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EDITORIAL

Learning Not to Cry “Wolf”



“IS IT TRUE that the president of the Proctor & Gamble Company appeared on the Phil Donahue Show and said that a large portion of his company’s profits go to support the Church of Satan? The *Adventist Review* editors were asked in the Readers Ask column of June 6, 1985.

The answer: “No . . . The president of Proctor & Gamble did not appear on the Phil Donahue Show and make such statements. Furthermore, the 13 stars in the company’s 103-

truth is there is no story to tell. I urge Christians everywhere to put an end to these unfortunate rumours.”

The magazine also quoted president of the Southern Baptist Convention Jimmy Draper as saying: “Southern Baptists . . . are a people who believe in and rely upon truth. The rumours about Proctor & Gamble are not based upon truth. This kind of reckless accusation on the part of alleged Christians is damaging to the cause of Christ. . . .”

Should the ninth commandment not be sufficient motivation for us to check our facts before spreading slanderous information, it might give us pause to know that Proctor & Gamble Company eventually decided to file suits to stop the further spread of this story and to receive compensatory and punitive damages from those who had perpetrated the rumour and thus adversely affected the company’s ability to market its products.

Christians in general and Adventists in particular are vulnerable to such rumours, which often mesh with our preconceptions of what we expect to see happening before Jesus comes. While our expectations may not be wrong, it is crucial that we do our homework to ascertain whether or not information is true before we broadcast it far and wide or urge action.

And the danger lies not only in believing rumours. As Pastor Lindsay Laws shows in his article “Computing the Second Coming” in this issue (see page 4), it is not Biblical to set times—however general—for Christ’s second coming. Much as we hope and pray that Jesus will come before the end of the year, the decade or the century, we must do our theological homework before making pronouncements. Rumour-mongering jeopardises Christians’ credibility in general; time-setting jeopardises the credibility of the doctrine of the Second Coming.

When the little boy in the story shouted, “Wolf! Wolf!” when there was no wolf, he found that no one believed him when his shouts were for real. The same can happen to us.

James Coffin.

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year-old logo symbolise the 13 colonies [not allegiance to Satanism], and the quarter moon and human face were simply a popular image of the time. . . . But the rumours you mention have spread like wildfire for nearly five years.

“In 1982 such well-known clergy as Billy Graham and Jerry Falwell were somewhat successful in helping the company lay the rumours to rest . . . , but the stories soon resurfaced.”

And resurfaced they have, yet again, right here in Australia and New Zealand, because well-meaning people do not always take time to do their homework before passing on a juicy titbit of gossip.

Four years ago, the *Public Relations Quarterly*, in its Fall issue, exposed the rumour, quoting from authoritative sources representing the Proctor & Gamble Company—who denied the allegations—and representing Phil Donahue and Merv Griffin—who said no such statements were ever made on their shows.

In the same issue, the magazine quoted Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell as saying: “Christians have a responsibility to know the truth before spreading stories and, in this case, the



"FIRST LOVE"

JANET ASHCROFT

As the wind has no beginning or no end,
So at a time I knew not Your Spirit
swept its wings over my soul
And brought to it a new understanding,
New strivings,
New hopes.

Like the flower to the sun's rays I was
drawn to You;
The source of all life . . .
And in Your presence,
Amid all the confusion of living,
I found my greatest joy.

I was like a child who wakes up each
morning
And sees unending possibilities for the
world.
I trusted and felt secure,
Even though my steps were often
faltering . . .
For not far away was Your hand,
Always outstretched,
Ready to pick me up when I fell down
on the stones.

But as time slipped by I grew more
independent . . .
When I fell and You offered me Your
hand, I said:
"It's all right, Lord—I can pick myself
up now . . ."
Yet it seemed the more I picked myself
up,
The more I fell onto hard, rough stones
once more.

My head was full of all I had learned,
Yet my heart felt empty, unfulfilled
. . .
And I couldn't understand why, Lord.
The childlike trust I'd once possessed
had somehow disappeared,
Imperceptibly,
Replaced by a belief void of its
lifeblood.

I went through all the motions,
Trying so hard to regain what I knew
I'd lost . . .
Yet although it danced one step ahead
of me,
I sensed within my heart that one day I
would find it again.

And throughout it all You watched on
in silence,
Waiting for the time of awakening to
come . . .
Until one day I stopped trying and just
stopped to listen awhile . . .
"Return to your first love," I heard
You say.
You said it so gently,
So persuasively . . .
And at last the spiritual cataracts that
had formed across my eyes
Fell away.

I saw no blinding bolt of light,
Heard no thunderous sound . . .
Just the still, small voice,
Telling me in soothing tones that
You'd been there all along,
Patiently waiting.

I ran back to You,
Like the child I had once been . . .
So relieved that You still wanted me.
And even though I couldn't see Your
face,
I felt sure that You had tears in Your
eyes, Lord,
And that Your nail-scarred hands were
trembling
As You took my hands in Yours.

My first love . . .
How beautiful those words sounded to
me . . .
Like fragile, untrodden snow!
And that is what You had given me at
the start;
A pure love, untainted by the cynicism
of life.

I asked You what would keep me from
straying from that love again,
When I am tempted to walk on my own
once more . . .
And I heard You say that I must
Keep the door to my heart ajar,
So that You can enter in and never feel
shut out.

And now my prayer is that my worship
of You may be more real,
Not rigid or contrived . . .
So that when I shall meet You face to
face
At the door of Your mansion,
There will be no awkwardness
between us,
Since we have known each other all
along . . .
And then my first love will be eternal
love.

Janet Ashcroft lives in Hobart, Tasmania.

Computing the Second Coming

LINDSAY JOHN LAWS

A theory currently being advocated by some Adventists attempts to predict the general time of Jesus' return. But is the theory Biblical?

THE PURPOSE of a torch is to dispel darkness. But if there is no globe or battery, there is no illumination. The torch is useless.

Similarly, prophecy is to illuminate the darkness. We are told, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place. . . ." 2 Peter 1:19. Prophecy, however, is given not just to reveal the future, but to establish faith. The danger is that when a prophetic interpretation fails, faith fails also.

Adventist pioneer Hiram Edson said of the disappointment when Christ did not come in 1844: "Our expectations were raised high, and thus we looked for our coming Lord until the clock tolled 12 at midnight. The day had then passed and our disappointment be-

hopes were lost."—P. Gerard Damsteegt, *Foundations of the Seventh-day Adventist Message and Mission*, page 99.

A worthwhile text to remember is Acts 1:6, 7: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons. . . ."

In the past, Adventist evangelists and administrators have used newspaper headlines, like torches without batteries, to predict coming events. Some predicted on the basis of Matthew 24:34, that those who saw the darkening of the sun in 1780 would see the coming of the Lord.

During the first world war, some predicted Turkey's end and the close of probation. Others later claimed that

the Jews would never establish the nation of Israel.

Such predictions, which have not been based on the Word of God, lead to

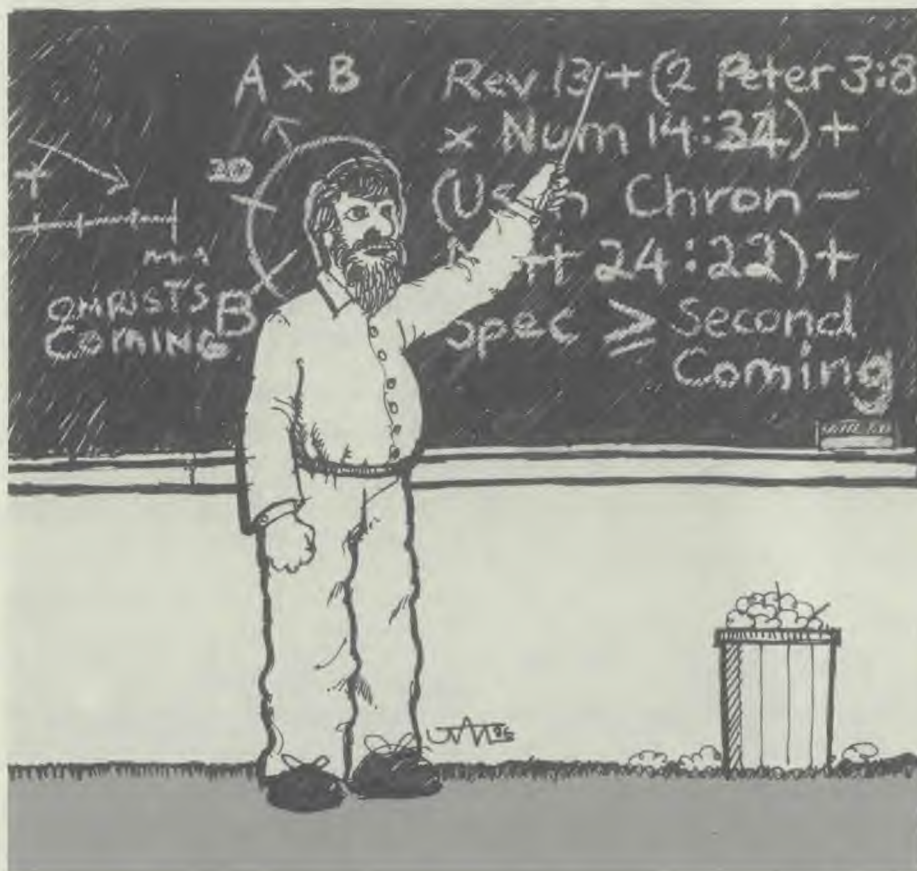
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scepticism when the events fail to transpire. It is amazing how willing people are to believe any new thing that comes along. Christ is to come soon. The Scriptures make that clear. But we need to beware of speculation,

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came a certainty. Our fondest hopes and expectations were blasted, and such a spirit of weeping came over us as I never experienced before. It seemed that the loss of all earthly friends could have been no comparison. We wept, and wept, till the day dawn.

"I mused in my own heart, saying, My advent experience had been the richest and brightest of all my Christian experiences. If this had proved a failure, what was the rest of my Christian experience worth? Has the Bible proved a failure? Is there no God, no heaven, no golden home city, no paradise? Is all this but a cunningly devised fable? Is there no reality to our fondest hope and expectation of these things? And thus we had something to grieve and weep over, if all our fond



for we cannot predict the exact time of Christ's return.

A theory currently being advocated, based on 2 Peter 3:8, attempts to equate the seven days of creation with a period of 7,000 years. Six thousand years are almost over, the theory's proponents say, and we are about to enter the millennium.

Adherents to this belief point out that Matthew 24:22 indicates a shortening of the days. As we are but 15 years from the year 2000, the second coming must be before then. In the past, others have used similar reasoning to say that it is too late to buy a house or be married. But what should we say of such reasoning?

The basis for assuming that 6,000 years have elapsed since creation comes from Archbishop James Ussher (1650), who from Bible chronology computed the date of creation as 4004 BC. However, evidence now shows, "in regard to the period of the Hebrew kings, Ussher did not take into account the differences between accession year and non-accession year types of reckoning, nor the existence of co-regencies. . . . [thus] his dates for the beginning of the monarchy are nearly 50 years too early with respect to

would be unable to predict the end of the world—even if the theory were valid.

The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol 1, page 195, notes: "This 6,000-year theory is not based on any prophetic period of the Bible, which gives no figure anywhere. It originated in ancient mythology . . . and in a Jewish analogy to the days of creation. It was adopted by the church Fathers, such as Augustine."

It goes on to say: "It may as well be stated that the date of creation is not known. We may have the Bible chronology aligned with fixed BC dates in the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, about 600 BC, and later. But from there back to creation the path crosses too many areas where a difference of opinion exists."—*Id.*, page 196.

For further discussion of the many statements from Ellen White concerning the 6,000-year age of the earth, see: "Ellen G. White's Use of Historical Sources in *The Great Controversy*," by Robert Olsen, *Adventist Review*, February 23, 1984; *The Later Elmshaven Years*, by Arthur L. White; and "Ellen G. White and Bible Chronology," by Warren H. Johns, *Ministry*, April 1984.

I am not saying that Christ could not come before the year 2000. I believe He could and hope He will. But there clearly is no time prophecy in the Bible to prove this. Furthermore, there is danger in speculation on this theory, as any attempts to set dates can lead only to confusion and loss of faith.

In *Early Writings*, page 75, Ellen White said, "The Lord has shown me that the message of the third angel must go, and be proclaimed to the scattered children of the Lord, *but it must not be hung on time.*" (Emphasis supplied.)

The Bible says, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man. . . ." Matthew 24:36. (See also Matthew 24:42, 44 and 25:13.) Matthew 25 shows both wise and foolish sleeping. And there is no basis for interpreting 1 Thessalonians 5:4 to prove that the righteous will know the time.

Our concern as Seventh-day Adventists should not be to attempt to know the exact time of Christ's return, but to "be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14. ■

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FOR THE CHILDREN

The Pardalote and Its Nest

WANDA BOUTLING

HAVE YOU seen a pardalote? No, it isn't an animal or insect, but a dainty little bird about nine or 10 centimetres long. It is sometimes called the "diamond bird" because of the coloured spots on its feathers.

These small birds feed on insects, so are very useful to gardeners. Their call sounds almost as if to say, "Sleep, Baby," or, "Sweet Dick." There are about five varieties of these little birds.

On one side of the road where I lived was a steep bank about two metres high. I had noticed a few cracks and holes in it.

One morning as I walked along, I thought I saw something dart out of a hole and fly away. But it happened so quickly, I wasn't sure. Had I imagined it?

I walked on a little further and looked back. Yes, this time I was sure, for a small bird briefly paused at the entrance of a hole. I noticed its colours as it darted in with something in its beak. It was either building a nest or feeding babies.

Soon it flew out again. When it returned, it came cautiously from a different direction. It must have been wondering why I hadn't moved on, and whether I was an enemy.

Birds have many enemies—bigger birds, cats, rats and sometimes even people. So I am glad God has shown His little pets where to build their nests and rear their families so they will have as much protection as possible. ■

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today's established dates."—*Ministry*, April 1984.

To complicate calculations further, the three sources of chronology—the Hebrew text, the Samaritan Pentateuch and the Septuagint—all differ in dating creation and the Flood. Other chronology complications that Bible scholars face include the fact that Ezra's chronology omits several links (Ezra 7:1-5), Matthew leaves out four links, Luke includes a second Cainan and the Hebrew often uses son to mean grandson, and brother to mean nephew or uncle.

So what does all this mean? It does not mean we accept the evolutionary philosophy whereby the earth is millions of years old. But it does show that one is unable to compute precisely the date of creation, and therefore

Catching the Vision to Write

JAMES COFFIN

Writing for Christian publications may be just the creative outlet you've been looking for.

HAVE YOU EVER felt you have a solution for some much-debated but never-resolved problem? Do you feel you have a particularly significant insight into some aspect of Christian life? Would you like to share your faith on a far grander scale? If so, then perhaps you should consider writing for Christian publications. (And don't feel you must limit yourself to the Adventist market.)

To provide insights into what editors in general—and the editor of the *Signs and Record* in particular—look for, I have listed nine tips for improving one's writing. Adherence to these points does not guarantee that one day you will see your byline, but it *will* improve your chances. And the discipline of writing will sharpen both your thinking and your expressive ability.

1. Write for your readers. Average Christian readers don't wish to wade through high-powered theological terminology. They don't want to hear words like *exegesis*—they just want to know what the Bible actually says. And they want it in plain, simple English, not in Greek or Hebrew.

Ideas must be tailored to their intended recipients. The flamboyant colloquial style that may be appropriate for youth, in all likelihood, would be out of place in an article for retirees. What you say to committed Christians will differ from your approach to non-Christians. What you say to Adventists may have to be rephrased to be understood by non-Adventists.

2. Have a specific purpose. Generally, articles are written to inform, interpret, inspire or entertain; or they may combine more than one of these elements. Usually, however, you have a *main* purpose, and the other elements are but a means to that end. It is crucial that *you* know what you wish to accomplish. Then omit anything that does not help you achieve that aim.



3. Write a captivating lead. Get the attention. Capture the imagination. Whet the appetite. Dangle the bait. Quickly let the readers know the basic direction you are going—but don't tell them all they will encounter along the way or the exact nature of the destination. Always assure them that you know where you're going and that you're taking them along the most direct route; but keep offering the promise of more to come.

In a magazine article the lead is by far the most crucial element. You are on trial as a writer, and to a great degree your jury is going to decide the fate of your article on the basis of your first few words. The good writer will spend a disproportionate amount of time on the lead, but it is time well spent.

4. Be brief. People don't mind how much you say—provided you say it in a few words. Some people call it the KISS method—Keep It Short and

Sweet. Writing expert Peter Jacobi has said that magazine articles are like moving vans: the professional will pack the contents in tightly. Pascal allegedly once said, "Please excuse such a long letter; I didn't have time to write a short one." In other words, brevity takes more time—but the impact lingers longer.

It is true that some topics require more comprehensive coverage than do others. But it is equally true that you should not take three pages for what you can say in two. Likewise, if a topic absolutely requires 10 pages, then take 10—but not 10 and a half. In today's fast-moving world you have to say things succinctly if you want to be heard.

5. Be accurate and specific. A quality product deserves a quality package. If you don't consider your material important enough to merit double-checking the facts, then why should an editor waste his or her time doing so? If your grammar, spelling and punctuation are faulty, then the editor quite naturally will assume that your information is equally suspect.

Editors—and readers—want clear, specific, descriptive material. Don't say *dark* if you mean *brown*. Don't say *car* if you mean *Mercedes*. Don't say *young person* if you mean *15-year-old*. And don't say *several* if you mean *12*. Be as precise as you can without becoming bogged down by irrelevant detail.

6. Write simply. As a college student I used to keep a thesaurus close by, not so I could avoid repetition, but so I could come up with more sophisticated terms than were in my normal vocabulary. What I failed to realize is that there is power in simplicity.

Writing is to clarify, not to obscure. It is to aid the reader in his or her development, not to confer status on the writer. Scholarly writing at times requires technical terms. But even in

scholarly writing, such terms should be avoided if they confuse rather than enlighten.

An article in *Changing Times* magazine says, "Don't write 'configuration' when you mean 'shape.' If you mean 'idea,' don't say 'conceptualisation.' And if you mean 'too long,' don't write 'inordinately protracted.'" The article goes on to say, "Two-dollar words represent inflation. . . . Worse yet, they often turn solid, accessible ideas into difficult abstractions." Finally, it notes, "Beware of words that sound like Latin once removed." And to the Latin I would add Greek, Hebrew, Freud, computer and a few other "languages."

7. Illustrate. In their guidelines for writers, the editors of what used to be *These Times* pointed out that "the writer's task is to make men see things; then feel them; and then act upon them." Illustrations, whether in articles or sermons, are the windows: they let in the light. Too few create darkness; too many weaken the structure.

It is crucial that abstract ideas be supported by concrete examples. Anecdotes can play a useful role. So can statistics. But statistics should be restated in a way that drives home the message. That light travels 299,330 kilometres a second sounds impressive. That it can circle the globe almost eight times in the interval that it takes to say "Jack Robinson" makes it more dramatic still.

8. Practise and persevere. Perhaps the most unfortunate thing that can happen to a would-be writer is to have his or her first submission accepted. It generates a false sense of security, a feeling that one has arrived. Writers need to be merciless taskmasters, demanding ever more of themselves, polishing, sharpening, revising, always seeking to improve.

In the autobiography of his early years, Winston Churchill describes how he laboured over his first speeches in the British Parliament. Not only did he write out and memorise each day's speech, he also tried to anticipate the possible responses of his opponents. Then he wrote a rebuttal to each potential response and memorised it as well.

While Churchill no doubt had innate ability, the power of his writing and

speaking came from practice and perseverance. Few people, even those naturally gifted, will achieve distinction unless they are willing to toil with similar dedication.

9. Don't imply divine inspiration. It is true that people involved in creative pursuits frequently feel they are performing in a manner that transcends their natural ability. It is equally true that the solution to a complex problem, the perfect wording, the profound insight, often comes in the middle of the night—and I do not deny the divine involvement in many of these cases.

However, while God may have been involved in the creative flash that led to the article, it does not necessarily follow that God wills it to be published. Perhaps it was inspired solely for the writer's edification, not for the benefit of some larger group. For the author to imply a divine right to be published because of the material's assumed divine origin borders on blackmail. The obvious inference is, How would you dare to go against God?

D. R. L. Astleford, associate Publishing director of the Far Eastern

Division, tells of a theology student with whom he attended college. The young man's social graces were somewhat lacking and the female students did not find him the star attraction of the men's residence hall. However, armed with a strategy that all but guaranteed success—which might well have come to him in the middle of the night—he marched into the college library one day, sat down beside one of the campus's most talented and beautiful girls, and said, "The Lord has just given me a vision that I am to marry you."

Being extremely quick-witted, the girl replied without hesitation, "Wonderful! As soon as the Lord has given me the confirming vision we'll be married."

If you as a writer must tell an editor about how you were awakened in the middle of the night and how God seemed to speak to you—almost as if you were in vision—be assured that the editor will publish your work—as soon as he or she receives the confirming vision! ■

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More Tips to Improve Your Writing

1. Make each pronoun agree with their antecedent.
2. About those sentence fragments.
3. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
4. Do not write run-on sentences they are hard to read.
5. Correct spelling is esential.
6. Avoid comma faults, you cannot join two sentences with a comma.
7. Don't use contractions; it ain't formal.
8. Be careful not to never use no double negatives.
9. Join clauses good, like a conjunction should.
10. When dangling, watch your particples.
11. Just between you and I, case is important, too.
12. Never use commas, that are not needed.
13. Try to not ever split infinitives.
14. Its important to use apostrophe's correctly.
15. Always use the write word and thus evade error.
16. Never abbrev.
17. Gobs of slang in a formal paper just doesn't make it, baby.
18. Cliches miss the boat.
19. Do not use words not found anywheres in the dictionary.
20. Proofread your writing to see if you any words out.

Anonymous.



Aborigines in North NSW Share Their Faith

ON AUGUST 9 three Australian Aborigines were baptised at Mirriwinni Gardens in northern New South Wales. Pastor George Quinlin baptised his brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Gladys Quinlin, and their niece, Carol Shepherd, in nearby Nulla Nulla Creek.

The previous month, four young people—Percy Ritchie, Paul, Semi

Junior and Ulamila Bula, were baptised by Pastor Bruce Roberts.

"The Lord's blessing is truly upon His work when we see people of all nations and races giving their hearts to Him," says Ron Archer, Aboriginal minister of the Kempsey Aboriginal church.

"After attending a Maranatha program," Pastor Archer continues, "I

was impressed to form an Action Team. I wondered who would be willing to join.

"My wife, Dawn, suggested I conduct a training program, which seven attended. Let me introduce you to the 'Magnificent Seven,' as I call them.

"From left, in photo:

"Phyllis does not let problems stop her from sharing her love for the Lord.

"Phyllis and Kevin encourage one another in their work at home and in the community.

"Tona is not yet a baptised Adventist, but already is having Bible studies with her brothers and sisters. Tona is a quiet person until you talk to her about her Lord, and then, what a difference!

"Peggy is a young lady who cares for people. Already she has 20 Bible studies going.

"Cathy is married to Semi who, in the photo, is holding my son. Cathy has teamed with my wife and they have five Bible studies in progress.

"Semi finds it hard to attend meetings of the Action Team because of his work, but he is an active layman.

"Already we have run two cooking classes, and a 5-Day Plan is planned for October.

"Francis, shown on the right in the picture, is married to the young man on the front left, and they are members of the youth Action Team that I am training. I know the Lord is leading His work, and we are encouraged. Please pray for us," says Mr Archer. ■

Busselton Welcomes New Members

PASTOR GRAHAM ALLEN (left) with (from left) Mr and Mrs Peter Thompson, Ken Marjibanks and Jenny Moorcroft, who were baptised at Busselton church in Western Australia on July 19. The event marked the culmination of efforts by three men.

Pastor Allen laid the ground work. Ron Mason followed with a Revelation Seminar. And Pastor Les Coombe finished with regular home visitations.

"It was a wonderful day," says Sheila Kelly, Busselton church communication secretary. "Tears of joy mingled with praise to God for His leading. To close the service we joined hands and sang, 'I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.' We felt the angels were singing with us and that there must be great rejoicing in heaven." ■





Mrs Mason, Victoria Point Retirement Village resident, with her handcraft.

Qld Retirement Village Opens Hostel

A 30-ROOM hostel adjunct to the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Brisbane, was opened on August 17.

"We are a caring church," said Pastor Harold Harker, president of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, who had come "home" (he served as conference president in South Queensland until last year) to officiate at the ceremony. "We must meet human needs now and in the future."

Mr Len Keogh, MHR for Bowman, represented the Federal Government. "He paid compliments to the architecture and the finish of the building," says Margaret Clarke, South Queensland Conference assistant Communication director, "and he said he'd like to put his name on a room."

Pastor David Lawson, president of the South Queensland Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer.

"The pleasant environment contributes to the happiness of the residents," says Mrs Clarke. "Coming into the hostel is not without a sense of loss. But, once the family photos are in place and pot-plants on the balcony, the trauma fades and there is a comfortable sense of settling in." ■

Coburg's Caring Means Cleaner Clothes in Africa

MELBOURNE'S Coburg church recently sent 40 cakes of soap to Zambia in response to a need outlined in the RECORD.

"A letter from Lorna McCullum said that patients at Yuka Hospital in Zambia did not have clean linen because of having no soap and because of the muddy water they must use for washing," says Coburg church communication secretary Jenny Saunders.

The welfare leader visited her chemist to ask if he had anything to donate. Now 40 cakes of soap are en route to Zambia for use by those who would not otherwise be able to obtain soap. A generous supply of reels of cotton were also sent by the welfare ladies.

"Don't be bashful about asking," says Mrs Saunders. "If we do our part, God will bless."

PS: A recent letter from Lorna, who

works at the Eastern Africa Division in Harare, Zimbabwe, tells of the arrival of a parcel of cotton and clothing:

"You sure were impressed the right way when you sent the cottons here! I gave away almost the last reel last Sabbath. A few weeks ago we went to a village church (one I'd never been to before) and they asked 'Mrs Dorcas' (that's me!) to talk to them. I talked about health for awhile and about growing a variety of foods, and suggested that we could come back and spend a whole Sunday helping them. I had been horrified to see the large rips in clothing left unmended until the holes got bigger and bigger. Then it occurred to me that I'd never noticed needles in the bush shops. So I talked to these people about mending and asked those who had a needle and cotton to put up their hands. There wasn't one hand raised. . . ." ■

Roll of Honour

Pastor Robert R. Frame

Retired December 31, 1985.
Last employed Adventist Media Centre, USA.
47 years of service.

Mr Harold F. Bellchambers

Retired January 31, 1986.
Last employed SHF Company, Melbourne Retail.
32 years of service.

Mr Lawrence C. Blewer

Retired February 12, 1986.
Last employed SHF Company, Cooranbong.
32 years of service.

Pastor Reginald J. King

Retired April 30, 1986.
Last employed Northern Australian Conference.
37 years of service.

Mrs Iris Lambert

Retired May 30, 1986.
Last employed Signs Publishing Company.
32 years of service.

Pastor David J. Dabson

Retired June 30, 1986.
Last employed Victorian Conference.
40 years of service.

Mr Bruce J. Gillies

Retired July 4, 1986.
Last employed SHF Company, Melbourne Retail.
33 years of service.

Life-Sketch of Pastor Kenneth Gray

KENNETH JOHN GRAY was born in Sussex, England, on July 7, 1912. When he was nine, his father was drowned, leaving a widow and five children. Ken and his brother were sent to Australia to the Barnado Boys' Home at Sandringham, Sydney.

Mr Tempest, who was in charge of the engineers shop of the Sanitarium Health Food factory at Cooranbong, went to the boys' home to find a boy to help him with his work. Ken was selected.

Later Ken enrolled in the Teachers Training Course at Avondale, where he met Dorothy, the daughter of Pastor and Mrs J. L. Smith. After marrying in 1936, the Grays left for Papua New Guinea, where Ken was headmaster of Mirigeda School.

In 1941 wives of missionaries were evacuated because of the war. The following year, Ken escaped from

New Guinea in the mission boat *Diari*, and after a hazardous journey, reached Australia safely.

Ken then taught at Avondale, and was headmaster at Fulton College in Fiji, before being called back to New Guinea to establish Bautama School. During service as Education secretary for the Coral Sea Union Mission, he was ordained.

When Kabiufa College opened, Ken was the first principal. After further service for the Coral Sea Union, he was called in 1961 to the Central Pacific Union Mission. His final post was president of the Cook Islands Mission. He retired in 1973.

In retirement, Ken still actively served the church. During his last years, few realised the seriousness of his health problems, which he covered by his cheerfulness and winning smile. He died on July 17, just 10 days after



Pastor Ken Gray.

his 74th birthday. A large group including many islanders, ex-missionaries and pastors attended his funeral in Wahroonga church and also the graveside service at Avondale Lawn Cemetery on July 21.

Ken leaves his wife, Dorothy; and children, Josephine, Tony and Kenneth; five grandchildren; two brothers; and a sister to mourn his passing.

—Stan G. Thomson.

Newcastle School Wins Orienteering Championship

NEWCASTLE ADVENTIST High School in New South Wales recently won an orienteering championship with a team of 23, competing against 65 other students from 12 schools in the Hunter region. Four students from the Newcastle school and one Adventist

from another school placed in the top 10.

"Because the school has an enrolment of only about 100, this win against much larger schools was a satisfying achievement," says teacher Mary Stellmaker.

Stephen Farley, a Year 12 student, became the regional champion, winning a maximum possible 60 points. He surpassed his nearest competitor by 3 minutes 23 seconds after almost one and a half hours of orienteering.

Orienteering is a combination of cross-country running and map reading. It involves both a fit and healthy body and an alert mind.

Competitive orienteering, which began in Scandinavia in the early 1900s, was introduced to the Newcastle school in 1977 by teacher Colin Clark. Four students competed that year in the Hunter Regional Secondary Schools Orienteering Championship, gaining second place.

"Nine years later we were still chasing a win," said Mrs Stellmaker. "We filled second place each year and three times one of our students gained the individual top score, but the championship still alluded us. The event this year was held at Mount Sugarloaf in misty rain and fog, but excitement ran high when the team triumphed."



Four students from Hamilton school who were placed in the top ten (from left): Stephen Farley (first); Shayne Christensen (third); Ian Mepstead holding team trophy (fifth), and Jamie Gardiner (sixth).

Avondale Conducts Festival of the Family

AN INTERVIEW by Pastor Trafford Fischer with a family of 10 children, seven of whom are adopted, was one of the highlights of a Festival of the Family church service at Avondale College on July 12.

Australians Murray and Beverley Chapman became involved in a foster-parent program for Indian children while living in Canada. During their stay, 56 children spent time in their home.

When Pastor Chapman was invited to return to Australia and teach at Avondale High School, the Chapmans faced the problem of foster children who were living with them at the time not being allowed to accompany them.

"We offered the children the choice," said Beverley Chapman, "and every one of them wanted to be adopted into our family so they could stay with us." So the Chapman family increased from three to 10 children almost overnight.

Avondale student Jane Fernandez, who comes from a family of 11 children in Malaysia, was also interviewed in the program. When her father died the



Photo: C. Hodgson.

Back row (from left): Pastor Murray Chapman, his wife Beverley, David (16), Veronica (18), Peter (15). Front row: Cody (12), Karen (11), Paul (10), Betsy (14), Andrew (9), Rhonda (15). Yolande (18) was absent in Japan when the picture was taken.

children were quite young, and her mother struggled to keep them together. "We did not have many luxuries," said Jane, "but we had a lot of love."

Avondale College church minister

Pastor Lyell Heise paid tribute to two families whose circles had been rent through terminal illness.

By Chris Hodgson, Communication Secretary, Avondale College Church.

Division Announces Volunteer Service Opportunities for 1987

THE SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION announces the following volunteer opportunities for next year.

In the Cook Islands, Central Pacific Union Mission: junior high school **teacher** at Aitutaki School, to teach typing and home science (Forms 1 and 2) and act as school secretary. For one year commencing January.

In Papua New Guinea: **builder** at Kambubu Adventist High School for one year. Also a **builder** for Paglum School for one year.

In Western Pacific Union Mission: a **student missionary** in Vanuatu to teach English and assist in evangelism at Aore High School for one year.

At Betikama High School, a

mechanic to maintain school and farm equipment for one year. Also a **mechanic** at Batuna Vocational School, to teach engineering classes in maintenance of small engines, outboard motors, etc., for one year.

Anyone who would like to assist the work of the church and at the same time gain first-hand experience in the mission field is invited to apply before the end of October. Application forms are available from local conference and union Church Ministries Departments, Avondale College Student Services director or the principal at Longburn College or contact the Division Secretariat, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076; phone (02) 489 7122.

Avondale Schools Combine for Education Week

AVONDALE schools celebrated Education Week with a combined assembly in the College church and a program featuring students of all ages. Dr Arnold Reye from the South Pacific Division was guest speaker.

High School captain Fiona Christian and Primary School captain Carl Madigan offered thanksgiving prayers. The high school concert band and choir, and the primary school choir presented items.

"The schools in Cooranbong," said Dr Reye during the program, "attempt to make education meet the needs of students." He concluded by reminding the assembly that all Seventh-day Adventist schools should lead students to God, with an emphasis on learning experiences that are character-building.



ADRA Shifts Gears in Sudan



Mr Jim Rankin, ADRA/I Garden Seminar Director, Mr David George, ADRA/Sudan Agriculture and Water Resources Officer, congratulating Mr Paul Mabor, ADRA/Sudan Agronomist, on completion of the Family Gardens Training Seminar held in Khartoum.

THE Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Sudan is changing its focus from emergency relief programs for famine victims to long-term development programs, according to David Taylor, director of ADRA/Sudan.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Sudan has given ADRA \$515,000 to help during this transition period. USAID is providing food for ADRA-run mother/child health-care centres, as well as transportation for the food.

"Groups like nomads have no resources during this season just before another harvest," Mr Taylor says. "We have just begun feeding 175,000 people who fall in that category. During last year we fed 750,000. The numbers are down because this year's harvest was good. The rains have already returned, so another good harvest is expected."

Sudan's new government has been evaluating the many agencies that began working in the country during the famine. Mr Taylor says they are "trying to sort out" which agencies can be counted on for a long-term commitment and are rating agencies as A, B or C.

"Despite the fact that they know ADRA is a Christian organisation, a sensitive issue in Sudan, and despite our being relatively new there," Mr Taylor says, "we have been told a number of times that we are definitely in the A category. They know we are serious, committed, and long-term."

Almost every day members of Parliament visit ADRA/Sudan, seek-

ing aid for their constituents. "In a sense we're facing a problem because our reputation is better than our resources," says Mr Taylor. "We already have 10 or 12 official agreements with various regions or agencies in Sudan. Recently, through a high official in Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, the prime minister invited us to tour the eastern region to evaluate the needs and become involved there as well."

ADRA sent Mr Taylor to Sudan in early 1985 to begin a mother/child health-care program in Khartoum. While he was organising that program, the African famine crisis reached a critical level. When the World Food Program of the United Nations learned that ADRA was willing to help monitor and coordinate food distribution, it assigned ADRA the White Nile Province, as well as part of the Northern Province. Mr Taylor mobilised 250 team members, including volunteers, to administer the program.

"When we got involved in relief work, we promised ourselves we would make the transition from relief to long-term development just as quickly as possible," he says. The ADRA team, which now numbers 99, including both expatriates and nation-



Above: Displaced Nomad family kitchen, Northern Sudan. Front cover: One of the beneficiaries of the ADRA/Sudan Mother/Child Health Program.

als, Seventh-day Adventists and non-Adventists, is turning its attention to programs such as mother/child health care, agriculture and water projects.

Since about 40 per cent of the world's hungry are children, and most of the rest are women, mother/child health-care projects concentrate on those groups. Besides feeding and monitoring malnourished children, the programs in these projects provide pregnant and nursing mothers food supplements and nutrition education. ADRA/Sudan recently opened five mother/child health-care centres in the White Nile region; over a dozen more were scheduled to open during July. Mr Taylor reports that ADRA has just begun the same work in the Northern Province and in July drew the first advance on its \$262,500 grant from UNICEF for its mother/child work in the southern region. Approximately 110,000 mothers and children will benefit.

In February, Jim Rankin, director of ADRA's Scientific Gardening Project

at Solusi College in Zimbabwe, conducted a two-week gardening seminar in Sudan. Emphasising how to minimise the effects of drought and increase yield, he taught such basics as how to prepare soil, make rows to retain water, make compost, and irrigate.

Representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education, and ADRA/Sudan were among the seminar's 42 participants. Mr Rankin commented that it was the most highly motivated group among all the seminars he has given. The participants gave the seminar high praise.

"We feel this has been one of the most beneficial classes we have ever attended," some have said, "even including the ones we attended during our formal university education. We only wish that it had been longer and that we could have had more practical, hands-on experience."

The hands-on training will be part of phase two of this project. David George, ADRA/Sudan's agricultural specialist, is working with the Ministry

of Education to find appropriate training facilities.

"For more than 60 years our church has searched for a way to work in Sudan that would be appreciated both by the government and the Sudanese people," says Ralph S. Watts, Jr, ADRA International's executive director. "David Taylor and his ADRA team have found a way."

"The Australian, Canadian, Swedish and United States governments, as well as many private agencies, are lending their support to our program in Sudan. ADRA International donors have contributed \$210,000 toward ADRA/Sudan's nearly \$3 million two-year budget. Proposals in the final stages of evaluation by USA for Africa are expected to provide another \$475,000." ■

By Aileen Andres Sox, news and information coordinator for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. Reprinted from Adventist Review.

Jones Builds Churches; Peruvians Fill Them

NEIL JONES, of Red River Valley, North Dakota, describes himself as "just a plain old farmer." But to hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists in Lima, Peru, this 67-year-old is much more than that. Without Neil Jones and his colleagues of Maranatha Flights International, the Zarate church in Lima might not have a building today.

Mr Jones first became involved in Lima through Maranatha. Returning with a group of nine people from a 1972 building project at Navati, in the Peruvian jungle, Jones learned that he could build a church in Lima for as little as \$US5,000.

"Build us a church and we'll fill it with members in one year," promised Tim Patton, former director of Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) for Peru. Mr Jones accepted the challenge and helped raise money for two church buildings. Later he also assisted Maranatha in building churches in Mexico.

In 1982, after helping to build a mission boat in Manaus, Brazil, Mr Jones, with his wife and the Clarence Boyds, stopped in Lima to visit the Comas church that they had helped

raise money for. On the way to Comas the driver took Mr Jones to the home of Rosa and Albin Branez, where 50 people met for Sabbath school. Impressed by the need for a church building, the two couples decided to raise the \$8,000 needed to buy land.

"Then it seemed a pity to have the land but not the building. So we raised the \$5,000 for building materials," Mr Jones remembers. In February 1984 he joined a Maranatha crew of 26 and worked two weeks on the building. Mr Jones has been suffering from lymphoma, a form of cancer, since January 1983.

"Neil Jones took me aside and told me about his illness on the last night that Maranatha was here," Mr Branez recalls. "Like the disciples of old, we had no way of helping him. But we were rich in faith. So we prayed for his healing. Every Sabbath morning and Wednesday night the church prayed."

An Adventist contractor completed construction of the church in September of that same year. And that month the Zarate church members began tent meetings on the main street of town. Evangelist Diego Malca held two or three sessions per night.

Mr Jones and six Maranatha builders returned for the December dedication of the church. "The original group of about 50 had swelled to 220," Mr Jones says. They filled every seat. A carpenter who in February had stopped in from off the street to help Jones make the pews sat near him at the dedication service. Mr Jones was thrilled to discover that the man was now a baptised member.

"I know that if we had the time and money we could build 100 churches in Lima and they would soon be filled," Mr Jones says. According to Neil Jones, many of the people in Lima earn less than \$60 per month.

To charges that his building ministry spoon-feeds the people, Mr Jones replies that already 40 members have split off from the Zarate congregation to form a new church company in another part of the city. They are active for the Lord. "I'm glad I got involved in Peru," Mr Jones says. "The dollars and cents involved are not important, but the blessings and memories will last for ever." ■

-By Noeline Johnsson, editor of Mission. Reprinted from Adventist Review.

Anniversaries



TO THE TUNE of "Here Comes the Bride of a Long, Long Ago," Don Connolly escorted his wife Edna into the hall of the Gosford Adventist church on June 14, 1986, for a celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

More than 150 people shared in the celebration. Bridesmaid Mary Jackson (Deville) and groomsman Lawrence Allum sat at the bridal table with Edna and Don.

The Connollys were married at the Inverell church, New South Wales, on June 15, 1936, by Pastor F. A. Allum. They have two sons, John and Philip, and three grandchildren.

"The anniversary was a delightful occasion as well as a time of thanks to God for his goodness and care over the years," says church communication secretary Shirley Harwood.



IVY AND HAROLD Dumbleton of Tauranga, New Zealand, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on July 5, 1986.

At 17 Harold was the warehouse manager of the NZ Glove Company in Christchurch when Ivy joined the staff. Her quick and efficient work caught the manager's eye. Four years later they married and in time two

children, Doreen, now of Tauranga, and Les, of Canberra, completed the family circle.

Bible studies with Pastor David Sibley and Brother A. White resulted in their baptism in 1932.

Harold worked for his father delivering bread, and a number of his customers joined the Adventist Church as a result of his contact. One night he did not arrive home until 4 am because he had been studying the Bible with the Gillespie family, who were later baptised. Brother Dumbleton worked for 15 years at the Papanui Sanitarium Health Food Company factory and helped develop the profitable making of peanut butter and Marmite.

Both Ivy and Harold are in their 85th year, daily looking forward to their beloved Lord's return.

—F. W. Watts.



ON JUNE 8, 1986, Violet and Cyril Ball celebrated their golden wedding with relatives and friends at the Morisset Golf Club. Most members of their original wedding party were present; the exception being the bride's father, who has died, and the page boy, Alan Ball, who could not be contacted.

The best man and the bridesmaid had not met since that day in 1936, even though they have lived less than 160 kilometres apart.

Since their wedding, on June 7, 1936, in the village church at Cooranbong, Violet and Cyril have lived in Alton Road. To this union were born three daughters, Shirley (Mrs Ivan Wood of Melbourne), Glenda (Mrs Jeff Duggan of Denman) and Janice (Mrs Rex Bowhey of Cooranbong); and one son, Darrell, also of Cooranbong.

—Eunice Johanson.

Weddings

Amprimo—Johnson. Mark Amprimo, son of Sergio and Helen Amprimo (Wahroonga, NSW), and Carolyn Johnson, daughter of Barry and Helen Johnson (Kingslake West, Vic), were married on September 14 in the Lilydale Adventist church, Vic. Mark plans to continue working as an electrician, and Carolyn as an enrolled nurse at Sydney Adventist Hospital.

Charles O. Lowe.

Born—Topp. Wayne Born, son of Mr and Mrs R. Born (Redcliffe, Qld), and Annette Topp, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Topp (Narangba, Qld), were married on Sunday, August 24, in the new Pine Rivers church, Kallangur, Qld.

David M. Lamb.

Cosier—Kilpatrick. Paul Cosier, son of Noel and Hazel Cosier (Capalaba, Qld), and Andrea Kilpatrick, daughter of Jim and Jean Kilpatrick (Mitchelton, Qld), were married on September 7 in the Mitchelton church, Brisbane, Qld. Paul and Andrea plan to establish their home in Brisbane.

Ray Woosley.

Dean—Topel. David Dean, son of Mr and Mrs John Dean (Browns Plains, Qld), and Natalie Topel, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Topel (Browns Plains, Qld), were married on September 7 in the Park Ridge church, Qld. David, a new Adventist, and Natalie are part of a strong witnessing group of young people in the Park Ridge church.

Selwyn A. Bartlett.

Redmond—Paten. Andrew Redmond, son of Keith and Elaine Redmond, and Vicki Paten, daughter of Max and Lyn Paten, were married on September 7 in the Nambour Adventist church, Qld. Andrew and Vicki plan to establish their home in Nambour, where they both grew up.

I. G. Johnston.

Stone—Bremner. Alan Stone, only son of Mr and Mrs Bill Stone (Papakura, New Zealand), and Mary Bremner, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Maurice Bremner (formerly of Drury, New Zealand), and step-daughter of Mrs Muriel Bremner, were married on September 4 in the garden of "The Lodge," Herne Bay, Auckland, New Zealand. Alan and Mary plan to make their home in Australia.

F. E. Baker.

Obituaries

Gray, Kenneth John, 74, died July 17, 1986, at the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW, and was buried in the Avondale Lawn Cemetery. Forty ministers formed a guard of honour as an act of love and respect for their brother and fellow minister at a memorial service held in the Wahroonga church. He leaves to mourn his wife, Dorothy, their children, Josephine, Tony and Kenneth and their families, relatives and many friends. A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue.

E. C. Lemke.

Niu, Tavita, born May 6, 1921; died August 25, 1986, and was buried in the Magiagi Cemetery, Apia, Samoa. After running away from home when he was about 13, he stayed at the Adventist training school at Vailoa. Baptised in 1939, he married Fetu in 1943, and they had 11 children. He commenced his work for the church in 1943 as a teacher for the Samoa Mission. From 1946 to 1949 he served as a teacher in the Ellis Islands. In 1950 he established the mission press in Samoa, and for the next four years taught in the Gilbert Islands. Upon his return to Samoa, he taught in the mission schools at Lalovaea, Siufaga and Satomai. He was also Youth director for the mission and district director on the island of Savaii. Retiring in 1978, he continued to accept preaching appointments until a few weeks before his death. The Samoa Mission today is built upon the foundation laid by such pioneers as Pastor Tavita.

A. K. Gersbach.

Appreciation

Smith, Ralph and Geneva Smith, Adrian, Josephene and Suzan and their families, wish to thank their many friends for their prayers, loving concern and sympathy, during Maralynn's illness and at the time of her recent passing. Please accept this as a personal message.

Advertisements

Aged Care Project Officer

The South Australian Conference has an immediate need for a Promotion and Project Officer for their aged care program. The conference plans to expand the present facility with the addition of housing units and an aged care hostel. This responsibility will require communication skills on a personal and professional basis, and will provide real satisfaction for the right person. The time involvement would be from 6 to 12 months. The conditions of employment are to be negotiated. Write to The Secretary, South Australian Conference of the SDA Church, PO Box 120, Prospect, SA 5082, or phone (08) 269 2177 for further details.

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Avondale Suzuki Piano Summer School

Avondale College Church Suzuki Piano Summer School, Monday, December 29, 1986, to Thursday, January 1, 1987. For all children currently enrolled in Suzuki piano lessons. Activities will include group sessions, musicianship, private lessons, concerts, recreation. Outstanding teachers: Mrs Pam Clifford, Mr Grant Mead, Mrs Donna Madigan, Mrs Sue Driscoll, Mr David Clark and guest tutor Miss Itsuko Miyazawa from Japan. Send for application to: Suzuki Piano Summer School, Avondale College Church Office, PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265. Applications close November 21, 1986.

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Former pastors, members and friends will receive a warm welcome at Prospect Centenary Celebration Sabbath, October 18. Come and share our joy. Contact Cyril Were on (08) 261 5344.

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21 thrilling days visiting Egypt, Jordan and Israel, leaving April 21, 1987. Includes the pyramids, Cairo Museum, Luxor, and then in the footsteps of the Exodus to the Red Sea, Sinai, Petra, Nebo, Jericho, Jerusalem. Then in the footsteps of Jesus to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and other places you have dreamt about. Pastor Down has taken a group to the Bible lands every year since 1976. He knows the way. Total cost is \$3,985. Extra travel to Europe or America can be arranged. For a free brochure detailing itinerary and costs, write to D. K. Down, PO Box 341, Hornsby, NSW 2077, or phone (02) 477 3595.

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Travel will be by train, plane and bus. Some trekking. Departure is planned around December 19, '86, returning around January 23, '87. Cost is approx \$A2,400. For more information contact Darryl Kent, 27 Panamena Crescent, Eleebana, NSW 2280, or phone (049) 46 9396.

Information Wanted

Miss Myra Matthews is collecting data for a history of the Albion church, Queensland. There seems to be little information of people or events prior to 1924. She would appreciate any information or memories of that time. Please write to 125 Swan Street, Kedron, Qld 4031, or phone (07) 857 4725.

Interested in a Career Change?

The Sydney Adventist Hospital is keen to make contact with a person who would be interested in working as a Development (Fundraising) Officer. A Development Officer works with other administrators and civic leaders, gaining goodwill for the hospital, sharing its plans and hopes, setting about raising funds to make these plans and hopes a reality for a better community.

These activities require communication skills, thoroughness in research and attention to detail, logical and creative thinking, ability to organise, motivate and work with and through many types of people, both in the church and in the broader community.

While the hospital is only making initial enquiries at this stage, don't let that stop you making contact. Your interest will be kept in strictest confidence.

If you feel you have special interests and abilities, training and experience that may have prepared you for a fundraising career, please contact in the first instance: Mr Ian Low, Personnel Officer, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or phone (02) 487 9272.

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North New South Wales Conference Triennial Session

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Session of the North New South Wales Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist church will be held in the Avondale College church, Cooranbong, from December 12 to 14, 1986. The first formal business session will convene in the church at 8 pm on Saturday, December 13, 1986.

Delegates will be appointed in harmony with the Constitution.

The business of the session will be as provided in the Constitution, incorporating the presentation of reports and financial statements for the triennium. There will also be changes to the Constitution.

The officers, departmental directors and executive committee for the conference will be elected.

H. G. Halliday, Secretary.

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If you would like to be considered for a position in 1987, write immediately to: Education Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or contact the local conference education director for an application form.

The first meeting of the Central Staffing Committee convenes September 30 to fill vacancies in our school system for 1987.

The Story of the Adelaide City Church

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THE SIGNS PUBLISHING Company received extensive news coverage in a recent copy of *Focus*, the Collie Cooke Consolidated staff newspaper. Collie Cooke, supplier of printing products to the Signs for almost 100 years, recently presented trophies to two Signs apprentices, Tony Howse and Ricky Mitchell, for excellence in their work.

TWENTY-EIGHT non-Adventist clergy and their wives attended the third PREACH Seminar for ministers, held in Perth, Western Australia, last month. Dr Bryan Ball from Avondale College, Dr Bert Clifford of the Sydney Adventist Hospital and Pastor David Currie, Ministerial Association secretary of the South Pacific Division, spoke at this professional growth program.

PASTOR RAY SWENDSON recently baptised 120 people in a service in Apia, Samoa, that commenced at 9 am and concluded at 12.30. An additional 68 people were baptised following a mission in Pago Pago. Others are preparing for baptism.

PASTOR JOHN KNOPPER, South Pacific Division Publishing director, reports on a recent visit to Pacific Adventist College near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: "Currently, neighbourhood meetings are conducted on Sabbaths in 12 districts, and churches are being constructed one after another. Plans are to build a permanent off-campus church seating 300. But I understand that a church of that size already is too small. Truly, it is *Harvest '90*."

NEIGHBOURS recently alerted police that the house next door to the Windsor church, in Sydney, which the church is buying, was being burgled. Police investigated and found the intruder hiding in the Community Services cupboard. He had broken a window to gain entry.

ARGENTINIAN evangelist Pastor Enrique Chaij has arrived in Sydney where he will conduct a 12-week evangelistic crusade aimed at the

Hispanic population. Pastor Chaij conducts a daily radio and TV program in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

WARREN JUDD, producer at the Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga and who produced the television series "Focus on Living," has accepted a call to serve on John Carter's evangelistic team in Texas, USA. Pastor Carter, an Australian, will be returning home for an evangelistic campaign during Australia's bicentenary in 1988.

KEVIN TOWNEND, Communication, Youth, Health and Temperance director for the Tasmanian Conference, has been appointed Bible school principal and production supervisor at the Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga.

BACK TO CARMEL WEEKEND, October 17-19, gives an opportunity for all ex-students and ex-teachers to meet with current students and faculty at the college in Western Australia. Activities include Friday-night vespers, Sabbath services and an evening program, with a reunion luncheon following the association's annual meeting at 10 am Sunday. For information phone B. Linard, 291 6656, or G. Drinkall, 398 3671.

KOSENIA COLLEGE, in Western Samoa, will hold a "Back to Kosenia" on Anzac weekend, 1987, to mark the school's 10th year. All former students, staff and friends are invited.

SYDNEY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL Board last month approved tenders for two additions at a cost of approximately \$2 million. An addition to the radiotherapy department will provide space for a new linear accelerator machine for cancer treatment. And an extension over the cafeteria will provide greater space for the laboratory. They expect to complete construction in one year.

PAUL DULHUNTY and his wife, Dawn, and their two children are

leaving shortly for Nepal where Paul will be principal of the reorganised English Language Centre in Katmandu. The Dulhunts' previous overseas service was at Yuka Hospital in Zambia.

PASTOR AND MRS ARTHUR FARO have accepted a call to serve a two-year term on Pitcairn Island. Since their arrival from South Africa, the Faros have lived in Sydney, where Pastor Faro most recently pastored the Stanmore church. Mrs Faro is a triple-certificated nurse.

PERSONNEL CHANGES at the recent South Queensland Conference Session held during their camp-meeting include the appointment of Pastor Ervin Ferris (formerly of North New Zealand) as Church Ministries director; Pastor David Foster (formerly at Fulton College, Fiji) as associate Church Ministries director; and Tony Wall, who has been an assistant literature evangelist leader in North New Zealand, as Publishing director. The conference president, secretary and Trust Services director were re-elected.

PASTOR STEPHEN CURREN has been appointed as head of the Theology department of Fulton College, Fiji. He was formerly an assistant in the Church Ministries department of the South Queensland Conference.

LICOLA CAMPOREE. Plans are being finalised for the Trans-Australian Union Conference's year-end Pathfinder camporee to be held at Licola, Victoria, January 6-11. Puppet Ministries, The Inquisition, the Apostle Stunt Group and nature specialist Andrew Wegener are just a few of the features planned, according to union Church Ministries director Pastor Roger Nixon. Pastor Nixon advises Pathfinder clubs that have not yet lodged their applications to do so immediately.

"FINALLY, BRETHREN . . .": The Lord has as much trouble with soft heads as He does with hard hearts.

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