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## EDITORIAL



# Saving the High Heels

Every time I read statistics about giving patterns in the South Pacific Division and elsewhere around the world, I come face to face with the fact that Adventists' giving is on the decline.

Although dollar amounts of tithe are increasing, the increase barely keeps pace with inflation. In many places it is falling behind. And, certainly, it is not adequately reflecting the growth in church membership.

But it is the mission offering that is really taking a beating. Pastor Ron Hodgkinson of the South Pacific Division Church Ministries Department recently reported in the RECORD that in 1925, slightly more than 22 cents came in for missions for each dollar of tithe.

By 1965, the amount had slipped to 13 cents. By 1985, it had dipped still further to just over 10 cents. And it seems the trend may not have abated yet.

As a parent who is facing the formidable task of feeding, clothing and educating children, I can appreciate that survival is not cheap these days. On the other hand, is it possible that the reason we have to struggle and scrape so much is because our expectations are so high?

People often complain about how much harder it is financially to raise a family or simply exist these days—particularly on one wage. Yet if we were willing to live in the same type of house, surrounded by the same type of accessories and eating the same type of food as our parents did, I venture to say that many of us could live far more easily today than they did then.

They didn't have to worry about insuring a second or third car, upgrading to a better colour TV, buying a video recorder, going on exotic holidays and many of the other things that cause much financial concern. But they somehow were able to give more than twice as much for missions in relation to how much they earned.

George Bernard Shaw once said that "our necessities are few but our wants are endless." The Bible tells us that our lives cannot be measured by how much we

possess (Luke 12:15). And this is not applicable just to our personal lifestyles.

Within the past few years I have on two occasions been a member of a congregation (not in the South Pacific Division) that voted to pave its church parking lot. The combined cost of the two lots was about \$US100,000.

Certainly it was nice to have the pavement. But it also made me stop and reflect—because in both cases one of the main reasons for paving the parking lot was to protect the church carpet and to save the women's high-heeled shoes. It seems that as the heels slipped down between the small stones in the parking lots they were ruined—not because they had been destroyed, but because they had been irreparably scuffed.

Certainly, it is necessary for us to live, as individuals and as a church, in somewhat the manner expected in the society in which we find ourselves. But it needn't be in the top echelon. I couldn't help gulping slightly to think of spending \$100,000 to protect carpets and high heels when there are such crying needs in many mission fields. Can we truly justify many of the luxuries that we allow ourselves as individuals and even as congregations?

The Bible tells us that where our treasure is our hearts will be (Luke 12:34). The corollary, if I can call upon one of the methods of rearrangement that I learned during algebra class and straightaway forgot the name of, is that where our hearts are our treasure will be. Somehow, just looking at the statistics, I get the distinct impression that we need to do some re-evaluating.

Somehow, as in my mind's eye I see myself standing at the pearly gates, I would prefer to be standing there with my wife and I in rather ordinary clothing but surrounded by dozens of brown and yellow, black and white faces—there because of our contributions—than to have just the two of us there, impeccably dressed and without a scuff mark on her high-heeled shoes. And it may even be possible that the former is the only option.

James Coffin.



# LETTERS

## Get on the Band Wagon

Joy Totenhofer's editorial "Ban the Band Wagon" (August 8) should be the subject of serious thought for all church leaders. One would hope that for the next month all sermons would be based on its message.

Churches have for centuries preached against the evils of alcoholism, homosexuality, divorce and many other moral-decaying forces within society. Yet in the past few years the same churches could not jump onto the band wagon quickly enough to run with the "with it" elements.

When Hollywood produced an entirely fictional film, *The Exorcist*, the churches quickly produced experts in this field. When homosexual activism became popular, how many churches suddenly had "gay" members and ministers? The habit of drinking wine and partially fermented fruit-based drinks in wine-shaped bottles has suddenly become acceptable to many. Badly behaved, never-corrected children predominate in all congregations. And the list doesn't stop here.

The problem primarily lies with pastors and local church leaders who should set the example both through word and example.

By the way, I am not an Adventist or even a churchgoer.

John W. Stanley, Qld.

## Always Refreshing

Greetings from Carolina!

Today's mail brought the current issue of the RECORD, and it is always refreshing to get news from the home base. We read the journal from cover to cover.

Having been so much involved with the production of the RECORD in years past, I continue to follow closely any changes that are made in its format. May I congratulate you and your staff on the appearance of the RECORD as we see it today. It is highly readable and the balance of articles is first class. The issue before me carries excellent spiritual articles, good coverage of mission-field activities and important general news. In addition, there are those briefs that enlighten and encourage.

Naturally, it is not possible to satisfy every reader. But it seems to me that the RECORD is doing much to build up the individual and to strengthen the corporate church.

Keep the good work going, and blessings upon you and your staff as you carry your important responsibilities from day to day.

Robert R. Frame, USA.

## Almost Perfect

Congratulations on your new-look RECORD. It's great. Especially Berto's "Just a Coincidence." His sketches are so full of honesty and humour. I now read the RECORD from cover to cover. It has so much interest for everyone of all ages. Hope you can start the recipes again to make it perfect!

God bless you all for bringing so much happiness and knowledge into our lives.

Mary Gale, Vic.

## Relevance, Not Legalism

When will some people in the church come to realise that it is not so much the question of legalism ("Do Standards Oppose Love?" August 15) that bothers so many thinking Adventists, but whether certain standards are relevant today?

Take the wearing of lipstick, for example. When I was a boy—and I'm 58 now—the reason the church gave for not wearing lipstick was that it was the identifying mark of prostitutes. That may have been so then, but even the Queen wears lipstick today. In my opinion, the church's dictates on dress and adornment have produced, to a great degree, a pasty-faced, dowdy image that does nothing positive for the church.

One more example. The situation in America, where wedding rings are

"forbidden," is laughable. It is just as much a social custom there as it is here.

I predict that if the church persists in majoring in such minors and in putting the cart before the horse when it comes to converting people, the current apostasy rates will snowball.

Bryce Jones, New Zealand.

## For the Record

In case readers are wondering how D. J. Silver happened to have named the subject of his poem ("Parakeet Pete and the Ravens," August 29) Scansorial Peter Rosehiller the Third, he offers the following explanation.

Scansorial: A bird of the order of scansores, which are tree-climbing birds with four toes on each foot—two turned backwards and two forwards.

Peter: The English word parrot is derived from the French word *Pierrot*, from which comes *Pierre*—in English, *Peter*.

Rosehiller: The parrot we call the *rosella* was first called the *rosehiller*, named for *Rose Hill*, on the east coast of Australia. *Rosella* is a corruption of *rosehiller*. Hence the name *Scansorial Peter Rosehiller the Third*.

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# Hope Is No Mockery

by Walter Scragg

**God offers a future of certainty that goes far beyond secular hopes, which merely gamble against the future.**

**S**uch a hope is no mockery, because God's love has flooded our inmost heart through the Holy Spirit he has given us." Romans 5:5.\*

In this sentence, Paul turns around the common wisdom of Greek thinking in which humans project their own future through hope. At best, they can juggle different futures and fix their hope on one. But the gamble seldom pays off and hope jeers at their dreams while still leading them on.

Against this, Paul declares a hope that does not mock. He calls on the testimony of the Scriptures and his own experience to affirm the Christian hope. Paul's Jewish upbringing had already put him into conflict with the popular wisdom that pervaded the cultures of the Mediterranean.

Secular thinking today shares the same view. Hope motivates gambling, daydreams and foolish plans. It also provokes scholars, scientists and artists. However, nothing is certain and disappointments are common as hopes are destroyed. In *The Notebooks*, Albert Camus philosophises, "He who despairs over an event is a coward, but he who holds hopes for the human condition is a fool." And Charles Revlon, the cosmetics magnate, offers this sardonic view, "In the factory we make cosmetics. In the store we sell hope."

Faithful Israelites directed their hope toward God. The Old Testament talks of hope 146 times. Half of the references speak in the secular sense while the other 73 refer to the God of Israel. His name offers salvation.<sup>1</sup> He is the One on whom they wait.

The Hebrews viewed history from a religious standpoint. They knew God as One who intervened in history to save His people. History marched from one saving act to another. Looking back,

they could point to the plagues of Egypt, the Exodus, the giving of the law and many other occasions when God had saved Israel.

This filled the future with a hope whose certainty went far beyond the secular hope that gambled against the future. The Israelite did not know when, or how, or under what circumstances, but they knew God *would* most certainly act for His people.

The covenant relationship with God undergirded this hope. Devout Israelites never held God to a legalistic view of the covenant. Humans could not determine when and if God should act. God's independence and sovereign will remained intact. Yet the past instructed them about the future so that they could say: "But I will wait in continual hope, I will praise thee again and yet again: all day long thy righteousness, thy saving acts, shall be upon my lips." Psalm 71:14, 15.

The Israelite hope touches the very chords of Adventist thinking. With our historical interpretation of prophecy and strong sense of history, we easily identify with a hope fixed on the acts of God in history through which He moves to save. We interpret 1844 as such an event and

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look for yet more acts of God to climax finally in the second coming.

Hope filled the life of the devout Hebrew with a certain joy and calmness: "Thou art my hope, O Lord, my trust, O Lord, since boyhood. From birth I have leaned upon thee, my protector since I left my mother's womb." Psalm 71:5, 6. Hope in the saving acts of God for Israel took hold in the life of individuals so that they saw their own lives as a progression

of such acts and their futures secure in a hope founded on past happenings.

Above all else, Israelite hope was fixed on the coming Messiah. In the future One would appear who would radically change the fortunes of the people of God and also change the history of the world. This hope the early Christian church made captive in Jesus Christ when they accepted Him as Messiah, Son of man, Son of God, God with us—all titles under which the prophets had expressed the hope of Israel in a Deliverer.

The Pharisee sought to create a nation of priests where even the ordinary citizen lived according to the priestly code in order to provide a spiritual situation that would either provoke God to act or make it possible for Him to do so. The result of this was a religion of legalism.

"God's kingdom could only come when Israel was completely obedient to the law. But this gave rise to an element of uncertainty. Who could really say what complete obedience was? This made the individual's personal hope uncertain too: who could say that God was really pleased with him?"<sup>2</sup>

Thus, the hope of the psalmist and the prophets became a hope that, in part, rested on humans. The result of this was despair. Rabban Jachanan ben Zakkai, a contemporary of the apostles, said on his deathbed: "There are two ways before me—the one to the Garden of Eden, the other to Gehenna, and I do not know which way they lead me—how can I help weeping?"<sup>3</sup> Two hundred and fifty years later, Rabban Jachanan bar Naffaci, the man responsible for the Palestinian Talmud, asked to be buried in neutral-coloured clothing rather than black or white, so that he would not be ashamed should he be placed among the righteous or the sinners.

The Judaism of Paul's day never developed a hope that could rise above uncertainty. Thus, "the messianic expectation of the Rabbis is cursed by the uncertainty which afflicts future ex-

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pectation in any religion of works. Though it is certain that the fulfilment will come one day, there is an oppressive sense of being more or less guilty of postponing it."<sup>4</sup> No person should ever be asked to carry such a burden of guilt—and God does not ask that any person should carry it.

The apostolic church saw Jesus Christ as the natural extension of the history of God's saving acts. Paul taught that the ages had turned in Jesus. Already the new age was beginning. Already God was acting to bring about the promises of salvation. This view placed the hope of the Christian church beyond uncertainty. Hope joined faith and love as one of the trio of apostolic catchwords that pervade the epistles.

Hope was not overshadowed by uncertainty. Rather, it became a gift that

### **"He who holds hopes for the human condition is a fool."**

accompanied faith and motivated love. Hope did not mock, for it was part of the results of the salvation event we might call "Jesus Christ." To give an element of doubt to hope was to doubt the validity of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. We must therefore view hope, not as a question mark, but as an exclamation point that highlights the future with the same certainties we know today.

Hope, in the New Testament, is never a vague or fearful anticipation. It may refer to the benefits of the saving work of Christ: "For to us, our hope of attaining that righteousness which we eagerly await is the work of the Spirit through faith." Galatians 5:5. Significantly, this passage lies in the middle of a Pauline polemic against the false hopes of works righteousness.

But the most common use of hope is toward the second coming of Christ. Peter says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!" 1 Peter 1:3. Paul exhorts, "Let us exult in the hope of the divine splendour that is to be ours." Romans 5:2.

How far this lies from the limitations imposed by secular hopes! Would anyone be jubilant because he or she has bought a lottery ticket, or purchased

shares in the stock market? The time for exultation is when something of benefit happens. We exult in the hope of divine splendour because it is already happening. "How much greater is the splendour of that which endures! With such a hope as this we speak out boldly." 2 Corinthians 3:11, 12.

Hope sees Jesus Christ as the same yesterday, today and for ever (Hebrews 13:8). The covenant sealed with the blood of Christ provides a better hope that looks to our High Priest not in uncertainty, but in absolute confidence (see Hebrews 7:19). Hope knows that God waits in the future to perform the same good things He is doing today. Hope knows that God will act to fulfil His promises. This hope saves.

In the time of the apostles, lives overflowing with hope spread hope like a contagion among the Jews and Gentiles. Thousands of Jews accepted Jesus Christ as the climax of the hopes on which Israel had fixed their future. Many Gentiles welcomed this hope that proved to be no mockery.

The certainty of that hope was essential to the evangelism of the early church. Paul speaks of his own experience when he tells of a hope that fills the life and then floods over. He viewed his own mission as a flowing over of hope to Gentile and Jew alike.

An early prayer from the second decade after Christ tells us how Paul talked to those distant Christians and how they talked to each other: "And may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has shown us such love, and in his grace has given us such unflinching encouragement and such bright hopes, still encourage and fortify you in every good deed and word!" 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17.

This blessed hope, this certainty that floods our lives, moves us always onward to holy living and to constant witnessing. When hope rises above doubt and denies uncertainty, as it does in the Christian message, it shines on into the future, calling us ever forward and filling us with joy and peace. Such a hope we possess; it is no mockery. [B]

\*Bible quotations are from The New English Bible.

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## HEALTH

# Avoiding Kidney Stones

by Bob Kalaf

One in every 10 Australian men and one in every 15 Australian women suffer from kidney stones—a painful medical problem. Yet kidney stones can be prevented. These findings were recently published by the Australian Kidney Foundation, in conjunction with their recent Australian Kidney Week.

A kidney stone is a solid mass of crystals that can cause problems in the kidneys, bladder, ureter or urethra. They vary from the size of a grain of sand to that of a golf ball. Yet, amazingly, a person can have kidney stones and show no symptoms of their existence.

Kidney stones can be detected by X-ray or ultrasound examinations. Stones can sometimes be removed by introducing an instrument into the bladder, but surgery may well be needed. Few stones can be dissolved by medication. The appropriate form of treatment is best judged by a specialist in the field.

Kidney stones can be prevented by: drinking at least two to three litres of fluid daily, reducing calcium and certain other substances in the diet (advice from

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a qualified dietitian is desirable here) and promptly treating urinary infection.

Thus, if you want to avoid the pain kidney stones can cause, drink lots of water, Caffex and fruit juices, and make fresh fruit and vegetables a priority in your daily diet. In short, follow the advice given a hundred years ago by Ellen White in *Counsels on Diet and Foods*. [B]

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# His Last Attempt

by Raylene Croft

**“You consider only yourself. But have you ever wondered if your unnecessary words and unbelieving nature tires me?”**

They are all here. Standing. Waiting. Why they have come, no one can tell. Maybe a combination of curiosity, foolhardiness and cynicism. They don't really believe the religious freak who directed them here. Yet they have come anyway.

The people stand at the foot of the mountain, waiting expectantly. Then it happens. The mountain erupts into electrical fury. Lightning flashes and thunder roars. A heavy black cloud envelops the peak in its entirety.

Suddenly a trumpet sounds and the mountain becomes a sulphurous inferno. Gale-force winds scream through crevices and across steaming craters.

But no one is impressed. After all, computers are able to simulate such occurrences every day. And the people have seen many far more exciting programs on television.

The noise subsides. The silence is deafening. No one is used to silence, so it makes them feel uncomfortable. A small, yet mysteriously strong voice comes through the cool morning air. “I called you here this morning to tell you that I love you.”

The crowd snorts in disgust. “Is this all?” one popular wit yells.

“He's wasting our time! We come for drama and all we get is cheap sentimentality.” A well-dressed girl smiles in smug satisfaction at her clever turn of phrase.

A self-appointed spokesman strides forward, a sneer on his face. “OK, if you love us so much, then why do you let so many people die from heart disease and cancer? Why do you let maniacs murder innocent people? Why do you let thieves rob others of their life's earnings? Why do you let earthquakes and cyclones and

fires destroy so many lives and so much property? Why? Huh? You don't really love us. You can't, if you allow these things.”

The man smugly steps back.

“You can't expect people to be so old-fashioned any more,” spits out a bejewelled prostitute. “Who needs to believe in a God, anyway? Who needs to reverence a person or being who they can't see and who probably doesn't even exist? Who needs to obey silly laws that were made for the Dark Ages? Not me! My life is my own, and I intend to enjoy it! You're just out of touch, whoever you are!” She steps back.

A high-ranking churchman rises to answer the voice. “If there is, in fact, a God, and you are that God, then you are rather more deluded than we thought,” he says with sarcasm edging his voice. “Don't you realise what our lives involve? You should be thankful for what you get! Just look at what we are

doing and accept it! Do not weary us with your ridiculous demands. . . .” The crowd applauds and cheers wildly, making the rest of his speech inaudible.

“I will answer you but once,” the voice from the mountain responds quietly, as though distressed by the argument. “You consider only yourself. But have you ever wondered if your unnecessary words and unbelieving nature tires me?”

But the voice is interrupted by the shout of an ambitious career-woman. “What are you talking about?” she asks. “We come to church when we can. Every Christmas we sing hymns and retell the story of Jesus' birth.

“What more can you expect? We live in a busy age! We have so much to do, and so little time!”

Again the voice is heard. “I made each one of you and I gave you freedom. I love you, and you once loved me. Come back to me. I can ease your pain and give



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you happiness. Just return—it's so easy."

An eminent American politician steps up to meet the challenge. "You misjudge us," he drawls. "We are doing all we can to fight crime, drugs and Communism. How can we return to you when we have done no wrong ourselves?"

A priest supports what the politician has said. "Why do you speak of revival?" he asks. "Take a look at what we are doing. We have missionaries from all denominations worldwide. We ourselves attend church as often as our busy lifestyles allow. So how can we return when we are already here?"

"You have robbed me of what I rightly deserve. You claim to fight crime, yet you rob God," the voice replies.

Aghast, a burly police officer steps forward. "You are wrong!" he cries. "Us rob you? Impossible!"

A recently bankrupt accountant joins him. "Now look here. I think *you* are unreasonable. At church, all we hear are appeals to give, and at home doorknockers beg. You can't escape it. In the world we live in it just isn't realistic. Our pay-cheques can't possibly cover all we want and need, let alone all these extra donations. We aren't robbing you—only trying to stay alive!"

"Why!" the voice responds. "I have done all I can to help you. You don't seem to recognise your need. Trust me."

"How can we trust something we can't even see?" a well-known scientist retorts. "We can't do experiments to discover if you exist or not, and we can't believe in miracles. Reason! Reason is our password."

He turns in glee to face the crowd. "Who needs an old-fashioned God today? Science can offer us all we need. It is vain, it is entirely *useless* to serve a God today. I challenge you to be modern and scientific. I challenge you to follow my example."

Having concluded his speech, he strides away through the crowds and away from the mountain. After a moment of hesitation the people follow also—making their way toward waiting cars, buses and private aeroplanes.

Then they are gone. A sigh of cool air passes once again and a sound—maybe a voice—echoes about the mountain. As silence once again overtakes the mountain, a gentle, salty rain falls on the rocks, the trampled grass and garbage the crowd has left behind—the tears of a deserted God suffering from a broken heart.



## STORY

# The Bully

by Myrtle O'Hara

**"You may bash and fight your way through life, but you won't make many friends."**

Aubrey came home from school with torn clothes, a bleeding nose, a black eye and bruised arms and legs. Mum looked in dismay. "Surely you haven't been fighting again, Aubrey," she said.

"Yes I have," he answered gruffly. "I put that big bully, Gregory, in his place this time. If you think I am beaten up you should see him."

"But Aub, do you think fighting is the best way to settle your differences?" Mum asked.

"What else could I have done?" he replied. "A fellow like that only knows one language—that of the fist. I'd had enough of him and his nastiness. So I let him have it."

Well, have a bath. Then tea will be ready," Mum said. But she was worried.

After tea, Dad said, "I read about an interesting experiment the other day, Aub. A two-and-a-half-metre bar of steel, weighing 227 kilograms, was hung at one end by a delicate chain. Nearby, a cork was suspended by a long, silken thread. The cork was swung gently against the bar for 10 minutes. Then a shudder went through the bar. Ten minutes later it began to vibrate, and in another 10 minutes it was swinging like a clock pendulum."

"I can hardly believe that, Dad," said Aubrey. "It seems impossible."

"Nevertheless, it happened, Aubrey," Dad replied. "In the end, the cork's gentle action moved that great weight. And gentleness works the same way with people. You may go bashing and fighting your way through life, but you won't make many friends. It is better to treat everyone with kindness—even those who are rude to you."

"It's all right to talk like that, Dad, but how could I treat that big bully at school kindly when he keeps picking on me?"

*Myrtle O'Hara, an unending source of stories, writes from Cooranbong, New South Wales.*

"I think if you make up your mind not to retaliate it will work out all right," Dad said. "Always try to show courtesy to others. Remember, Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.'"

"The world might think prize-fighters are great, but in God's sight it is the gentle people who are great. I can't imagine Jesus settling any difference by fighting, can you? He was always forgiving and kind to His enemies."

"Well, what can I do, Dad?"

"Suppose you invite Gregory to come camping with us over the weekend. Try it and see what he says."

Aub wasn't too keen on the idea. If Greg accepted his invitation, he knew he would have a thoroughly miserable weekend. However, when he saw him the next day he went up to him, and with a big smile said, "Dad and I are going camping this weekend, Greg, and we would like you to come with us?"

Gregory stared at Aubrey in disbelief. "Come off it," he said. "Don't try any funny business with me."

"I'm not being funny, Gregory. I mean it."

"You mean you would really want me to come after the way I treated you?"

"Yes. Dad and I want you to come."

"Well, I'd love to. I've never been camping."

The weekend was a great success. And Dad and Aub learned that Greg's family were quite poor and had never had much happiness. Greg felt other boys looked down on him, so he tried to show he was as good as them by being tough. Greg and Aub soon became good friends.

"Dad, I'm really grateful for the advice you gave me about Greg," Aub said one day. "I would never have believed he could be so nice. You taught me an important lesson. I could have gone on making enemies instead of friends if you hadn't told me about the steel bar and the cork."





## AIDS Committee

Recognising that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome is becoming the world's fastest-growing threat to health, the General Conference Committee on August 13 appointed an AIDS Committee for the church. The committee will develop and recommend a statement on the church's position on AIDS, target areas of the world for AIDS education and work with the church's world divisions and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in conducting AIDS education workshops.

## Brazilian Congress

More than 8,000 Brazilian Adventist young people recently attended a youth congress in Porto Alegre, Brazil, according to *Revista Adventista*.

## Dentists Needed

The General Conference is seeking dentists to fill various posts in foreign clinics and hospitals. The most urgent need is for candidates who will give a six-year term of service. But

they would welcome short-term volunteers for periods of two or three months, in return for living expenses or stipend. For more information, contact the General Conference Health and Temperance Department, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20012, USA.

## Old Camp

Next weekend, September 25, will see the commencement of the annual South Queensland camp-meeting at Kallangur. A meeting to discuss the work of South Queensland Adventist Aviation Association will convene in the Pine Rivers church hall at 2 pm on September 25.

## Women to Confer

The Fifth National Conference of the Association of Adventist Women will take place in Takoma Park, Maryland, USA, from October 8 to 11. One of the featured guests is Lynne Waihee, whose husband is governor of Hawaii. She will speak on "The Adventist Woman in Politics."



## Crooks Conquers

Ninety-two-year-old Adventist Hulda Crooks (pictured) recently set another mountain-climbing record by reaching the top of Mount Fuji in Japan. Hulda became the oldest woman to climb the 3,778-metre peak. She made the climb in response to an invitation from a Japanese firm sponsoring the 60th annual such event for its employees. Hulda Crooks graduated from Pacific Union College in California, USA, in 1923.

## Shoeless Pastor

Pastor David Colheart, who recently concluded a mission in the western Queensland town of Mount Isa, went shoeless during the mission. If he didn't, whoever shook hands with him literally received a nasty shock, caused by the static electricity prevalent in the dry Mount Isa climate. Forty mission contacts are now either coming to a Revelation Seminar or having Bible studies in their homes.

## Ferret Outreach

The youth pastor in the Tweed district of northern New South Wales, Ricky Ferret, is leading a street outreach program in Murwillumbah. Proceeds from the activities are channelled to local charities.

## Focus in Victoria

The "Focus on Living" telecast will commence on

BCV Channel 8 Bendigo, and GLV Channel 8 Traralgon sometime in November. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, but the timeslot is 8 am on Sunday mornings.

## Botola Camp

The first Pathfinder fair of its kind convened at Botola, Papua New Guinea, the last weekend of July, with 300 attending. The program included a parade through Bogia station and an official opening by the Premier of Madang Province, Andrew Ariako, who commended the Adventist Church on its youth program.

## Madang Youth

Two hundred people attended a Voice of Youth program conducted by the Madang (Papua New Guinea) Adventist youth at Umade Settlement during early August.

## Fead Island

Four Australians—Kevin Kane, Dean Tricky and Michael and John Goodham—have built a church on isolated Fead Island, situated about 200 kilometres east of New Ireland and a similar distance north of Buka, in the Solomons. It takes 34 hours by boat from Kieta to reach the Fead group of about 50 small islands. Pastor Jeffrey Paul accompanied the group and ran programs for the islanders. Before the fly 'n' build team left, they shared a communion service with the island members—the first they had had for two and a half years. Anyone interested in stories from Fead Island may write to the Communication Director, North Solomons Mission, PO Box 751, Arawa, Solomon Islands.



## Trust Men Meet in Wahroonga

Pastor G. Tom Carter, General Conference Trust Services director, presented legal papers to Trust Services directors from local conferences in the South Pacific Division at a seminar held in Wahroonga from June 15 to 18. From left: Gerald Norman, Ian Royce, Brian Smith, G. Tom Carter, Ken Eastman, Alan White, J. Read, Jim Lansdown, L. Sutton, Robert Douglas and Aub Shirley.



## Cowes Calling

The growing Adventist company on Phillip Island is praying for an enthusiastic retired pastor to locate in their area—which boasts Victoria's number one tourist attraction. This voluntary position, according to local members, offers an ideal challenge for a pastor who enjoys outreach. Real estate prices are affordable and the local congregation would warmly welcome enquiries. Contact Mrs S. McFee, 16 Morgan Street, Cowes, Phillip Island, Victoria 3923; phone (059) 52 2004.

## Church Sold

The Murwillumbah church in New South Wales has been sold, along with other church properties, and the proceeds will go toward the cost of a new church complex. This will remove the risk of flooding—and also the need to conduct two church services each Sabbath.

## Sopas Visitor

Dr John Yeo, director of the Royal North Shore Hospital Spinal Unit in Sydney, recently visited Papua New Guinea with an assistant, Robert Bosshard. The trip, funded by the Castle Hill Adventist church, was to conduct specialty work for patients with spinal injuries and to give lectures to national staff. Dr Yeo and Mr Bosshard, who undertook the trip as part of their annual holidays, also visited Kujip, Goroka and Port Moresby.

## Office Underway

Excavations have commenced for the new office for the Victorian Conference, sited on the Nunawading convention ground. The complex, to cost \$1.5 million, will replace the building at 8

Yarra Street, Hawthorn, which had served the conference since about 1926. It will provide almost twice the space of the previous office, and should be completed by April 1988.

## Nurses Graduate

Thirty student nurses graduated from Avondale College's Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course during services held in Wairoonga church the first weekend of August. Philip Currie was class president, and the following awards were presented: Sydney Adventist Hospital's Gold Badge for Academic Excellence and for Clinical Excellence—Melanie Harris and Fiona Blades; the Ian Thew/Robert Gill Memorial Prize for Maternity and Gynaecological Nursing—Sandra Gorry (nee Cox); and the Award for Clinical Excellence as a Surgical Nurse—Tanja Frijlink.

## SDAs and Abortion

The Loma Linda University Centre for Christian Bioethics will address the issue of Adventism and abortion during a conference planned for late 1988. In connection with the conference, the Bioethics Centre is looking for scholarly papers on the subject. "Each presentation should be approximately 30 pages in length and documented in normal scholarly fashion," says David Larson, of the Centre for Christian Bioethics, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California 92350. "The papers may be descriptive or prescriptive." For more information, write to the above address.

## New Plane

The Adventist Aviation Association of North New South Wales has just purchased a twin-engine Piper Aztec for \$60,000. They



## Home Ec Doctorate for Avondale Graduate

Diane Fletcher, shown with her parents, Margaret and Winston Fletcher (Winston is assistant manager of Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria), graduated in August from the largest university for women in the USA, Texas Women's University. She received a Doctor of Education degree, majoring in Home Economics Education and minoring in Nutrition. Diane graduated from both Carmel College (WA) and Avondale College (NSW). She is currently chairperson of the Home Economics Department at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists in Tennessee, USA.

will use the plane for outreach ministry in western towns, and on charter it will enable conference administrators to more easily cover the vast distances involved in visitation in North New South Wales.

## Signs Reprints

During the past few weeks four non-Adventist publications have requested reprint rights for articles that have appeared in *Signs* during 1987—a Salvation Army publication, a Catholic publication, a publication for the handicapped and the publication of a support group for infertile couples.

## Radio Update

Further to a Flashpoint item in the RECORD of August 22 regarding the Adventist Amateur Radio Association: The 0200 Zulu on Sundays will now be heard on 14.225 MHz and also at 0400. This altered timeslot will accommodate amateur radio hams across the USA.

*Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver for immediate release.*



## Greater Sydney Conference Initiates Unique Youth Plan

Photo: Lester Hawkes.



Tanya Schick enjoyed learning abseiling while attending a youth camp on Lord Howe Island.

The Trans-Tasman Union Conference youth section of the Church Ministries Department has commenced a unique plan known as the "500 Club," designed to foster service and commitment among Adventist young people. The club plans to raise half a million dollars for youth evangelism.

The Greater Sydney Conference has already launched this plan with young people—and some not so young—contributing \$100 each to become either "active" or "honorary" members. The aim is to enlist 500 members and invest the money, allowing the interest to be channelled into youth projects.

Earlier this year a group of young people from Greater Sydney, under the guidance of Pastor Eric White, led out at a youth camp on Lord Howe Island, using funds from the "500 Club" to help defray costs.

"This was not the first youth camp held on Lord Howe," says local pastor Lester Hawkes. "But this one was different, because a lovely group of young people from Sydney gave their time and means to make this camp special for the island youth."

The camp was held at North Bay and the young people lived in tents pitched among low sand dunes and sheltered by pine and palm trees. Chris Nilsson shared his expertise in abseiling, with

everyone taking part. And according to Pastor Hawkes, it was interesting to notice how much care they took to make sure they used the correct knots for this activity.

"It's a shame you could not have seen the huge grin on the faces of the local youngsters as they demonstrated to the counsellors how to climb the slender Kentia palms," he says. "They laughed their heads off as the counsellors tried.

"It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship," he continues, "made possible because the conference Youth Department shared its newly established fund. But even more important was the contribution made by the young people who came and helped—Annette Smith, Graham Jackson, Julia White, Leighton White, Chris Nilsson and Helle Seenyew, who piloted the chartered plane.

"I'm enthusiastic about the '500 Club.'"

## Adventist Women Hold First Retreat at Crosslands

The first weekend retreat for women organised by the Association of Adventist Women (Sydney Chapter) was held at Crosslands Convention

Centre near Sydney from June 19 to 21.

More than 120 people attended, with some participants travelling from as far away as Tweed Heads, Bathurst and Goulburn.

The theme for the weekend, "Women, Sharing and Caring," was elaborated on by guest speaker Althea Halliday through her "Joy of Life" presentations. "Her creative parable 'The Wombat and the King' was a highlight of the weekend," says the association's public relations officer, Sallymae Bailey.

Other guest speakers, who conducted workshops over the weekend, included Avril Lockton (Starting a Small Group—Church Growth), Linette Veitch (Assertiveness and the Christian Woman), Pam Ludowici (The Christian's Response to Anger), Jan Clarke (Financial Planning), June Long (Creative Activities), Caroline Peat (Personal Presentation), Andrea Benton (Time Management), Bev Till (Aerobics), Marye Trim (Australian Religious Poetry), Barbara Wilkinson (Art for the Non-Artist), Carol McKean (Effective Prayer), Pam Clifford (Music Appreciation), Jennifer Knight (Introduction to Patchwork) and Alan and Karen Butler (Communication and the Christian).

"We were refreshed and inspired to better serve God, family, church and the world through the power of Jesus," says Miss Bailey. "We greatly enjoyed the special feeling of love among sisters and brothers in Christ, and the delicious food provided by Pat Tenorio and her family. It is hoped that this will become a yearly event."



The Association of Adventist Women held a retreat at Crosslands, June 19 to 21. From left: James Smith, Jennifer Knight, Anne Campbell, Sallymae Bailey, Heather Ferguson and Dorothy Gray.

Photo: Sallymae Bailey.



## SPD Field Secretary Visits "Bridge of Sighs"

A small stone bridge at Ngatangiia, a few metres away from a large Cook Islands Christian church, is one of the few remaining memorials to religious intolerance that 87 years ago swept across Rarotonga, the main island of the Cook Islands group.

Nationals who would not comply with the "Christmas Day Act, 1899" built the bridge and refused to work on the seventh-day Sabbath. Other islanders, whom the Seventh-day Adventist missionary physician Dr J. E. Caldwell visited in 1900 at Titikaveka village, had worked out their fines on public roads or in other ways. Fifteen years later the Cook Islands Government repealed the oppressive Sunday Law.

Now, less than a century later, another proposed law enforcing Sunday sacredness has cast an ominous cloud over the 241 square kilometres of lush tropical islands. Since March 1985 an amendment to the constitution proposing Sunday legislation has been advanced by the Cook Islands Christian Church even though its parent body—the London Missionary Society—initially introduced the seventh-day Sabbath to the Cook Islands.

This came about because missionaries who came from England via Australia brought their east-longitude reckonings of time with them into west longitude. Thus representatives of the London Missionary Society and their converts observed the seventh-day Sabbath for 75 years, even though they called it Sunday. Likewise, Roman Catholics and Seventh-day Adventists all worshipped on the seventh-day Sabbath until 1900.

Now clergy of the Cook Islands Christian Church, concerned by diminishing respect for Sunday—due mainly to increased commercial and sporting activities—has been urging the Prime Minister to amend the country's constitution.

Once again Adventists are looking to God for help. Some 750 Adventists are scattered throughout 10 islands—nearly half of them attending the four churches on Rarotonga.

Seventh-day Adventist contact with the Cook Islands began when John I. Tay stopped there for just a few hours in 1881 on his voyage to Pitcairn Island. Ten years later the SDA mission ship



Photo: Arthur Ferch.

A stone bridge at Ngatangiia in the Cook Islands was built by nationals who defied a 1899 government regulation requiring work on the Sabbath. Similar legislation is again being advocated.

*Pitcairn* made the first of several visits. The first Adventist baptism in the Cook Islands took place in 1900 at the village of Titikaveka, not far from the landing site of the *Pitcairn*.

When I arrived in the Cook Islands in May, Pastor Matthew Bediako, General Field Secretary of the General Conference and the first African Adventist leader to visit the islands, had already conducted more than half of a series of 15 revival meetings.

I led out at Sabbath services and conducted nightly programs, ran a Spiritual Gifts seminar and two Continuing Education events with ministers from throughout the mission. It was a preacher's delight to witness the

enthusiasm of our church members as they gathered from all over the island to hear God's Word.

A volunteer couple from Australia, Noel and Pat Johnson, attended the meetings. Pat, a member of the Murwillumbah church in New South Wales, serves as accountant at the mission office and also teaches business subjects at Papaaroa College. Noel assists on the farm, and in the building and maintenance programs.

Remember the Cook Islands and pray with me that there will never be another Bridge of Sighs.

By Arthur J. Ferch, Field Secretary of the South Pacific Division.

## Fundraising Efforts Challenge Small Congregation in Northern Tasmania

The small Ulverstone church in Tasmania has begun a daunting task—raising funds to build a new complex. With steady church growth over the past few years, members need more space.

"With soaring costs in all areas of building, we realised it would not be an easy job," says church communication secretary Margaret Kent. "But we have an enthusiastic and dedicated team headed by a bundle of dynamite, herself a full-time teacher."

Fundraising activities already held include a Mother's Day tea, a car rally, a progressive tea (followed by an auction), a small-change drive, two special

offerings and the selling of "bricks." In addition, they have placed a special Building Offering box in the church foyer.

"Our Fun Days deserve special mention," says Mrs Kent. "Once we had a Chopping Carnival. Where else but in Tassie would you see top-class chopping at a little meet like this? No amateurs here; only the best—including two of our local axemen who have done themselves proud at the Show in Sydney."

A separate group are raising funds for a new piano for the church. Headed by one of the church youth, the team has already organised a Country and Western Night.



# Church-Growth Tour Group Challenged by USA Data

Let me give you the challenge. If you want your churches to grow, you've got to go back and grow them. You are not to go back whingeing that you can't grow them. You're not to go back and say you don't have any money to grow them. You've got to go back and grow them." With these words, Dr Alwyn Salom, chairman of the Avondale College Theology department, concluded the recent Church-Growth Study Tour to North America.

Having spent the previous three weeks on a hectic itinerary to successful, growing congregations across the United States, the group of 32 pastors, departmental leaders, administrators, missionaries and some of their wives, responded enthusiastically to the challenge.

This was no ordinary sightseeing tour. It was designed to help church leaders discover the possibilities of ministry and to expand their horizons toward more effective service for God. Escaping to a warmer climate, in the middle of winter, was a bonus.

Participants attended seminars, sat in on worship services and visited many churches. Some were large, with memberships exceeding 20,000. Others were smaller and more limited in scope. But each operated successful community outreach programs, demonstrating that a variety of approaches can be effective.

Several common threads appeared woven through the programs these churches operate—intentional planning, vibrant worship services, effective Bible preaching, lay support and involvement, a caring climate among church members, the use of the divine service as an evangelistic opportunity, positive pastoral leadership and a willingness to be innovative. One noticeable factor emerged—pastors tended to stay longer in their pastorates. The First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, has had only two pastors in the past 90 years.

Many of the tour participants said they were returning to their various responsibilities encouraged to attempt greater things for God. The consensus seemed to be that "this tour has been one of the most enriching and broadening experiences of my ministry."

Pastor Peter Jack, from the Department of Church Ministries at the South Pacific Division, seemed to sum up the group's feeling when he commented that the tour was "one of my most exciting experiences. It has confronted me with the greatest challenge I have ever had."

*By Pastor Malcolm Potts, director for Sabbath School, Personal Ministries and Community Services, Department of Church Ministries, Trans-Australian Union Conference.*



Photo: P. Stace.

Senior elder of the Mount Colah church Lewis Stevens interviewed Laurie Gillis at 30th anniversary celebrations on May 23. Mr Gillis was a charter member of the Mount Colah church.

## Sydney Church Marks Thirty Years

Among the 200 members, Alex-members and visitors who attended celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the Mount Colah church in New South Wales were six charter members, five of whom are current members.

During the Sabbath school charter member Laurie Gillis told of early missionary days in Fiji. Mrs Alice Bobin conducted a lesson review and Pastor Ron Hodgkinson of the South Pacific Division Church Ministries Department taught the Sabbath school lesson.

Mel Skinner, a Mount Colah member since 1959, preached on "Signs of Christ's Coming." This had been the theme of the first service when the church was organised on June 30, 1956, with 33 baptised members, according to Jenny Coutts, church communication secretary.

The hymns "O Worship the Lord" and "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" were sung on both occasions.

During the fellowship lunch many of those present "caught up" on old times. After lunch, Lisa Sedger and the present youth of Mount Colah presented an old-fashioned MV meeting.

## Qld Handbell Choir Rings Gospel Bells



Photo: B. J. Wright.

Members of the Brisbane Adventist High School handbell choir recently appeared on TV Channel 7 news. They also performed at the Queensland Cultural Centre on August 2, and have been invited to play at the Queensland Conservatorium. From left: Mandy Bishop, Warren Mitchell, Janelle Douglas, Debbie Lipkovich, Julie Douglas, Darren Scott, Karen Ebens, Damion Lipman, Tracey Carter and Darren Powrie. "The students enjoy sharing their music," says choir director Nerolie Douglas.

### Coming in Signs

October: How will it all end?  
Nuclear winter? New Age?  
Rapture? Second coming?



## Church News



**Oakleigh, Vic.** The Speaker for the House of Representatives in Canberra, Mrs Joan Child, presented Oakleigh Adventist School with a new Australian flag last month. The school is situated in Mrs Child's electorate of Henty. A guard of student prefects, led by school captains Paul Lay (left) and Tina Lih, accepted the gift. The Oakleigh school, with 155 students, is the largest conference-run school in Victoria. School principal David Gibbons reports that the grounds were recently upgraded, and they intend to have the new flag flying every day.



**Nowra, NSW.** Pat Dunn (left) and Julie French (right) were baptised in the Nowra church on June 6, and Pat's youngest daughter, Joanne, was dedicated to God and awaits full membership through future baptism. "Julie's husband, Philip, is one of several brothers who came from England and settled in this locality," says communication secretary Lillian Warren. "Julie is the second 'French' wife to join the Adventist church and a third came to witness the service. Julie is sharing her faith with her family, and her daughter, Trudy, is awaiting the time when she can be baptised. Pat Dunn's husband is a former Adventist. Although not attending church himself, he helps Pat with her daily lesson studies and assists them to be on time each Sabbath morning. These

new members have already brought great blessing to us—and to others."

**Para Vista, SA.** David Petrie, a Year 7 student at Northern Districts Seventh-day Adventist Primary School, was recently voted the school's Aussie of the Month and received a badge and certificate. Many South Australian schools are participating in the award organised by the National Australia Day Council. School principal Daryl Murdoch says the award is made to children who display a Christian example to their fellow students, show application to school work, interest in their school and church, and are involved in their community. David moved to Adelaide earlier this year when his father took up management of Sanitarium Retail operations in South Australia.

**Howqua, Vic.** More than 200 members from Shepparton, Euroa, Numurkah, Benalla, Wangaratta, Echuca and Bendigo churches met with literature evangelists and their leaders from the Trans-Australian Union Conference on June 27 at Camp Howqua. Pastor Ron Appenzeller, General Conference Publishing director and guest speaker at the

institute, challenged all to be living representatives of Jesus Christ. Trans-Australian Union Conference Publishing director Pastor Walton Pitt cared for the afternoon meeting when the "bookmen" related their experiences, and Victorian Publishing director Ken Read asked local church members to consider taking up literature ministry. According to Pastor Mayo Logue, the singing of the Melbourne group "The Believers" highlighted a Sabbath of good fellowship. The day coincided with a Regional Day for members of the north-eastern and Murray-Goulburn Valley churches in Victoria, who met in the Civic Centre at Violet Town.

**Auckland, NZ.** Avondale church members shone at a Bible quiz held on National Bible Day, July 18, when their team, competing against five other denominations, emerged as winners. Local minister Kyrill Bland, who is secretary of the Ministers Fellowship, said it was an event that celebrated the Scriptures through music, fellowship and knowledge. Other participating churches included Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Reformed and Union, with the Bible Society secretary for the Auckland region,

### Book Review

## *In the Sweet Here and Now*

**H**ave you ever searched your shelves for a book that would answer questions on the practical side of the Ten Commandments—one you could lend to a questioning friend? Well, here it is.

*In the Sweet Here and Now*, by Pastor Geoffrey Garne, answers questions such as: Does being saved dispense with the necessity of obedience? If God can tolerate sin in us, why didn't He do so with Adam? Since Christ's obedience was all-sufficient, can't we carry on sinning as long as we trust in Him?

In this book, the Ten Commandments are presented as alive and practical. Its first three chapters deal with the basic principles of salvation, giving a balanced picture of how faith and obedience relate to one another. In the third chapter, Pastor Garne writes, "Yes, being a Christian is not all talk. It's walk! And God wants us to enjoy that walk!"

The author uses down-to-earth illustrations. For example, he tells of taking a money-saving stand-by flight from Sydney to Melbourne. At the last minute, he sinks into his seat—only to hear a voice over the intercom welcome passengers to a flight for Brisbane! The reader can see the anguished horror on Pastor Garne's face as he rushes to notify the hostess of the mistake and dashes off to enter the right gate for the plane to Melbourne! Thus, the author aptly illustrates the greater dangers of misconceptions regarding travel to the heavenly destination.

Pastor Garne draws from both Biblical and modern stories and from comments of well-known authors, including Ellen White. Readers will, I am sure, enjoy this fresh approach to the eternal issues of life and death.

*This book is available at Adventist Book Centres.*

*Reviewed by C. S. Adams.*



**Anniversaries**



**Mr and Mrs Robert Adams.** Robert James Adams and Grace Harriet Williams were married by Pastor Mervyn Whittaker in Gisborne, New Zealand, on October 12, 1937. They celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 5, at Nambour, Queensland, in order to accommodate family who travelled from Western Australia and New Zealand to attend. A special memorial service was held in the Nambour church with Vern Parmenter, a brother-in-law, officiating, assisted by local church pastor Keith Miller. Grace's sister, Eva Cuthbert, presented a bouquet, and younger sisters June and Valerie, attended. Following the service, 80 guests shared a banquet and program compered by Grace's brother, Ralph Williams. A cake, made by daughter-in-law Barbara Adams, had been brought from New Zealand for the function. Jim's brother, Pastor Cyrus Adams, sent congratulations. The couple's four children—Clive (New Zealand), Beverley May (Queensland), David (Western Australia), and Rodney (New South Wales) were all present. They have 11 grandchildren. Jim and Grace both attended New Zealand Missionary College, now known as Longburn. Jim has been a carpenter, colporteur and farmer. Jim and Grace, both faithful church workers, are members of the Nambour church.

**Obituaries**

**Butler,** Sarah Joan, born May 18, 1922, in Pinjarra, WA; died tragically in a car accident on July 25 in Perth. In 1945 Joan married Les Butler and in 1961 became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For many years Joan worked in the Sanitarium Health Food cafes in Perth. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Terry (Loma Linda, USA), Allan (Canberra, ACT) and Barry (Murwillumbah, NSW), and their families.  
N. McKenzie.

**Jones,** Llewellyn Leslie, born January 31, 1904, Melbourne, Vic; died July 6 in Melbourne and was buried at the Lilydale Cemetery following a service in the Ringwood church. After high school, he became a printer and also studied commerce. During the war, he was a senior non-commissioned officer in the army. Llewellyn was called to the ministry in 1925 and married Jean Rodger in 1927. Together they served in South New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, as well as overseas service (SOS) in Malaysia. He is survived by three sons, Llewellyn (Melbourne), Bruce (Mildura) and Warren (Melbourne). Pastor Raymond Howes assisted at the ser-

Gordon Summerville, acting as quizmaster. Pauline Eru, Cathrine Ure and Ross Wainright composed the winning Adventist team. "We can express our love for the Bible along with other Christians, and at the same time retain our distinctive beliefs," says Pastor Bland. An offering was collected to benefit the Society's China press project.

**Kambubu, PNG.** Five students, the teacher and parents from Kambubu "A" School recently travelled to Rabaul to tour the USNS *Mercy*, the world's largest floating hospital. "The ship was in PNG for only 10 days and was of intense interest to the children," says principal Jennie Dye. "We could not make prior arrangements because the school telephone was not working, and the children were devastated when told a tour

was not possible. But a providential friendship with US medics, developed while en route to the ship, resulted in the school being given special privileges. The children toured the 1,000-bed vessel and even saw through some of the 10 operating theatres."

**Campbelltown, NSW.** Pathfinders from the Campbelltown club recently took top honours at the Pathfinder Fair. On June 28 the Pathfinders received their honours and awards at an investiture service conducted by Allan Bates. Mr Bates is Pathfinder director for the southwestern region of the Greater Sydney Conference. "It was wonderful to see young people achieving skills to fit them for future service for the Lord," says communication secretary Helen Bartlett.

**Life-Sketch of Pastor Llewellyn Jones**



Llewellyn Jones, with his new wife, entered the ministry in 1927. The couple spent most of the first 25 years in public evangelism in New Zealand and the eastern Australian conferences. New churches were raised, old ones strengthened and former members reclaimed. His own army experience gave him understanding when he acted as chaplain to Adventist young men who were serving their country during World War II.

Later, Pastor Jones served in departmental leadership in many conferences, usually pastoring at least one church at the same time. He was the first Adventist minister to attain full membership in the Public Relations Institute of Australia. During the 1950s and 1960s, Pastor and Mrs Jones helped many Asians studying in Australia. And after his retirement in 1969, they gave volunteer service in Penang.

Believing he could never really retire, Pastor Jones actively continued to conduct Bible studies. He encouraged his family and converts not to follow blindly, but to study and know for themselves. This counsel he applied to himself—the night of his death he had spent in Bible study.

Surely the words of Pastor A. S. Jorgensen at his funeral service are true: "Llewellyn Jones: a man of conviction; a faithful preacher of the Word; a firm defender of the faith . . . a prince in Israel."

*By Llewellyn Jones, Jr.*

**A**s a young man Llewellyn Jones had no intention of becoming an Adventist minister. A qualified printer with an excellent job, he was also studying accountancy and journalism. Already he was also a warrant officer in the army, and he had his future planned.

He intended to become a newspaper proprietor. But even the train wheels seemed to remind him of the words of the conference youth leader, Pastor A. W. Knight: "Llewellyn, why not make something worthwhile of your life?" And Jean Rodger, the young woman destined to become his wife, reiterated the theme. The conflict was so intense one Friday evening that Llewellyn Jones lifted his heart to God, and prayed: "Lord, if You want me to be a minister, I will go to Avondale. But You must open the way."

And God did. From the moment God called him, Llewellyn Jones dedicated his life to His service—a dedication that continued until his death.



vices. A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue.

J. P. Holmes.

**McMahon, Peter James**, 93, died July 25 at the Campbelltown Nursing Home, SA. After a service at the Ivan Butler Funerals Parlour at Klemzig on July 28, he was buried at the Enfield Cemetery. Pastor G. D. Olson assisted the writer at the service. C. V. Christian.

**Pilcher, Margaret Vera**, 88, died August 17 in Hamilton, New Zealand. Vera was born into an Adventist family and was a member of the Hamilton church for many years. Vera had a positive, direct, open character, and a great sense of fun. She is also remembered as a tremendous worker who never ignored another person's need.

I. B. Rankin.

**Swannell, Clare** (nee Price), born January 25, 1936; died July 1 at her home at Bicton, WA, after a prolonged illness. Clare graduated from Carmel and went on to Avondale College. Baptised in 1952, she was a member of the Fremantle church and active in the Kindergarten Sabbath school. Clare will be well-remembered for her hospitality. Left to mourn are her husband, Keith; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Amanda; daughter, Allison (all of Bicton); sister, Shirley (Mrs Alec Thomson, Manjimup); brothers, Howard (Fremantle) and Bruce (Sydney); and two grandchildren.

C. S. Adams, Brad Kemp.

**Young, Melva Muriel**, born March 6, 1900, at Havelock; died August 11 at Maryborough, Vic, after a prolonged illness. In the early 1920s Melva married Edmond ("Ted") Young. There were no children to this marriage. Her husband predeceased her about 25 years ago. Melva excelled in crochet work and won numerous awards for her crochet work at Melbourne and country shows. In January 1967, through a series of meetings conducted by Pastor Conley in the Maryborough Library Hall, Melva was baptised. A member of the Maryborough church, Melva was an ardent welfare worker. D. L. Wiseman, church elder, assisted at the service. M. Van Dyck.

## Appreciation

**Butler.** The family of Mrs Joan Butler would like to offer sincere thanks for loving-kindness, words of comfort, cards, phone calls and flowers, at the time of the loss of a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Please accept this as our personal appreciation from Les, Allan and Judy and family, Terry and Dianne and family, and Barry and Gay and family.

**Swannell.** Keith Swannell and family wish to thank their friends for the floral tributes, cards and letters received at the time of the loss of their loving wife and mother, Clare.

**Correction:** Page 10 of RECORD dated August 22 credited Dr Gil Valentine with being an Australian. He is, in fact, a New Zealander—apologies to the Kiwis.

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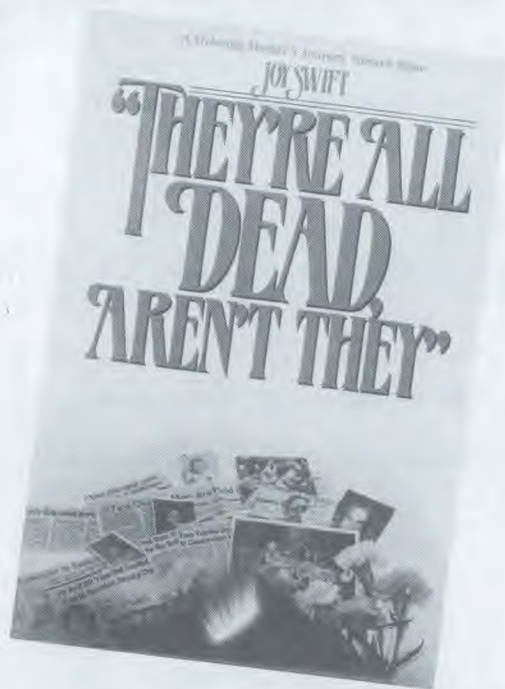
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