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EDITORIAL



Balancing the Equation

What I am about to say is not new. It is something that Christians have discussed and debated at least since the time of the apostles. But sometimes we need to be reminded of things we already know. And I refer here to the respective roles of grace, faith and behaviour.

Grace, I would suggest, is that aspect of God's character that allows Him to love and accept us even when we are unlovely and, at least from our perspective, totally unacceptable.

Viewed from another perspective, grace is also our experience of this characteristic of God. It occurs when we accept His acceptance. It is the light breaking through. It is the realisation that God *does* accept us, even though we are sinners.

Modern theologian Paul Tillich has described this experience as being "struck by grace." C. S. Lewis speaks of being "surprised by joy." And this experience is made possible by faith.

There are many good definitions of faith (see Hebrews 11:1), and no doubt all of them have their strengths and weaknesses. However, for me, the best practical definition is that faith is action.

Probably most of us have heard the story (it no doubt is apocryphal) of the man who was preparing to push a wheelbarrow across Niagara Falls on a tight-rope. Turning to the crowd, he asked who thought he could do it. When most of the onlookers shouted their confidence in his ability, he pointed to a young man near the front and said, "Then get into the wheelbarrow."

Real faith, it seems to me, is believing so much that something is truth that we act upon it. If we cannot demonstrate our faith in action, then maybe our faith is suspect.

Even though faith can accomplish some wonderful things, it merely appropriates—lays hold on—something that is already there. In the case of salvation, if God did not love and accept sinful humans, all the faith in the world would accomplish nothing.

And just in case we develop an inflated opinion of the value of our faith, the Apostle Paul points out that even faith is not something we create ourselves. God gives it to us. "For it is by

grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourself, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no man can boast." Ephesians 2:8, NIV.

Where does behaviour fit in? Simply this. God wants the best for His creatures. He designed us and He wants us to live according to the purposes for which we were designed. He doesn't want us to settle for a subhuman existence.

So the Bible places great emphasis on behaviour—not as a way of earning God's favour, but because it is important to live the way God designed us to live.

We don't pat ourselves on the back for not having robbed any banks today, or for not having killed anyone today—because that is simply expected behaviour. But in the same way, we shouldn't pat ourselves on the back for having quit swearing, or for paying tithe, or for helping those in need—because that, too, is simply what is expected of someone whom God has created.

If our emphasis on grace and faith makes us soft-pedal the need for proper behaviour, then we are not presenting Biblical truth. The Gospels are saturated with the truth of God's acceptance of sinners. But they also contain the Sermon on the Mount. The Apostle Paul makes it clear that we cannot earn our way to heaven. But he also wrote Romans 12 and Galatians 6.

He doesn't want us to settle for a subhuman existence.

Conversely, if our emphasis on behaviour makes us think that we can earn our way to heaven, or that we can impress God with our inherent goodness, then we are deluding ourselves.

As with all things in the Christian experience, balance is the key to the equation. Some people spend a lot of time analysing how it should be balanced. They have their complicated theories—detailed to the minutest degree—on how the balance should be described.

But unless the balance is reflected in our lives, the theory is empty, and of little use.

James Coffin.

LETTERS

Not Wanted

My wife and I are part of "The Back-door Syndrome" (November 21, 28). We walked out of the church five years ago. However, on the Sabbath that the RECORD contained "The Back-door Syndrome—1," my wife visited an Adventist church for the first time since we left.

Pastor Parr outlines valid explanations for people leaving the church. But one big reason is unmentioned. In my case, when I came in contact with the Adventist Church, I thought Adventists fanatical on some issues. Although I didn't agree with all the doctrines, I was 95 per cent sure on the seventh-day Sabbath. And for me, the Adventist Church's positive attributes made it the best church to join.

In the Adventist Church, no one can be baptised without believing in all 27 of the church's fundamental beliefs. Yet many people admit that even though they did not understand, or even disagreed with, one or more of the church's teachings, they were baptised because they believed they should be and because they believed in the Sabbath.

But as it became known that they disagreed on some points, they were harassed by other members. Usually they were not voted back into church office. And before long they felt alienated and frustrated.

Pastor Parr states, "The church has a right to question the sincerity of the members who are there only if nothing better offers." And that is why I am *not* there. You openly admit that you do not want members who do not agree 100 per cent. So Sabbath believers like myself are left to wander in the wilderness.

P. Varnes, SA.

Amen!

Loud amens from western Queensland to Gary Krause for his editorial "Cradle-Rolling" (November 21). He would be right at home with the Mitchell-Mungallala group, where we are all cradle-rollers at heart.

The setting is relaxed and informal as we meet alternate Sabbaths at Mitchell, in the CWA Hall, and at Mungallala, in the Shire Hall. The program departs somewhat from the norm and is rather elastic to fit local conditions. Non-Adventists have taught lessons, and the

superintendent and lay activities secretary for the past couple of years were only recently baptised. At one time a Presbyterian Freemason ably filled in as Sabbath school superintendent for a few weeks. And because members are scattered and not on the phone, the program is put together as the members arrive.

And what are the results of such an unorthodox style? Four baptisms, one profession of faith and two rebaptisms.

Rex Sharrock, Qld.

Avoid Alienation

I can appreciate the need for more spontaneity in worship ("Cradle-Rollers," November 21), but one has to beware in subtly (or not so subtly) pointing to the failings of others, or one risks alienating them.

The lesson from Rehoboam's experience in 1 Kings 12 is worth noting. In an attempt to pacify the younger element, the king ignored the "senior-divisioners," and as a result split the kingdom in two.

In a church family we need to recognise and remedy failures in such a way as to bind the whole family together.

L. J. Laws, Qld.

Half-Truth

While I admire Archie Steel's sincerity in being critical of the recent church-growth tour (Letters, November 14), and his belief that we need more prayer and

power from the Holy Spirit, his statement that "real church growth will never spring from innovative ideas or talented leadership" is only a half-truth.

The fastest-growing Adventist church in North America has doubled its membership each year for the past three years. How has this come about? Not *only* by praying, but by implementing church-growth principles—which we went to study and to see put into practice.

"God does not generally work miracles to advance His truth," Ellen White tells us in *Christian Service*, page 228. "He works according to great principles . . . , and it is our part to mature wise plans, and set in operation the means whereby God shall bring about certain results."

Studying successful churches in America, both Adventist and non-Adventist, has proved extremely beneficial to my own ministry. And I would recommend it to my old friend, Archie Steel.

Neil W. Watts, WA.

Congratulations, SAH

During the eight years that I have spent working as a literature evangelist in Sydney and the surrounding areas, I have met many people who have been patients in Sydney Adventist Hospital. These people have had nothing but praise for the care and attention that they have received while there.

Congratulations to the doctors, nurses and staff. SAH is truly a light on a hill.

Ian Crisp, NSW.

Just a Coincidence...



Adventists and Longevity

by Bob Hosken

Seventh-day Adventists, on average, live longer than the general Australian population. But many die sooner than is necessary.

Many Australians and New Zealanders look forward to retiring at around 65 years of age, when they will collect superannuation or the pension after working all their lives. They often have plans for an overseas trip, or to spend a little more time on hobbies and, of course, their grandchildren.

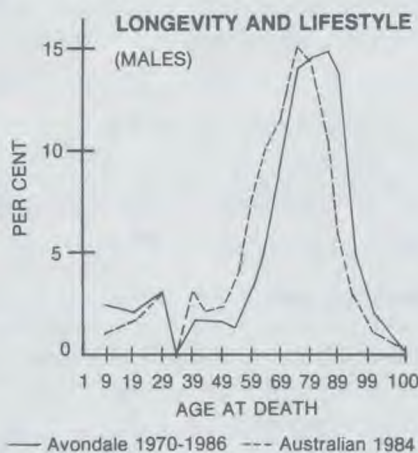
However, tragically, many Australians and New Zealanders die of coronary heart disease, cancer or cerebrovascular disease (stroke) within a year or so of retiring. Many of these people are quite unnecessarily missing out on the pleasures of retirement because of a failure to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

The early Seventh-day Adventists who came to Australia from America brought with them health ideas developed at Battle Creek. Institutions such as Sydney Adventist Hospital and the Sanitarium Health Food Company have contributed greatly to the health of Adventists and other Australians and New Zealanders.

However, it is doubtful whether the institutional approach has contributed to our health as much as the health education programs the church has offered. Health education is integrally woven into almost every aspect of the Seventh-day Adventist experience: at church, school, Pathfinder meetings, Welfare meetings, and so on.

However, studies have suggested that only about 50 per cent of Australian Adventists are lacto-ovo-vegetarians in their dietary practices and that some disregard other health practices. Unfortunately, some Adventists are not aware of the need, or don't have the conviction, to make the appropriate changes.

The Adventist health philosophy is designed to make our lives healthier.



One convenient measure of the health status of a population is the age to which the population lives. Over the years, the ages to which the people in the Avondale community live, has been recorded. Like other Australians, Avondale residents now live longer than those at the turn of the century.

In the first graph, the percentages of people dying at various ages (Avondale 1970-1987) are recorded and compared with values produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Australians (1984). Graph peaks show that most people die at ages over 60 years.

However, the average Adventist lives several years longer than the average Australian. The death rate of Adventists in the age group 50 to 60 years is near half that of other Australians—reflecting the relatively low incidence of coronary heart disease, cancer and cerebrovascular disease for this age group.

There are around twice the relative number of Adventists in their 90s as in the general Australian population. And analysis of obituary notices in the *South Pacific Record* indicates that Adventists in Australia and New Zealand live longer than the average Australian. The figures are shown in the second table.

Statistics regarding the median age, the age that 50 per cent of the population

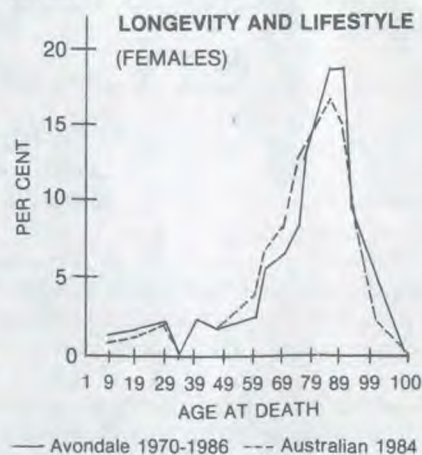
achieve, suggest that Seventh-day Adventist males who follow an Adventist health lifestyle can expect to have some six more years of life than the average Australian. A person can do a lot of things in six years.

	Males	Females
Mean Age at Death (NSW 1985)	66.5	73.6
Mean Age at Death (SDA 1985)	70.5	76.5
Median Age at Death (NSW 1985)	70.8	77.8
Median Age at Death (SDA Avondale)	76.5	79.5

The mean age is less than the median age because of the deaths of young people from such causes as congenital diseases and childhood accidents. The majority of Australians can expect to live beyond the mean age.

Seventy-two per cent of all male Australian Seventh-day Adventists who died in 1986 reached the age of 65 years and the mean age at death of this group was 80 years. In the case of Seventh-day Adventist women, 81 per cent reached 65 years and the mean age at death was 82 years.

The *South Pacific Record* indicates that in the past six years, 18 Seventh-day Adventists (14 women and 4 men) lived



to at least 100 years. (It is of concern that almost 80 persons, the equivalent of a small church, died from motor accidents in the same period.)

While Seventh-day Adventists, on average, live longer than the general Australian population, many die sooner than is necessary. As managers of our own lives, we must choose whether or not a long and healthy life is a worthwhile objective. It is never too late for a person to change or improve their lifestyle and aim for a happier, healthier and longer life.

Here are seven guidelines that are useful in achieving a healthy life.

1. Exercise. Seventh-day Adventists who live to old ages often have their own vegetable gardens and mow their lawns. An alternative is to walk five kilometres or so, three times a week. Even moderate walking will lower the blood cholesterol level.

2. Food. A lacto-ovo-vegetarian diet is a convenient approach to obtaining the essential nutrients in balanced proportions. The main foods should be cereals, fruits and vegetables with some eggs and dairy products. Legumes such as peas and beans are particularly good.

3. Convenience Foods. Try to avoid the fast and expensive snack foods. Especially avoid foods that contain high levels of sugar, fats and salt. Try having bread without butter or margarine.

4. Weight. Weigh yourself regularly. If you are overweight you especially need to reduce your food intake. Meals should be cereals, salads and fruit high in complex carbohydrates. Avoid situations where you are tempted with snacks. Especially avoid fatty foods.

5. Stress. Identify stress situations in your life and learn to avoid situations that create stress. People in management situations can benefit from relaxation exercises and physical activities.

6. Drugs. Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs lead to diseases that are hard to reverse. Generally, they are a one-way approach to reducing your health and lifespan. You have the right to say No. Avoid persons and situations that lead to drug use.

7. Accidents. Many road, home and industrial accidents occur when people take risks. Value your life and avoid any situation likely to put your life at risk.

Following these guidelines will increase our chances of living a long and healthy life. In fact, we could quite well become one of the people who live to be 100 years old.



TESTIMONY

Lady of the Light

by Steve Cinzio

Mother was astonished to see the woman of ill-repute standing in front of her again.

A swarm of women on bicycles—like an army of robots on wheels—sped out of the Pirelli factory into the cold drizzle of an Italian winter afternoon in 1948. They were all making their way home to dreary apartments in the city of Milan.

My mother was among the women streaming through the security gate. Suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere, a woman appeared in front of her, causing Mother to stop. Mother looked at her. She had a distinctive air of determination about her—she had to be noticed and acknowledged.

Many eyes gazed on the tableau that was unfolding. And not a few of the bicycles formed a wide path around the two women on that damp city street.

The little woman was not a stranger in the area. She was particularly well-known by men—men who furtively made their way to her home at night. The women of that part of the city looked upon her in contempt because of her despicable profession.

But no one knew that on a still night in a dingy Milanese apartment this woman had struggled with her conscience. The Spirit of God had convicted her. She wanted to be free. She wanted to be a child of God—decent and clean. And through the work of a colporteur, she became a Seventh-day Adventist.

Unaware that the woman's life had changed, Mother asked her what she wanted. "I've got some good news to tell you," the woman replied simply, but directly. "Come to my place tonight."

"Yes," Mother uttered quickly, and pedalled away. It was the quickest way for her to extricate herself from the embarrassing situation of being seen talking with the infamous woman.

The next day the same scene was re-

peated. Again the little woman planted herself firmly in front of Mother's bicycle. "I waited for you," she began, "but you did not come. I've some good news for you. Please come tonight."

Once again my mother was conscious of watching eyes. And once again she said that she would visit that night. She hurried from the scene and blended in.

Mother was not prepared for the tenacity of the little woman. The following afternoon she was astonished to see the woman of ill-repute standing in front of her again.

"Why didn't you come last night?" she asked gently. "You said you would."

Once again Mother promised to visit her. And as she pedalled home, Mother's conscience began to nudge her. She had promised. What was her word worth? Mother determined to visit the persistent woman.

When Mother arrived at the woman's apartment, she was introduced to an Adventist colporteur. She sat down. Looking up from an open Bible on the table, the man looked into Mother's eyes and said, "Signora Cinzio, I am going to read from the Word of God. This is the truth. Will you follow the way of truth?"

Mother noticed that the man spoke of the Bible with deep reverence. "If this is the truth," she replied, "I will follow it." And she did.

Mother found joy in serving the One who had done so much for her. In 1950 she migrated to Australia with her family. And later she showed me a letter written by a woman she had contacted so many years before. "Thank you for sharing the truth with me," it said. "I am now a Seventh-day Adventist."

After many years of stubborn resistance to the Spirit of God, I became a follower of my mother's faith. I am convinced her prayers helped in my conversion. And it all began with a little woman in darkness who saw the Great Light and was not ashamed to let Him shine through her.



Steve Cinzio enjoys cooking, photography and gardening. He and his wife, Judy, have three sons—Adam, Philip and Daniel. Steve lives at Logan Village, Queensland.

Eating Out at Home

by Jeanette Cameron

Why not transform your kitchen into a takeaways bar?

Taking your children out for a meal needn't be expensive. Neither do takeaways all have to be junk food. Why not transform your kitchen into a takeaways bar for the evening?

I tried this idea with great success when my five nephews, aged four to 10, stayed one weekend. We used the breakfast bar as the shop counter, hung a

"Takeaways" sign from a beam and pinned up a list of foods: milkshake, carton of chips, toasted sandwiches. When my husband suggested that the boys would have to pay for their meal, the youngest two dashed off to get their money before he had a chance to say he was only joking!

To make the evening as realistic as possible, I wrote the children's orders on

slips of numbered paper and gave each of them their corresponding numbers. Because the service was a little slow and disorganised, the boys threatened to report me to my boss! But all agreed that it was the best food in town.

Here are a few tips to make such a meal exciting, tasty and nutritious.

1. Save your plastic 500 g yoghurt and cottage cheese containers to use as chips cartons. (My nephews also preferred these containers to glasses for their milkshakes.)


2. Since children tend to want to order everything available, limit your selection of foods.

3. Use wholegrain bread and buns for toasted sandwiches and burgers.

4. This recipe for a banana milkshake tastes good and makes a filling treat for any weight-conscious adult: 1/3 cup of skimmed milk powder; 2/3 cup of water; a few drops of vanilla essence; 1 very ripe banana; 4 large ice-cubes. Whiz all the ingredients together in a blender until the ice is crushed and the milk is frothy.

Of course, instead of making a takeaway bar, you could turn your dining room into a restaurant. Bring out your prettiest tablecloth and best cutlery and crockery. Dining by candlelight will also make the occasion special. Children don't mind if it is still daylight. Simply pull the blinds or close the curtains and they will be happy.

Have the children make menu cards and cardboard placemats. If the meal is Chinese, they could also make Chinese hats to wear. It is a good idea to save the restaurant meal for those wet days when children whine, "I'm bored. What can I do?"

You could even make "eating out" at home a family tradition for special occasions. Whatever you choose to do for these meals, the children will remember them as times of family fun and togetherness. 

Jeanette Cameron, who has written for Signs as well as for the RECORD, lives in Morrinsville, New Zealand.

REFLECTION

Criticising the Critics

Norm D. Plum

I must admit that I did not listen to the children's story in the worship service this week. But I had a good reason. I was in the front row, and could see when all the kids came down to the front for their story.

Little Geoffery (I have changed names to protect parents who would be mortified if they knew) was whispering various unconnected phrases to himself while the story was being told.

Even-littler Clara, sitting next to him, had been well-trained in reverence. And she was quiet in Jesus' house. She told him to "Sssssss!"—which is cute talk for "Shhhhhh!"


"Shhhhhh!" he hissed back, offended. He pronounced it more correctly, and more loudly.

Clara's minute sense of justice was enraged. And she said a more determined, and more self-righteous, "Sssssss!"

Geoffery answered again—even more loudly. It had now developed into a contest to see who could more loudly tell the other to be quiet in church. Other children were dragged into the conflict. Michael, sitting nearby, grabbed Clara in an attempt to separate her from Geoffery. In doing so, he somehow

turned her upside-down. Her feminine modesty then stopped her "Sssssing"—on the condition that she be turned right-way up again, and no longer exposed to the public gaze. Meanwhile, the woman telling the story was beside herself. And I was biting my fingers in an effort not to belly laugh.

After church, while hands were being shaken, I listened to a man in a responsible position who was "knocking" someone for being a knocker. He was criticising the person—who was safely absent—for being critical of others. I felt like saying . . . But no. That would only be knocking a knocker for knocking another knocker, and (I boggled) someone might knock me for that, and . . .

Yes, there is a time for public rebuke of sin: "Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning." 1 Timothy 5:20, NIV. See also *Testimonies*, Vol 2, page 15. But I am sure Jesus would say, "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." Matthew 18:15, NIV. And Paul would add, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NIV. 

Norm D. Plum is a nom de plume.

Camping in Your Own Backyard

by April Govett

Have you ever wanted to go camping without any grown-ups? Here is the answer to your problem.

If you don't have a tent, just ask Mum for some old blankets or sheets. You can set these up over boxes and put sticks into the ground to hold up the roof. The big advantage of making your own tent is that you can make it any shape you like.

Once you have set up your tent, bring out your sleeping bags and decide where you are going to sleep. You can use curtains for a window and use a box for a table in the centre of the tent.

Ask Mum for a billy, frying pan, plates, and some spoons. Put all your cooking utensils neatly in a box in your tent. Before tea, you will need to get a supply of wood for your campfire. You may use regular firewood if you have a wood fire at your home. Otherwise, you can search for twigs, leaves and branches.

To prepare your cooking fire, place stones in a circle and stand up two forked sticks to support a long stick running above the fire.

When everything is ready, send someone inside to get all the supplies. You

will need the following: Lentils (half a packet), onions (two medium-sized), flour (about two cups), carrots (two or three), beans (about a cup), peas (about a cup), eggs (enough for two each for breakfast), potatoes (enough for three each), and a loaf of bread. You should also add some butter or margarine and a small container of salt.

Don't start tea until the fire has stopped smoking. Then, fill your billy with water to boil for the stew. Everyone

should play a part in making tea. One person can wash the potatoes—don't peel them or cut them into pieces. Someone can peel and cut up the onions, and someone else can do the carrots.

Put the lentils, onions, carrots, peas and beans into the boiling water in the billy. Add just a touch of salt to make your stew taste better.

While the stew is cooking, wrap up the potatoes separately in silver paper from the kitchen, and bury them in the ashes of the fire. Then, mix up some flour, water and a pinch of salt until you have a firm dough. Wrap this dough around a stick and cook it over the fire—to make damper.

The stew should not take longer than three-quarters of an hour to cook. When it is cooked, dish it on to your plates. Eat it with the potatoes and damper.

After tea, sit around the fire for a while before going to bed. Get everyone to make up a story—starting with the youngest. When everyone has told a story it will probably be time to go to bed.

The first one up in the morning should light the fire. When it is hot enough, put a little butter or margarine in the frying pan and put it over the fire. Fry the eggs. Everyone can toast their own bread to go with them.

After breakfast, you should straighten up the sleeping bags and tidy the tent. Wash the frying pan and put it away. Remember to put the fire out before you go out to play. Ask Mum what food you can have for the rest of the day. Then you can put it in your cupboards in the tent.

Have fun camping.

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April Govett graduated from Avondale College last year. This year she will be teaching at Auckland Adventist High School, New Zealand.

Conversion

A cameraman working on a new creation science film in America, which features Australian speaker Ken Ham, became so convicted by the film's message that he has committed his life to Christ. Films for Christ produced *The Genesis Solution*—a 45-minute colour film. It shows the relevance of the Biblical doctrine of creation to today's issues.

NNZ Camp

Two General Conference representatives are among delegates to the North New Zealand camp being held January 13 to 19 at Haskell Park, Ardmore. Pastor Israel Leito, associate director, Department of Church Ministries (Youth), is ministering to the young people, while Pastor Charles Watson, a GC associate secretary, is conducting the morning devotional sessions. South Pacific Division secretary Pastor Athol Tolhurst is taking an evening evangelistic series for adults.

Low Mortality

Sonora Community Hospital, an Adventist institution in California, USA, has the lowest infant mortality rate of all Californian hospitals, according to a study published in the Los Angeles *Times* of November 11. The *Times* article also revealed low mortality rates at Loma Linda Medical Centre and Glendale Adventist Medical Centre.

Digest Reprint

The article "The Bible Solves a Crime," by Jeris Bragan, from the March-April 1987 issue of *Message*

magazine, is scheduled to be reprinted in the February 1988 issue of *Reader's Digest* in the USA. The article is one of very few unsolicited articles *Reader's Digest* has accepted. This is the first time that *Message*—an Adventist magazine designed especially for black families—has had an article reprinted in *Reader's Digest*, says Delbert Baker, editor.

New in Russia

Christians in the Soviet Union have launched a new journal, *Christian Community Bulletin*, devoted to church matters and spiritual themes. The first issue, more than 100 pages long, included material on the 600th anniversary of Christianity in Lithuania, Pentecostalism, the forthcoming Council of the Russian Orthodox Church in 1988, and imprisoned believers.

Declining Smokers

The number of Americans who smoke cigarettes has declined to the lowest level since record keeping began, according to *Christianity Today*. In 1986, less than 27 per cent of the adult population smoked, down nearly 4 per cent from the 1985 level. In 1964, the year the US Surgeon-General issued the landmark health warning about smoking, 40 per cent of the adult population smoked.

Increasing Drinkers

One in five adult Americans seek medical or other professional help to combat a drinking problem involving the individual or a member of his or her family. According to a Gallup poll, the percentage of Americans who have sought

such help is up sharply from 1984, when 9 per cent sought assistance. The survey found that 41 per cent of adult Americans say they have suffered physical, psychological or social harm because of someone else's drinking. And 17 per cent said they have suffered because of their own drinking.—*Christianity Today*.

Veggie Advantage

The Australian CSIRO has recently conducted research relating to the effects of vegetarian food on the Australian public. Diets selected were: 1. Average Australian nutrient intake. 2. Lean-meat diet. 3. Lacto-vegetarian diet. After six weeks, participants showed an 8 per cent fall in cholesterol between diets 1 and 2, and a 14 per cent fall in cholesterol between diets 1 and 3. Participants used Longa Life meat substitutes during the tests. Longa Life vegetarian products are manufactured by Adventist Jim Driscoll of Brisbane.



Practice Preacher

Eight-year-old Benjamin Manners recently assisted his father, Graham, during the Sabbath morning worship service at the Kadina church in South Australia. "Ben inspired all our young people," says communication secretary Arthur Merkins.

New on Radio

The South Pacific Division Aboriginal Ministries organisation has produced a new set of radio programs designed for Aboriginal audiences. The programs feature music, Biblical messages and interviews, and extol the virtues of Christianity in life, health education and achievements. The Saunders family—Frank, Beryl, Kelly and Tracey—produced the programs. (Frank is a theology student at Avondale College.) And they were supported by Geoff Batchelor of the Adventist Media Centre. The programs are suitable for any radio station in Australia, says Bruce Roberts, SPD Aboriginal work coordinator. Cassette tapes of the series are also available for distribution.

Anglicans Break

Opponents of women's ordination have left the Australian Anglican Church to form the Anglican Catholic Church. The new denomination counts seven parishes and more than 10 priests among its supporters.—*Christianity Today*.

AIDS Conference

Pastor Tangi Tuaineiti, Health director for the Adventist Mission in the Cook Islands, was the only Adventist who attended a conference on "Integrated Strategy for the Control of AIDS and Other Human Retroviral Infections and Hepatitis B" held in Tokyo, Japan, during October 1987. The Cook Islands Government appointed Pastor Tuaineiti as a delegate to the conference. As a member of the prevention of AIDS discussion group, Pastor Tuaineiti upheld Bib-

lical principles of prevention. His suggestions were well-received by participants and Asian delegates especially thanked him for emphasising the principles of marital faithfulness and refraining from premarital sex. Two other "preventative recommendations" prompted by the pastor included the need for parents to educate children on AIDS and for churches to be included in any community involvement programs.

New Church

New church facilities were dedicated late last year on Rakahanga, an isolated coral atoll to the north of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands.

Aututaki Converts

Twenty-five people were baptised at the conclusion of an evangelistic program conducted by Pastor Ray Swenson at Amuri, in the Cook Islands, late last year.

PNG Ordinations

Ori Ivahae and Kona Namaro were ordained to gospel ministry at Kundiawa late last year. Pastor Ivahae originally worked for the church as an aid post orderly. While giving injections he shared his faith in remote villages. Pastor Namaro graduated from Sonoma College, and later pastored seven churches while at Homu Laymen Training School. He currently pastors the church at Kundiawa. After their ordination, the newly ordained ministers baptised seven new members.

Evangelism Institute

The South Pacific Division has approved the setting up of an Evangelism Institute in Melbourne for five years. Later, the insti-

tute, which will run along similar lines to the North American Division's Institute in Chicago, will move to Sydney, Brisbane and other major cities. The Division anticipates that 12 ministers will attend the institute for 20 weeks in a year. They will receive instruction in sequential evangelism, Bible studies and public campaigns. Study credit will accrue toward a Master of Ministry degree.

Leader Training

Pastor Doug Robertson was recently appointed assistant coordinator for Island National Leadership Development. Pastor Gordon Lee administers the program, which trains island nationals for leadership. He reports that currently 68 nationals are upgrading their qualifications.

Foundation Director

Avondale College Foundation has appointed Austen Fletcher as its executive director. Pastor Fletcher has been Ministerial Association secretary and a pastoral evangelist in South Australia.

Session Motto

"We Shall Behold Him" is the motto for the 1990 General Conference session that will take place in Indianapolis, USA.

Perceptive Comment

Greater Sydney literature evangelist Mavis Mangan, who works in the inner-city area of Redfern, recently received a lead card for *The Bible Story*. When she called she found a well-spoken Aboriginal grandmother who did not appear to pay much attention to her demonstration. "So in a short time I closed my sales appeal and gave her the price," Mavis says. "She then said, 'How can I man-



ACF Awards to Avondale Students

ACF president Eddie Long presented Kerri-Lee Krause and Jacques Calais with the Avondale College Foundation Award of Excellence—\$500 each plus a plaque—during the last chapel exercise of 1987. Executive director Laurie McMurtry congratulated the winners. "Criteria for the award includes citizenship, leadership, lifestyle and academic performance," says college Public Relations director John Banks. Principal Bryan Ball, who gave a homily preceding the presentation, said it is time to recognise achievement in areas that parallel our holistic approach to Christian education.

age this? I need six sets.' She desired to place these books in each of her children's homes, commenting 'There is a lot of spiritual food in these books.'" Mavis happily placed the orders.

Problem Study

In view of the problem of substance abuse and chemical dependency, the South Pacific Division has appointed a committee to survey the extent of chemical dependency within the church, and to develop a preventative program. In so doing, the SPD is following the General Conference lead.

Winning St George

The Adventist Aviation Association of South Queensland has purchased a house in the western Queensland town of St George to be used as a base

for outreach. "Nineteen people met there on Sabbath, October 17, for the first service ever held in our own property in this prosperous town," says A-Double-A president Lawrens Adair. "Since there were no chairs, we had to sit on the floor. But seeds sown over the past 10 years can now be given opportunity to bloom. And the house can also be a refuge for visitors. Half an acre of land will allow a church or hall to be erected in due course." The association still requires "preloved" periodicals for distribution.

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.



Photo: Chris Williams.

Three non-Adventist New Zealand volunteers built a school to be operated by the Vanuatu Mission for illiterate children at Fanafo. From left: John Dalziel, Pat Newton, Brian Williams.

Friends Build New School in Vanuatu

The Vanuatu village of Fanafo has a new four-room primary school—largely as a result of three non-Adventist men.

The school, opened in late September, will cater for around 250 students.

Pat and Lois Newton from Tauranga, New Zealand, saw the need of a school while holidaying with their daughter and her husband, Christine and Gavin Williams, at Aore High School.

Deciding to help, they contacted Frank and Rachel Joe, Adventist land-owners on Aore who had been visiting Fanafo for some time. The Joes had started a temporary school and wished to see a more permanent building established, but finance had been a problem.

The Newtons contributed \$NZ18,000 to the project. The Tauranga church gave a further \$NZ4,000.

Pat Newton drew up plans for the school, purchased nearly all of the building materials and shipped them to Vanuatu. Then he found two friends who were willing to accompany him to Fanafo to help construct the school.

During September the three men took nine days to complete the building—assisted by local people. “We encouraged the community to help,” says Pat Newton. “It’s their school and we wanted them to feel that they were a big part of the project.”

“I can’t believe what these three men have done,” says a delighted Frank Joe. “They have helped the Vanuatuan people more than they will ever realise. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.”

The volunteers are already planning another trip to the village next year.

By Gavin Williams, who teaches at Aore Adventist High School, via Santo, Vanuatu.



Frank Joe—shown with his wife, Rachael, and son—pioneered schooling for Fanafo children.

Couple Marry After Revelation Seminar

A couple recently married after meeting at a Revelation Seminar. Pastor Doug Weare of Tamworth conducted the seminar at Manilla, New South Wales, assisted by Bob Johnston and Peter Groth.

Jack Batterham and Marjorie Roussos, two senior citizens of Tamworth, met when Jack attended the seminar where Marjorie was assisting. Love blossomed as they studied the Bible together. “Jack was baptised on October 3 and they were married the following day,” says church clerk Heather Hagen. “Jack says he has never known such love and friendship as he has found in the Tamworth church, and Marj admits she can hardly believe it is true. She has never been happier. They thoroughly recommend Revelation Seminars!”

Avondale Retains Evangelistic Fervour

Avondale College students are currently studying the Bible in 45 homes in the Belmont area of Newcastle. Graeme Bradford, who heads the evangelistic training for Theology students at Avondale, initiated the program.

“I wanted to get the students out to the people,” says Pastor Bradford. “I want us all to accept the challenge and, by God’s grace, establish a new church.”

The North New South Wales Conference allocated specific territory to the college. Then, student survey teams called on homes in the area in an effort to discover the needs of the allocated district. They followed up with months of programs conducted to meet those needs—stress management programs, health assessment drives, nutrition classes, Vacation Bible Schools, a marriage enrichment course and Revelation Seminars.

During 1988 Pastor Bradford and his student-faculty team will hold a full-scale evangelistic campaign in the Belmont area.

By W. A. Townend, who is a part-time lecturer at Avondale College.



The Adventist Media Centre set up a television studio in the Kukum church, Honiara, Solomon Islands, to film a Voice of Youth video series designed for use by members sharing their faith.

Solomon Islands Gets Own Video Series

Editing of a Voice of Youth video series for the Solomon Islands entitled "Light Thru Darkness" has just been completed by Pacific Islands Media.

Fifteen one-hour programs, which were filmed on location in Honiara earlier this year, are presented in pidgin. And the series covers major evangelistic topics, with insertions of slides, film clips, book illustrations and songs designed to make an interesting presentation for use by laymembers wanting to share the gospel with neighbours or in public programs.

Each tape features a 10-minute health segment presented by local medical per-

sonnel using charts and models.

Adventist Media Centre husband-and-wife team Russell and Jann Gibbs, assisted by video technician Andrew Hunt, spent three weeks putting the series together. They also compiled music tapes, which were coordinated by Western Pacific Union Mission Youth director Gordon Smith, assisted by local pastors Newton Galo and Martin Losi.

A music tape in English—entitled "Love Shines In"—has been compiled from various Solomon Island singing groups. All these tapes are available from Adventist Media Centre Pacific Videos, PO Box 15, Wahroonga, NSW 2076.

Cargo Cultists Now Hearing the Gospel

Cargo cultists from the island of Tanna in Vanuatu are losing faith in their non-appearing leaders. And they have begun to rebel, according to reports just received from Belden Seth, the Adventist pastor in the area.

"Recently, the leader of the movement had a dream," says Vanuatu Mission president Ray Woosley, "in which a voice told him he was to organise his village to have all the work done by Friday, so that the village could rest on Saturday. Then the week's work would begin on Sunday."

Puzzled about the dream, the chief began looking for answers. He visited Pastor Seth, who told him that he had a dream in which he baptised the leader of these people.

"When we heard of these events, the mission released Pastor Seth from his other duties so that he could concentrate on this area," says Pastor Woosley. "And we have just received word from him that the 500 families in the cargo cultists' village have happily received the Adventist message and desire Pastor Seth to continue Bible studies with them every Friday evening."

"All the other churches in Vanuatu have been trying to break through with these people, who are a major tourist attraction," says Pastor Woosley. "Many magazines have featured these people—including the *National Geographic*—and it is difficult to put on paper what it would mean to break through with these cargo cultists."

Adventist Women Report on Two Years of Service

The Sydney Chapter of the Association of Adventist Women recently reviewed its two years of activities since it was inaugurated in 1986.

During that time it has parented a chapter in the Cooranbong community, and commenced a register of Adventist women in the South Pacific Division. Its purpose is to assist committees by providing names and qualifications of individuals to fill positions.

"The Sydney Chapter has been thankful for the support and guidance of the national organisation in the United States," says association president Marye Trim. "We especially appreciated the visit of Viveca Black Branson, a representative of the parent body."

Meeting topics have ranged from "The Adventist Woman and Hospitality," "Mass Media and Reality," "Self-Esteem" through to "Notes and Jottings."

"In one meeting, four young women portrayed how they saw their role in the Adventist Church now and in the future," says Mrs Trim.

"It became evident that these women, ranging in age from 17 to their mid-20s, held a different perspective from older women. However, love for Christ was the common denominator, and a desire to see an effective, loving, Adventist community."

The association also conducted a dinner where writer Goldie Down spoke, a spiritual gifts seminar directed by Dr Alwyn Salom, a women's craft exhibition and a retreat at Crosslands.

"Some people have questioned what the association is really about," says Mrs Trim. "Some may suspect a hidden agenda of aggressive feminism. But the association is not divisive or sexist. In fact, it invites male members. Pastor Bryan Craig, and his Family Life Ministry team, has endorsed the association's work, recognising it affirms the significance of the homemaker and family."

"The association concerns those women of the church who are already secure in their faith. They can show the way for their many sisters who are struggling," she says.

Inquiries regarding the Sydney Chapter and its goals can be made by writing to PO Box 105, Thornleigh, NSW 2120.

Members Act in *Evil Angels*

About half of the members of the Mount Isa Adventist church have appeared as extras in a scene for the film *Evil Angels* that was recently shot in front of the church.

Many participants were members of the church when Michael and Lindy Chamberlain, the subjects of the film, were living in Mount Isa. Some of them even wore the identical clothing for the film that they had worn to church in 1980 when Michael was the church pastor. Many members commented on the likeness that the stars of the film, Meryl Streep and Sam Neill, bore to Michael and Lindy, who are remembered with deep affection.

Filming at the church began three days of intense activity for the cast and crew in Mount Isa—the first in a series of locations that will include Darwin, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock. Other scenes at Mount Isa included the pastor's house, where the Chamberlain family lived prior to and after the disappearance of baby Azaria in August 1980.

The film *Evil Angels* has been in the pipeline since Verity Lambert, one of England's most prolific producers of quality films and television movies, heard about John Bryson's book *Evil Angels* at the 1985 Cannes Film Festival.

Ms Lambert sent a copy of the book and a three-page outline to double Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep, who she wanted to play Lindy Chamberlain. "I knew it would be something she would do marvellously well, as she does everything, and I had an intuitive feeling that it would be something that would appeal to her," said Ms Lambert.

She also talked to distinguished Australian director Fred Schepisi, who, on reading the book, revised his earlier opinions and became convinced of the Chamberlains' innocence. The response from both him and Meryl Streep was positive.

Ms Lambert thought of Sam Neill, with whom she had worked on a British TV series, as a potential actor to play Michael Chamberlain. "You don't always get your first choices," said Ms Lambert. "But Meryl, Fred and Sam were the people I most wanted for this film."

It has taken two years to put everything in place, including buying the screen rights for the book, commission-

ing Australian screenwriter Robert Caswell to write the script, and raising the money.

The logistics of the shoot, which began in Melbourne on October 19, are staggering. A cast of 350, plus 3,000 extras, are required for the 14 weeks needed to complete shooting of *Evil Angels*. Over 40 trucks from every capital city in Australia have travelled to locations in Darwin, Alice Springs and Ayers Rock, as well as Mount Isa.

Dubbed by the crew as "Fred's Army"—in deference to the director, Fred Schepisi—the trucks contain everything needed for the film: costumes, camera equipment, electrical gear, props and even a mobile kitchen to feed the crew. In the heat of northern Australia, air-conditioned caravans are provided for the director, major stars and wardrobe and make-up departments. Temperatures in Mount Isa exceeded 40 degrees on each of the three days spent there.

Transport manager John Chase is accustomed to moving mountains of equipment throughout outback Australia, having worked on other famous films made in similar locations. Truck drivers will be taking special care when travelling through torrential rain and keeping an eye open for straying cattle, a hazard on outback roads.

"There are things going on all the time," says John Chase. "While we are filming in Darwin we have trucks heading to Alice Springs. At the same time, the art department is dressing sets, building campsites, putting up hotels, and taking them down again."

Originally it was hoped that a jumbo

jet could be used to transport the equipment to Darwin. This would have saved five days of travelling. But the idea had to be abandoned because the plane couldn't be unloaded in Darwin.

"With *Evil Angels* there are so many facets," John continues. "As well as all the equipment and vehicles, we are chartering planes for the 140 crew and principal cast, not to mention organising the transport of dingoes."

Six dingoes have already performed for the cameras in Melbourne. While waiting to appear, the dingoes were kept well away from cast and crew, locked in a special compound. Warnings were issued about the dangers of these wild animals. When it came time to face the cameras, the dingoes performed well. Syd, the star dingo, had been trained by Evanne Chesson over a four-month period.

"Dingoes are not easy to train," said Evanne, "but Syd is exceptional. She can carry more than the weight of a baby for more than three kilometres." When training the dingoes, she found they were capable of eating through wire and biscuit tins, chewing through leather, and dragging things into their cages with their paws. "Once they ate a rabbit and actually skinned the whole animal neatly with their paws," she said.

Filming of *Evil Angels* will continue until at least the end of February 1988, and a release date is anticipated by the end of the year or early in 1989. The Seventh-day Adventist church members in Mount Isa will be interested to see themselves in a film that will be shown worldwide, and that has already generated tremendous interest.

By David Coltheart, pastor of the Mount Isa church, Queensland.



David and Michelle Coltheart, with Stephen (left) and Robert, were in Mount Isa during the filming of *Evil Angels*. The church appeared in some scenes and local members acted as "extras."

LE Breaks \$.5 Million Sales Barrier

Victorian literature evangelist Roy Butcher recently became the first South Pacific Division literature evangelist to have delivered \$500,000 worth of Adventist literature.

He reached the amount when he delivered the four-volume *Family Medical Care* set to Harold and Gaye Metcalfe, of Keilor.

Mr Butcher has been a literature evangelist for 28 years.

He knows of 37 customers and friends who have been baptised.

"One of my greatest thrills," Mr Butcher says, "is to have people come up to me at camp, or when I visit other churches, and remind me that I sold them a book that helped convert them."

In recognition of the achievement, Trans-Australian Union Publishing director Walton Pitt presented a family Bible, donated by Signs Publishing Company, to a surprised Mr and Mrs Metcalfe.

"To sell half a million dollars worth of books is certainly no mean feat, and we are proud to have Roy Butcher as part of our team," says Signs manager David Woolley.

"It's certainly not my academic talents!" said Mr Butcher when asked the secret of his success. "It's simply the blessing God adds to my constant effort. And I also have an understanding wife."

His wife, Shirley, is the daughter of former literature evangelist Mervyn Buckingham. She remembers her father telling stories of his work, so she knew just what to expect as the wife of a literature evangelist. "I'm very proud of my husband and what he has achieved for God," she says.

Roy Butcher became an Adventist after reading a handbill from his letter-box, advertising an evangelistic series in Heidelberg conducted by Kenneth Mead. "I attended and was the only one baptised from that mission," he says.

"Wanting to share my new beliefs, I began at the factory where I worked. When literature evangelist leader Wal Fordham suggested I could be more effective if I joined the colporteur team, I felt this was God's call to me. I have never regretted responding to it."

Of all the books he has sold, Roy's greatest love is the 10-volume *Bible Story* set. He has delivered more than 22,000 volumes.



Photo: Walton Pitt.

Victorian literature evangelist Roy Butcher, who has sold \$500,000 worth of Adventist literature in his 28 years of service, loads his station wagon with books for another day of selling.

New School Taking Shape at Keilor, Victoria



Photo: Lyndon Chapman.

Teachers Michelle Kent (left), Celia Moncrieff and Lyndon Chapman discuss Keilor School.

A new school situated in rural surroundings, yet only 25 minutes' drive from the centre of Melbourne, is being built at Keilor, Victoria. The school will cost \$750,000 and replace the overcrowded Pascoe Vale Primary School.

"The Pascoe Vale school opened 12 years ago to serve west and north-west Melbourne," says current school principal Lyndon Chapman. "But increased enrolment has resulted in cramped conditions. We are delighted at the thought

of exchanging this for a modern, well-designed facility situated on 12 hectares."

Classes are planned to begin in the new three-teacher school at the commencement of 1988. After one year of operation at Keilor, a high school catering for Years 7 to 10 will open.

For information regarding the new schools, contact the principal, Keilor Adventist School, c/- Victorian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, PO Box 215, Nunawading, Vic 3131.

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Church News

Port Macquarie, NSW. Twelve members from the three Hastings Valley churches recently graduated as Vegetarian Nutrition Instructors, following a course conducted by Margaret McCrow of Gosford. Assisting her were an aerobics instructor, a baby health sister, a diabetic educator, a hospital dietitian, the head chef from a leading restaurant (himself a vegetarian) and community nurse Pat Christie, who co-ordinated the project for her daughter Sharon.

Warburton, Vic. A "skipathon" in the church hall on October 4 raised \$320 in two hours for furnishings for planned extensions to the Mountain View Hostel. Mrs Bev Irvine, Year 6 teacher at the Warburton Adventist School, and leader of the hostel auxiliary, offered to organise the event, since the school had not taken part in the Jump Rope for Heart this year. "Unfortunately, it was held on the concluding day of junior camp, so only six children were available to take part," says Mrs Irvine. "But one Year 6 pupil, Kerrilyn Savage, raised \$152 through sponsorships. We hope to run another skipathon in the future."

Christchurch Samoan, NZ. Eleven people were baptised following an evangelistic series conducted recently under the leadership of Pastor Ativale Mulitalo. "While the second stage of our church building continues," says church clerk Tuioti Savaliga, "we were nevertheless able to use our own baptismal font for the service. Undoubtedly, the work is growing rapidly in Christchurch, and we solicit an interest in your prayers."

Hawera, NZ. More than 300 members from the four churches in the Taranaki and Wanganui area met for a regional meeting in the Hawera church on September 19. Conference secretary Pastor David Blanch preached a sermon entitled "Why the Church?" "Following a fellowship luncheon, Pastor Blanch and Mr Peter Morey brought us up to date on Longburn College affairs," says correspondent Elizabeth Jacobson. "We are planning another regional meeting next year."

Mount Isa, Qld. Members of the Mount Isa church recently celebrated Sabbath at Lake Moondarra. "The weekend camp gave opportunity for ministers and members alike to slow down and enjoy God's handiwork and the fellowship of other Christians," says communication secretary Karen Oakes. "It was a wonderful way to conclude the Week of Prayer. Under the leadership of Pastors Colheart and Hamilton, our church has become involved in many church and community projects."

Wellington, NZ. The Church Ministries directors of the North New Zealand Conference, Pastors John Denne, Leigh Rice and Wayne Gredig, conducted a Church Growth Seminar at the Wellington church from September 19 to 26. And results can already be seen. "A lot of work preceded the actual consultancy," says church communication secretary David Brown. "For the previous three months we recorded the number of actual worshippers and compiled demographics of the community. Also, we were encouraged to read books dealing with church growth principles." The visiting team met with church departments and assisted in setting goals and objectives for more effective functioning in each area. "Pastor Denne's closing sermon emphasised the need for more workers in the harvest field," says Mr Brown. "He reiterated the week's theme: 'Find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it; find someone who is hurting and lead him to God's healing love.'"



North New Zealand Conference Church Ministries director Pastor John Denne (left) chats with the Wellington pastor, Malcolm Bull.

Weddings

Herbert—Anderson. Vernon Herbert and Talita Anderson were married on October 22 at the Glen Innes SDA church, Auckland, New Zealand. Vernon and Talita plan to reside in Auckland. Lance A. O'Neill.

Pittard—Jakovac. Leon Pittard, son of Jack and Ronda Pittard (Forster, NSW), and Adriana Jakovac, daughter of Slavo and Anna Jakovac (Wodonga, Vic), were married on November 29 at the Albury SDA church, NSW. Leon and Adriana met at the Albury church, where they both hold membership. Adriana is a nurse, and Leon a machine operator at the Boral Cyclone factory. C. D. Judd.

Read—Ashton. John Read and Heather Ashton were married on Sunday, August 23, at the Royal Oak SDA church, Auckland, New Zealand. John is a chef and works for the Sanitarium Health Food Company Retail branch. Ritchie Way.

Shanks—Bateup. Derrick Shanks and Margaret Bateup were married on November 22 at the Penrith SDA church, NSW. They plan to make their home in the Penrith area. Peter Theuerkauf.

Threlfo—Farrelly. Garry Allen Threlfo, son of Glendon Threlfo (Qld) and Mrs Sandra Cahill (Weston, NSW), and Denise Farrelly, daughter of Dennis and Sonia Phelps (Weston), were married on November 15 at the Maitland SDA church, NSW. Both members of the Cessnock church, Garry and Denise plan to make their home at Weston. Garry works as a technician and Denise as a shop assistant. Robert Craig.

Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The editorial staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

Ison, Olive Sarah, born September 29, 1906, at Camberwarra (near Nowra), NSW; died November 22 at her home in Cooranbong. As a teenager, Olive accepted the SDA message. She attended Avondale College in 1926 and it was here that she met her future husband, Dick Ison. They were married in 1928 and set up home in Cooranbong. Olive was talented in flower arranging, interior decorating, dressmaking, upholstery and cooking. A good neighbour, through the years she helped many people. She is survived by her daughters, Corinne Butler (Dubbo), Fae Scifleet (Mudgee) and Lita Beeby (Concord); 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. J. N. Beamish, R. H. Abbott.

McIver, Heather Margaret, born 1917 in Frankton Junction, New Zealand; died September 18 in Whakatane. While not a member of the SDA Church, Mrs McIver was a regular attendee and "one of the family." In her younger years, she was active in the St John Ambulance Brigade, being involved with both cadet training and ambulance duties. A dedicated Christian, she was appreciated for her contribution to the church family. She is survived by her husband, Arch; son, Douglas (Auckland); and daughter, Anne (Whakatane). A. S. Foote.

Schmidt, Clarence Gordon, born March 1, 1915, at Warilda, NSW; died July 19 at Everton Park, Qld, after a prolonged illness. A grazier, Gordon married Una

Thomas at Augathella on December 25, 1943. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Margaret Grogan and Beth Latimore; sisters, Mary Schmidt, Florence Weslake and Nowell Potter (all of Qld). Gary Hodgkin, Roma church pastor, officiated at the service at Augathella.

David M. Lamb.

Schuck, Walter Stanley, born October, 1901; died September 16 in the Salvin Park Blue Nursing Home, Brisbane. Wally grew up in the Newcastle area of New South Wales, attended Avondale College, and later worked for the Railways Department as a gardener. He married Doris Lavinia Williams, who predeceased him by 12 years. Two sons, Alwyn and Neville, were born to the marriage and, after his retirement, Wally moved to Queensland to be near his family. He is sadly missed by his family.

Peter C. Raymer.

Shinners, Geoffrey Patrick, born June 21, 1929, at Winchelsea, Vic; died October 12 at Hilltop, NSW, after a prolonged illness, and was buried at the Bowral Cemetery. Baptised by Pastor A. D. Piez on October 4, 1947, at the Hurstville church, Geoff officiated as organist in several Sydney churches and more lately at Bowral. He is survived by his wife, Noela Laurel; children, Beth and Paul; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Eunice (Warner), Max, Cathie (Dunstan), Gary, Gwen (Black), Haydn, Lynette (Clark). Rev Hendrick Smit, Uniting Church pastor and long-time family friend, and Pastor Ray Holt, Bowral SDA church pastor, assisted at the service.

C. T. Parkinson.

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AAA of WA. Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association of Western Australia will be held on Sunday, January 31, 1988, at 6 pm at the WA Conference Office, Cnr Mills Road and Station Street, Gosnells. Reports will be given by the president and treasurer, and office bearers will be elected for the ensuing year. Members are requested to bring a plate; drinks will be provided. Inquiries to the secretary, Elaine Skeers, phone (09) 453 6650.

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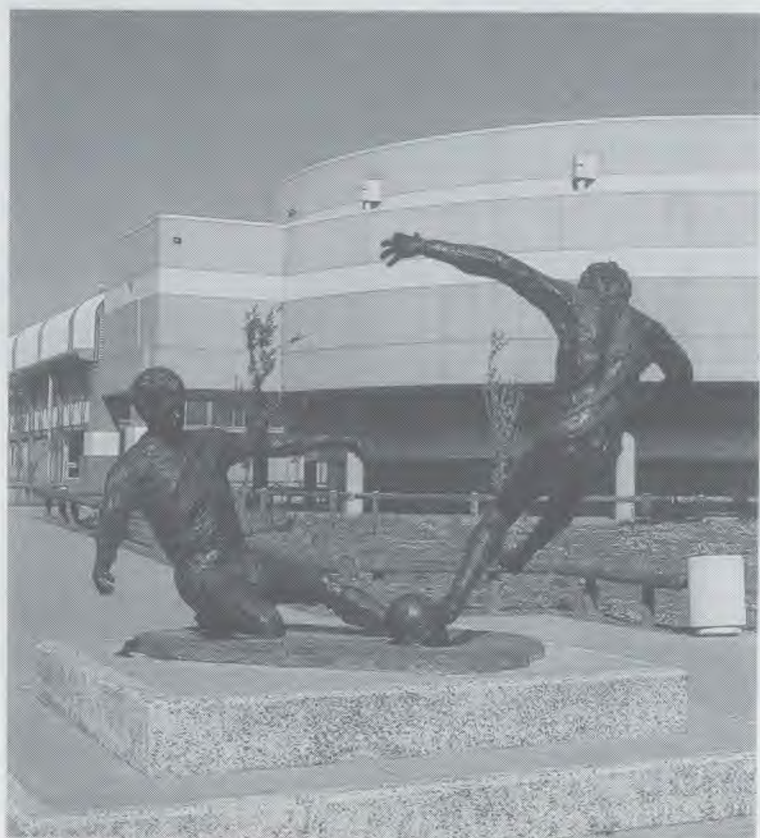
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