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A FISH STORY

Is a fisherman really a fisherman if he never goes fishing?

JOHN M. DRESCHER

NOW IT CAME to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry.

Week after week, month after month, and year after year these, who called themselves fishermen, met in meetings and talked about their call to fish, the abundance of fish, and how they might go about fishing. Year after year they carefully defined what fishing means, defended fishing as an occupation, and declared that fishing is always to be a primary task of fishermen.

Continually they searched for new and better methods of fishing and for new and better definitions of fishing. Further, they said, "The fishing industry exists by fishing as fire exists by burning." They loved slogans such as "Fishing is the task of every fisherman," "Every fisherman is a fisher," and "A fisherman's outpost for every fisherman's club." They sponsored special meetings called "Fishermen's Campaigns" and "The Month for Fishermen to Fish." They sponsored costly nationwide and worldwide congresses to discuss fishing and to promote fishing and hear about all the ways of fishing such as the new fishing equipment, fish calls, and whether any new bait was discovered.

These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings called "Fishing Headquarters." The plea was that everyone should be a fisherman and every fisherman should fish. One thing they didn't do, however; they didn't fish.

In addition to meeting regularly, they organised a board to send out fishermen to other places where there were many fish. All the fishermen seemed to agree that what is needed is a board that could challenge fishermen to be faithful in fishing. The board was formed by those who had the great vision and courage to speak about fishing, to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in faraway streams



and lakes where many other fish of different colours lived.

Large, elaborate, and expensive training centres were built, whose original and primary purpose was to teach fishermen how to fish. Over the years courses were offered on the needs of fish, the nature of fish, where to find fish, the psychological reactions of fish, and how to approach and feed fish. Those who taught had doctorates in fishology. But the teachers did not fish. They only taught fishing. Year after year, after tedious training, many were graduated and were given fishing licences. They were sent to do full-time fishing, some to distant waters that were filled with fish.

Further, the fishermen built large printing houses to publish fishing guides. Presses were kept busy day and night to produce materials solely devoted to fishing methods, equipment, and programs to arrange and to encourage meetings to talk about fishing. A speakers' bureau was also provided to schedule special speakers on the subject of fishing.

After one stirring meeting on "The Necessity for Fishing," one young fellow left the meeting and went fishing. The next day he reported that he had caught two outstanding

fish. He was honoured for his excellent catch and was scheduled to visit all the big meetings possible to tell how he did it. So he quit his fishing in order to have time to tell about the experience to the other fishermen. He was also placed on the Fishermen's General Board as a person having considerable experience.

Now it's true that many of the fishermen sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of dead fish every day. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fishermen's clubs and the fact that they claimed to be fishermen yet never fished. They wondered about those who felt it was of little use to attend the weekly meetings to talk about fishing. After all, were they not following the Master, who said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men?"

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who don't catch fish were really not fishermen, no matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Is a person a fisherman if year after year he never catches a fish? Is one following if he isn't fishing?

—Ministry.

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GUEST EDITORIAL ...

Labourers Together With God



THERE ARE six hundred and thirty-four thousand unemployed people here in Australia. What a tragedy! Think of the men and women, the adults and youth who are involved. The economic tragedy is sad, but the feeling that they are not needed, not wanted, is devastating. The church today does not have this problem; the words that Jesus said long ago, if spoken today would be just as truthful now as they were then. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." There is plenty of work for all of us to do. Every one of us can feel needed in the service of God. Because of this, it is good to be able to report that more and more of our people over Australasia are responding to the challenge that came to us from the visit of Pastor Monnier and the Maranatha I and Maranatha II meetings. Action groups are beginning to form in a number of our churches, and in a variety of ways our people are turning their efforts toward the task of sharing the gospel message with their friends and neighbours.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers and said, "We are labourers together with God." When we do our best today, God is always with us, helping us with our task, whatever it may be. Ellen White wrote to some physicians in a hospital on one occasion with the message, "Ye are labourers together with God." She wrote to the farm labourers who were working on the new farm at the Avondale College and said, "Ye are labourers together with God." She wrote to mothers and fathers who were bringing up their children and said, "Ye are labourers together with God."

Recently, reports have been reaching my desk from the various action groups which have been working around my conference, and whose members have been called from many walks of life. It has been thrilling to hear how God's hand has been in evidence in their experiences.

In one of our churches we have a literature evangelist who had a problem. He could see the opportunity of delivering Bibles into the homes where he had sold his books, but there were so many places, he couldn't possibly follow up all the interested people. Fortunately, his church had an action group, so he went to this and suggested that instead of him delivering the Bibles, maybe the members of the group could deliver the Bibles on his behalf. Many of the members of the group did so, with the result that they are following up the interests of our literature evangelist brother. Today a number of people are beginning to come to church as a result of the delivery of those Bibles and the work of the action group in the homes.

You may have read an article that recently appeared in the RECORD telling of a gentleman in England who had sent his name to

us. While he was holidaying here in Australia he had been to a motel and picked up the little book, *Your Bible and You*. The motel was in Seymour in Victoria, but we had no record of any of our churches leaving books at that particular motel, and we wondered how the book came to be placed there in the first place. Well, now we know. One of our good sisters decided that she would like to have a share in motel evangelism. She purchased some books and took them out to some of the country motels herself, and was impressed when she passed by this particular motel that there was one place she should be leaving her books. Three years is a long time to wait for a result. Now she has heard that one of her books has led someone to know the Lord as his Saviour. She is one of the most joyful people in the whole of Australia because God was working through her.

Sometimes people say, "Oh, I couldn't do anything for the Lord; I just haven't got the talent." Let me pass on one more story. In one of our churches there is a very old gentleman who has come to us from overseas. He has not been here long enough to learn to speak English properly; French is his native language. One Sabbath he was coming to church with his Bible in his pocket, and at the bus-stop he met two young people who also had Bibles in their pockets. When he spoke to them they told him that they belonged to a large, well-known church. As soon as he heard that, he said, "Oh, you folk are wrong; your church is wrong." He promptly started to show them from his Bible why he believed this was so. Now, as far as I am concerned, I could never possibly approach people on that basis. I wouldn't expect people to listen to me after my declaration that their church was wrong, but apparently he did the right thing so far as the Lord was concerned. After all, he was doing his best. The result was that on the next Sabbath the two young people came to church, and up till the time of writing they have been faithfully attending.

We must never be afraid to say a word, or write a letter for our God. We do not work alone. He is working with us. We have been told that "The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestations of the power of God than marked its opening." "Servants of God with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven by thousands of voices. All over the earth the warning will be given." Are you planning to have a part in that warning message of the last days? Why not plan to join with your fellow church members and form an action group in your church? God invites you to work with Him and He promises to work with you.

K. R. Low,
President, Victorian Conference.



"A SPECIAL SCHOOL"

J. T. KNOPPER, Publishing Director, Australasian Division

FROM July 15 to August 2, 1984, a special school was conducted in the office of the Australasian Division headquarters in Wahroonga.

Thirteen Publishing directors and literature evangelists attended this "special leadership school." There were three conference Publishing Department directors, four assistant directors, one Solomon Islands Publishing Department director, one union mission Publishing Department director under appointment, and four carefully selected literature evangelists.

Capable, well-trained leadership is a vital link in the chain of success of the publishing program. We do thank the Division officers and the Division executive committee for initiating, supporting and granting financial subsidy for this unique program.

It could well be that this is the first school of this nature and for this period of time, not only in this Division, but also in the world field of Adventism.

Teachers in the school were: Pastor A. N. Duffy, with fourteen periods on "Daniel and Revelation" and fourteen periods on homiletics, the art of pulpit ministry; Pastor W. T. Andrews and treasury staff, with seven periods on business principles, church finance and budgeting; Pastor W. Pitt, with fourteen periods on office administration and field work; Pastor N. E. Bolst, fourteen periods on applied salesmanship and how to teach salesmanship; Pastor J. T. Knopper, fourteen periods on promotion, recruiting and training of literature evangelists, and seven periods on "Principles of Successful Leadership."

Those who attended this special school are pictured in the accompanying photograph. The leaders involved were most grateful in having been selected to attend this school, and keenly absorbed the material presented.

We do regret that it is not possible for all leaders and literature evangelists to attend such a school, both time and money being the limiting factors of such a gathering. However, we trust that when these thirteen leaders and literature evangelists put into practice what was taught in this school, the results will not only show up in their ministry, but in the work of others served by these men.

We take this opportunity to assure the readers of the RECORD, that the Publishing Department in this Division is wide awake and alert. We also recognise that much more needs to be done, and that there is still room for improvement.

You should have the publishing field's interests at heart, as much as its leaders do, and so we invite readers to share their ideas with us, in order to lead toward improvement.

Your prayers are also solicited for the benefit of the Signs Publishing Company, who are the main producers of literature for our field, with prayers also for the leadership and the literature evangelists.

To give proof that this Division treats the Publishing Department seriously, it may be of interest to you to know that from August 20 to 22 a special summit meeting was held to discuss and consider all aspects of the Publishing Department, in respect to production and distribution of Adventist literature in this field. A report about this

NEWS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

F. M. SLADE



IN THE middle and late 1970s the name of Fred Mazzaferri, late of Ringwood, Victoria, was one to be conjured with. His byline graced the pages of the *Signs* and the *RECORD* at regular intervals. His many friends, some of whom may have lost contact with him since he went as a missionary (?) to the United Kingdom, will be gratified to see this news item. The *RECORD* salutes this milestone in Fred's ministerial career, and dares to hope that perhaps we may yet receive some further examples of his competent ministry with the written word.

Fred Mazzaferri was ordained to the gospel ministry at the British Conference Session in Scarborough, England, on June 9, 1984. Fred is an Australian, who, after graduating from Avondale in 1979, went to Aberdeen, Scotland, to study at the University for a PhD in New Testament Theology. During his stay in Aberdeen the British Conference employed him as the minister of the Aberdeen church. The photo shows Fred and his wife Judith being introduced by Pastor David Robertson (a New Zealander), at the microphone, while Pastor D. Macfarlane, newly elected secretary (at left), looks on. Fred is now close to completing his degree. ■

meeting will appear in a later issue of the *RECORD*. We challenge you to consider giving of your time in active service in the literature ministry as a part-time or full-time literature evangelist.

Please write to us at the Division office, or to your local Publishing Department. ■

Youth Feature . . .

A Parable About Mincemeat

G. S. BOARD

AT THE BEGINNING of our story, Mincemeat the rabbit was not really called Mincemeat. In fact, he did not have a name at all. But by the end of the story, all he had left was his name.

It all began when the new-born Mincemeat and his family moved house to a vacant burrow near the culvert which ran under Backblocks Road. It was a good home, and Mincemeat's parents and brothers and sisters had plenty of space. The burrow's two entrances made the place reasonably safe—one surfaced near the culvert where there was a good view across a cleared paddock, so any would-be intruder could be clearly seen. The other entrance was almost completely blocked off by a clump of paperbark trees which provided about as good a camouflage as possible.

Home was a good place to be. Not only was there safety at home, but there was everything there that young rabbits could wish for—plenty to eat and drink and plenty of room to play. But home was also a good place to bring friends, and Mincemeat's mother and father always made the visiting rabbits welcome.

Backblocks Road was not all that busy. It was a gravel track peppered with potholes, and only a few cars used it, travelling very slowly to avoid damage. The road had always seemed inviting to young rabbits since the holes, although they were not deep, looked like burrows and made it seem like home.

But the older rabbits had made it clear that the road was not a safe place to be. Mincemeat's father had once seen a bad accident on a road which had resulted in his friends not coming back to their burrow. So it was that the older rabbit made some very strict rules about Backblocks Road.

"There are some places," he said to his family, "where young rabbits should never go. They are simply not safe." There were a few "mup-mup-mups" as the family muttered agreement.

A Warning Stamp

The senior rabbit took seriously his job as family leader, and was always on the lookout for danger. Whenever anything came near which looked like trouble, he would stamp his feet hard on the ground, causing a loud "thud-thud-thud," which could be heard from anywhere the young rabbits were likely to play. But danger was rare, and the young rabbits grew up safely at home. Home is a good place to be.

One day as the father was standing guard at the front entrance to the burrow, Mincemeat

returned from the paddock where he had been playing with his brothers and sisters, and hopped over to his father. "Look, Father," he said, "do you see anything different?"

The older rabbit looked Mincemeat up and down, and his eyes twinkled. "Yes, I see it," he replied. "You are as big as I am—bigger if anything. Yes, you are a full-grown rabbit."

Mincemeat grinned. "So now I can do whatever I like," he replied cheekily.

The next day when father was guarding the front entrance he saw Mincemeat on the road, inspecting the potholes, and he called the young rabbit.

"I don't have to come any more," Mincemeat called back. "You leave me alone. It's my life. I can go where I like now, and when I like it." Then he added, "You are just trying to spoil my fun."

Poor Mincemeat! He was now a full-grown rabbit, but he had grown up without commonsense.

He did not understand that there were places where young rabbits must never go. Nor could he see that his parents were trying to do their best for him, and were certainly not trying to spoil his fun. He didn't seem to understand, either, that everyone has to follow the rules.

"Just as there is a rule which says that you must not make your house in a fox hole," his father reminded him later, "so there are other rules to obey. All rabbits have to follow the rules, no matter how old they are."

Doing As He Liked

But Mincemeat continued to play on the road. He was even there when a road gang came along and filled in all the potholes, tamping down the gravel to make a smooth road, though he could not understand why the holes were filled in. The next day he headed back again, calling over his shoulder as he left, "See, I can do as I like now. It's my life."

Before the potholes were filled in, Mincemeat had taunted the cars too, as they had moved slowly across the track to avoid the rough going. He would leave it to the last minute, moving away from danger only slowly. It was his life now, he knew. He could handle it and, what's more, he was sure that he did not have to follow the rules any more.

As Mincemeat stood on the road he saw a car coming, but seemed not to realise that it was coming at twice the speed, now that the road was repaired. His father saw the danger, and stamped repeatedly on the ground, giving an urgent warning which all rabbits understand. Mincemeat heard the warning, but just laughed at his father as he called out. "I can do as I please now, Father. It's my life . . ." But he didn't finish his statement of freedom.

At the beginning of the story there was a rabbit without a name. Now, just the name. ■

SIGNPOSTS

THIS LITTLE heading announces a column in which we're about to share with you news about *Signs of the Times* in the months ahead. So please read on!

Looking Ahead

The BIG good news is that we'll be running another pair of mass-distribution issues in 1985—our centenary year! In 1983 over 650,000 copies of each of our two special mass-distribution issues were run, making a total of over a million and a quarter copies of the two issues. It is hoped that at least a similar number, or maybe even more, will be printed in 1985. We have already had one church contact us indicating that they wish to see *Signs* placed in every home in Australia during 1985! If every church could share their vision, our print-order for the special issues next year could possibly be a million for each issue, instead of for the two!

Last year the two special issues were those for June and July. In 1985 they will be the two for August and September.

The exciting part is the themes that have been chosen for these two issues. The first will have as its theme A CARING CHURCH, and will focus on the community concerns and lifestyle of Seventh-day Adventists. The August issue *this year* gave us an opportunity to share with our neighbours what we believe. The August issue *next year* will tell them how we live and wish to serve our community, and the kind of neighbours we want to be.

This will be followed in September by an issue entitled THE CARING CHRIST, which will focus on Jesus as the answer to people's personal needs and to the problems confronting the world in which we live.

We felt as a planning committee that the Lord had guided in a very definite way in the selection of these themes, and feel sure that our members will really have fun distributing these magazines to their neighbours!

The reason why we didn't have a special mass-distribution issue of *Signs* in 1984 is that the new-format edition of *Steps to Christ*, called *Happiness Digest*, has been our major mass-distribution project this year. It is anticipated, however, that if the special *Signs* project next year is the success we believe it will be, it will be repeated in 1986 and regularly, on an annual basis, thereafter.

Coming Up Soon

Let's now take a quick look at what *Signs* will be offering our readers in the more immediate future:

November Signs: The theme of our November *Signs* is REVELATION—A BOOK WHOSE HOUR HAS COME. All the articles, contributed by local authors, throw the spotlight on some of the vitally important prophecies in this book—the only book in the Bible in which a blessing is pronounced on the reader (chapter 1:3). *This issue will prove of special value to ministers and members conducting Revelation Seminars, and to all who are seeking to lead others into an understanding of this book and its life-and-death message.*

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Brother D. B. Mitchell, secretary-treasurer.



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Pastor G. M. Smith, Youth, Communication and Health director.

No. 2 in a series . . .

Have You Heard About Wespac?

R. V. MOE, President, Western Pacific Union Mission, based in Honiara, Guadalcanal

LET ME put you in the picture about our personnel here at Wespac headquarters. As indicated in our first article, the Western Pacific Union compound has seven expatriate and eleven national workers on the staff.

Bruce Mitchell is the Union secretary-treasurer, supported by Ray O'Hara as assistant treasurer. Just arrived is Ross Reid who is the Education director, assisted by Tommy Toata. David Bertelsen cares for the Lay Activities, Publishing and Sabbath School Departments, and is assisted by Joel Panda in the Publishing Department. Wilfred Bili is the ministerial and field secretary, and also looks after the Stewardship Department. Gordon Smith has the Youth and Communication as well as Health and Temperance Departments.

Downstairs, Rayboy Keremama is our accountant, ably assisted by Rex Injini who also cares for shipping and supply. Eniel (Joe) Johnson from Vanuatu punches our outdated ledger machine, while Verna Ragoso cares for reception and secretarial work with Carol Joshua and Darlene Gomese. Willie Noah is cashier in our office. Peter Manovaki is our press operator, and does a splendid job of printing. Primus Kenae is head gardener, and keeps our estate the finest-looking compound in the Solomons.

Most staff members are married with children. Some are still single. In all, we are a happy group of workers.

Betikama's Well-deserved Fame

We have two Union institutions. One is the Betikama High School, with Russell Woolley as principal. It is an international secondary school caring for the needs of our students who leave Kukudu Adventist High School in the Western Solomons, Kauma Adventist High School in Kiribati, and Aore Adventist High

School in Vanuatu. There are 380 students in school at Betikama this year. Dormitories are overcrowded, as are the classrooms, and some funds have been provided for desperately needed extensions. But there have been some delays with the authorities, as our school is in the direct flight path of Henderson International Airfield.

Ideally, we should move the whole school further down on the estate, but that would take two or three million dollars. It may well yet be that the government will make us do just that, and if that happens we are really going to need your help.

Betikama is famous in the Solomon Islands and further afield, for several reasons. One is that it is a model school because of its study-work program. Also its market garden and dairy are the only ones in the Solomons. It gains much attention for its carving and copper industries. Between all of its industries, Betikama is almost a self-supporting institution.

Because of the liberal funding by ADRA/ADAB, we are embarking on extensive development of our market gardens. The old bulldozer has been busy clearing land. Three hundred avocado pear trees have been planted, 1,200 Bowen mango trees are flourishing, and the first 20,000 pineapples are now bearing. Our aim is to treble that number during 1984. Corn, peanuts, pumpkins, and a wide variety of other vegetables are in production to provide cash for continued development of the estate. Russell is supported by his deputy principal, Pastor Titus Rore, and a strong team of expatriate and national workers, too many to name, but all part of a happy, efficient team.

The tour boats have Betikama listed as one of their key points of interest. Why don't you come and visit us too? We'd love to see you! ■



Tommy Toata, assistant Education director.



Verna Ragoso, receptionist. The RECORD regrets that space requirements prevented the publication of all photos supplied, and hopes to rectify the omission soon.

Photos: R. V. Moe.

The Second-Last Great Deception

ROSE COX

PAUL TOLD THE Corinthian believers that "even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14),* and in Matthew 24:24, Jesus told His disciples that "false Christs and false prophets will arise and . . . mislead, if possible, even the elect." Most religions, which call themselves Christian, agree that at some time near the closing period of this earth's history, Satan will appear, probably disguised as Christ. Until now, the so-called Christs and Messiahs who have arisen throughout the world have not been very impressive. In fact, they have attracted only a limited number of disciples. Remember Father Divine and Jim Jones and others who claimed to be the Christ, whose lifestyles were not in a class with Jesus Christ's? Between April 24 and May 15, 1982, an advertisement appeared in twenty leading newspapers in seventeen countries dramatically announcing, "The Christ is now here." This false Christ, called Lord Maitreya, was to manifest himself on, or by, June 27, 1982. So far, he has not appeared. Yes, Satan has surely been behind these false prophets in their quest for fame, but when that last great deception is made manifest by Satan himself, he will appear so Christlike, so godly, and so perfect, that millions will be deceived. This will be Satan's last deception.

We need presently to be concerned with Satan's second last great act of deception, which is going on right now all around us. This is the one which is paving the way for Satan's final *coup de grace*.

The Tongues Movement

In 1831 a group of pious, church-going people, led by a Presbyterian minister named John Irvine, began to speak in tongues while praying for a revival of the spiritual gifts that the early Christians possessed. This was the first recorded instance of so-called "Christian tongues." Since that time, the phenomenon of tongues-speaking has spread through churches in almost every country of the world. The most notable of these are the Assemblies of God and the Four Square Gospel churches. Many small groups and breakaway factions grow and split according to the different doctrines they hold. Assemblies of God leaders claim that their church began simultaneously, in different areas, without any particular leader, while the Four Square churches are the brainchild of a remarkably strong and charismatic woman named Aimee Semple McPherson.

Out of the Assemblies of God came many of America's "household names" in aggressive evangelism—Oral Roberts, A. A. Allen, Jimmy Swaggart—to name just a few. Other charismatics who made a huge impact in America were Kathryn Kuhlman, who elevated

the so-called "gift of healing" from revivalist tent meetings to a highly desirable position among all classes of American society, and Demos Shakarian, the founder of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, which helped lift the so-called "baptism in tongues" from the illiterate backwoods society of America's Bible Belt to some of the largest and grandest meeting halls in the nation, and its patronage by influential businessmen gave it the seal of respectability.

Membership of the Pentecostal churches mushroomed until Pentecostalism was the third largest religion after Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. At that time, most mainline churches frowned on such demonstrations of emotionalism as evidenced in these churches, but gradually a new phenomenon occurred. The tongues movement began to spread into the mainline churches, at first causing alarm and confusion, but later becoming accepted, often with great jubilation. After all, some mainline churches needed a shot in the arm to revive their dwindling memberships! Surprisingly, it is the Roman Catholic church that has embraced the charismatic movement with enthusiasm, even digging up evidence of charismatic, tongues-speaking saints to lend verification to their actions. Some churches have reluctantly accepted the situation and have adopted a wait-and-see attitude, while others have stoutly resisted any charismatic encroachment.

"Born-again" Christians

It is the effect that these developments have had on individuals and groups that concerns us here. Emotionalism or "feeling" is the common denominator in both the Pentecostal and charismatic movements. These people have little difficulty in accepting all the signs, miracles and wonders of which these movements boast. After all, prominent men and women—ministers, priests, nuns, MPs, sports stars, entertainers—are boasting that they are possessors of one or more gifts bestowed as a result of "baptism in the Spirit," calling themselves "born-again Christians," and claiming changed lives.

Through the centuries, Satan has devised many devilish and masterly plans to separate God's people from the truth. Let us briefly review some of these.

1. The early Christians were persecuted, reviled and scattered, as Satan sought to prevent the spread of Christianity and the gospel.

2. A false religion was set up, changing and nullifying God's true purpose and His laws. Millions were ensnared, but a number of these were able to break away at God's intervention and through men like John Wycliffe and Martin Luther, the Reformation released many from bondage.

3. More persecution against those who espoused God's truth was perpetrated by the false religion, and all in the name of Christ. Millions of martyrs died during the Inquisition because they would not bow down to Satan.

4. Now Satan's most diabolical plan is unfolding—a plan in which he appears to be working against himself. In this way he is able to ensnare countless millions of people. He knows that if *good* is seen to come from these signs, wonders and miracles; if lives seem to be changed; if ministers who were unable to hold an audience, can now praise God with great power and without fear; if the sick are healed; if timid people overcome their inhibitions and speak in tongues; if devils are exorcised, then many of these people will reason that all this good must come from God. But when the true mark of the beast begins to be shown to them, so nurtured are they on "signs" and "feelings" that they will find it impossible to do a simple thing like keeping the true Sabbath of our God and Creator.

"Experience" Must Agree with Word

We cannot take an "experience" and relate it back to God's Word. We must see what God says first, and if the experience does not line up with the Word, the experience must be given up. So, although these exorcisms, healings and testimonies seem true, we must deny them if they do not line up with God's Word. One of our church members said: "We can see them with our eyes; we can hear of them with our ears; we can even reason in our mind that they must be of God; but with our heart we must reject them, because they are not in harmony with the Word of God."

We have a unique health message. James 5:14 tells us that there is a way to seek healing if it be God's will. This is contrary to the public healing and miracle rallies that some of these churches sponsor. We know that signs and wonders will herald the latter rain, the prelude to Christ's second coming (Joel 2:28-30). But 7:22 tells us that there will also be false prophesying, exorcism and miracles done in Jesus' name.

Sadly, then, these wonderful people who think they are loving and serving the Lord, are being deceived by Satan. Even the teaching relating to the manner of Christ's second coming has been distorted, and when Satan appears as an angel of light, calling fire down from heaven (Revelation 13:13) with all power and signs and false wonders (2 Thessalonians 2:9), they will be unable to discern truth from error. Let us thank God for the truth we know, and pray for all those who have fallen prey to Satan's second last deception, that they too will find the truth before it is too late. ■

* Bible quotations are from the New American Standard Bible.

Miracles Do Happen Today!

ANNICK

SUNDAY AFTER SUNDAY my children and I happily attended a charismatic meeting. There was love in that place, we all thought. Lots of songs and praises. Joy seemed to fill the air. When the sermon started, I took notes while trying to absorb every word. I was in search of peace and understanding from the Word of God. One Sunday afternoon, I was reading my Bible and revising my notes, when I became confused about some of the notes I had on Daniel chapter 7.

At the previous meeting, we had been taught that the Lion represented Babylon; the Bear, Russia; the Leopard, Alexander the Great, etc. This of course did not make sense to me. How could Russia be there way back in the middle of those two empires of antiquity? "I wish someone would help me understand this, God," I prayed.

I was still praying for enlightenment on the subject, when my eldest daughter walked into the room. She had the Sunday paper in her hand, and asked if I would be interested in attending a lecture advertised for that night in some theatre in town. The title was, "Who Is the Great Antichrist?" That sounded interesting, I admitted, but I wasn't too sure I wanted to miss the charismatic meeting that night. We had been faithfully attending these meetings for some months now, and I was quite happy.

However, at 8 o'clock that night, my children and I found ourselves entering the Piccadilly Theatre. What a sight! I felt as if I had been struck by lightning. There on the stage, was a big screen, and on it were huge coloured pictures of animals. You guessed it! There was a lion, a bear, a leopard, etc. Yes, that night the lecture was on Daniel chapter 7! I sat stunned as the speaker gave a detailed Bible study on the very subject which had puzzled me only hours before. I could not stop thanking God for such a quick answer to my prayers. I had never heard such a clear message before.

I wanted to know more about the speaker who had been God's instrument that night. After inquiries, I learned that these lectures were sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Oh, what a shock! I froze inside as old prejudices came to my mind. Adventists! Weren't they those unusual people who worship on Saturdays? Weren't they the strange sect who forbade so many things? Yet this pastor was fantastic in his presentation of the Word of God. I felt so confused.

The following Sunday, I decided to go back to my old routine: maybe I could speak to our pastor. Maybe he would admit his mistake. As I entered the place that night, I felt uncomfortable. Suddenly everything seemed so false. I had the feeling I was in a big circus. There was lots of noise and clapping of hands. The songs I once liked, seemed too loud. As for the sermon, it just didn't make sense to me that night.

The children and I decided we'd have to go to the Piccadilly the following week. How right we were! There was another thrilling discovery awaiting us. Week after week, we were not disappointed. Once I asked to speak to the preacher. I had dozens of questions to ask. He willingly agreed to visit me and give me a detailed Biblical answer to my questions. After that, I had to admit to myself that this man and the church he represented had the truth. Everything "clicked." I felt I had found the missing piece of the puzzle.

It was clear in my heart that I was facing a decision. Either I was going to be a Christian and follow the whole truth, or forget about Christianity altogether. I knew then where I

wanted to belong in the future. Sure, I had many problems facing me straight away. The devil tried all he could to create incredible obstacles. But thanks to God's grace we overcame each one in its own time.

Now, as a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I am ever so thankful to those who made possible the Geoff Youlden mission in Perth in 1979. I know that many new members of our church are thinking along the same line. May we always remember to support to the best of our abilities more of these missions all across Australia, and around the world.

We are reminded in Matthew 28:20 that we have an obligation toward our fellow-men who have not yet heard and understood that special message. Sharing with others often reminds us of our own salvation; it draws us to fully worship God with a grateful heart. Sharing with our neighbours what God has given us, is love in action! ■

NINETY YEARS AGO . . .

Australia's First Foreign Missionary

G. MASTERS

THE FOLLOWING account is taken from *The Bible Echo* and was published September 17, 1894:

"On the 8th inst., Brother and Sister Masters with their son, Fairley, sailed for India where they intend to engage in missionary labour. They are from New Zealand; but Brother Fairley Masters has been a student of the Bible School during the three years of its existence, and Brother and Sister Masters have been in this colony nearly a year.

"Their departure for India is an event of great interest to us; for, although many workers have been trained for home fields since our work in the colonies commenced, these are the first that have gone from Australasia to a foreign country. Our best wishes and earnest prayers accompany them to this new field. We trust our readers will hear from them occasionally through the *Echo*."

In a letter to his son, Pastor George Masters, written just before his death, Fairley Masters recalls what took place:

"What a source of spiritual help there is in the daily reading of the Bible and study of the Sabbath school lessons! How fortunate we are, too, as Seventh-day Adventists in having Mrs E. G. White's books for reference and spiritual help and counsel! Of course I have known Mrs White personally as she lived with us students at St Kilda, Melbourne, years ago, when I was one of the twenty-four first students in that first Australian Bible School, and often my mind goes back to the very happy days I spent there.

"It was a big struggle for me to have to pull away from my fellow students, real companions in Christ, to go off to India as a self-supporting foreign missionary, the first foreign missionary sent out by the Australasian Union Conference. Well do I remember the principal of the Bible school calling us together in a farewell meeting, and after the reading of the Bible, special prayer by a few, and short



Fairley Masters during his early days in India, shown with his trusty steed.

Photo: courtesy G. Masters.

testimonies from every one present, I was committed to the care of God in words of cheer and courage by the principal, Pastor Rousseau. Then all rose and sang solemnly and sweetly the words of that good old hymn 'God Be With You Till We Meet Again.'

How we should praise God for what has been accomplished during those ninety years! In India today it is most encouraging to note that in many places the work is really forging ahead, and when we think of the veritable army of workers that have been sent since 1894, we can only say, "What hath God wrought!"

The writer of this article, using Annick as her nom de plume, lives in Western Australia. She submitted her testimony as an entry in the Write Now competition.



Four candidates for baptism at Rangiora. They are, from left: Mary, Vivienne, Elizabeth and Dennis.



Stephanie and Zorro, Lisa and Aulden, Lois and Duke, Kirsten and Mac are ready for their early morning start to a Pathfinder outing.

NEWS FROM RANGIORA

MARGARET TOOLEY, Communication Secretary, Rangiora Church, SNZ

EVERYONE likes a story with a happy ending, and this was certainly the case on July 7, 1984, when another saga in the continuing story of Pastor Raymond Stanley's Revelation Seminar, held at Rangiora early last year, came to a joyous conclusion with the baptism of four of our young members.

It was the first baptism held in our new church, and as we do not as yet have our own font, some difficulties arose. In midwinter our usual practice of river baptisms did not really appeal, and the portable font, borrowed on an earlier occasion, would not fit through the church doors. The only solution appeared to be a collapsible Para pool, and the only one available for hire was nearly four metres in diameter! However, it was duly installed, filled, and surrounded with greenery, and a lovely service was held, followed by a fellowship lunch, with the many visitors who had come specially for the occasion.

Two of our candidates were husband and wife, Dennis and Elizabeth Spriggs. Vivienne and Mary were our two other candidates. Vivienne, having been brought up an Adventist, and baptised at a young age within our church school system, attended Maranatha II earlier this year, and returned with an increased desire to serve God. She felt she needed to renew her vows under the fresh waters of baptism, and along with Mary, a Fijian lass at present residing in New Zealand, they publicly showed their faith in this message. Mary began attending church about twelve months ago. She, too, was an Adventist at an early age in Fiji, and recently began studies which culminated in her baptism. While Pastor Allen Foote conducted the actual baptismal service, it was fitting that Pastor Stanley was able to be with us to take the divine service, and witness the fruits of his labours.

Pathfinding—Country Style

One of the requirements for the Rangers Silver Shield Award in Pathfinding, is to

complete a certain distance, carrying all your own gear, including tents, and sleeping out, either in the open or under canvas, at least eight kilometres apart, for two nights. A lot of planning has to go into the venture, and as well as a practice trip, maps have to be read, search and rescue procedures must be understood, and the approval of the conference Youth director is an essential part of the whole expedition. It must be what is called a "challenging wilderness experience" in unfamiliar territory, and full and interesting logs of the expedition must be submitted, having been taken on the hour, every hour, with such observations as time of arrival, condition of party, personal feelings and condition, etc.

Rangiora Ranger Kirsten Tooley, and Aranui's Lisa Henley, along with Rangiora deputy director Lois Tooley and Companion Stephanie Tooley, decided to put their pony club expertise to the test, and do it the "easy" way (or so they thought!) on horseback.

Although only the minimum was carried, and everything carefully weighed—more pruning was done. Lisa decided a top-heavy pack wasn't such a brilliant idea, so at the last minute, her pack was transferred to a large sack, and tied across the back of the horse, in real cowboy style. As it happened, she was only a kilometre or so up the road when the whole thing collapsed and had to be relegated to the front of the horse and tied on with a spare girth strap—a much more sensible arrangement!

Well, it was a long day, and after adding about eight kilometres to their original distance because of a broken sign in the forest, and having to retrace their "hooves," and one of the horses deciding that ditches were meant more for ploughing into, and spilling your rider, rather than jumping over (fortunately it was dry!), four tired and sore riders reached their first night's camp. The log read something like this:

Tired—sore—arms, legs, shoulders—and other parts of the anatomy they didn't know

existed! The second day wasn't quite as long, nor was the terrain as rough, and aching muscles were beginning to grow accustomed to the weight of the packs. The horses were not quite as frisky, and at the end of the day, a tally of the distance proved to be well in excess of the sixty-five kilometres required. They did not have to rise so early the next morning, having completed the requirements, so packs were left behind for later collection, and they were able to enjoy a leisurely ride home. All in all, they had a great time. The Lord blessed them with a safe journey, lovely weather, and a successful expedition. The consensus of opinion was that it was all worth while, although horseback riding with packs is definitely not the "easy" way to do it; perhaps the next time they might decide to walk!



Fletcher blows his horn under the tutelage of cornet instructor and Senior Sabbath school superintendant Errol Higgins.

Photos: Mrs. M. Tooley.

The second week of the May school holidays saw the culmination of weeks of thorough organising by Sister Raewyn Robson, and the beginning of our "Happy Holiday Hour" at Tuahiwi, the predominantly Maori community about eight kilometres from Rangiora.

Following a small attendance the first day, some of us went doorknocking, and personally invited the children, which resulted in at least a dozen more children the second day, making a total of about forty-eight. Special items included a talk by Brother Dougal McPhee on various aids available to the blind, along with a demonstration of his talking clock—it can even be set to tell him to hurry up!

During the rest of the week we had a visit from two police constables with their dogs. One, a nine-year-old German shepherd, was due for retirement soon, and a four-year-old black Labrador drug dog, named Bess, delighted the children with her puppy like friendliness and antics. Used for sniffing out drugs, Bess was very interested in "Auntie Raewyn" up front, who just happened to be carrying a packet of Strepils in her pocket!

The usual quizzes, stories, etc., proved popular, and the quality of crafts was very high. On the last morning, three of our older girls, Kirsten and Stephanie Tooley and Lisa Henley, rode their ponies around, and in place of games we gave all the children a ride. On the Thursday evening a brief concert and display of crafts and felt aids proved popular. The obvious enjoyment of the youngsters as they "lifted the roof" with their choruses, and the genuine pleasure and interest of their parents was reward enough to Sister Robson and her band of willing and reliable helpers. Brother Terry Goltz, our South New Zealand Publishing director, organised his week in order to be there with a display of children's books, which he felt was worth while, as one of the parents has asked him to call sometime in his capacity as colporteur. Who knows what that call will lead to?

Many parents gave thanks for our work and invited us back next year. The way is opened for future programs. God was good. Some seeds must have been sown. Maybe we won't know until we reach the kingdom, but it is all part of caring and sharing. ■

Child Preachers

NORMA O'HARA, Communication Secretary, Perth Church, Western Australia

FOLLOWING the recent Education Week (July 14-21), no doubt there will be many reports featuring children's involvement in Sabbath programs.

The involvement of the Victoria Park Seventh-day Adventist Primary School during the morning and afternoon meetings on July 21 in the Perth City church is another one of those success stories.

The entire divine service was conducted by the Grades 6 and 7 children under the capable leadership of headmaster Mr Mel Olsen. Some children might have been a little nervous but, at times, their diction and thought content equalled that of adult performance.

The congregation included the Victoria Park and Perth membership, as well as many interested friends and parents. How would children "preach" to such a packed congregation?

Mr Olsen took his school Bible lessons on the Book of Job, and wove them into a sermon. A panel of two girls and four boys answered many probing questions. Answers showed that there had been a lot of in-depth study of the Book of Job.

Woven cleverly throughout Job's story was a secondary theme—that of spiritual blindness and spiritual eyesight. Elizabeth Bowman's (concluded on page 13)



The Gospel Outreach Musical Group. Conductor Craig Tucker has his back to the camera. Photo: C. Higgins.

"IT TOOK A MIRACLE"

MURRAY HOWSE

THERE IS STILL beauty and inspiration to be found in sacred music of the more modern type. This has to be one of the conclusions drawn from the recent successful presentation by the Gospel Outreach Musical Group of John Peterson's sacred musical, "It Took a Miracle."

The youthful seventy-voice choir, supported by a cast of nearly fifty, presented the life of Christ—His birth, ministry, death and resurrection—in impressive style, in two performances, with near-capacity audiences each night. The Octagon Theatre, within the campus of the University of Western Australia,

with its 600-seat capacity, seemed a bold challenge to the box office, but the response of our Adventist people and others amply fulfilled our hopes.

The proceeds were channelled to both the northern suburbs evangelistic program of Pastor Bryan Wood, and to the youth welfare ministry of the Jesus People Inc, a non-denominational organisation whose work in Perth for youth in crisis is widely acclaimed.

The producer and musical director, Craig Tucker, is an enthusiastic and able young musician not yet twenty years old—last year he was challenged with others to sponsor music of

this type within his own church. In fact, choir and cast were drawn from right across the Perth metropolitan area.

The acted parts were very favourably commented on by a professional actor in the audience the first night. In his words, "A most professional performance by amateurs." Graeme Irvine, of our Carmel College, took the part of Christ. Both he and the children who formed part of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem deserved and received warm praise.

Soloists Gill Jones (baritone), Peter Jones (tenor), Carl Lares (baritone), and Diana Lares (soprano) are well-known voices in Perth—the added talent of guest soprano soloist Jeanie Mazandarani was an embellishment to the whole.

A new feature of the music was the choral accompaniment being a pre-taped full orchestra. While this provided for subtle changes in the mood and texture of the music, it also created some very strict demands on tempo and entries for the choir!

There was even audience participation in one of the arias. "Everybody Sing Praise to the Lord" was indeed just that as Craig Tucker left the choir to encourage the audience to join in.

The physical side of the production, including the set (see photo), the robes, and the technicalities of good sound production were a credit to an intelligent team of young people, led by Peter Riegert.

Whether or not further performances of this program or an alternative perhaps take place, we are certainly encouraged to keep on with that which has been started! ■



Dr W. D. Borge (right), superintendent of the Bangalore Medical Centre, treats a child in the small Adventist Hospital.

Photos: W. H. Mattison.



An elderly patient receives medical care in the facility to be replaced by the proceeds of the Special Projects Offering on Thirteenth Sabbath, September 29.

Story of the Bangalore Medical Centre

W. H. MATTISON, President, South India Union

THE BANGALORE Adventist Hospital began as an act of faith. There was no mission-owned building, no Bangalore Adventist doctor available, and only a couple of Adventist nurses. The nearest Adventist doctors worked in Ottapalam, 600 kilometres away. But the Union and local conference felt the need for such an institution. A building owned by a local doctor who had passed away, was rented from his widow who retained the second floor. Local specialists were contracted to serve the clinic, and a pastor was chosen as the administrator. Thus, in October 1978, the clinic opened its doors, and from the start it prospered.

The story of the beginning of this act of faith is as follows.

The local conference needed office space to make room for school expansion. While our administrators were looking over several buildings, the availability of the old run-down "Chander's clinic" became known. This building was feared in the area as a "ghost clinic," and few people ever dared to come near it. It had no goodwill, and few ever dared to go there for treatment under any circumstances.

When Dr Chander died, the clinic came to a halt. The building had been lying vacant for several years when we approached the owners for leasing the premises for our office. However, due to government regulations in connection with taking over old buildings, we had to purchase the business, which resulted in our running a small dispensary.

The dispensary was in one room of the twelve-room building, and the rest of the building was used as the local conference office.

"A Special Place"

Due to the influence of the Adventist staff and the special attention they gave to the few patients who visited the clinic, the news that the Seventh-day Adventist health care and health education were the best in the area spread far and wide. Our clinic became a "special place" in the hearts of many Bangaloreans, and the goodwill which was lost under previous

ownership was regained by the Adventist nurses. From then onwards, the clinic has developed, and an expansion program has pushed out the conference office.

From the start, the clinic proved to be a success, and the bed strength increased from five to ten, and then to twenty-eight. This was all the building could possibly accommodate. For the first three or four years an appropriation of \$4,000 per year was required, first to operate, and then to further equip the institution.

An Adventist doctor volunteered his services. His wife, a nurse, became supervisor of nurses.

Shortly after this, two other Adventist doctors made themselves available, and that made three Adventist doctors at the clinic.

The clinic became a nursing home, which in India really means a small hospital. A surgery room, X-ray equipment, and a vehicle were purchased from the income of the institution. Also other needed Adventist technical staff were employed.

In 1982 this small hospital had a gain of \$4,000 income over expense.

Now the present rented accommodation can no longer cope with the operation of the Bangalore medical work. The Southern Asia Division has made the Thirteenth Sabbath Special Projects Offering available for the first stage of the building of a new hospital. Land for this building, valued at \$400,000, is owned by the church and located in an ideal place.

The present nursing home serves not only the community, but also employees of the local conference and Union. In addition, in the Bangalore area there are three Adventist high schools, one junior college, the Sunshine Orphanage, two primary schools, and thirty Adventist churches with a membership of 3,500.

Two outstanding stories of the clinic's patients are as follows.

Sixty-odd-year-old Gaurama came to the Bangalore Nursing Home seriously ill, so ill that she had to be brought in a wheelchair. She had high fever with excruciating pain in one leg. After medication and tender care, she

seemed to be getting well, and for two days she was all right. But during the following two days she was even worse than when she was first brought in. She had extremely high blood pressure, which left her unconscious, and she was on her deathbed. The staff rallied around her in special prayer, and with new vigour administered the medicines. In the meantime over sixty relatives and close friends came to visit this patient for the last time. But God's ways are mysterious; she began to rapidly get better and soon recovered completely! All were convinced that this was yet another miracle. And Gaurama, with the sixty near and dear ones, praised and marvelled at this wonderful God of the Christians who had worked her cure. Their joy knew no end.

Mr Dass (fifty years) came in breathing heavily with an asthma attack. He went into a sudden convulsion, and there was urgent need for oxygen, which was given in all haste. But the doctors held very little hope for his recovery. Again prayer was the answer, and in two days Mr Dass was as good as new. The specialist said that only a miracle could have brought this about.

At the present time, Bangalore is the fastest growing city in all of India, both in population and in Adventist Church membership. The Mayor of Bangalore has been a client of our clinic, and when we approached him for assistance in procuring land for the proposed hospital, he gave all possible assistance to the Seventh-day Adventists with the comment, "Their service is the best in this area."

The Adventist Nursing Home has a reputation even for catering to the needs of the shy (Gosha) Muslim women, who as a rule refuse to be treated by male physicians.

So this appeal to the world church is very timely and valuable to our church growth in Bangalore. It will help in the construction of a new building for the Bangalore Adventist Hospital, and this will enable our members and workers to have a facility which will help them to do medical missionary work. This will open still more doors to further increase the membership and the number of churches in Bangalore. Thank you for your help. ■

**Remember Southern Asia
on
Thirteenth Sabbath,
September 29**

Penrith's new church complex promises to be . . .

"A HOUSE MAGNIFICAL"

LEONIE DUFF, Communication Secretary, Penrith Church, Greater Sydney

THREE YEARS' WORK by the members of the Penrith church came to fruition on June 23, 1984, with the official opening of the complex at Cam Street, Cambridge Park. The day commenced with Sabbath school conducted by Brother Norm Hendra in his usual inimitable fashion, with musical items by the Mauritian Singers, which were greatly appreciated. During the divine service hour the Patrick Family Strings pleased the congregation with two beautifully rendered musical items. Pastor Robert H. Parr, president, Greater Sydney Conference, thrilled the children (and their parents) with a graphically told story about melons, following which he preached just as interestingly on "How to Build a Church," taking as his text 2 Chronicles 6:1-11. The inner man was satisfied with a three-course luncheon prepared by the ladies of the church led by Sister Glenda Hodgert.

Following the meal, the complex was cleared and Pastor Parr performed the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. As the members and visitors entered the church, they were greeted with the strains of "Bless This House," played on the euphonium by Pastor Lionel Smith, immediate past minister, accompanied by his wife, Doreen, on the organ.

The Early Years

Pastor Smith presented a short history of the church supplied by Sister Enid Brown, one of the foundation members of the Penrith church, and Sisters Loxley and Shipton. Sadly, Sister Shipton had passed away just weeks before the opening.

In the early 1920s the first Seventh-day Adventists began meeting together in the Penrith area. The Perkins family opened their home for services and were joined by the Bryants, Mobbs, Waters and Wheeler families. One member of those original families still attends.

As the number grew, meetings transferred into the Masonic Hall for about nine years. Following a short stay in the CWA Hall, meetings ceased because a number of families left the district. After six months of travelling to other churches, the three remaining families (the Wards, Roberts and Gadsdens) recommenced Sabbath services in the Masonic Hall.

By 1959 the group had grown to twenty, and felt the need for a church building. The little group was delighted by the donation of an allotment by the Gadsden family. It is on that lot the present church complex stands. A plaque in the foyer commemorates the generosity of the Gadsden family, of whom Sister Shipton was a member.

By 1975 growing pains again became evident, and thoughts of a new, larger church began. By 1981 all was set to commence. The large activities hall was the first of the new complex to be constructed. During this process the old church was completely demolished to make way for the new sanctuary and Sabbath school rooms.

Countless hours of donated labour came from the church members, which, along with the work of the contractors, has resulted in the present spacious and very functional complex, at a cost of approximately \$300,000. This has given a continuing challenge as all members work together to pay off heavy construction loans.

Following the presentation of the history of the church, a special offering was taken up, and a musical item entitled "If the World Would Ever Run Out of Love" was beautifully presented by Raewin and Robin Smith and Phillip Hodge with guitar accompaniment, and organ and piano background by Linda and Bruce Heise.

Pastor Parr then spoke on "A House for the Lord," inviting the members to make the Penrith church a "house magnificent" unto the Lord.

The Mauritian Singers brought the service to a close with "How I Love You, Lord," a fitting ending to a day of worship and praise. An inspection of the complex followed, which comprises the sanctuary with crying room and audio room, a large hall, Sabbath school rooms for all ages, Pathfinder and Community Services rooms and kitchen.

Despite not having been "officially" opened, missionary outreach programs have been conducted and continue at present, such as the regular Thursday morning craft session complete with child-minding facilities, and the 5-Day Plan, which are attracting many visitors.

The platform party comprised Mr Glen Howell, senior elder, Pastor Robert H. Parr, president, and Mr Eddie Piez, treasurer, Greater Sydney Conference, Pastor Lionel Smith, immediate past minister, Pastors Peter Harper and George Metcalfe, previous ministers, and Pastor David Pearce, present minister, together with Mr George Bettsworth, the architect, who gave many hours of voluntary service in designing the complex. Past ministers have included Pastors Jenkins, Parker, Jones, Hankinson, Gallagher, Hawkes, Stacey, Newman, McHarg, Metcalfe, Harper and Smith. ■

Church Growth Refresher Course

J. B. TRIM, Communication Director, TTUC

TWENTY-TWO ministers from seven conferences attended a four-day Church Growth Refresher Course at Avondale College in July.

A refresher course? Yes, to provide additional training to pastors who had attended the 1982 or 1983 three-week Church Growth workshops at Avondale.

Church Growth is a specialty pastoral ministry making considerable demands on both pastor and people. Where applied it has led to phenomenal growth of the church.

Church Growth as a ministry has been born of the longing to see the church go "way beyond the past near-stalemate in growth, really taking off into accelerated growth patterns with thousands of converts accepting Christ and His salvation. It involves spiritual revitalisation of the members; creating a warm, caring environment for nurturing both members and converts; and applying management by objectives.

Ministers who have had the privilege of being exposed to Church Growth concepts at Avondale over the past two years declare it to be the greatest and most rewarding experience of their ministry.

Dr A. P. Salom planned and directed the Refresher Course with assistance from Dr T. H. Ludowici, senior chaplain of Sydney Adventist Hospital, and Dr Kerry Hortop, theology lecturer of Avondale College. Dr B. Ball, just-arrived principal of Avondale College, and Pastor Walter R. L. Scragg, Division president, addressed the group on ways of implementing Church Growth principles in the Adventist Church. ■





The Kind Kookaburra

PIT-PAT, pit-pat, pitter-patter, pitter patter! Mrs Rose lay in bed listening to the slow pit-pat of big feet and the quick pitter-patter of little feet walking along the hallway in her home. *I wonder who is coming to see me so early in the morning?* she thought. Then she knew and watched the door to see her visitors enter.

For three days she had been lying sick in bed. Except for her pet birds, she lived alone, but since she had been sick, Mrs Betts called in two or three times a day to do what she could for her.

Today Mrs Rose was feeling lonely, and was glad to have some visitors. The pattering sounded nearer, and then a mother kookaburra and her two babies appeared in the doorway. They came in and stood on the mat by the bedside, and looked up at Mrs Rose with inquiring eyes that seemed to ask: "Is this where you are? We've been looking everywhere for you, and now we've found you."

"Good morning, Jessie," Mrs Rose said to the mother bird. "How are your babies this morning? Didn't Mrs Betts feed you today? Never mind, I'll soon be better and then I'll be able to look after you myself." Jessie didn't answer, but she flew on to the end of the bed and sat there looking solemnly at Mrs Rose for a few minutes. Then she seemed to think of something and turned and flew out of the door and down the hall. The babies stayed on the mat and continued to stare up at Mrs Rose.

In a few minutes Jessie returned. In her beak she held a lovely fat worm. She watched Mrs Rose for a while, then flew on to her chest and tried to put the worm into her mouth. The startled lady slipped her hand to her mouth, took the worm and then pretended to chew. Jessie watched her closely, then having, as she thought, fed her mistress, she flew down on to the floor and led her babies along the hall and out into the yard.

Next morning the three birds called in again. Once more Jessie sat on the end of the bed and watched the sick woman. No doubt she thought Mrs Rose must be hungry again, as she hadn't been out to the kitchen where she always ate. So away she went and soon returned with a fat, juicy grub. Mrs Rose had her handkerchief ready this time, and when the bird tried to feed

her she held the grub in her hanky while she pretended to chew. The kookaburra watched her mouth, and when she thought the grub was eaten she seemed pleased and led her babies from the room.

The third morning the same thing happened, and Jessie was well satisfied with herself. The next day Mrs Rose got up. Perhaps she was much better, but perhaps the thought of another worm for breakfast was more than she could bear.

"I think, Jessie," she told the kookaburra, "you have enough to do to feed your babies without having to feed me too." Jessie was very happy to see her mistress up and about

again. Feeding her must have added a burden to the bird, but she wasn't going to stand by and see Mrs Rose starve while she could bring her food.

This true story reminds us of the time that God sent the ravens to feed Elijah. You can be sure, however, that the food they brought him was something nicer than worms and grubs.

We do not usually think of birds as being very wise, but they have often shown a love for their human friends that is surprising. They have even saved their lives in times of danger. If you have a pet in your home, be sure to treat it kindly and look after it well, and you will be rewarded by its love for you. ■



South Brisbane Pathfinders completed their cycling honour with a sixty-kilometre ride from Caboolture to Bribie Island, with several laps of the track on the island. Someone suggested that it could be a dual effort, ie, a fundraising drive for the club through sponsorships. Both goals were reached with great success. The bikies completed their ride in five hours (half the time allowed), and raised \$200, which will go toward expenses for the next camporee. Shown in the photo are, from left: Mark Thiganoff, Darren Tomlinson, Lea-Anne Moxoso, Stephanie Thiganoff, Charmaine Gasbon, Ben Hallam (rear right), Grantley Moxoso, Rennold Tomlinson (right foreground).

Photo: Nina Thiganoff.

My Favourite Recipe

GLUTEN STEAKS

450 g (1 lb) gluten flour
4 tablespoons Marmite
½ cup soya flour
1 tablespoon mixed herbs
2½ cups warm water
1 diced onion or 2 onion cubes

Dissolve two tablespoons Marmite in warm water. Cool. Add herbs and sifted gluten and soya flour. Mix until consistency of dough. Knead well. Roll dough into loaf shape and cut into half-inch slices. Flatten out.

Broth

Put three pints cold water in large saucepan. Mix in remaining Marmite and onion. Bring to boil. Add slices of dough. Simmer one hour. Drain and cool. Dip in beaten egg, then add wheat germ and shallow fry in hot oil until golden brown. Yields about 30 steaks. If not needed straight away, after draining place in plastic bags and freeze. These steaks may be used in stews, casseroles, or minced for patties, etc.

—Hilda Smith,
Northam, Western Australia.

DIAMOND WEDDING

ON the afternoon of March 25, 1984, some close friends and relatives of Stan and Pearl Mitchell met at the Avondale Junior Hall, to enjoy a delightful luncheon at the celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Stan and Pearl's wedding.

It was a well-kept secret, and obviously took them by complete surprise. After they had regained their composure, the chairman for the occasion, Pastor O. K. Anderson, read messages of good wishes from friends.

Stan was on the staff of the Sydney Adventist Hospital (the old San) for some thirty-five years. During these years he served well in a number of departments.

To Stan and Pearl were born two boys, Lance and Max. We wish them both much happiness, and God's continued blessing, as they continue to live in comparative quiet in their hospitable little home at "Kressville," Cooranbong, New South Wales.

(Our correspondent tenders apologies for the lateness of this report.—Ed.)



The Mitchells celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary with the cutting of the cake.

Photo: A. R. Mitchell.

THE WILLIS MANSION

R. K. BROWN, Communication Director, TAUC



Mr Bill Willis and his wife Doris in front of the "mansion" they built with their own hands fifty years ago. This home has been a city of refuge to three children, church friends and neighbours.

Photo: R. K. Brown.

HE WAS DETERMINED that his bride would have a home. He borrowed the money, made the cement bricks and erected a "mansion" for the sweetest girl in the world.

William Lloyd Willis met Doris Ashton at Carmel College in 1932, and they were married in 1934. Bill Willis had begun to pioneer a farm in the Merredin district of Western Australia. The Willis "mansion" has weathered fifty summers, and now has a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Their wedding anniversary was suitably honoured by their children and the community.

Bill Willis, the eldest of seven children, with his mother, became an Adventist in 1929 through the ministry of Pastor and Mrs Roy Brandstater, who ran an evangelistic program in the small farming community near Merredin. Bill says of that experience fifty-five years ago:

"I was twenty when this message came to me. It appealed as the surest and only answer to the world's great need. After fifty-five years of experience and seeing history unfold and prophecy fulfilled, it appears all the more precious and appropriate for these times."

The faith and practice of this dedicated couple is reflected in the lives of their three children who stand loyally by the message brought to the Willis household fifty-five years ago. Their children are: Mrs Lindley Tolhurst of Sydney; Lloyd of Spicer College, India; and David of Narembeen, Western Australia.

The Merredin church has benefited from the leadership of Bill Willis for almost forty years as a senior elder. He has also served on the Conference executive committee for nine years, and of this experience he says: "It helps us to appreciate the contribution God-fearing

men and women make toward the progress and maintenance of God's church. There are many difficulties which appear to become more complex as time goes on, and it is only when we get the inside views that we can appreciate the problems that have to be worked out."

In the community in which he lives, Bill Willis has not failed to "let his light shine." He is well known for his regular call on fellow farmers when it is Appeal time. On the work of literature distribution he says: "I have found satisfaction and rewarding experiences from taking the *Signs* and *Alert* to my neighbours. I have made many good friends in this way."

Behind the strong weather-beaten face of Bill Willis and the gentle smile of his devoted wife, one can see solid characters developed and matured through years of experience. Those lovely people are a tribute to the Advent message and a testimony to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

SIGNPOSTS

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January Signs: In our January issue we're going to give readers the opportunity to respond to a little one-question survey, the results of which will be published later in the year. The topic: WHAT QUESTION WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK GOD? If you were given the privilege of a five-minute interview with God, and the opportunity of asking Him just one question, what would your question be?

If you wish to involve your relatives and friends in this interesting exercise, make sure you get them a subscription for *Signs* now! Don't miss the opportunity of participating yourself! We're looking forward to some really interesting replies! Keep your eyes—and those of the people for whom you care—on *Signs*, for the results of our questionnaire during the course of the year!

CHILD PREACHERS

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recitation, "The Blind Men and the Elephant" tied in with the views of Job's three friends.

Every now and then the headmaster turned to the congregation for some true/false answers, so that we all were involved and felt part of a bigger classroom.

The basket lunch that followed was a successful tribute to the ladies and deaconesses of Perth church. A very large group of adults and children had to be catered for, and all could say that they had an "elegant sufficiency."

The afternoon's meeting was a musical-religious play called "Kid's Praise," performed by the specially robbed school choir. Mr Lester Keegan, Grade 5 teacher, was the director. His dramatic flair and artistic ability led to a near-perfect production. There was not only entertainment value, but also meaningful content. From the gaily painted backdrop to the banners behind which the children marched, the use of pictorial aids helped make this an attractive and gripping presentation.

These programs, taken by the children, were memorable inasmuch as they will become part of life's treasured memories. Both excited children and proud parents will look back and remember, with happiness, the day when the children did "their little bit" in the Sabbath day services.

Weddings

AIKENHEAD—WOOSLEY. It was Sunday, June 15, 1984, at Parkridge Adventist church, when Bettina Woosley and Philip Aikenhead exchanged wedding vows in the presence of many friends and relatives. Bettina, whose family reside in Brisbane, is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Glenn Woosley. Philip's parents are Mr and Mrs Allan Aikenhead of Kingaroy, Queensland. Philip and Bettina will establish their new Christian home in Sydney, while Bettina continues her nursing studies at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. J. T. Banks.

FIELD—DORE. On July 15, 1984, at the Lower Hutt church, New Zealand, Heather, the daughter of Mr and Mrs V. M. Dore, was united in marriage to Brian, the son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Field. On the day before, Sabbath, July 14, Brian and Heather had been baptised into Christ. Friends and relatives witnessed a joyous new beginning for this couple. R. H. Muhlberg.

JELACIC—GOLDSTONE. On June 24, 1984, at Garden City Seventh-day Adventist church in Brisbane, Queensland, Zvonimir Jelacic and Sherilyn Dawn Goldstone were united in holy wedlock. The church was beautifully decorated, and their families were present, as well as other friends and well-wishers from far and near. Sherilyn is the eldest daughter of Pastor and Mrs S. Goldstone of Cooranbong, New South Wales, and Zvonimir, known as Bill, is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Jelacic of Brisbane. We wish this young couple Heaven's richest blessings. S. Jakovac.

LEWIS—RIDLEY. Thursday, June 7, 1984, was a very special day for John Lewis and Elizabeth Ridley as they exchanged marriage vows in the Chatswood Seventh-day Adventist church, New South Wales. The happy couple were warmly surrounded by their many friends at the delightful reception held in the church hall. The church family at Chatswood wishes John and Elizabeth God's richest blessings as they make their home together and unite their lives in service to the One who brought them together. Max Hattton.

PIEZ—JONES. The newly carpeted Nunawading church in suburban Victoria was comfortably full at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 17, 1984, for the wedding of Stephen Piez and Vivian Jones. Weatherwise, it turned out to be the best day of the year, befitting the beautiful bride, and colour of this special occasion. Wedding guests then enjoyed the delightful food prepared by the popular Wantirna Seventh-day Adventist catering team. Jeff and Barbara Jones of Nunawading, and Greater Sydney secretary/treasurer Eddie Piez, with wife Nancy, then led the warm farewell of the happy couple in their unbelievably decorated Morris van. Farewells were for the blessing of God as they set up their Christian home. Mervyn Sparrowhawk.

RANGER—BARTON. On July 1, 1984, Philip Ranger and Marilla Barton were married at the Yepoon church in southern Queensland. Many relatives and friends were present to wish them all the best for the future. L. G. Parker.

RICHARDSON—MARTIN. Stewart and Sandra met at the altar on June 10, 1984, in Rockhampton, northern Queensland, to exchange their marriage vows and to seek and receive the blessing of the Lord on their life union. Their families came from as far away as North New Zealand and Tasmania to share their special day with them. Stewart and Sandra are both literature evangelists, as are Stewart's father, Mr C. Richardson, and Sandra's father, Mr D. Martin, of Tasmania. May the Lord abundantly guide and bless them both in their ministry to those in need of a Saviour. K. D. Grolmund.

SPERRING—ROMAN. Ray Sperring and Joy Roman pledged their love to each other through the union of Christian marriage on Sunday, July 15, 1984, at the Southport Adventist church, Queensland. Many friends gathered for the ceremony to show their interest and support. As Ray and Joy plan their new life together, we pray that they will grow into a fuller and richer life that is God's plan for marriage. J. T. Banks.

SVIKIS—BLAIR. It was in the garden of her parents' home at Mount Ommaney, Brisbane, Queensland, that Alison Blair, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Blair, came to be united in marriage to Michael Svikis. Some of Alison's and Michael's friends came from the Sydney Adventist Hospital, where Alison has nearly completed her nursing studies. Michael's parents are Mr and Mrs Carlis Svikis of Coffs Harbour. Many friends and relatives gathered on Sunday, June 22, 1984, to witness their union in Christian marriage. Our prayers are with Alison and Michael as they grow together in their new home in Sydney. J. T. Banks.

Till He Comes

ALLSOPP. Mrs Laurie Annie Allsopp passed peacefully to rest on June 22, 1984, at Airlie Nursing Home, Wahroonga, New South Wales, where she had been a patient since 1970, aged ninety-three years. Her niece, Mrs J. Herd, her son, and other relatives and friends, gathered at the graveside in the Northern Suburbs Cemetery, and they were sustained in the comfort and assurance of God's great promises, as we laid this tired pilgrim to rest until the "eternal morning." Ralph Tudor.

BORGHARDT. Esther Borghardt passed peacefully to sleep in Jesus at her home on May 2, 1984, aged eighty-one years. Baptised by Pastor W. Sleight many years ago, she maintained an enthusiastic witness for her Lord. The Toowoomba church was crowded with people whose lives had been touched by her faithful witness. To the many relatives and friends gathered, the precious promises of Scripture brought comfort and assurance that soon our Lord will return to end all partings. Pastor D. Weare assisted in this service. David Blanch.

BURGESS. Keith Kirk Burgess, aged sixty-nine years, passed away at Warrnambool, Victoria, on June 20, 1984, after a prolonged illness. It was with sadness that we said goodbye to one who had so endeared himself to those who knew him. His fine Christian demeanour and studied kindness had been a source of joy to so many. Keith is survived by his wife Doreen, his sister, two brothers, his aged mother and his daughter, who were directed by Pastor M. Logue and the writer to the blessed hope. The promises of God were a source of comfort as our late brother was interred at Warrnambool on June 22. K. W. Andrews.

HOLMES. Douglas Albert Holmes passed to his rest in his sleep at home on Monday morning, June 25, 1984. Just one month prior to his death he was baptised at the Sale church, Victoria, on his forty-fourth birthday. He will be sadly missed by his wife Naomi and his three children, as well as many relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Bega Cemetery, New South Wales, to await the call of the Life-giver. L. W. Ritchie.

McLAIN. Herbert McLain was in his eightieth year when he fell asleep in Christ in Brisbane, Queensland, on March 22, 1984. Here was a faithful Christian who, though in frail health for some time, loved to worship with fellow believers, doing so whenever he was able. Pastor G. Engelbrecht joined the writer in assuring Sister McLain, the family and friends who gathered at the Mount Thompson Crematorium in Brisbane, that the resurrection day will bring a great reunion. I. G. Johnston.

ROBSON. Miss Eileen Maud Robson was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, on April 4, 1903, and peacefully passed to her rest at our Bethesda Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, on June 10, 1984. Miss Robson began denominational work in 1919 as an accountant in the New Zealand Conference. The rest of her working life was engaged in accountancy, teaching, and auditing in Longburn College and Avondale College, in the Sanitarium Health Food Company, in Esda Sales and Service, in the General Conference, and in the Washington, DC, General Hospital. She retired in 1967, and returned to New Zealand from the General Conference Insurance Department. Until about two years ago she was auditing for the Sanitarium Health Food Company, various bowling clubs and the Auckland Fencing

Council. A keen photographer, she kept her membership in the New Zealand and Auckland Photographic Societies. Truly she was a blessing to hundreds of students and to the work of God. She is survived by a brother Ted, and sister Jean. I shall remember her as faculty member at Avondale and as a patient at Bethesda, when I was a student, and chaplain. Douglas Hokin.

ROTTMANN. Early on the morning of June 6, 1984, tragedy struck suddenly and unexpectedly as the Rottmann family were joyfully making their way to Crown Street Women's Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales. Sigrid was to give birth to their second child. Joy was brought to sorrow within minutes when the mother and two-year-old son were badly injured, and the father suffered fractured ribs. The unborn baby was found to be dead when the mother arrived at the nearby Canterbury Hospital. Pastor Parr and the writer endeavoured to answer the question, "Why?" as they brought comfort and hope to Bernhard as he stood alone by the open grave. Baby Dianne sleeps in the Independent section of the Rookwood Lawn Cemetery. With Bernhard, Sigrid and Daniel we pray, "Come quickly, O Lord Jesus, and end all suffering and sorrow and crying and death, and give the little ones back to their parents." C. T. Parkinson.

SILLS. Ada Agnes ("Nana") Sils passed away suddenly in her home on July 9, 1984. Our sister, aged eighty-three, seemed to be in good health, but died of heart failure. Although born in the north, she spent the last fifty odd years in Newcastle, New South Wales, where our Wallsend church members enjoyed her fellowship. She was a very active person, helping out at the hospital, also driving her car for Meals on Wheels. Her well-marked, worn Bible must have been a contributing factor to the many fruits of the Spirit exhibited in her life. Most of her relatives were not of our faith, and it was the writer's privilege to turn their eyes to our God. R. G. Robinson.

WAKEMAN. Miss Thelma Clarissa Wakeman was born in Wellington, New Zealand, in 1897, and died at the Bethesda Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand, on July 6, 1984, just three weeks before her eighty-seventh birthday. She was baptised by the late Pastor John Coltheart in 1947, and proved to be a very faithful servant of God and a friend to all. As a lover of nature and a poet, her contribution to society has been tremendous. After a service in the Purewa Crematorium Chapel, we committed her to the loving care of her Saviour. Douglas Hokin.

WATTS. Alfred Arthur Watts tragically died in a logging accident on June 24, 1984, at forty-eight years of age. Many relatives and friends gathered at the Toowoomba church, Queensland, to comfort his wife Mrs Del Watts, her children and the members of the immediate family. The precious Bible truth of a resurrected and soon-returning Lord brought comfort and hope to hearts burdened with grief. Dennis Edwards, from Avondale College, assisted in this service and brought words of strength at the graveside. David Blanch.

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FLASHPOINT

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LINCOLN wasn't strictly accurate with his talk last week of a new face in Flashpoint. As you can see from the photograph above, I've had this face a fair while. It's making a reappearance in Flashpoint rather than a new one, and I like to think there will be those of you who will remember me.

REVELATION SEMINARS are hot news in the near north. In Warwick, south Queensland, Pastor H. G. Harker conducted a seminar with twelve non-Adventists in attendance.

MEANWHILE, twenty-two non-Adventists attended Pastor Allan Walshe's seminar in Tweed Heads. He was assisted by a group of young people. After the third night, a couple asked for the church address, and are now attending church.

THE INTERESTING THING about the Tweed Heads effort is the Theory of Responses, which states that there will be four responses for every thousand leaflets distributed. If you have your calculator at the ready when I tell you they distributed 5,000 leaflets at Tweed Heads, you will smartly observe that the ratio is correct, with Pastor Walshe and his band scoring two bonus points for effort.

DURING SEPTEMBER twenty-one new Revelation Seminars will be held, twelve of them to be conducted by young people.

FURTHER to our Flashpoint item about Tony Knight's program on rock music: it featured in Rockhampton on the weekend of August 18. From the non-Adventist audience one couple requested Bible studies.

THAT SAME WEEKEND a video presentation of Tony's program in Springwood opened three homes for Bible studies. The program, entitled "Flash Dance Demons," is available for purchase for \$35, both VHF and Beta, at the Youth Department, TTUC. They come with a great track record of successful witnessing.

ARE YOU STILL thinking wistfully of GC '85, but shuffling your feet a little and finding it hard to get motivated? Marion Parry advises that she has paid deposits on 225 hotel rooms in New Orleans. Some large rooms will accommodate whole families, which means there are still some rooms for two. An additional enticement is that if time is a limiting factor, you can be there and back in twenty-six days. A colour brochure telling you all about it is shortly to be printed at the Signs. Contact Mrs Parry at Unit 4, "Coronella," 163 Central Road, Nunawading, Vic 3131, for information.

"WHEN WE WERE YOUNG," featuring the Ramblin' Strings, swept into the Adventist popularity charts some years ago. This recording for children is once again available (on cassette only) at your Adventist Book Centre. Recommended price in Australia is \$6.99. In New Zealand the ABC people will advise you of the price.

STANBOROUGH PRESS, it is believed, will soon publish Spirit of Prophecy titles in Welsh. This will delight Australia's Pastor Kendall Down, who has recently completed studies at Newbold College. He has acquired a working knowledge of the tongue and has won his way into the hearts of the Welsh people by making a fair fist of pronouncing that formidable Welsh village claimed to have the longest name in the world. Such diligence should bring good success to Pastor Down in his ministry. (He was visiting his parents at Mount Colah when this news item came to our attention.)

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Dr Martin Strahan and Dr Terry Mau. The former has passed his FRACP examinations, and the latter his FRACS examinations. Dr Strahan is located at Royal Brisbane Hospital, and Dr Mau has recently moved from Brisbane to Perth. Our sincere good wishes go to these men. Nice going, Fellows!

HEALTH OUTREACH in Mangere church, North New Zealand, achieved good results recently. Friday-afternoon shoppers were stopped in their tracks by the beautiful singing voice of ten-year-old Rosalind Mahe. Many people expressed their appreciation for the talks, musical items and for the literature given out. May the Lord bless the witness and outreach of love by the young people of this Polynesian church.

COMMUNITY RADIO is still in the news in all corners of the Division. The local FM station of Taree, north New South Wales, invited the Adventist church to contribute without charge to its avenues of outreach. From *Inside 148*, the Division newsheet, I cull the information that Adventists now operate sixty radio stations worldwide—many of which are managed by unpaid or part-paid lay persons. There seems to be a great potential to be tapped here.

IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA it used to be, from the stories of returning missionaries, that virtually all green garden produce was known as cabbage. Now Kabiufa has been awarded the sobriquet of "Cabbage Patch College," for producing more fresh vegetables than any other unit in PNG. Now they are building a large greenhouse to keep the rain off the tomatoes, and further increase productivity.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SCHOOL 84/85 will be held from December 10 to February 2. Three lecturers will lead out: Dr Kerry Hortop, Dr Bryan Craig, and Dr Dan Augsburg from Andrews. Dr Augsburg specialises in Calvinistic and Protestant theological heritage. If you are interested, write to Dr Ferch at Avondale College. He will be happy to send further information.

FINALLY, BRETHREN ...": A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy for ever.