giving assistance at the Community Services Centre. Aubrey is assistant to the treasurer of the North



New South Wales Conference and administrative officer of the Avondale Retirement Village. His wife Val is the daughter of the late Pastor C. F. L. Ulrich, one-time manager of the Signs Publishing Company.

These five recently arranged a gathering of friends, which they termed "a time of expressing our gratitude to God." It was held on the sixtieth anniversary of their parents' wedding. There Pastor J. B. Keith, a long-time friend, recalled years of happy companionship in Warburton. Aubrey thanked his mother and father for "a loving home environment."

In his response on behalf of his wife and himself, Brother John Shirley attributed their happiness and long life to the loving care and guidance of an all-sufficient Saviour. ■



FOR THE CHILDREN

GOD CAN!

JEAN JONES

IN A FARMHOUSE in the country, some miles from the nearest town, there lived a family who worked hard on their farm all the week. Mother helped Dad all she could, and their two boys, Dan and David, helped after school.

Mother and the boys were Adventists, but Dad would have nothing to do with "that queer religion," as he called it, and did all he could to keep his family from following it.

To prevent them from going to church on Sabbaths, he would always go out early on that morning, and take the family car with him—so that they just had to stay at home, as there were no buses out there at weekends. They spent the day reading and going for walks.

But one Sabbath, Mother announced to the boys—"I feel sure that God wants us to go into town for Sabbath school and church! Let's pray often today that on next Sabbath, somehow or other, we'll be able to have the car to take us in." So, often through that Sabbath, they knelt together and asked God to help them get in to church on the next Sabbath. And through the week they prayed about it, too.

"Now let's show God that we have faith that He'll help us get to Sabbath school tomorrow," said Mother to the boys on Friday. "Let's be up and dressed early, to be in time."

And that was just what they did! As Mother and the boys were eating breakfast, Dad said "Goodbye" to them and went out to start the car. They rushed over to the window and watched him. When he turned on the ignition key—nothing happened! He tried again and again, then got out and checked the battery, spark plugs, etc, but could find nothing wrong anywhere. Very annoyed, he slammed down the bonnet and started to walk to the home of one of his friends.

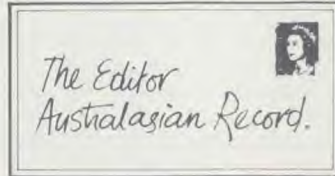
Mother and the boys couldn't help but give a little cheer, then remembered to thank the Lord that the car was there for them! They picked up their books and hurried out to the car—Mother saying, "I'm sure the Lord has done this, and will make the car start for us." And as they were seated in the car, again they bowed their heads and asked the Lord to start the car so that they could go to Sabbath school.

Then Mother turned on the key—and the car just purred into life, and moved along. Soon they arrived at the church. They especially enjoyed the Sabbath meetings, and they were at home long before Dad. However, they didn't mention to Dad—yet—that they had been out in the car.

Later in the afternoon, Dad went out to the car again, trying to start it. *This time* the car started at once! Mother went out to talk to him.

"Dad, dear," she said, "after you left this morning, we were able to start the car. You see, we asked God to start it for us so that we could get into the Sabbath meetings. We think God wanted us to go in, and that was why you couldn't start the car!"

Mother had thought that Dad would be angry. *But* instead he just said, "Well, in that case, it looks as though I'd better let you have the car every Saturday morning." And so he did, and they were always able to enjoy Sabbath meetings. ■



Information on Guadalcanal Incorrect

I have been reading with interest your "Pacific Reflections." I wish however to draw attention to several inaccuracies contained in the article "Triumphs of Grace in the Wake of War" in the July 23 issue of AUSTRALASIAN RECORD.

It is not correct that the American invasion of Guadalcanal resulted in the Marines being mown down and staining the beach red with their blood; that Red Beach received its name from this carnage, and that control of the airstrip was finally achieved through a landing by paratroopers.

The Americans decided that to minimise the risk to troop transports and their naval forces in the South Pacific, they had to attack the Japanese in the Solomons before Henderson Field had been completed and become operational. Before the Japanese had moved any land planes into the area, the First Marine Division landed on Red Beach, August 7, 1942. Their attack took the Japanese by surprise, there was no resistance, and the airfield was quickly secured.

Red Beach obtained its name, not from spilt blood, but from the practice of the Americans to designate landing areas by using the codes red, blue, green, and yellow. Concurrent with their landing at Red Beach, Guadalcanal, the marines also landed on Blue Beach located on Florida Island opposite Guadalcanal. Further, no paratroopers were dropped on the airfield. In fact, the only paratroopers used in the Solomons were landed at Gavutu, a small island off the coast of Florida Island, where they arrived by boat and functioned as ground assault troops.

While the capture of Henderson Field was easy, its retention became a life and death struggle. The sea between Florida Island and Guadalcanal became known as Iron Bottom Bay in acknowledgement of the scores of Japanese and American warships of all sizes that were sunk in the battles to control its waters. In addition, the Japanese poured thousands of men onto Guadalcanal in an effort to dislodge the Americans from Henderson Field. The battle of Bloody Ridge was as fierce and as crucial as any fought in the Pacific war.

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Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA.

The same information was conveyed in letters from Kelvin Peuser, Betikama Adventist High School; Glynn Lock, Avondale College; and Dennis Steley, Manurewa, New Zealand. Glynn Lock's letter

carries the additional information that "the aircraft relic you called a Japanese war plane is actually an American Scout Bomber Douglass. The one in the picture was salvaged from a swampy area on Betikama land while we were teaching there. Ray Smith was principal at the time. It would have been about 1970/71."

Thank you, friends, for correcting the record! The story as it appeared was as it was related to me while I was out there.

Editor.

TRIBUTE TO A GOOD SPORT

In an age when participation in competitive sport is still looked down upon with varying degrees of disdain by some within the church, it was refreshing to read the biographical sketch of Andy Beattie, in the August 13 edition of the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD.

As a rising youngster from the "sticks," I was often at loose ends when I moved to seek employment and education in the "big smoke" of Sydney in 1960. An enthusiastic, but not very competent cricketer, I was fortunate to be introduced to Andy Beattie by Ron Lamplough, a member of the Fox Valley Cricket Club, whom I met in the J. F. Coltheart City Mission Choir.

I recall that there was always a vacancy or two in the legendary Fox Valley Cricket Club team, for the loose-enders such as myself, for the young and not so young who were battling personal problems such as smoking, and for those who having made their initial contact with Andy and members of his team, were in the "valley of decision."

There is always a temptation to Seventh-day Adventists to succumb to a bunker mentality, to see ourselves as a small minority group, embattled against the outside world. There is also, however, a converse temptation, of diluting, changing, questioning or surrendering our distinctive and pivotal doctrines and standards in the mistaken belief that revision and reconstruction of these divinely ordained principles will result in wider acceptance of the church.

Let us rather, like Andy and his friends, get on with our mission of sharing our individual faith in a kind and gracious Creator, and His remnant church, in all the thoroughfares of life, whether it be at work, home, or even in the sporting arena.

The day may even come when our evangelistic campaigns are conducted in the great centres of amusement, such as hotels, sporting clubs, and gambling casinos—places where the majority of people are to be found in this hedonistic age.

Les Tooby,
NSW.

Weddings

BRIEFFIES—SMITH. The quiet little town of Bowen, north Queensland, came alive on Sunday, September 11, 1983, when Frank John Brieffies and Suzette Lee Smith pledged their marriage vows in the beautifully decorated Bowen church. Suzette is the daughter of Les and Olive Smith, and John, a new member of the church family, is the son of Frank and Marie Brieffies. May God bless you, John and Suzette, as you set up your new home and "let your light so shine . . . that others may glorify God." R. J. King.

DALTON—GLASGOW. On Sunday, August 14, 1983, a very pretty wedding was held in Victoria Park, Mackay, Queensland. Annette Glasgow and Phillip Dalton exchanged marriage vows. Annette comes from Mackay, while Phillip comes from Auckland, New Zealand. At the reception many relatives and friends wished the young couple God's blessing as they establish their home. R. H. Kent.

O'NEILL—SHEPPARD. The chapel of the new Kempsey Adventist Aboriginal Centre was chosen by Michael O'Neill and Bronwyn Sheppard for their marriage service on July 31, 1983. The wedding reception was held in the adjoining hall, where many relatives and friends gathered to fellowship with the bride and bridegroom on their special day, and wish them continuing joy and happiness for their future. Michael and Bronwyn will live in Darwin. May God abundantly bless their lives as they witness for Him. H. A. Grosse.

Till He Comes

HAY. Marian Margaret Hay dropped into her last sleep in the early hours of Sabbath morning, August 13, 1983. She had known for many months that she had an incurable disease, but only her closest friends knew it and they rarely heard her complain. Fortunately only at the very end did she suffer severely. She leaves to mourn, her brother Bill and his wife Nancy of Brisbane, four nieces and their families and a host of friends who will continue to thank God for the influence she exerted on their lives, Pastors A. Salom and E. Clark, assisted by the writer, laid her to rest in the waiting room for heaven, the Avondale Cemetery. A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. A. L. Hefren.

STOHR. Johan Marie Conrad Stohr was born in Holland on March 6, 1925, and passed away in Adelaide, South Australia, on August 12, 1983. To his dear wife, Antonia Dina Stohr and two sons, Trevor of Sydney Adventist Hospital, and Maartin of Avondale College, we extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy. Services at the funeral chapel and at the Centennial Park Cemetery were conducted by the writer. J. H. Wade.

WATTIE. On August 24, 1983, Arthur Scambler Wattie passed away at his home at Bunyip, Victoria. He spent his early years in the Kerang district. In 1950 he was baptised at the Auburn church by Pastor Hollingsworth. A few years later he moved to Longwarry where he laboured for many years in the church and in the community. To his wife Jessie and the family we extend our deepest sympathy. A large crowd filled the Longwarry church and then attended the Drouin Cemetery where he was laid to rest. A perfect spring day was surely a foretaste of the glorious resurrection morning. E. M. Stuart.

RETURN THANKS

Bill and Nancy Hay, Valerie, Helen, Jillian and Carol and their families wish to thank Marian's many friends for their kindness during her illness and expressions of sympathy afterwards. We sorrow not as those which have no hope.

To our many friends and loved ones who sent flowers, cards and expressions of heartfelt sympathy both oral and written, to us, in the sad loss of our dear wife, mother and sister, Isabelle Florence Richardson, we wish to express the sincere appreciation of Geoff (husband), Bryce and family (son), Jan Shean and family (daughter), Bryan Reynolds and family (brother), Marge Easthope and family (sister) in the sure knowledge that in His own good time the Lord will return and reunite us in His kingdom.

BACK TO BLACKTOWN

Greetings to all former ministers, members, descendants of early members, and friends. Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the church on November 5, 1983. All welcome.

- 9.15 a.m.—Sabbath school
 - 11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship
—Fellowship Lunch
 - 2.30 p.m.—Sacred Recital and Recollections
- RSVP (02) 622 1210.

F. W. BOREHAM BOOKS

I am interested in purchasing some of the books of this author and would be pleased to receive details of titles, condition of books, price requested. Pastor Max Hatton, PO Box 99, Strathfield, NSW 2135. Phone (02) 44 6750.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Twenty-year-old male seeks apprenticeship in carpentry and joinery or a farming position. All inquiries please write to Jaco Van Der Linden, 17/133A Campbell Street, Woonona, NSW 2517. All propositions welcomed.

AVONDALE COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

Avondale College Summer School, December 27, 1983, to January 5, 1984. Registration from 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 1983. First meal is tea on Tuesday, December 27, and last meal is breakfast on Thursday, January 5, 1984. Classes and recreation daily except for Sabbath. Write today to Avondale College Summer School, Cooranbong, NSW 2265.

Guest lecturer from Andrews University—Dr Fritz Guy teaching "The Theology of the Sabbath." New subjects include: The Parables of Jesus, China Painting, Early SDA History, The Personal Computer and You, The Preacher and Preaching for the Lay Preacher, Tie Dyeing, Batik and Traditional Quilting, Rich Christians in a Poor World, Meal Presentation, Hints for the Home Budget, Tennis Coaching. Other subjects are also offered.

COST:

Residential Student Fee (single)—tuition in 5 subjects	\$226.00
Residential Student Fee (husband and wife) tuition in 5 subjects	\$406.00
Non-residential fee tuition in 5 subjects	\$98.50
Single subject fee (non-practical subject)	\$25.00
Single subject fee (practical subject) plus materials fee.	\$33.00 \$12.00

COACH TOURS WITH ADVENTIST FRIENDS

Victoria—with 3 days at Warburton Health Care Centre—Nov '83, 9 days, only \$369
Australia's Roof (Alps) in Summer—Feb '84, 5 days, very low cost
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Tropical Splendour—Far North Queensland—June '84
Around Australia—including WA Wildflowers and Central Australia—Sept '84
Plus more to follow. Mostly motel accommodation, vegetarian meals, Sabbaths planned en route, luxury air-conditioned coach, relaxed travelling with Adventist friends. Tours leave from Sydney and Avondale and pick up en route.

Details and brochures available from:
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Cooranbong, NSW 2265 Phone (049) 77 2000

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HOME HELP WANTED

A reliable live-in housekeeper or daily help (Mondays to Fridays) wanted for light duties, vegetarian cooking and some driving for a home on Lake Macquarie near Newcastle. A completely self-contained, two-bedroom flat available for live-in. Wages to be negotiated. Some assistance for transfer possible. For details write to Home Help, 68/50 King William Street, Fitzroy, Vic 3065, or telephone (03) 417 3848 collect, evenings or weekends.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Large, attractive 4 B/R home—fibro, W/W carpet throughout, all mod cons, 2 septic, plus a spare room detached, garage, carport workshop area. Quiet Red Hill area, eight minutes' walk to college, factory, Cooranbong. Inquiries phone (049) 77 1259.

HOUSE FOR SALE—LAKE MACQUARIE

Four-bedroom home serviced by school bus to Avondale schools and college. Adventist to be given first opportunity of purchasing this home of the late Marian Hay. Phone Conference Treasurer—(049) 61 5775 or after hours (049) 77 1560.

MATURE CHRISTIAN COUPLE REQUIRED

WIFE: to be employed on a full-time basis, caring for three well-behaved and intelligent children. She must be a good communicator with children, know her Bible well, and able to play the piano.

HUSBAND: part-time employment; gardening and caretaking.

NOTE: in certain circumstances the vacancy might be filled by single woman with correct qualifications.

A 4 B/R house with air-conditioning is provided. Salary to be negotiated.

For further information write "Governess," 716 Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills, Vic 3127.

REAL ESTATE

For real estate in Cooranbong, Morisset, Dora Creek and the Lakes area contact Shirley Turner, representing Wilsons Better Homes Co., Newcastle. 563 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong. Phone (049) 77 1504. A/H 77 1330.

REAL ESTATE—PERTH HILLS

For your real estate requirements in the Carmel—Bickley—Kalamunda—Lesmurdie areas please contact Alan Edgcombe of Clarendon Realty (09) 293 4528.

REBLOCKING HOUSES

Lifting, levelling, underpinning—concrete or redgum stumps. First-class job by an Adventist firm. Ring Ilija (03) 312 4902.

REGISTERED NURSES

In the near future Sydney Adventist Hospital will have vacancies for registered nurses—single or double certificated. The Sydney Adventist Hospital is a 304-bed hospital and is one of Australia's largest private hospitals. Experience in the following areas is particularly desirable: Cardio-thoracic, obstetrics, plastic surgery, oncology. For further information write to: The Director of Nursing, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

SOUL-WINNING WORKSHOP

Avondale College Soul-Winning Workshop—December 27, 1983, to January 12, 1984. Evangelist John Carter brings his Sydney Opera House evangelistic success to the Soul-Winning Workshop this year. The heart of his Opera House series will be condensed into the meetings and activities offered to laymen and laywomen who attend the workshop this year.

Pastor Carter's program for the Soul-Winning Workshop: Morning classes: Guest lecturer; proclaiming the certainties of our faith; making Adventism relevant in this materialistic age. Afternoon activities: Field visitation. Evenings: Be a team member in the evangelistic programs presented in the Avondale Memorial church.

Experience the joys and develop the skills of the soul-winner. Write now to: Soul-Winning Workshop, Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW 2265.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On Sabbath, October 29, 1983, the Nambour church, Queensland, will be conducting special services, being the occasion of their thirtieth anniversary. All past members, ministers and any interested are most welcome. Contact: A. H. (Jack) Hasler, PO Box 265, Nambour, Qld 4560.

WANTED KNOWN

Have you any antique lace, embroidery, crochet or antique clothes that you would like to turn into cash or for missions? No commission if sold for missions. Contact Rowena Hokin, "Country Lace," Main Street, Yarra Junction, Vic 3797. Phone (059) 67 1155 or (059) 67 1464.

WARBURTON HEALTH CARE CENTRE AND HOSPITAL

Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital has the following positions vacant:

1. Trained operating theatre sister.
2. RN with theatre experience.
3. Full- or part-time RNs to work in outpatients clinic.
4. RNs with midwifery certificate.

For further information please write to The Director of Nursing, Warburton Health Care Centre, Warburton, Vic 3799, or phone (059) 66 2404.

FLASHPOINT

LINCOLN STEED
Assistant Editor



SAWS UPDATE. Following months of unusually dry conditions, bushfires ravaged 15,000 acres of crops and timber plantations in the north-west of the island of Savaii, Western Samoa. Fires burned for about nine days on a six-and-a-half-kilometre front, happily with little loss of life, until rains on September 18 and 19. Our church has been involved in relief programs, and SAWS has sent five tonnes of food, carried freight-free from Auckland, New Zealand. The fires are out, but the need for food will continue for some time as crops have been destroyed. SAWS Australasia wishes to thank their many supporters who make possible their work in this and other emergency need situations.

FORTY-SIX ready-mix concrete loads *in one day!* That's an indication of the big work in progress at Sydney Adventist High School at Strathfield, Sydney. The new additions should be completed for the 1984 school year.

ANNIVERSARY COMING UP. 1984 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the Adventist Church in Australia and New Zealand. Maybe your local church can use this as a newsmaker in the area. You can be sure that Divisionwide the year will be well observed.

THE MEDIA CENTRE has produced station "promos" for the seventy stations which carry the These Times broadcast. Each advertising spot is personalised with the local radio station call sign.

MEDIA CENTRE PR man Nat Devenish was recently up in Brisbane to negotiate the resumption of These Times broadcasts there after a break of several years.

A BIGGER ARMY. Literature evangelist numbers are up 15 per cent over last year. Sales are also up 13 per cent. Good news for the literature work in a climate of recession.

FIRST BAPTISM recently from Pastor Okesene's just concluded mission effort with his Samoan church group in Christchurch, SNZ.

THIRTY NORTH NSW PATHFINDER CLUBS were on the move over the recent October long weekend. Two area expedition groups back-packed into the wilderness on a "self-reliance" exercise.

"NEW" BUS FOR WA. The Youth department there has just acquired a Leyland bus from Westrail. Normally tenders are called for in such sales. However the man handling the sale called Youth director Pastor Graham Stacey and asked him to come and see the bus—before any tenders were asked for.

A NEW YOUTH TENT is planned for the upcoming WA camp next Easter. It will replace the corrugated iron shed, which is hot, noisy and old.

MASSED CHOIRS AT CHRISTCHURCH. On September 14, Christchurch Adventist Primary School pupils joined with other area school choirs in the town hall for a "Primary Schools Music Festival." With 700 children in the choir plus an orchestra, it was a big musical occasion.

A YOUTH LEADERSHIP planning seminar was held at Yarrhapinni youth camp on September 24. One interesting follow-up—North New South Wales Conference is to conduct four Voice of Youth programs in November.

REMEMBER the Brisbane Pathfinder Camporee? Well the film of the camp is here at last. It was first shown at the Byron Bay Youth Camp, north NSW, last month, and will be shown around Australia in the weeks ahead. Word is that it was worth waiting for.

BACK TO CARMEL. On September 25 Carmel College ex-students and teachers gathered for their annual general meeting. Eighty-nine-year-old Mrs May Peterson of Tasmania, and class of 1910, read our announcement in the RECORD and crossed the continent just to attend the reunion. The oldest student present was ninety-year-old Mrs May Barnes, who attended Carmel in 1907, the year the college opened.

ALEX CURRIE, dean of men at Avondale College, will be the guest speaker at an October 15 Youth Rally in the Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia.

ART EXHIBITION. Avondale College art lecturers Bruce Durrant and Martin Willis are holding a joint exhibition of painting and ceramics, from October 15 to 23. Where? Appropriately enough—at the "Saints Gallery," Berowra, Sydney! Tomorrow (October 16) they will be at the exhibition to meet friends and fans and to discuss their work.

A VIDEO FEATURE of the Greater Sydney camp-meeting held at Goulburn from September 29 to October 4 was a screening by Adventist Media Centre audio engineer Geoff Batchelor of "The Harvest," a 240-slides-in-20-minutes essay in . . . no prizes for guessing. Oh that every slide evening could move at such a clip!

IN COOPERATION with the October 9 ABC Open Day in WA, visiting Division Temperance director Wynstan Dowling and local leader G. W. W. Drinkall ran a 5-Day Plan training program. It was well supported—one church alone sent eleven to the seminar. After the seminar participants had the opportunity to buy relevant material from the ABC—at a discount, of course!

NARROGIN SHOWGOERS this weekend are sure to be attracted to our health and community services display organised by local minister Peter Knopper. A great opportunity for public witness!

AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION planners have a happy headache in their plans for Pacific Adventist College, near Port Moresby, PNG—it is becoming obvious that a *third* married students village will have to be built to accommodate student intake for 1985.

"FINALLY, BRETHERN . . .": The man who wins success may have been counted out several times, but didn't hear the referee.