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## WHEN?—NOW!

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

WHEN ARE WE going to have an Australian or New Zealand speaker on television? Surely we have an Australian or New Zealander who could be our television pastor! All our current denominational programs are from the United States. So many times questions and comments of this nature have been addressed to the staff of the Adventist Media Centre.

Producing programs for television can be very expensive. We are so grateful to "Faith for Today" and "It Is Written" in the United States for allowing us to use their programs on Australian television without charging us a cent for production costs. True, we have had to pay for some editing work and tape conversions to enable us to screen these programs on the PAL television system used in this part of the world, but we have not had to contribute to production costs.

The simple answer to why we have not had an Australian or New Zealander as a television speaker is that we could not afford the production costs. However, it is a pleasure to announce that under the leadership of Pastor W. R. L. Scragg, our Division has devised a scheme which will enable the Adventist Media Centre to oversee the production of television programs for use in New Zealand and Australia and also for them to be released on video cassette.

The speaker nominated for our first series of television programs is Pastor Geoffrey Youlden, one of our Division's leading evangelists, and a small committee of church members was appointed by the Media Centre board of management to establish a format and plan our programs. I would like to mention the members of this committee by name, for their considerable creative talent and wise counsel has led to the production of what we believe to

be some outstanding programs. The members of the committee are: Kenneth H. Long (solicitor), Dr John F. Knight (better known on Australian media as "Dr James Wright"), Pastor M. G. Townend (Division Special Projects director), Pastor G. E. Youlden and the writer of this article.

Our new television series, known as "Focus on Living," is a magazine-style program, and is vastly different in style from what we have been accustomed to in the past. After the introduction, each program consists of three five-minute segments introduced by Pastor Youlden, which are drawn from the following:

"Focus on Food"—Mrs Robyn Stanton of Hobart demonstrates a vegetarian recipe.

"Focus on the Past"—Archaeology confirms the Bible, with Pastor David Down.

"Focus on Health"—A qualified medical person speaks about health-related topics.

"Focus on Sport"—International sporting personalities talk about wholesome, healthful lifestyles.

"Focus on the Family"—Qualified people talk about how to have a happy home, and related topics.

Each five-minute segment is separated by one of several advertisements for our Media Centre correspondence courses. "The Heralds" (formerly known as "The King's Heralds") provide the musical segments.

Pastor Youlden delivers an address, and at the end of each program there is a free offer.

Another feature of "Focus on Living" is that throughout the presentation a running quiz, relating to various aspects of the program, is conducted. If viewers can give the correct answers when they telephone or write for any of the free offers (which includes a copy of Robyn Stanton's recipe), they are entitled to a bonus gift, such as a copy of the beautiful book

### *Happiness Digest.*

A number of church members and denominational employees have seen one of the editions of "Focus on Living." When asked what they think of it, all are enthusiastic; most say, "It's fantastic!" One layman said, "How much money do you need to air these programs in our area? I'll be glad to be the sponsor."

Some may ask, "Seeing the Adventist Media Centre is always short of funds to pay for air time, how is it that they can now afford television productions? Well, while "Focus on Living" is being produced under the control of the Adventist Media Centre, it is not funded by the Media Centre—a special appropriation has been made available by the Australasian Division. Members may rest assured that any donations and offerings to the Media Centre in Australia and New Zealand are directed to purchasing radio and television air time, and are not used for production costs.

What is the purpose of "Focus on Living"? The answer is: to portray a happy, healthy, wholesome lifestyle, such as the Adventist lifestyle, and also to present the great truths of the wonderful Adventist message.

The five programs now completed will be aired on several television channels around Australia to gauge the response of the general public and church members. It will then be decided whether or not a continuing series should be produced.

How does the Media Centre staff feel concerning these programs? While we always feel we can make future improvements, we are really excited about the prospects of contacting people through the "Focus on Living" program. After all, spreading the Adventist message is something to be really excited about, isn't it? ■

Pastor Geoff Youlden interviews clinical psychologist Marek Jantos of Canberra on "Focus on Living."

Mrs Robyn Stanton, Pastor Don Bain and Pastor Geoff Youlden discuss a "Focus on Living" segment with the production floor manager.



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EDITORIAL . . .

## OUR NEW HYMNAL—2



LAST WEEK I told you that no fewer than forty new authors are featured in our new hymnal, but that this has by no means eliminated the old masters like Watts, Wesley, Crosby, Havergal, Scriven, Bonar, Whittier, Cowper, Belden and others—all of whom are still represented in the new book. Some, it is true, are not as fully represented as they used to be, but this is compensated for by the fact that some have contributed new hymns—new in the sense that they do not appear in our present book; not, of course, in the sense that they were recently written.

In no area is the blend between old and new more fully reflected than in that which is so close to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist: the second coming of Jesus and the Sabbath of the Lord our God.

A glimpse at the Second Advent section reveals that familiar favourites such as Lift Up the Trumpet; 'Tis Almost Time for the Lord to Come; Gleams of the Golden Morning; Face to Face With Christ My Saviour; It May Be at Morn, and Tell It to Every Kindred and Nation have been retained. Many magnificent new ones have been added, such as Christ Is Coming! Let Creation Bid Her Groans and Travail Cease; That Glorious Day Is Coming; Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying; The King Shall Come; When Jesus Comes in Glory; We Shall See the King in Glory When He Comes; Rejoice, the Lord Is King; Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices; Lift Up Your Heads; and Jesus Shall Reign, which is one of the magnificent "new" hymns by Isaac Watts. Charles Wesley has added two beautiful "new" second advent hymns to the new collection: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, and Rejoice, the Lord Is King. Several of the new second advent hymns are new in the fullest sense of the word. We Shall See the King in Glory When He Comes was written by Timothy Dudley-Smith, one of the contemporary hymn-writers whom we introduced to you last week. It was written as recently as 1967, and is based on 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

In addition to the Second Advent section, there is a section in our new hymnal titled Early Advent Hymns. It includes several old favourites from our present book, and many others besides. The hymns written by Annie R. Smith, the sister of Uriah Smith, and a pioneer of the Advent movement in her own right, still have a place of honour in the new book, such as How Far From Home? I Saw One Weary, and Long Upon the Mountains. There are also hymns from one of our very earliest Adventist hymnals, *Millennial Harp*, published in 1843. They express the confidence of the early Advent believers as they sang, "You will see your Lord coming in a few more days," and "O Canaan, bright Canaan, I am bound for the land of Canaan."

How Sweet Are the Tidings from our pre-

sent book appears in this section of Early Advent hymns, as does I'm a Pilgrim. Interestingly, one of Isaac Watts's "new" hymns appears in this section: Lo, What a Glorious Sight Appears, as does one of his old ones, Never Part Again. Obviously this prince of hymn-writers was among those who "love His appearing," and his hymns were known and loved by our early Adventist pioneers. A hymn from James White's book *Hymns for God's Peculiar People*, published in 1849, finds a place in this section. It is, What Heavenly Music Steals Over the Sea! The second stanza graphically portrays the ardent longing of the early Adventists for our Lord's return:

"On the banks of old Jordan, here gazing I stand,  
And earnestly longing, I stretch forth my hand;  
Send a convoy of angels, dear Jesus, I pray!  
Let me join that sweet music; come, take me away."

It is clear from what we have said that our new hymnal is rich in hymns that echo the advent hope.

The fifteen songs of praise in the Sabbath section reflect a similar blending of old and new—new in both the sense of songs recently written and of songs not in our present book. Welcome, Day of Sweet Repose was written by Pastor I. H. Evans, who was the treasurer of the General Conference from 1903 to 1909, and died in 1945. O Day of Rest and Gladness is another carryover from our present book, but appears with two alternative tunes in the new hymnal. Safely Through Another Week, an old favourite, appears side by side with Crowning Jewel of Creation, a magnificent brand-new hymn created in 1982 by Gem Fitch—born in 1934 and still living. The music was composed by Wayne Hooper in 1984. The Sacred Anthem is another product of our decade. It was written by Otilie Stafford in 1984. The author was born in 1921 and is still living. Yet another is Dear Lord, We Come at Set of Sun, written in 1984 by Mary Speidel, born in 1915 and still living. Other new ones include As Birds Unto the Genial Homeland; We Love Thy Sabbath, Lord; Light of Light, Enlighten Me; Come, O Sabbath Day, and Holy Sabbath Day of Rest. The old favourites with which we are already familiar, include Safely Through Another Week; Don't Forget the Sabbath; Welcome, Welcome, Day of Rest; Lord of the Sabbath, and Far From All Care. We should sing this magnificent hymn more often, and we need to make the words of its closing stanza the prayer of our hearts:

"Strong in thy might and quiet in thy meekness,  
May we thine image bear from day to day.  
Then may we enter pearly gates eternal  
And sing redemption's song each Sabbath day."

Geoff Garne





Bradley Brand being baptised by Pastor Graham Allen at Bunbury.



Korrina Ferguson, the only one in her family to become an Adventist.



Brother Jim Ballantyne about to be baptised by Pastor Graham Allen.

IN BUNBURY, WA . . .

## Guided to the House of the Lord

EDNA THOMAS, Communication Secretary, Bunbury Church, WA

ANOTHER BAPTISM was held in the church at Bunbury, Western Australia, on May 25, when three young people gave their hearts to the Lord, and publically witnessed to this fact.

The first, Bradley Brand, was born into the church. Over the years we have watched him grow into a fine lad. We were all overjoyed to witness his baptism. A touching special item was presented with Bradley playing the organ and his younger brother, Michael, singing.

The second to be baptised was Korrina Ferguson, a young lady who has stepped out from her family to be a member of God's church family. It takes great courage to do this, and we know the Lord will strengthen her to walk with Him.

The last person was James Ballantyne, and he has a thrilling story to tell. It began in Scotland, where, as a child, James attended Sunday school. When he was eight years old his family moved to New Zealand. There they lived next door to a lady who had been an alcoholic, but had had a remarkable conversion to Christianity, and was on fire for her Lord. She shared her experience with the Ballantyne family. She also gave the children a Bible.

Then Satan reared his ugly head, and Mr Ballantyne put a stop to it all. He didn't want anyone "preaching to his kids." He wanted them to make their own decisions but, as Jim says now, "It would be a bit hard to make a decision when you haven't got the facts."

When Jim left school he started to search for something. He looked into many religions, and thought Buddhism had something, but still it didn't satisfy him. He experienced a miserable existence for some time. He tried to commit suicide several times. After he was married the marriage broke up for eighteen months.

Jim then moved to Darwin, and, while there, he added the habit of smoking marijuana to his already bad habits of drinking spirits and smoking tobacco. After a year and a half he came to Bunbury and to his wife and two children. He was still drinking and smoking both tobacco and marijuana. He found work at the local abattoirs.

Jim and his wife talked about sending the children to Sunday school, but never got around to doing anything about it. His mother-in-law was a Mormon, and had taken him well into that religion, but, he said, "I soon found out that was not for me."

Some time later they were visiting with a lady, and the subject of religion came up. Jim was saying he thought Buddhism was the

answer to this world's troubles, but his friend was winning hands down with Christianity. She gave him two books to read—*Mystery of 666* and *Survival in the Eighties*. He read them both and decided he should go to church. His friends thought he was mad, because he had a smile from ear to ear all that week.

At that stage he hadn't decided which church he would go to, until he saw the Seventh-day Adventist sign which said we worshipped on Saturday. He thought, *That's for me. I can't wait until Sunday. I'll come here on Saturday.* A most amazing thing happened that week. He gave up drinking, smoking tobacco and drugs. That only left swearing, which was really hard to quit, since he worked with men who constantly used bad language. Only by asking God to forgive him every time he swore, did Jim succeed. By this time his mates thought he'd really "gone round the bend."

Well, Saturday arrived and Jim thought, *It isn't a very big church; it shouldn't be too awesome. I'll go in.* But by the time he had parked his motorbike and taken off his helmet, he was having "butterflies," and was about to put his helmet on again, when an angel in the form of one named Peter Saunders was by his side, shaking his hand and introducing him to others nearby. Jim said there was no chance to get away then! When he went into the church his first impressions were good. From his experiences in other churches, he had expected to see some people sleeping, others looking around to see who was coming in and not much interest in what was being said up front. Instead, he found everyone was interested, and so was he. What was said made sense.

## FIRST REVELATION SEMINAR

EDNA THOMAS, Communication Secretary, Bunbury Church, WA

OUR BUNBURY Revelation Seminar has finished. We had twenty beginners, sixteen of whom graduated at a dinner held in our church hall on Monday night, May 20, at which time the graduates were presented with the book *Bible Readings for the Home*.

The dinner organised by Mrs Colleen Allen was a great success. About thirty attended, most of whom were non-Adventists, to whom a vegetarian meal was a new experience. They walked around the table taking very small portions of this and that, then trying it very

After coming to church Jim found his place of employment very hard to take. He'd given up smoking, drinking and swearing, but it was still all around him, so he decided to give up his job. In Jim's words, "If this is the way the Lord wants me to go, another job will come up." His trust in the Lord was established, for he soon had another job!

But Satan wasn't finished yet. He came with another temptation. Jim's father-in-law, who worked as a foreman in a large company, offered Jim a job at \$1,100 per fortnight; but it was shift work. Jim turned it down, because it would have meant Sabbath work. His wife really thought he'd done the wrong thing. Here they were, trying to save for a house, and he turned down a job like that because he'd have to work *some* Saturdays.

Unbeknown to his wife, Jim had applied for a first home buyer's loan for low-income earners. This has now been approved. So, according to Jim, they haven't lost anything. Jim said that, generally speaking, he didn't mind giving up his bad habits (and his friends were amazed that he did it), because he usually had no willpower of his own. What he was afraid of was losing his friends. He did for a while, but now most of them are coming back.

Jim has a burden for his old friends. Perhaps not today, or next week, but in the years to come, he may be able to help some of them. Jim has now been coming to church for eight months, and some of them are beginning to open up and ask questions of him. Praise the Lord!

At first Jim couldn't understand why he had come to church, but believes he was guided there. His wife has not yet accepted his faith, but Jim is looking forward to the day when she will and they can share the Lord together. ■

slowly. It was interesting to see them come back for much larger helpings!

Some of the remarks heard at the dinner were:

"A wonderful teacher that Graham!"

"Very exciting."

"It has really made the Bible come alive for me."

"I couldn't understand Revelation at all before. Now I will be able to study it at home."

Of the sixteen who graduated, fourteen have accepted the Sabbath, ten are having further studies, and five of the ten have requested baptism. Three are coming to church and two of the four who dropped out are being visited. So, all in all, it was a very successful seminar, bringing great satisfaction to both the pastor and members alike. ■





# HIJACKED!

GREGORY ROBERT KERWIN

UNIVERSE AIRLINES was a very prosperous company. Every galaxy had so many planes, they were too numerous to count.

The Board of Directors was made up of three Persons: Michael was the airline's builder; He was the number two member of the board. Michael's Father was the number one member of the board. The third member of the board, amazing as it may seem, was able to travel on every plane at the same time, and was the overseer of every pilot.

Universe Airlines had a huge staff. At head office there were special employees. Lucifer was the foreman. He was subject only to the Board of Directors, especially Michael. Unfortunately, Lucifer was not satisfied with his high office and wanted to be on the board and, in fact, completely replace the members.

Michael, His Father and Their Co-worker realised the difficulty that the foreman was causing through his envy, but infinite long-suffering on Their part gave him every opportunity to be happy and contented with the job he was given. However, pride would not allow him to accept the peace plan, and finally he had to be sacked from being foreman, and even from any position at head office. He then tricked one-third of the head office staff into joining his union and fighting against their Boss.

Meanwhile, the board designed and made a brand new plane; it was unique—the only one of its kind. This model was given the name "Earth." The pilot was "Man" and the copilot was "Woman." The plane had a solar heating system and a solar/lunar lighting system. The building time was six days. The day after, the board rested from their work. The pilot and copilot were given every seventh day to spend as a special time with their Employer.

At first there were no other passengers on board, but as time went by the plane had more and more occupants. The plane was excellent in every way. The loyal employees back at head office were so delighted with the new model, that they shouted for joy. The pilot and copilot spent most of their time in the cockpit called "Eden," but they were permitted to go almost anywhere on the plane. They were very happy. The company provided beautiful meals, including a very special fruit which would keep them fit for ever.

There was a restriction, however. The pilot and copilot were not permitted to touch the spot called "Knowledge of Good and Evil," so they also could not eat the food at this place. The penalty for disobeying this one and only restriction was that they would be doomed to die; the reason being that the wages of sin is death.

Lucifer, whose name had been changed to Satan, now hated his Boss, and wanted to get even with Him for his dismissal. Satan knew how much his Boss admired His new plane, and especially the two new employees in the airline

company, so he planned to hijack the new model.

Satan knew that his only chance to get right into the plane was at the spot called "Knowledge of Good and Evil." He planned to trick the copilot, whom he hoped would be able to lead him to the pilot. He knew that the pilot, who had been informed about a probable hijack attempt, would be ready for any direct confrontation, so he would use the influence of the beautiful copilot to take control of the plane.

Finally his chance came. Satan actually used one of the animals on board to be the medium of his attack. This animal was a fascinating creature, which spoke to the woman and tempted her to disregard the one restriction of her Boss. He contradicted the board's simple words, and the copilot took the bait. The man was then approached by the woman, and although he knew he was disobeying the instructions of the board, he decided to join her in disregarding the only restriction given them.

The hijack attempt was successful. The pilot no longer had any power to control the plane as he did originally, and he was under the hijacker's power and directions as to the future

and destination of the plane.

Satan rejoiced. The board were concerned about the rest of the staff of "Universe Airlines." Each of them had to be given opportunity to see what kind of pilot he would make. He would not be punished fully until every member of the staff was convinced that the board were just in their dealing with the hijacker. The Board of Directors would stick to their policy of ruling by love, not force.

A rescue plan was immediately brought into operation. Michael pleaded with His Father to allow Him to be a ransom, not only for the pilot and copilot, but also for all the passengers.

The Father's love prevailed. The rescue started when Michael actually became a passenger. The hijacker did everything he could to destroy Michael. He tried similar tactics to those he used on the pilot, but Michael won every contest. Finally he had some of the passengers nail Michael to a wooden cross. But Michael came to life again and returned to head office, where He is today. He has promised He will complete the rescue by coming back to take the hostages who wish to be rescued right off the plane and back to head office.

Meanwhile, amazingly, most of the passengers have fallen in love with the hijacker, and have decided they wish to remain under his control! Each passenger is allowed a free choice as to whether they wish to remain on board the doomed plane or to be rescued before it is blown up. Which choice have you made? ■

*Mr Kerwin lives at Mount Druitt, NSW. His article was an entry in the Writers' Award competition last year.*

## ONE SET APART

GEORGE DRINKALL, Communication Director, Western Australian Conference

GRAEME JOHN HUMBLE was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath afternoon, May 11, in the Victoria Park church, Western Australia. The simple, moving service was conducted before a large, appreciative congregation, which included Graeme's mother, Mrs Joyce Humble, and Kay's mother, Mrs Elsie McKay, who had come from Victoria and South Australia respectively to be with their loved ones for the special occasion.

Conference president Pastor Gordon Lee delivered the ordination address, Youth director Pastor Don Hosken provided a biographical sketch, secretary-treasurer Pastor Laurie Evans offered the prayer of dedication, and Pastor Harold Gunter presented the charge.

Born into a Christian family, Graeme grew up in Geelong, Victoria, and was baptised there in 1966. He enjoyed being involved in church

activities, and had a particular interest in Pathfinders and youth work. Primarily his academic aspirations were in the direction of chemistry or geology. Providentially, however, he was able to respond to a suggestion that he attend Avondale College for a year.

While at Avondale he met Kaylene McKay, who subsequently completed her nursing training at Sydney Adventist Hospital. They married in 1975 and went back to Avondale, where Graeme prepared for the ministry, graduating in 1980. From Avondale they were called to Western Australia, and served in pastoral work at Rockingham and Mandurah for three years. Since January 1984 they have cared for Victoria Park and Mount Lawley churches. Graeme, Kay and Timothy are leaving Western Australia in response to a call to serve as missionaries in Papua New Guinea.

Ordination at Victoria Park. From left, Mrs Joyce Humble, Timothy, Pastor Graeme and Mrs Kaylene Humble, Mrs Elsie McKay. Photo: G. Willis.







Pastor Neal Wilson and Pastor Athal Tolhurst riding to church.



Photos: LICE VULE.

Platform party at Ponsonby church (from left): Pastor John Wells, Elissa Milne, Pastors Athal Tolhurst, Neal Wilson, Desmond Hills, Maria Campbell and Karl Sorensen.

## Centennial Service at Ponsonby

MRS LICE VULE, Communication Secretary, Ponsonby Church, NZ

AFTER WEEKS of heavy rain and strong winds, the Lord blessed us with glorious weather over the weekend of May 18 and 19.

One of the highlights of the Centennial weekend was the televised commemoration service on Sunday, May 19, from the Ponsonby church. Being the oldest church, Ponsonby hosted the festivities for the day.

In true pioneer style, Pastor Neal Wilson and Pastor Athal Tolhurst arrived at the church in a horse-drawn buggy, and were greeted by our church minister, Pastor John Wells. They were

joined by Pastor Desmond Hills, Karl Sorensen, our head elder, Elissa Milne and Maria Campbell, who completed the rostrum party.

The message delivered by Pastor Wilson outlined the beginnings, teachings and fundamental beliefs of the Adventist faith, basing them on the three angels' messages in Revelation 14. This was televised to the thousands of viewers all over New Zealand.

A smorgasbord lunch followed in the beautifully decorated basement, where the

ladies tended the food-laden tables. The hundreds of people who shared the food, hardly made an impression in this gargantuan feast, which was described by the television crew as "out of this world."

With the church band playing in the courtyard, the historical display in the church hall, which was the original church, and the magnificent feast in the basement, it was a day that many of us will not forget in a hurry. Everyone agreed it was worth all the preparation, planning and hard work. ■

AND IN CHARTERS TOWERS . . .

## Streets of Gold

GRAHAM WILSON

"GOLD, BOSS, GOLD!" called the black boy. "Come quick, Boss—plenty big feller gold longa creek where this feller Jupiter bin drink just now!"

That was Christmas Day 1871, and Jupiter Mosman was excitedly relaying his discovery to his adopted father, Hugh. Since the hills dominating this new goldfield reminded the mining warden of *tors* near his English home at Dartmoor, he named the field *Charters Tors*. Before the mills fell silent, ore crushed from nearly 100 mines yielded seven million ounces of gold—worth three billion dollars in present values—making the municipality of Charters Towers the second city in the state. The port city of Townsville, 135 km to the west, was developed largely to facilitate trade to this most famous Queensland goldmine.

Today, most of the prospectors have gone, and the city's population has declined from 30,000 in the early 1900s to 9,000, many of whom are boarding-school students. "The Towers," as it is affectionately known, is the educational centre for northern Queensland. Many students come from the vast beef-cattle stations around the area. The education and beef industries have had a stabilising effect on the economy. In the absence of any commercial boom, in which redundant structures are often

demolished to make way for more modern complexes, it has been possible to preserve and even restore the historic buildings that are there.

As part of a leisurely holiday in the charming goldfield city, I saw another festival organised by happy residents of the Towers. The year 1985 is the 100th anniversary since the Seventh-day Adventist Church was established in Australia, an event to be commemorated on various dates by scores of other churches around the country. On Sabbath, May 12, Charters Towers church took time to remember its beginnings.

Underneath colourful banners bearing the Centenary dates, Sabbath school was conducted by Jan Fellows and two of her nieces, Kathy and Susan Todd. Reading the first-ever Charters Towers Sabbath school report from those days, Mrs Doris Crack jogged the memories of original members who were

present. We were all interested in stories of the first Adventist congregation in Charters Towers as Ross Todd interviewed original members, two of whom were his parents Nel and Cedric Todd, along with Mrs Elsie Mackie and Frank Isaac, the son of an original member.

Making the occasion even more special, Pastor Grant Bladin gave an address about families to mark Mother's Day. Afterwards we all met outside under the cascara trees. Mrs Delcia Todd had baked and iced an Anniversary cake, and after Mrs Mackie had made the first cut, we all enjoyed portions.

As some of the younger members debated among themselves whether they were fourth- or fifth-generation Adventists, we concluded it did not really matter. The most important aspect is whether we will accept Christ, our spiritual heritage, and be there in the New Jerusalem to walk those streets of gold. ■

Charters Towers church celebrates 100 years of Sabbath school in Australia.



Photo: Graham Wilson.



# MRS NOBODY

LEITH HIGGINS

COME BACK with me 2,000 years in time, to a little Jewish village tucked away in some hills to the north of Lake Galilee. It was a community whose way of life revolved around its religion, the home and the seasons. On the Sabbath day you could always see little groups of people heading toward the local synagogue at the time for worship. All, that is, except for possibly one! For, more often than not, she would be feeling too sick to come. She was one of those colourless personalities, that are so easy to overlook, and so, at the synagogue on this day, no one seemed to notice whether she was there or not. Until one special day she became the centre of attention. Not only that, but her story boldly intrudes on the story of an important person. Jesus was on his way to help Jairus, the synagogue ruler, whose little girl lay dying, when this unknown, unnamed nobody found healing. Who was she? We have nothing to go on, so let's give her that name—Mrs Nobody.

Does this story have lessons in today's world for all the easily forgotten people? Lessons that will bring hope and comfort, maybe to you, the average person that is so easily lost in the crowd.

## Our Human Lot

Her name may have been forgotten, but her sad secret was not; "bleeding for twelve years," we are told. An unnatural, menstrual haemorrhage that left her in a chronic, anaemic state. You could see all this in those tired, dull eyes set in a prematurely aged face. The way she held herself both standing and walking portrayed apathy. She had little resistance to infection; always coming down with the latest cough or cold, and always, it seemed, the last to come up again. Her life was one continuous effort to survive. It was just enough to do the daily chores, and the prospect of doing anything a little different was completely out of the question.

Does this story even now have something to say for our time? Does it seem to parallel our spiritual lives? She was physically anaemic; are we spiritually anaemic? Let me explain. We must live in a world that is evil, and that evil in turn tries to leave its mark on us. It is experienced in some of the following ways: injustice, ingratitude, unfairness, misunderstanding, lack of opportunity. They gnaw away at our hearts, and inevitably have some kind of an effect on us. Do you find that once you really cared about things and now, well, somehow in yourself you can sense a change? That spirit of active commitment to do good seems to have been replaced with elements of cynicism, negativism or discouragement. Maybe it has become so bad in some areas of your life, that there now exists such an intense bitterness that you just couldn't care less any more.

Jesus once spoke of our day when He said, "Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands

firm to the end will be saved." Matthew 24:12, 13, NIV. Are you among "the firm"? Or among "the most"? If, then, you can sense this "coldness" creeping into your heart, a spiritual anaemia, it is vital for you to grasp the point of Mrs Nobody's story. She found healing. Her story has something for us.

## Effort to Find a Cure

The only thing that the doctors could agree on, was that something was wrong. But how to help her? The tried and trusted cures were all to no avail. Mark puts it so well: "She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had." Mark 5:26, NIV. Nothing had worked. There was no known cure.

Oh, the cures we try when we feel something is wrong inside! We attempt to cover up by trying harder than ever at our jobs, homes or church. But does all this extra effort help? Alternatively, we can opt out, by doing as little as is necessary to get by in this life—and thus insulate ourselves from this world. But does that add up to a committed person? We can erect defensive walls around ourselves by being bitter, suspicious and distrustful of others. Is that a cure? Or finally, we can just blot the whole lot out with large doses of TV, amusements, tranquillisers, etc. As a consequence, we end up living lives of quiet desperation, where, in the end, nothing seems to work.

## A Reason for Hope

After twelve years reports started to filter into the village where Mrs Nobody lived. A prophet had arisen in Israel! Some said He was Elijah! Others, Moses! Still others thought that he must be the long-awaited Messiah. There were strange anomalies, too. It was reported that He was a carpenter from Nazareth, that place with such a poor reputation. In spite of this, and though He had no formal education to speak of, it was also reported that crowds flocked to hear Him speak. The genuine wisdom of His sayings, His parables, His ability to explain Scripture, drew the people to Him. Upon Him, also, rested the blessing of God, for through Him many people found healing—the blind could see, the deaf could hear and the lame could walk. As the details

began to multiply, associated with all the excitement and curiosity it was generating among the villagers, faith and hope started to grow once again in Mrs Nobody's heart. Somehow! Some way! She must try to contact this Jesus of Nazareth.

So when news came that Jesus was by the lakeside at the neighbouring village, the people started to find all kinds of good reasons to stop whatever they were doing and hurry off down the road in little groups. This was, of course, all very well for the rest of them, but now Mrs Nobody had to make her own decision. Would she dare? Could she even make it? If nothing happened, how would she get home again? This seemed to be her only hope. So, in what was going to be a supreme effort, she slowly set out down the path. Often she had to pause for a rest, to ease for awhile the aching in her limbs. And then she struggled on once more.

While she is trying to reach the next village, we now have some time to think things over for ourselves. What have you heard about Jesus? Yes, the gospel story is still true—He still cares, He still loves, and through Him God will one day put everything right. What you may have lost can be restored if you go to Him. But maybe you are like Mrs Nobody—this has been going on for such a long time now that it would seem a painful effort to even approach Him in prayer, for your spirits are so low; the devil has been on the winning side for so long and feelings of guilt are oppressing. All this may be true, but do not be put off! You can use this story as a basis for coming to Him yourself—that is why it is in the Bible. You may feel unworthy—like Mrs Nobody. So let us try to find a glimmer of hope as we continue with her story.

## How Do We Make Contact?

When she did finally arrive, two things became evident and threatened her whole mission. First, there was the hurdle of all these people crowding around Jesus. Everyone else had got there first, it seemed. Never in all her life had she seen so many people. They had obviously come for miles around to make up this huge jostling crowd, through which she would have to push, squeeze, shove, or elbow her way. Impossible! Second, Jesus was about to leave anyway. A commanding figure had appeared, and because of his rank, people moved out of his way. He was able to claim Jesus' attention immediately, and Jesus was only too willing to go straight away to help his little girl.

Little has changed today. There are still





crowds of people around the person of Jesus. For all Christians, no matter which communion, claim some kind of association with Him. That is quite a crowd! Also, all these communions have those with the God-given task of leading us. They can only do this effectively if Jesus is walking closely by their side. We can see this is true as we witness their Christian example and faith. That is all very well, but the big problem is—where does that leave you?

The Bible story powerfully projects a picture that we have in our mind's eye—it expresses how we feel deep inside, at the very roots of our doubts and fears, where things for us personally are not so straightforward and simple. The cold fact of all human experience is, Who takes any notice of a nobody? Those who lead us probably have a direct line to heaven, like Jairus of old. They can walk right up and claim God's attention; but what of you, somewhere out there in the crowd? How do you break through? How could Jesus even notice you?

#### A Touch of Faith

Let us switch back to see Peter with the other disciples making a path through which Jesus and Jairus can proceed relatively smoothly. They are moving to the spot near where she is standing. As the party passes by, no one, not even Jesus, takes the slightest notice of her. With a quiet initiative she determines in her heart, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28, NIV. As Jesus passes by, she is only just able to reach through and touch. In that instant, the bleeding stops, her head feels clear, her legs stop aching and her whole body feels alive and full of energy. In fact, for the first time in twelve years she feels just great! Now she can quietly back away—healed, healthy and happy.

Only a touch, a simple touch. Certainly not enough for Jesus to notice in His person; but when He saw that healing "power had gone out of him," He stopped abruptly and, looking around startled, asked, "Who touched me?" Jairus, Peter and all the other disciples pulled up to a halt. The people nearby back away a little. What was happening? Who was He talking about?

Peter, never backward in coming forward, now spoke up in the ensuing silence, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

But Jesus was not to be put off, for He repeated the question, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." His eyes continue to search the eyes of the people in the crowd, looking for the pair that will give themselves away. As for her, she is scared stiff. What! In front of all these people? But there is no getting out of it. Seeing that she "could not go unnoticed," she came forward and "trembling with fear" poured out her long, bitter story at Jesus' feet. Poor Mrs Nobody! Even with renewed nerves, she was not equal to the occasion, for with her thanks came tears of joy and relief at Jesus' feet. Quietly He told her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

How our human logic seems to fall apart before God! Jesus is passing right by you! As He does, you are reminded of the kind of person He was, someone who could live above all that the world could hurl at Him—the hate, the

injustice and the ingratitude. He always continued unaffected, prepared to do good as a caring, committed person. Looking toward Him you can only agree that His way of life is, at the bottom line, the only way to have true peace and happiness. As you ponder these things, can you feel a desire growing once again in your heart that somehow goes like this, "Lord, help me to do what is good and right, once again as a committed person who really does care"? That is faith. A tiny touch of faith! As soon as you do that, events move suddenly out of control, for we see Jesus coming to a complete halt and looking around, asking, "Who touched me?"

As one well-known author once put it, "The very first reaching out of the heart after God is known to Him. Never a prayer is offered, however faltering, never a tear is shed, however secret, never a sincere desire after God is cherished, however feeble, but the Spirit of God goes forth to meet it."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 206. This is the great truth of Mrs Nobody's story.

Like Peter of old, the present writer is confronted with a problem that he cannot explain. How and why should Jesus stop like that? I don't know. However, I think I can see in His eyes the unspoken part of His question: the interest as He searches among the faces of all around Him. Who is that person who wants to be loyal to Me and the principles of My

kingdom? Where is he? Or she?

Now, dear reader, you who indeed did touch the hem of His garment, come forward and admit it in prayers of thanksgiving, for if nothing else, your eyes have given you away. Jesus has the same message for you: "Your faith has healed you." By faith you can understand that any wrongs you have done and now intend to put right, will be forgiven. By faith you can again see yourself as someone on God's side, prepared to hold your head high, always doing the right, no matter what. In fact, now that Jesus stopped and took special notice of you, it will be so much easier to do the right in the presence of wrong, especially the wrongs that got you down before. When God is part of our lives, our horizons can expand to eternal time, and we no longer need to let the present pull us down.

#### A Reason for Joy

On that day, as Mrs Nobody made her way home, she skipped and sang, praising God every step of the way home; a completely different person! Never did the grass seem so green, the flowers so pretty or the sky so blue. I suspect the same will be true of you, too. Jesus needs to continue His way to Jairus's house, but never forget He just had to stop and see you—to leave you with these words, which even today are His, not mine: "Go in peace." ■

## MEET OUR AUTHORS

### 11—Edward E. White

ALTHOUGH DR WHITE is an Englishman, not an Australian or New Zealander, we regard him as one of our number because he spent such a large portion of his working life—twenty-four years—in our Division. He served as Education director of the Australasian Division from 1947 to 1952; as principal of Avondale College from 1953 to 1958, and for a second time as Division Education director—plus carrying the Religious Liberty portfolio—from 1959 to 1970. Before coming to our Division he served as a teacher and then as headmaster of Stanborough Adventist school, Watford, and as principal of Newbold College. After leaving our shores he served for a further decade as Education director of the Euro-Africa Division, from 1970 to 1979. Although he retired in 1980, he has continued to do part-time teaching at Newbold College.

Dr White authored the book *Singing With Understanding* while in our Division. It was published by Signs Publishing Company in 1969, and relates the intriguing stories about many of our well-loved hymns and the people who wrote them. A second edition was printed in 1981.

He was the author of our senior Sabbath school lessons for April-June 1985, and of their support book, *The Prisoner Wouldn't Cry*, on the Apostle Paul, which was published by Pacific Press. He also wrote chapter 33 of *Creation—Accident or Design?* published by

Review and Herald in 1969, and prepared the adult teaching aids for the Sabbath school lessons for April-June 1982. Thousands of members throughout our Division cherish affectionate memories of Dr White from the years he spent in our midst—memories that are embossed by his writings. ■



Dr Edward E. White.



# CAMP-MEETING ROUND-UP



Ordination group at Northern Australian Camp (from left): Pastor R. J. King, Pastor A. N. Duffy, Pastor and Mrs Francis, Pastor A. Gersbach, Pastor G. Scott.

Photos: G. Bladin.



Sister D. King and Pastor Graham White re-enact happenings from the early days in Queensland.

## Northern Australia

GRANT BLADIN, Communication Director,  
Northern Australian Conference

THE NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE commenced their annual camp-meeting in Townsville on April 4 in typical tropical Queensland weather. Approximately 700 campers enjoyed the ten days of meetings and fellowship.

In keeping with the Centenary celebrations, the opening night saw the platform party appropriately attired for the occasion. Our president, Pastor R. J. King, and secretary/treasurer, Brother J. M. Watson, read some extracts from the earliest records available—what an eye-opener that was! North Queensland Mission was formed in 1929 and gained conference status in 1955.

Literature evangelists played a large part in opening up the work in Queensland. The story was re-enacted by Sister Dorothy King, who represented Mrs Adolph Zeibig, one of the first converts in the Rockhampton district, and Pastor Graham White one of the many faithful LEs who worked in the area in the 1890s. From these small beginnings the work spread further north to the Mackay, Townsville and Cairns districts.

The theme of our camp was "The Time Is at Hand," and Dr Allan Lindsay's evening addresses on the three angels' messages vividly portrayed where we stand in the stream of time.

Every day people are confronted with the issues of life and the pressures of living. No

other sector of the community faces these issues and experiences more trauma than the youth. So it was with this in mind that the theme of "Confrontation" was adopted for their meetings. The aim was to focus on Bible characters and reveal how their lives were changed as a result of their confrontation with Jesus Christ. Pastor Ken Martin, along with other personnel, ministered to the spiritual needs of the youth, and their messages were much appreciated. Highlights were a pioneer banquet when they relived the past, a picnic to Magnetic Island, and the Friday night baptism of five young people in the Aitkenvale church.

It was our happy privilege to witness the ordination of Michael Barry Francis to the gospel ministry. Michael and Doryce and son James are located at Atherton, and have the care of the Malanda and Ravenshoe churches. Their daughter Louise is studying at Avondale. We appreciate very much Michael's dedicated ministry in northern Queensland since his first appointment to the Bowen/Proserpine district in 1981. We pray that God will continue to bless his work and witness wherever he may be called in the future.

An all-time record was set for Adventist Book Centre sales. The \$22,200 total, a 40 per cent increase over last year's sales, represents \$114 for every accommodation unit on the campgrounds. We rejoice in the knowledge that so much excellent Adventist literature is now blessing the lives of our church members, their families and their friends.

God wonderfully blessed our encampment, and we thank Him for it. ■

## BYRON BAY

LAURENCE GILMORE,  
Assistant Communication Director,  
North NSW Conference

"I HAVE a dedicated pocket in which I carry small give-away leaflets to share with people in planes, the airport, taxis or anywhere I can give them. We could all have such dedicated hands or pockets or bags," said Pastor Neal C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, when speaking at his first-ever visit to the Byron Bay camp-meeting on May 9, 1985.

President Wilson went on to say: "What a time, when God's people will be together with no more partings! We are part of a spiritual enterprise destined to triumph gloriously."

It was such a thrill to hear the church's world leader give an overview of the family of God and its progress around the world, right down to a modern miracle in Dakar, Senegal. In a country strongly Muslim, there is now a Christian Adventist church of seventy-five members.

Recently four leaders of the World Evangelism Fellowship met with Adventist church leaders as they examined the church's twenty-seven Fundamentals of Belief. They said: "You Adventists should never lose your emphasis on the Ten Commandments; the seventh day of worship; your world work; and your belief in living a life of health."

In spite of heavy rain on the last Sabbath, there were some 4,000 people present to share in Sabbath activities, and the big tent welcomed



# The Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal



For the first time in 44 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a new hymnal. How is it different from the old one? It's easier to read—with larger, clearer type. It's easier to sing from—many of the hymns have been pitched lower to suit more voices.

The new hymnal contains 695 hymns. Of this number, 326 have been retained from the 1941 *Church Hymnal*. The newly added hymns include many old favourites from *Christ in Song* and other hymnbooks, more gospel songs, more early-Advent hymns, and 30 new hymns by Adventist composers and hymn-

writers. More hymns that celebrate our distinctive doctrines have been added. A "Loving Service" section of hymns reflects the caring mission of our church.

The new hymnal contains many more works by the great classical composers, as well as by the best contemporary hymnwriters and composers.

The responsive reading section has been expanded and revised. The indexes are more extensive. And the new hymnal is offered in four attractive binding colours: black, brown, burgundy or blue, stamped in gold.

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# How to use the new hymnal

The best worship experience is something you *do*, not just something you *watch*. The whole congregation can become more involved in the service.

By WAYNE HOOPER

Most of us learned early how to use the Bible. We memorized its books in order so we could easily turn to any text. Later we got acquainted with a concordance and Bible dictionary to help locate texts on various subjects and understand names and places.

Our new *Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal* is a tool for worship that we will use almost as often as the Bible. Here, then, is some information about what the new book contains and how to use it.

**Introduction.** This gives a brief history of Seventh-day Adventist hymnology, lists the members of the hymnal committee, and shares some of the philosophy that guided their work.

**Table of contents.** You might call this an airplane view of the book's organization. Under each general topic (listed below) appear the subtopics and the hymn numbers where they can be found.

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| V. Holy Spirit      | XI. Christian Life           |
| VI. Holy Scriptures | XII. Sentences and Responses |

A list of the indexes completes the table of contents. To find all the hymns on the Second Advent, for example, look under "Jesus Christ," and you will see a subtopic "Second Advent" and hymn numbers 200-220, where the hymns are located. All the titles or first lines of these 21 hymns come alphabetically under this same subject in the Topical Index. (You will find a few more hymns on the Second Advent in the historical section called "Early Advent.")

**The hymn page.** A survey of a typical page of the hymnal will aid the worshiper in singing with understanding. The title is the first line of the hymn poem except for those gospel songs in which a phrase from elsewhere in the text is more familiar. (Both first-line and familiar titles are listed in the alphabetical index.) To the left of the title appears a Bible reference if the hymn is based on a specific passage. Below that come the author's name and (if available) the date of writing and the author's birth and death dates. Original sources of the text and the name of the translator also appear here.

To the right of the title is the name of the hymn tune. Next comes a set of numbers or letters indicating the metrical pattern of the poem, which gives the number of syllables in each line (such as L.M., for long meter, or 8.8.8.8.; or 8.7.8.7. Ref., which means it has a refrain). By referring to the Metrical Index in the back of the hymnal, you can find other tunes in the same meter to which that text may be sung. Cross-references are also used to suggest alternate tunes. Just above the musical staff on the right of the page appears information about the composer or source of the music.

Sometimes the word *Unison* is printed above the staff to indicate music that sounds best if all sing the melody together. Singers with low voices (the majority of us) will be glad to know that the pitch of many hymns has been lowered.

Wayne Hooper, a composer and former member of the King's Heralds quartet, is executive secretary of the Church Hymnal Committee.

To the left, below the music, you will find copyright information if the hymn is still protected by copyright. This means that the Review and Herald has secured (and in most cases paid for) a license to print the hymn in this book only. For any other use of the hymn, including making copies of any kind, one must secure permission from the owner of the copyright.

At the very bottom of the outside edge of the page appears the topic, which corresponds to the listings in the Topical Index. Throughout the hymnal, hymns, gospel songs, and spirituals stand together in topical clusters. For example, you will not find all the spirituals together in one section. Look for "Were You There?" in the "Sufferings and Death" section, and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" with the Christmas carols in the "Birth" section, under "Jesus Christ."

**Worship aids.** This important section follows the hymns. The responsive readings are numbered consecutively with the hymns, which will avoid the confusion of announcing page numbers, as opposed to hymn numbers. Categories included are Scripture readings on different topics (including several Biblical canticles, or songs), calls to worship, words of assurance, offertory sentences, and benedictions. The committee chose readings from eight different versions of the Bible, looking for clarity of thought, ease of comprehension, readability, beauty of language, theological usage, appeal to all age groups, and representative coverage of our beliefs.

There is a Scripture index for all the worship aids. Scripture readings are indexed following the hymns listed under each topic. For example, under the "Power in Nature" hymns in the Topical Index, you will find in italics a listing of

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the Scripture readings on the same subject. This will assist worship leaders in choosing hymns and corresponding responsive readings. In these days when we bring so many different versions of the Bible to church, having these worship aids in the hymnal provides about the only way we can read together in unison.

**Bible reference** → Psalm 23

**Author's name, date of writing, author's birth and death dates** → H. W. Baker, 1868 (1821-1877)

**First-line title** → The King of Love My Shepherd Is

**Name of hymn tune** → 197

**Metrical pattern of poem** → DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.

**Composer, name, date of composition, composer's birth and death dates** → John B. Dykes, 1868 (1823-1876)

**Cross-reference suggesting alternate tune** → Alternate tune, ST. COLUMBA, No. 639

**Topic** → LOVE OF CHRIST FOR US

1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, Whose good-ness fail-eth nev-er;  
 2. Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow My ran-somed soul He lead-eth,  
 3. 'Per-verse and fool-ish, oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me,  
 4. And so through all the length of days Thy good-ness fail-eth nev-er;

I noth-ing lack if I am His, And He is mine for-ev-er.  
 And, where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, With food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 And on His shoul-der gen-tly laid, And home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 Good Shep-herd! I would sing Thy praise With-in Thy house for-ev-er.



**Indexes.** The most-used index is that of first lines and titles. For example, you will find "The Old Rugged Cross" under that title and also under "On a Hill Far Away." In the index of tune names, Cwm Rhondda, the great Welsh hymn tune, is listed with three numbers: 201, "Christ Is Coming"; 415, "Christ, the Lord, All Power Possessing," (C. Mervyn Maxwell's new hymn on the threefold ministry of Christ); and 538, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." And if you look in the V section, you will find the tune Vandeman, named by the famous American composer Gordon Young to show his appreciation for George Vandeman's It Is Written telecast. The fascinating stories of how many tunes got their names will be told in a companion volume now in preparation.

The Metrical Index of Tunes may be a mystery to most of us. But it need not be. It provides an engrossing study of how the poetry of our hymns is constructed—how many syllables are in each line or phrase of words. Take a look near the beginning of this index at the group headed "C.M." Those letters mean common meter, probably because so many

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hymns are written in this meter of 8.6.8.6—some 50 of them in our book! Theoretically, all the hymns in this meter are interchangeable. That is, you could sing the text "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" matched at No. 609 with the tune Arlington, with every other tune in this section, that is if all the accents fall right.

Before trying an alternate tune on a congregation, the leader needs to make sure it really works and that the mood of the new tune matches the text. Once in a while it is good for us to get out of the rut, sing a new tune to a favorite text, and thereby infuse the singing with enthusiasm and fresh vigor. Be courageous and try it!

Browsing through the Composers, Arrangers, and Sources of Tunes index gives an overview of the people who gave us all this beautiful music. A veritable who's who of great composers includes Johann Christoph Bach, Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Louis Gottschalk, George Frederick Handel, Franz Joseph Haydn, Gustav Holst, Martin Luther, Felix Mendelssohn, Giovanni Palestrina, Michael Praetorius, Henry Purcell, Franz Schubert, Robert Schumann, Jean Sibelius, John Stainer, Thomas Tallis, Virgil Thomson, and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

You can also pick out tunes composed or arranged by Seventh-day Adventist musicians: John Anderson, J. Bruce Ashton, D.A.R. Aufranc, Edwin Barnes, Perry Beach, F. E. Belden, Oliver Beltz, James Bingham, Alma Blackmon, Fannie Bolton, Lorayne Coombs, Henry de Fluiter, Allen Foster, LeRoy Froom, Horst Gehann, D. S. Hakes, Joseph Harker, Donald Haynes, Wayne Hooper, Stanley Ledington, Eurydice Osterman, Blythe Owen, John Read, Melvin West, James Edson White, Herbert Work, and Eleanor Wright.

In the Authors, Translators, and Sources of Texts index, those who contributed the most are Isaac Watts, with 25; Charles Wesley, 19; Fanny Crosby, 19; John Mason Neale, 13; and F. E. Belden, 12. Four British hymn writers have been included in all recent hymnals. They are writing in the language of our time, about the concerns of our time, and in a fresh and creative way. The committee chose 15 from Fred Pratt Green (his last name is Pratt Green), ten by Brian Wren, six by Alfred Bayly, and five by Fred Kaan. You will surely want to look these up, study the poetry, and sing the music.

Seventh-day Adventist authors are well represented: D.A.R. Aufranc, F. E. Belden, Fannie Bolton, Roswell Cottrell, Henry de Fluiter, I. H. Evans, Gem Fitch, LeRoy Froom, Wayne Hooper, Pearl Waggoner Howard, W. H. Hyde, L.E.C. Joers, C. Mervyn Maxwell, Mrs. Carol Mays, Harold Miller, Marcel Pichot, John Read, Annie R.

Smith, Uriah Smith, Mary Speidel, Otilie Stafford, Espi Wasmer, and Melvin West.

You might want to build a hymn sing around the great poets in our hymnal, such as Robert Bridges, George Herbert, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, John Milton, Christina Rossetti, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry van Dyke, and John Greenleaf Whittier.

The Canons index will help you find five canons (or rounds) that are always a joy to sing for young people of all ages. Also, there are six regular hymns listed here that may be used as canons. One of them, "Hark, the Vesper Hymn Is Stealing," can be sung by any number of voices or groups up to 18! The day our hymnal committee voted this one, 18 of us were present. You should have heard how we enjoyed the lovely harmony and counterpoint as we sang it.

The final section of hymns in the book is called Sentences and Responses. Most were chosen with the hope that they would be sung by the congregation as intros, calls to worship, prayer responses, sentences before the reading of Scripture or before and after a sermon, and as benedictions. The best worship experience is something you *do*, not just something you *watch*. The whole congregation can become more involved in these beautiful and meaningful parts of the service. One or more stanzas of many other hymns can be used as sentences and responses. For example, the first stanza of No. 10, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," makes a bright and vigorous call to worship. The Hymns Suitable for Sentences and Responses index will help you choose the most appropriate for your order of service.

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### One of the finest uses we can make of this treasure house of great religious poetry is to make it a book of devotional reading.

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Division president Pastor Walter Scragg in company with local conference administrators Pastors David Currie and Harry Halliday.

The pioneers arrive for Sabbath school; coachman David North brings Barbara Winter and Natalie Potts.



Photos: L. Gilmore.

Division president Pastor Walter Scragg for divine service. Said he: "The greatest danger is not the external troubles as in the early days, but rather the internal forces, and of losing the vision and the narrow way."

People from distant lands are different, and mostly very interesting. Special guests were Pastor Roland Lehnhoff and his wife, Janice. Pastor Lehnhoff is associate director of the "It Is Written" TV program, and was speaker each night in the main pavilion. With them from California came Mrs Merle Morgan, a soprano vocalist, who for the past ten years has devoted

her entire talents to the Lord, singing principally with Pastor H. M. S. Richards Jr in evangelistic campaigns. Her consecrated singing, along with the musical expertise of Janice Lehnhoff on the piano, was an experience of joy.

It being Centenary year, reminiscences of the past were provided by Pastor Ross Goldstone, complete with beard and period costume, as he role-played the ministry of Stephen Haskell, missionary to "down under" lands. Book sales in the ABC were for the conference an all-time record of \$49,250, while the Sabbath mission

appeal brought in \$19,500.

One can never write of all that happens at camp time, or what all speakers say. But I remember Pastor Scragg saying: "We are the walking wounded, for sin has injured us. But God is our staff—our walking stick on whom we can lean for support. He is good now and in the future. God is not a god of question marks, but of certainties."

That is hope for 1985. The Christian hope is an expression of certainty, and one may begin rejoicing now because of it.

## Goulburn

REX TINDALL,  
Communication Director,  
South NSW Conference

From left: Elder Haskell (Pastor Rex Tindall), Mrs Haskell (Mrs Bronwyn Bullock), Elder Israel (Pastor Clive Barritt) and Elder Corliss (Pastor R. Possingham).



Photo: R. Tindall.

AT AN ADVENTIST CAMP, there is always plenty of opportunity to reminisce. But this year in Goulburn, southern NSW, was even more so, because we were celebrating. After all, 100 years is a long time. Sabbath, April 6, seemed to be especially charged with the dreamy nostalgia of yesteryear. One program after another, commencing with the "big tent" Sabbath school, produced its special brand of history.

It was a Sabbath school with a nineteenth-century flavour. All eyes were fastened on the new arrivals "from the States," as they were introduced by President Bullock on the rostrum.

Furrowed brows, and whispered queries were evident from people in pews as Elder and Mrs Haskell were welcomed; then Elders Israel and Corliss. "Who are these people, really?" "That could be so and so behind those whiskers and that gown," but the biggest "cover up" of the day was Elder Haskell. (In real life the author of this article.) You try to recognise him from the picture. The Sabbath school lesson presentation by Elder Corliss was particularly appreciated. Let the pictures add another dimension in their own inimitable style.

The afternoon program was one of deep reflection. A visual presentation by Pastor Ken Lawson of Orange, it was a story of the faithfulness and fortitude of the Kents, Chatmans, Grays, Thomsons and Gersbachs of Eugowra. These pioneers were the first

Adventists over the Blue Mountains. Mr Kent bought a copy of *The Great Controversy* from a colporteur. He wrestled with the Sabbath, and settled the question through prayer in the hayshed one Sabbath morning. The first school was established in Eugowra. The old church is still standing. It was revealed that seven churches in the South NSW Conference were fifty or more years old.

Who could ever forget the "Family Life" series by Pastor Keith Hankinson; warm and practical; and the delectable dainties and helpful hints of the "Chinese twins," Marjorie Dodd (nee Long) and Hazel Hon?

Corresponding to the rise in spiritual tone

Just five of the big contingent of youth at the Easter camp at Goulburn (from left): Jill Grollmund, Nowra; Sharon Roberts, Narromine; Brett Williams, Canberra; Shari Parker, Canberra; Bernard Cross, Tasmania.



Photo: Goulburn Post.





### Adventist Work in Alaska

The twenty-three Adventist members in Nome, Alaska, were recently organised from a company into a church.

Two years before the turn of the century Nome virtually did not exist. But in two summers the population of the new gold camp boomed to more than 20,000 miners, merchants, bartenders and bushwhackers. In ten years, nearly \$50 million worth of gold was found on the Seward Peninsula, most of which came from Nome's nearby creeks and the rich red sand just above the surf.

In marked contrast to the attraction of its gold, life in the Arctic was harsh, winters intimidating, fresh food and communication with the outside world nearly nonexistent. Within a few years the population of Nome fell from thousands to hundreds.

In the roiled wake of miners and camp followers, self-supporting missionaries came to the Arctic, primarily as teachers in the government-funded native schools. They not only taught basic academic skills, but often acted as village administrators, medical personnel, and clergy as well.

Because of a handful of courageous Adventist teachers, Eskimos were baptised in the western Arctic as early as 1927. Even now, more than fifty years after the fact, older villagers in Shishmaref recall the hydrotherapy and careful concern of the Adventist couple who taught in their village. From the end of the second world war, Adventist work in Gambell and Savoonga on St Laurence Island grew until each village organised a church.

During the 1970s several Adventist families helped plant a church group at Nome. In 1979 a couple who had pastored the Gambell church for seven years, settled in Nome as self-supporting missionaries, and with the help of the wife's parents, contractors from Oregon, the Adventists in Nome built their own church.

The 12- by 7.3-metre building, which also functions as a schoolroom, was largely completed by late in 1983. The \$40,000 project is now paid for, and the church family has saved nearly \$3,000 for the next phase of the three-phase building plan.

April 1984 saw the arrival of a teacher for the new five-student school. Since it had no library, the teacher suggested advertising in the *North Pacific Union Gleaner*, asking for books to be sent. The response was tremendous. One former teacher from Oregon donated hundreds of books appropriate for an elementary school library.

Nome's land, storm-lashed and treeless, is harsh, and the winters are intimidating. There is still gold on the beaches and across the rolling tundra of the western Arctic. And there is gold in the hearts of the thousands of men and women who call this land home.

—Adventist Review.

### Church in Ireland Moves Ahead Despite Challenges

Fourteen people were baptised during 1984 in Ireland, where Adventist membership stands at around 300, according to Irish Mission president Watson Southcott.

A new church school was begun in September 1983, at Galway, and in 1984 another was opened at Shannon. Faith Poley, a retired teacher from Stanborough School; Muriel Harlow, a retired teacher from California; Kelvin Clark, a volunteer from Pacific Union College; and Melinda Vollmer, the pastor's wife, are demonstrating how youth and retiree, lay member and church employee, can cooperate to achieve what otherwise would be impossible.

Samuel F. Monnier, of the General Conference Lay Activities Department, recently conducted a ten-day witnessing seminar, and the Londonderry and Coleraine churches are launching a program to contact 100,000 homes and offering a gift Bible and certain Spirit of Prophecy books supplied by the Emerald Foundation, a group in North America interested in the spread of Adventism in Ireland.

—Adventist Review.

### Youth in Grenada Declare War on Drugs

Adventist youth in Grenada publicly declared war on drugs when 200 uniformed Pathfinders, accompanied by pastors, church elders, and hundreds of youth and adults, marched around the town of St George's carrying placards bearing slogans such as "Cocaine is pain, it drives you insane," "Down with Marijuana, up with Christ the Saviour," and "No hope with dope."

The Grenada Police Band provided music for the march. As traffic came to a halt and people left their homes and lined the streets, the Adventist youth gave out hundreds of pieces of literature dealing with many aspects of health. They explained that in keeping with the International Year of the Youth, the Pathfinders of Grenada were declaring a war that saves lives, not destroys: one that promises to build a better Grenada.

Daniel C. Williams, government minister of health and women's affairs; George McQuire, government minister of education, youth, and sports; Nord C. Punch, Grenada Mission president; Oriel Fleming, Caribbean Union Youth director; and Christopher Williams, Grenada Mission Youth, Health and Temperance director and rally organiser, participated.

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Making cement bricks are (from left): Steve Nobbs, Eva Cloos and Pastor Len Barnard, with three Island boys assisting.



Time to cool off as team leader Bob Young enjoys fresh coconut milk.

Photos: Mrs R. Weslake.

## A FINISHED PROJECT?

ROBYNNE WESLAKE, Communication Secretary, Hamilton Church, NNSW

THESE DAYS a fly 'n' build is not an unusual event, but to the team members every fly 'n' build is special.

This particular team was assembled as a result of an article in the RECORD on May 14, 1983, telling of the destruction of Bellona church in the Solomon Islands by Cyclone

Kerry in February 1979.

The main thrust came from Hamilton church, but participants also came from Norfolk Island, Tasmania, Rockhampton, the Central Coast of NSW, Maitland and Sydney.

The team experienced its share of sickness, hard work and heat, but these unpleasant

aspects were offset by the love and appreciation of the Bellona people, and the joy of service.

Each member returned late in May with a new vision, and already a fund has been set up to provide much-needed medical supplies for these isolated members of God's family.

Unfortunately, due to a problem with the supply of materials, the church was not fully completed. The amount left to do would be ideal for a small church project. If you or your church could consider such an undertaking, please contact Bob Young for further information. His address is: 5/30 Frances Street, Kahiba, NSW 2290. Phone (049) 43 3701. ■

## AN ASSOCIATION FOR MUSICIANS

A. HELLESTRAND, Communication Coordinator, AAM

THE INAUGURAL MEETING of the Association of Adventist Musicians was held on March 30 in the Dundas church. Interested church musicians came from Sydney and Avondale to present an inspirational musical program, followed by a thought-provoking address given by Pastor Arthur Duffy entitled, "The Challenge of Being an Adventist

Musician."

An election of officers resulted in the following appointments: chairman, Dr Gil Valentine; president, Mrs Barbara Wilkinson; vice-president, Mr Phil Cameron; secretary, Mrs Robyn Were; assistant secretary, Mr Geoff Batchelor; communication coordinator, Mrs Adele Hellestrand; treasurer, Mr Don Mitchell;

members, Mrs Emily Apps, Mr Les Chandler.

### Objectives of the Association

To encourage the development of dedicated and effective musical leadership in local Seventh-day Adventist churches, and to foster the establishment of musical groups to nurture an appreciation of high standards in the music of the church at all levels.

### Membership

All who are interested in music, and who would enjoy playing a part in upholding the standard of good music in the worship of our God, are invited to join the association as members.

Types of membership are: Regular, \$10; Student/Concession, \$5; Family, \$15; Associate, \$7.

For further information please contact Mrs Robyn Were at 11 Dawes Avenue, Castle Hill, NSW 2154, or phone (02) 634 4862.

### Programs for the Year

One of the first missions of the AAM will be to introduce music from the new *Church Hymnal* to church congregations. This program will be held in the Castle Hill church on August 10, at 3.30 p.m., and all interested people are invited to attend, especially church musicians. ■



Committee members of the Association of Adventist Musicians (from left): Dr Gil Valentine, chairman; Mrs Adele Hellestrand, communications coordinator; Mrs Barbara Wilkinson, president; Mrs Emily Apps, Mr Don Mitchell, treasurer; Mrs Robyn Were, secretary; Mr Les Chandler, Mr Phil Cameron, vice-president. Absent: Mr Geoff Batchelor.

Photo: A. Hellestrand.



# God Answers a Prayer of Faith

"POP" MARTIN

AFTER THE WAR, Sam and his wife were asked to go to the island of New Guinea as missionaries. We often think that missionaries are only white people who go to countries around the world. But there are other missionaries, too, like the humble New Hebrideans—Sam Dick and his wife.

They took the long journey to the Wabag area of Papua New Guinea and began to share the love of Jesus among these stone-age people. In a very short time Sam and his wife began to see success. Many of these Highlands people responded, and accepted Jesus and were later baptised. The Dicks really enjoyed being missionaries in this foreign land. They certainly missed their home in the New Hebrides and the children missed their friends there, too. But in time they made new friends in this new land.

At first everyone looked very fierce. These Wabag people dress themselves with a high headpiece trimmed with beautiful Bird of Paradise feathers, and they cover their bodies with pig's grease until they glisten in the sun. But their faces always seemed to have angry looks as they held their long, sharp spears and their jagged, poison-tipped arrows. What a strange and wonderful land in which to be a missionary!

Then tragedy struck this little family so far from home. Mrs Dick became very sick, so sick from a heart disease she could not work or even walk. Shortly afterward her husband took her to the nearest government hospital for treatment. But none of the medicines made any difference. She became weaker and weaker.

Five months after her admittance to the hospital, the mission district director visited Sam, and together they went to the hospital. When they arrived they met the doctor, who suggested they should take Mrs Dick home to die. He considered her case hopeless. Nothing could be done to save her from dying in a short while.

Sadly Sam went into the forest with an axe and cut down two strong, straight sticks and some strong creeper, and with this fashioned a stretcher. When he returned to the hospital they placed Mrs Dick on the stretcher and headed back to their village, a group of the Wabag men helping to carry the stretcher.

When the group arrived at Sam Dick's small family hut, the whole group stopped to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the safe journey home. But that brief prayer kept right on until nearly fifteen minutes had passed. After they offered thanks to God, these humble people asked God to heal Mrs Dick. They told God they believed He could perform a miracle. The doctors couldn't do anything. They were powerless. But God had all power. They asked for healing, complete healing for Mrs Dick, and immediately, so she could continue to work with her husband as a missionary.

As they opened their eyes, Mrs Dick opened her eyes too! She had been sleeping during most of the journey back from the hospital. Then she sat up. Then she stood up. Then she began to walk around. Then to smile. Then to

sing! Yes, God had healed her! She felt well for the first time in many months. That very day she began working again. How happy this made everyone! How grateful to God they all were for this immediate miracle!

At that time Mrs Dick was about thirty years of age. More recently, she and her husband, although retired, were invited to be delegates to the Dallas General Conference in 1980.

Just as he did for good King Hezekiah, God gave Mrs Dick an extension of life so she could do His will and witness to others about Jesus' love. The age of miracles is not passed; God still can place His hand on our lives when a special occasion demands it. ■

*This is the concluding article in this series.*

# "Jump Off" Day in Wagga

JANNINE VERNON, Principal, Wagga Primary School, NSW

ON FRIDAY, April 26, fifteen children, ranging in age from five to thirteen years, put their bodies to the test when we "Jumped Rope for Heart" for three hours. The children took turns in groups of seven to work through the time.

We were able to raise \$653 for the National Heart Foundation to help research into the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease.

In preparation we had trained during our PE and sports time for a number of weeks beforehand. This training was a great help to us. For some of the younger children, it was an opportunity to develop the skill of skipping.

As a school we enjoyed the chance to help others, and feel we also benefited greatly through participating. ■



Photo: Jannine Vernon

Wagga Adventist Primary School pupils ready to start on Jump-off day.



# The Bully on the Bus

NGARETA BYLUND

special gift, and the best one can be for Angelo?"

Charlie looked thoughtful. "What kind of gift?" he asked doubtfully.

"Maybe a matchbox car," suggested Mummy.

"That would do nicely," said Daddy. "That is the Bible way of turning enemies into friends."

The next day mother bought the gifts from the shop, and Charlie chose the smartest racing car for Angelo. Together they wrapped them up carefully, with an extra one for Charlie.

On the bus Charlie passed the gifts to the boys, then noticed another boy that he had forgotten. The only little parcel that he had left was his own one, but he passed it across anyway. The other boys tore the paper off excitedly. They were all very pleased to receive their gifts.

At the end of the week Daddy asked, "How's Angelo these days, son?"

Charlie's face broke into a wide smile. "He's my best friend now, Dad. He saves me a seat on the bus every day." ■

CHARLIE was having trouble on the school bus. One of the other boys was unkind to him every day, poking and hitting him, and saying rude things to him because he attended church school. It was done in such a sly way that the bus driver did not seem to notice.

"Mummy, why can't I hit him back?" Charlie asked in despair.

"If you hit him back you will only get yourself in trouble, and you will make an enemy of Angelo," said Mother. "That will only make things worse. Try doing something kind to him instead."

"But there's nothing kind I can do for him on the bus," said Charlie.

"I've got an idea," said Daddy. "How many boys are there on the bus that are about your age?"

Charlie thought for awhile. "There's four of us in Grade 4 and two in Grade 3."

"How would you like to give them all a



# OVER SEVENTY—BUT NOT OUT

LAURENCE GILMORE and EDWARD GARRARD

"HAZEL AND I extend our very best personal wishes for your continued happiness on the great occasion of your seventieth anniversary."

So read the telegram from Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his wife to Fred and Myrtle Ward of Elizabeth Lodge, Normanhurst, Sydney. There were other telegrams from prominent people—Premier Neville Wran, two MPs and a letter from the State Governor.

Mrs Ward is an inveterate letter writer, and even at the grand age of ninety-one she has a list of 100 people to whom she writes regularly, and endeavours to post at least one letter a day. She has written to the Queen, both as Monarch and as Princess, for almost fifty years.

Yet there is one letter which is treasured above all others. A little over seventy years ago a young man named Fred wrote a letter with a proposal of marriage in it, which Myrtle accepted. They were married by Pastor J. H. Woods in her sister's home in Essendon, Victoria, on June 7, 1915. Doing the right thing, Fred wrote another letter to her parents, Mr and Mrs Marett, seeking their blessing on the union.

In celebration of their seventieth wedding anniversary, the staff of Elizabeth Lodge, a niece, Miss Mavis Harrison, who made a specially decorated cake, and several of their friends, shared refreshments prepared by Sister Gall and her staff.

Dr and Mrs Harry Edwards, Federal member for Berowra, NSW, and Mr Neil Picard, State member for Hornsby, joined in the celebration. These three Christian people suggested they sing as a trio the twenty-third psalm. However, the eighteen persons present joined in and made a beautiful chorus in honour of the bride and groom of so long ago.

Photo: North Shore Advocate



Myrtle and Fred Ward celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary.

Fred progressed from being a literature evangelist to working in a tent mission with Pastor Waldorf; compositor and proofreader at the Signs in Warburton; teacher in state and church schools; Dean of Men at Carmel College; and two terms running into eleven years on lonely and distant Pitcairn Island; and finally pastoral work around Sydney churches. In all of these many activities, Myrtle ably supported her husband.

Everyone who has met Brother and Sister Ward soon realises their deep love of the Pitcairn people and their continuous correspondence with the islanders.

Rare and valuable artefacts, including a communion chalice used on Pitcairn in early days, were donated by the Wards to the South Sea Islands Museum in Coorabong. When they came to retirement it was Richard Christian, born on Pitcairn and a master builder in Sydney, who built their dream

home.

To the union a daughter, Daphne, was born, but she died of pneumonia when just twelve years old. So this couple have been drawn very closely to one another. Every time I visit this remarkable pair, I am amazed at the sprightliness of Brother Fred, a mere ninety-four years old. Alert in mind, ever smiling, he is, along with his wife, a living testimony to the Adventist lifestyle of healthful living and the blessed assurance of Jesus Christ and His soon coming.

A prized telegram is the one from Queen Elizabeth II: "I am very interested to hear that you are celebrating the seventieth anniversary of your wedding day and send you my warm congratulations and good wishes on this wonderful achievement. Elizabeth R."

Marriage for keeps—seventy years together—God bless, we love you. ■

## The Opportunity of a Lifetime

BRUCE ROBERTS, Aboriginal Work Coordinator

"UNFORGETTABLE," "inspirational," "deeply spiritual," "helpful," "fantastic." All these words and many more were used to describe the Armidale Aboriginal camp-meeting held at the beginning of last year. Even after the passing of many months the memories linger on.

For a few people who attended it was the beginning of an exciting experience! Dr Calvin Rock, guest speaker at the camp and president of our black college in the United States, was accepted warmly into the hearts of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, as was Pastor Dick Barron, also guest speaker from the Youth Department of the General Conference. Dr Rock made the generous offer of scholarships worth approximately \$30,000 each for two young people to study at Oakwood College. Following advertisements in our Aboriginal magazine, applications were received, and

finally a committee decided to recommend two young people. These two were eager to go, and were supported by their families. They had to guarantee their own return air fares to the USA, as well as other fees and expenses that would occur.

Greg Nolan from Dubbo, New South Wales, who was living in Sydney, left last December with his wife Jillian, and has commenced the Theology course at Oakwood. We have heard recently that in spite of some difficulties, Greg

has now settled in well. Jillian wrote to report that they have made many friends and are involved in local evangelistic outreach.

Gwenneth Grogan from Cairns, northern Queensland, left in September 1984, and is studying high school teaching at Oakwood.

Both these young people were featured in their local newspapers, and an appeal was made by a Youth Support Scheme for help to raise additional finance needed by Gwenneth.

We are indeed proud of these young people and their initiative and desire to train for service to their fellow men. Please pray that the Lord will keep them strong, as they respond to this opportunity of a lifetime. ■

Winners of scholarships to study at Oakwood College in the USA. From left: Jillian and Greg Nolan and Gwenneth Grogan.

Photo: R. B. Roberts.





## The Editor Australasian Record.



### Appreciation for Meetings

In a recent issue of the RECORD it was stated that the highlights of the WA Easter camp-meeting were a Centenary pageant, an anniversary Sabbath school and educational display and a reunion of former students of Carmel College. While not decrying the value of these activities, to me the paramount highlight of the camp was the series of meetings by Dr Bryan Ball on our Adventist heritage. They were stirring messages so necessary for the church in this period of turmoil. So interested were the people in Dr Ball's studies, that when he mentioned his book *The English Connection*, which was selling at the ABC on the campground, there was a long queue of people who were desirous of purchasing a copy. Unfortunately, supplies ran out before all had been able to obtain the book.

Ruth Watts, WA.

### Does It Pass the Test?

Having studied *Macbeth* at the senior level at high school, I could not honestly say it passes the test of Philipians 4:8. I doubt that any of Shakespeare does!

Another test I would recommend for all textbooks is, Does it bring the student closer to Christ, and does it glorify Him?

Let us stop fooling with human philosophy and human wisdom, "science falsely so called," and rather educate our children for the heavenly courts. To those who find this a bit mind boggling, we highly recommend *The Bible in Education*, by A. T. Jones.

We also agree with W. and J. Shipway on behalf of a Bible study group, that as a church, and particularly at a local church level, much is done

## Busy in the Bay

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP of Byron Bay members, refreshed by camp-meeting, embarked on their well-planned fun and outreach program for the young. Fast becoming an annual "event" of impact to many, the 1985 VBS, held from May 13 to 17, was, under the Lord's guidance, another success. Blessings were received by all who participated—adults and children alike. ■

Young attendees making pasta pictures.



on the Sabbath which is not appropriate on this holy day.

A. and M. Zujic, Qld.

### Bible as Textbook

Regarding the "Bible and Bible only" thrust in letters to the editor, let's be sure it does not exclude the Spirit of Prophecy, as the Bible does uphold the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4).

The gifts of the Spirit "enable the Spirit of God to speak in the correction of the wrongs and in the exposure of iniquity. In short, their work is to unite the people of God in the same mind and in the same judgment upon the meaning of Scripture."—*Review and Herald*, February 15, 1870.

Mrs Joan Truman, NSW.

One of the senior boys with Ozzie Ostrich puppet.



## Weddings

BATES—KELSEN. Craig Bates and Lynette Kelsen were united in marriage at the Hawera Seventh-day Adventist church, New Zealand, on June 3, 1985. Craig and Lyn are committed to Jesus and each other, and we know their home will be a place where angels love to dwell. Many friends and relatives shared their happiness on this joyful and sunny day. We wish them God's richest blessings, care and continued guidance.

G. H. Webster.

CLARK—KELLER. On Sunday, June 16, 1985, at the Mildura Adventist church, Victoria, Gavin Clark and Stephanie Keller, both of Mildura, met to pledge their love and to link their lives in marriage. Gavin is the youngest son of Lionel and Margaret Clark, and Stephanie the fourth daughter of Graham and Kaye Keller. This young couple plan to set up their home in Mildura district, where Gavin is following in his father's footsteps as a builder, and his bride will finish her nursing training. As they commence life together, we know they will continue to make the Lord the cornerstone of their home.

C. O. Lowe.

GURAU—AFAMASAGA. The beautifully decorated Brentwood Avenue church, Auckland, New Zealand, was the venue chosen by Max Gurau of Auckland, and Lofi Afamasaga from Samoa for their wedding on April 28, 1985. As they stood before the marriage altar to exchange vows of allegiance and devotion to one another, a prayer of dedication was offered on their behalf. We wish Max and Lofi much of God's blessing as they set up another Christian home in Auckland.

S. R. Rex.

KENT—SOEWANDHI. The amphitheatre in the Canberra Botanic Gardens, Australian Capital Territory, was selected by Haydn and Indra as the place they would exchange their marriage vows before a gathering of relatives and friends on Sunday, April 14, 1985. Indra is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Soewandhi of Jakarta, and Haydn is the eldest son of Elsie and Wilson Kent of Albury. We wish them God's richest blessings as they set up their home in Canberra.

Lasaro Nauluvula.

POWER—SHONE. On May 5, 1985, Lucy Shone gracefully walked down the aisle of the colourfully decorated

## My Favourite Recipe SOYA BEAN ICE-CREAM

1 cup cooked soya beans, or equivalent Soyagen powder  
 ½ cup Carnation milk (or such), chilled and whipped  
 1 cup dates  
 1 tablespoon oil  
 1 cup fruit juice (white grape best)  
 1 banana  
 ½ cup powdered milk, vanilla to taste

Mash dates in a little water. Blend in blender with soya beans, fruit juice, oil, and fruit. Add powdered milk. Pour into a bowl and fold in chilled, whipped Carnation milk. Pour into two cooled trays. Set for two to four hours in freezer. Carob powder can be added for chocolate flavour.



Masterton church, New Zealand, to join hands with Matai Power in holy wedlock. Just two weeks later Lucy and Matai both sealed their love and faithfulness to their Lord by entering the waters of baptism in the Dannevirke church. We congratulate this fine couple in their new-found faith, and wish them God's guidance and blessing as they determine to live and witness for Christ in the Wairarapa district.

S. R. Rex.

SEARLE—HENNIG. Sunday, June 16, 1985, was certainly a happy day for Pastor Basil Searle and Doris May Hennig, for that was the day they linked their lives together in marriage. The Modbury church, South Australia, was the place of solemnisation, and the families of the contracting parties, as well as the large congregation of well-wishers, rejoiced with these two highly respected members. As they set up their home in Adelaide, we know God's blessing will be upon them as it has through the years. J. H. Wade.

## Till He Comes

GRAY. Una Maria Gray passed quietly to her rest while in prayer with her Lord, at Ayr, northern Queensland, on June 18, 1985, aged seventy-two years. She was a faithful member of the Ayr church, and her presence will be greatly missed. In the service at the church and at the graveside, the writer pointed the relatives and the many friends to the great Comforter and to the glad hope of the soon-coming Jesus and that glad reunion. L. G. Robinson.

KEDDELL. Austin Reginald KeddeLL passed into the final sleep of death on June 11, 1985, at the age of eighty-one years. Reg was born in the Queenscliff area of Victoria, and was an active man for most of his life. He became a resident of the Coronella Retirement Homes in Nunawading in 1983, where he resided with his wife until his death. A service was conducted at the Templestowe Cemetery, where the mourners were reminded of the wonderful comfort of a loving God. Deepest sympathies were extended to his wife Barbara, son Eric, daughter Ann (Mrs Ian Taylor), and their families, along with many other relatives and friends.

B. G. Whelan.

McCAULEY. Rebecca McCauley was born on May 8, 1894, in Scotland, and lived in Canada and later moved to Australia. She departed this life on June 8, 1985, aged ninety-one years, at the Mount Olivette Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, just one month after being in Brisbane with her son Douglass. Beekie lived in Adelaide for the past thirty-two years, and the memorial service there will be remembered by all. In 1976 Beekie accepted the message and Jesus as her personal Saviour, and was ready to meet her Maker. Beekie is survived by her son Douglass, grandchildren Peter, Prudence, Elizabeth and their seven children. The funeral service was held at the Albany Creek Crematorium. G. H. Ormiston.

SMITH. After a full and vigorous life of eighty-five years, Hilda Ethel Smith of Lismore, New South Wales, fell asleep in Jesus at her home on Sabbath morning, May 11, 1985, and was buried at the Lismore Lawn Cemetery on the following Tuesday. A faithful mother, a loved neighbour, and a steadfast and generous church member, Mrs Smith is survived by Hilton of Nelson's Bay, twin sons Keith of Vancouver, Canada, and Ross of Darwin, Northern Territory, and Rita, Betty and Faye of Lismore. Loved ones and friends took assurance and comfort from the resurrection hope as Pastor Frank Bredden, assisted by the writer, laid our dear sister to rest. Frank Cantrill.

VAN OORAN. Dorothy Van Ooran, widow of the late John Van Ooran, was born in Tasmania ninety-one years ago. With her parents she later moved to Western Australia. After retiring from farming they moved to Fremantle, and while living there the mission services conducted by Pastor Austen Fletcher led Dorothy to accept Christ, and she was baptised on October 12, 1963. Due to failing health, this

beloved "mother in Israel" spent eight years in the Inglewood Home of Peace, where she remained till her death on May 30, 1985. At a cremation service, loved relatives and many friends heard of Christ's love and the assurance of a soon-returning Lord and resurrection to life eternal.

G. I. Wilson.

WATSON. Laurence "Mick" Watson was born at Kurri Kurri, New South Wales, on April 16, 1922, and passed away at Warmambool, Victoria, on June 17, 1985. Mick was the youngest child of the late Pastor Sid and Jessica Watson. Mick's life was one of indifferent health, but he loved his Saviour, Jesus Christ, and attended church whenever possible. Words of comfort and hope were extended to his sorrowing loved ones at the Warmambool church, and at the graveside in Port Fairy Cemetery, where Mick now rests until the resurrection day. With his sorrowing brother Clem, of Western Australia, sisters Ruth, Jean and Doris, we join in saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Doug Burns assisted in the service. E. M. Logue.

WILSON. Leslie Andrew Wilson fell asleep in Jesus in the early morning hours of June 20, 1985, nine days after celebrating his eighty-eighth birthday. He became a student at Avondale College in 1914, and six years later was united in marriage with Jessie Lamplough. Apart from a few years when he went farming, he gave a lifetime of service with the Sanitarium Health Food Company. We laid him to rest in the Avondale Cemetery, New South Wales, beside his dearly loved companion of more than sixty years. Their children, Ray, Beryl (Mrs Allen Probert), Neville and Colin, were all present, together with grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many friends, to lay him to rest until Jesus comes.

R. H. Abbott.

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This is a special invitation to Australians to enjoy two ski weeks from August 11 to 18 and/or August 18 to 25. The camp will be held at Koromako Lodge, near Mount Hutt. The cost is \$A85, which does not include ski hire, tows or transportation. For further details and application form, please write to The Youth Department, SNZ Conference of SDA Church, PO Box 25-085, Christchurch, New Zealand.

### TEACHING POSITIONS 1986

Qualified teachers who are interested in full time, part time, or volunteer teaching positions within our church school system in 1986 should apply NOW.

Vacancies usually exist for:

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Secondary teachers—home unions and mission unions (English, Science, Maths)

Write to Education director, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or phone local conference Education director for application forms.

### TEEN SKI WEEK IN SOUTH NEW ZEALAND

Enjoy six full days of skiing at Porter's Heights from September 8 to 13. The first 40 to take this opportunity will never regret it or forget it! The cost is \$NZ100 for students or \$NZ130 for adults. Write to Mr G. Nilsson, 488 Avonside Drive, Christchurch 6, New Zealand, and receive an application form.

### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CONVENTION

"Getting in Touch with God and Others" is the theme for the annual Adventist University Students Convention, Aug 23-Sept 1, at Crosslands, Sydney. Stimulating speakers, excellent food, fellowship, music and recreation is planned. Send application to co-convenor, David Fatt, 57 Macquarie Drive, Cherrybrook, NSW 2120. Phone (02) 84 1031.

### VIDEOTAPES FOR SALE

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**GREETINGS!** My husband ministered in Bairnsdale, south-eastern Victoria, last Sabbath. This is the first time we have ever visited there, and we enjoyed the worshipful atmosphere of the church and the warm fellowship of the members. Pastor Lyman Ritchie and his wife Rusty are leading out in three Revelation Seminars in this very lovely area.

**AN ENTHUSIASTIC** Pastor Malcolm Allen, Youth director of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, reported this morning that 160 Revelation Seminars have been conducted in that union during the first six months of this year. He adds that 40 per cent have been run by ministers, 40 per cent by youth, and the remainder by lay adults. Isn't that exciting?

**BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.** Pastor Chester Stanley, in Lae, PNG, requested 250 sets for a series he planned, but in actual fact, 300 non-Adventists attended, and as a result ninety-seven requests for baptism have been made, and 108 Bible studies are continuing.

**SO YOU WANT TO RUN A REVELATION SEMINAR?** is the title of a 25-minute video just made as a training film. It's available on either Beta or VHS from the Youth Department, TTUC, PO Box 14, Gordon, NSW 2072, for just \$15.

**LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?** How's this for size? Naibita, located north of Fulton College on the main island of Fiji, has a church that needs completing. They urgently desire help from a fly 'n' build team before the end of this year. Please contact Pastor Ron Craig, acting assistant secretary at the Division, for more details. Phone (02) 48 1061.

**A NEW PUBLISHING LEADER** has arrived in Tasmania. He is Robert Fraser, and hails from Jamberoo on the south coast of NSW, and is replacing Dennis Martin, who has gone to SA.

**ALBURY ADVENTIST SCHOOL** has been operating Years 7 and 8, and next year will go to Year 9. In order

to accommodate the expansion, a contractor has just commenced additional classrooms.

**LILYDALE ACADEMY** has come of age! A staff project to celebrate twenty-one years of blessings and answered prayers hopes to raise \$500 to refurbish a girls dormitory at an academy in India.

**AN ADDITIONAL PROJECT** at LAA is an educational banquet designed to bring non-Adventist educators, as well as parents, in to share our philosophy. A request for funds to meet the needs of such an evening has brought a tremendous response from parents who share enthusiasm for the idea.

**VETERAN NUTRITION INSTRUCTOR** Marjorie Dodd has recently produced a videotape dealing with vegetarian cooking and nutrition which is suitable for community use. Originally televised on SA country TV, it is available on order from Marj on (08) 49 5870, or from the SA Conference Health Department.

**FINAL URGENT REMINDER** to teachers wanting to upgrade at the Summer School at Avondale from December 29 to January 24 next. Your applications need to be with the registrar at Avondale College, Cooranbong, NSW 2265, not later than July 31. Dr Reuben Hilde, Professor of Education at Loma Linda University, will be one of the lecturers.

**STUDENT LITERATURE EVANGELISTS** did well during the last summer vacation. Twenty-two students made \$55,330 in sales, and earned \$23,758 plus \$7,600 in scholarships toward their college or academy fees.

**THE THIRTY MEMBERS** of the junior Sabbath school at Lilydale in Victoria have just taken part in a project to provide typewriters for the Mount Diamond School in PNG. They aimed for five, but were so successful they were able to send ten typewriters. Great effort from a group of juniors under the leadership of Barry Eales!

**AWR OFFERING FOR THE GUAM PROJECT** raised \$164,000 in the TTUC and \$97,000 in the TAUC, approximate figures. Northern Australian Conference and the North NSW Conference are to be congratulated on achieving their aims. We trust that additional funds will continue to help the total grow, for I'm sure we are all anxious to see that station established.

**EVANGELISTIC NEWS** from SNZ is exciting, with the coordinated outreach in the previously unentered territory of Gore attracting up to eighty people, all of them non-Adventists, to Pastor Bill Otto's meetings. One couple have been driving one and a half hours each way to attend. Pray that we will see a light established in Gore.

**PASTOR OTTO** has also been running meetings in Dunedin, where a minister of another faith who attended has asked him to conduct a series of meetings in his church on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. He could not have asked a better teacher. The Ottos will be transferring to WA next year.

**"ADVANCE '85** is an exciting adventure in faith" according to Chairman of Committee Ken Long. A conference initiative in response to a survey circulated throughout Greater Sydney Conference, it has selected projects for laity-ministry support. Incidentally, the committee comprises thirteen, only four of whom are conference employees. In 1985, they plan to raise, through specific donations and a recommended 1 per cent of income giving, \$100,000 for evangelism. It sounds like old-time dedication.

**FINALLY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS** . . . We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Pastor W. R. L. Scragg back as our Division president and Pastor W. T. Andrews as treasurer and to welcome Pastor A. H. Tolhurst as Division secretary. We wish then much of God's blessing during the coming quinquennium and assure them of our prayers and support.