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gynaecologist in Lae, says
Dukane projectors could save
lives in PNG through health
education.

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EDITORIAL

Global Strategy



My Dear Fellow Believers,
Remarkable and unanticipated
changes have taken place in our world!
Millions who for decades have been held
in tight control have been given freedom
to make choices, even to voice dissent.

As these movements toward greater
freedom have occurred, God has
impressed members and church leaders
to develop a Global Strategy that will
carry salvation's story to the uttermost
parts of earth.

There are today some 1,800 geo-
graphical units in the world, each with
about one million persons, in which
there are no Seventh-day Adventists.
Most of these lie in the Islamic areas of
North Africa, the Middle East, Soviet
Central Asia, the Hindu concentration
in and around the Ganges plain, the
Buddhist areas of South-East Asia, and
the People's Republic of China.

Reaching these populations may not
be the same as presenting God's truth to
people who already have a predis-
position toward Christianity. We greatly
need to develop new and convincing ap-
proaches for a variety of groups.

Indeed, such approaches may simply
be living God's love among people who
have not known that love, or who have
known something about a beneficent
deity under a different name. With the
help of the Holy Spirit, we should be able
to lead some of these people to recognise
God's love for them. Then, step by step,
they could be led to understand God's
last-day message.

Such a strategy in presently "closed"
countries will depend very much on: (1)
Seventh-day Adventist lay professionals
working for governments of host
countries in areas where a need for their
service is felt; (2) subsidised relocation of
Adventist families in the host country
into areas where they can continue living
as self-supporting lay people; (3) follow-
up of responses to shortwave radio
broadcasts from strategic locations.

Please note that radio broadcasting of
the gospel is a key—perhaps the key el-
ement in this Global Strategy for
reaching hitherto unreached people. No
other method can so effectively hurdle
the barriers behind which billions have
been living for centuries.

Realising the importance of this fact,
we've scheduled two offerings in your
church and at the 1990 General Confer-
ence Session to purchase land, build,
and start up one powerful shortwave and
two medium-wave stations in the
Mediterranean area. These stations will
have the capacity of reaching nearly
1,000 million people in Islamic North Af-
rica, the Middle East, and all of the East-
ern European Socialist countries (in-
cluding the Soviet Union) with the
message of God's love and soon coming.

In developing the basics of Global
Strategy, it has been pointed out and
proven time and again that "more things
are wrought on our knees in prayer than
this world dreams of." I trust you'll ap-
proach this appeal to assist in the im-
plementation of a key element of our
global salvation strategy in a similar
posture—on your knees. There's no bet-
ter time to finish the gospel commission
than now. There are no better disciples to
be used by Christ than the dedicated
members of the Adventist family.

"And I saw another angel fly in the
midst of heaven, having the everlasting
gospel to preach . . . to every nation, and
kindred, and tongue, and people."
Revelation 14:6.

Add to this quote from Scripture these
words of encouragement: "By the coop-
eration of the divine Spirit, the apostles
did a work that shook the world."—*The
Acts of the Apostles*, page 593.

By God's grace we've been promised
that we, too, can do the same—shake the
world! I invite you to join me in sacri-
ficial financial support and in prayer for
divine guidance as this powerful new
radio voice is established to bring the
first word of God's love to millions in
lands that have rebuffed Christianity for
centuries.

"We must now by the Holy Spirit's
power proclaim the great truths for these
last days. . . . It is the very essence of all
right faith to do the right thing at the
right time."—*Testimonies*, Vol 6, page
24. We believe this new radio station is
the right thing at the right time.

Sincerely yours in Christ's name and
for a finished work,

Neal C. Wilson, President,
General Conference.

LETTERS

Bottom Line

I'm distressed to read in recent times so much in the RECORD about how bad my church is. I must have been living in a fool's paradise for I didn't realise that there's "no love" in the church, that it doesn't yet "understand the gospel," that its message is not "relevant" to young people, and that its worshippers sit "like long-dead exhibits in a museum, sewn up tight and stuffed."

I don't believe that the majority of those who leave the church do so because they find no love or fellowship within it. The bottom line with most of them would be a breakdown in personal devotions.

Despite the risk of appearing too simplistic, I would say that nothing else would solve the problems of our church more effectively than our individual pursuit for a closer walk with God.

I appeal to all to stop "burning the midnight oil," lay down that *Women's Weekly*, turn off the television, and get to bed early so that you can rise to spend adequate time with God and His Word.

Raymond Stanley, SA.

The Chasm

In response to the letter "Perfection," of December 9, I would like to share the following quotes from *Steps to Christ*, pages 64 and 65:

"The closer you come to Jesus, the more faulty you will appear in your own eyes; for your vision will be clearer, and your imperfections will be seen in broad and distinct contrast to His perfect nature. . . . No deep-seated love for Jesus can dwell in the heart that does not realise its own sinfulness."

Perfection is a goal, but the more like Jesus I become the more I'm aware of the chasm that exists between His righteousness and mine, and the more thankful I am that His righteousness is fully mine, by faith.

Sue Bernardo, Vic.

Self-Esteem

I'm compelled to address the concern expressed in the letter "New Age Terms" in the letters column November 25.

Just because the words "positive," "negative," "self-esteem" and others have found their way into the vocabulary of the New Age movement doesn't make them wrong.

The self-esteem principle runs

through the teaching of Jesus. He said we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Ellen White states that "the Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves."—*The Desire of Ages*, page 668.

Anyone who feels inferior and inadequate can't relate well to others. A person justified by faith isn't inferior to anyone.

Rex Tindall, Qld.

Present Crisis

While deeply appreciating the excellent contributions of Christian, Coffin and Krause in the October 28 RECORD, I suggest that we now take seriously the *present* crisis in our church.

A pseudo-pentecostalism is taking our youth by storm. They're being deceived by excitement, mass hysteria and exalted feelings (induced by worldly type music and drums) into believing that they're filled with the Holy Spirit, that they no longer need daily Bible study, and that doctrines aren't important.

Let's not wake up after the damage is done, but recognise it now for what it is.

(Mrs) L. Pinchin, Vic.

Original Sin

Many Adventists believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, a concept originating with the Roman Catholic Church.

In reality, a baby is born *in* sin *into* a sinful world, but *with* sin? Never! The Bible says, "Whosoever committeth sin

transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4. "For by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 3:20.

Until children grow and understand right from wrong, they can't know sin.

Una H. Turner, NSW.

Careful Words

We who are God's representatives should be careful about the words we use. Some say, "Good heavens!" "Why on earth!" and "What on earth!"—when Jesus specifically said we weren't to swear by heaven or earth (Matthew 5:34, 35).

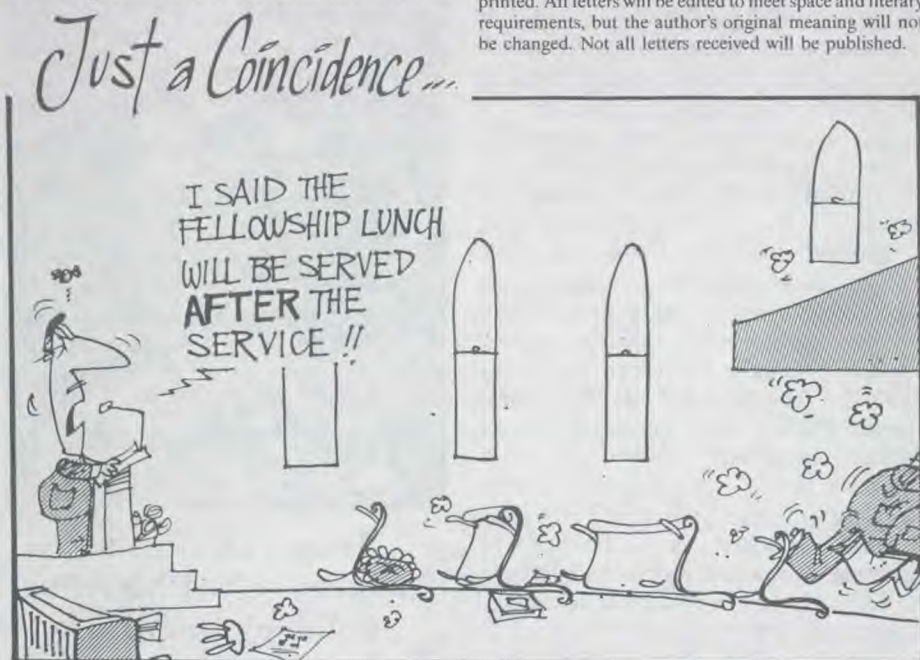
"Gee," "Golly" and "Gosh" profane the holy name of God. Webster's dictionary defines them as euphemistic contractions of Jesus and God.

Brian McNabb, New Zealand.

"I" Problem

We honour humanism when we say: "I'm bored." "I'm special." "I want to worship in the way that pleases *me*." "Churchy and old-fashioned hymns don't do anything for *me*." "I need self-esteem." Elva Phare, New Zealand.

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Merritt Kellogg and the Pacific Dilemma

by David E. Hay

If the Bering Strait date line was correct, the missionaries in both Tonga and Samoa were observing Sabbath on the wrong day!

In 1897 the new Seventh-day Adventist medical clinic in the Kingdom of Tonga's administrative centre of Nuku'alofa added another link to the church's lengthening chain of medical institutions. Dr Merritt Kellogg, the supervisor, reached out confidently to the Polynesian people of Tonga, and success attended his efforts.

However, all was not well. He and his fellow workers, Edwin Butz and E. Hilliard, were concerned about what they believed to be an inconsistency between teaching and practice concerning one of the church's major doctrines.

Discussion often became animated between those holding the different viewpoints. Letters seeking advice went to church leaders in Tahiti, Australia and the United States. Ellen White received one too!

Merritt Kellogg's career began in the Battle Creek Sabbath school. In 1859 he set off westward for California, where, it appears, he was the first Adventist in the state. In 1861 he conducted a series of Bible lectures in San Francisco, and 14 people became Seventh-day Adventists.

Six years later he returned to the eastern United States to take a short medical course at Trall's Hygieo-Therapeutic College in New Jersey. The course lasted 12 months. He returned to California to join John Loughborough and Daniel Bordeau in their evangelistic campaigns. He spoke mainly on health topics. In 1887 he helped establish the Rural Health Retreat, later known as the St Helena Sanitarium.

One question had plagued Merritt Kellogg in the early 1870s. As Adventism reached beyond the shores of America, he wondered how believers could really observe God's seventh-day Sabbath on a round world.

John N. Andrews, the church's fore-

most apologist for the Sabbath, came to his rescue. In order to avoid confusion in round-the-world and Pacific travel, he pointed out the necessity for a day change line. He argued the advantages of implementing the Bering Strait's Line in the Pacific and urged Merritt Kellogg to accept the providence of God in granting humans the privilege of organising time. John Andrews's explanations proved persuasive.

Merritt Kellogg sailed into the South Pacific as a missionary doctor on the second voyage of the *Pitcairn* in 1893. The group included Benjamin Cady, E. Chapman, John Cole and Hattie Andre.

He spent some time in Australia and remarried, to a Broken Hill woman. They set off for the Pacific, eventually ar-



Time and circumstances solved Merritt Kellogg's problem.

riving in the Western Samoan capital of Apia in 1896. He assisted Dr Frederick Braucht and volunteer Dudley Owen in erecting the South Pacific's first major medical institution—an impressive two-storey sanitarium, inland from the town's beach front.

On completion of this fine building he sailed for Tonga, arriving in Nuku'alofa during the latter half of 1897. Before long he had built a house and clinic facilities for health care.

Tonga's first Adventist missionaries, the E. Hilliards, had arrived from the United States on the *Pitcairn* two years earlier. Aware of the practice of those on the *Pitcairn*—of changing days at the 180° meridian—and recognising that the islands of Tonga, like those of Samoa, lay well to the east of this line, they established Sabbath observance according to western-hemisphere day sequence.

But the islands of Tonga followed the same days as Australia and New Zealand. The missionaries observed the seventh-day Sabbath on Sundays.

A year later, on the return of the *Pitcairn*, the Edwin Butzes arrived from service on Pitcairn Island. Another year later, the Merritt Kelloggs joined the two missionary families already there. The propriety of seventh-day Sabbath observance on Sundays became a topic of lively interest as they worried about the inconsistency existing between teaching and practice. But it wasn't that the establishment of Sabbath worship on Sundays was wrong!

John Andrews published a tract offering a solution to the growing problem of locating a day-change line in the Pacific. Published in 1871 and entitled "The Definitive Seventh Day," it enjoyed the support of church leaders. In essence, it advocated a Bering Strait date line.

How's Your CPI?

by Ken Long

It was three minutes past five, Tuesday afternoon, October 17. Some 60,000 people were seated at Candlestick Park Stadium in San Francisco. In 17 minutes the third game of the 1989 World Series would begin.

Having beaten the San Francisco Giants in the first two games of the best-of-seven series, it looked promising for the Oakland Athletics. But San Francisco Giants catcher Terry Kennedy intended for his team to put an end to their dream.

Just 17 minutes before the first pitch, the stadium rumbled from movement deep within the earth—and all thoughts of baseball vanished.

"We heard Giant's batting coach Dusty Baker yell, 'Earthquake!'" Kennedy recalled.

"I knew something was wrong when I saw the first base dugout moving. I first thought to look for my wife in the stand.

"We found out where the priorities of life are. The World Series doesn't mean anything compared to what happened in the city tonight."

One minute winning the World Series was an all-consuming passion; the next it meant nothing. But it took a devastating earthquake to make the difference.

Sometimes our priorities need a shake. We become absorbed in our careers, our homes, our whatever. These things may be positive in themselves. But as their importance grows, our spiritual commitment can dim. Our priorities can blur.

We need to pause and evaluate our priorities—establish our own Christian Priority Index—CPI. Is the pursuit of the "good life" dominating our lives? Are we worrying needlessly about making ends meet? Have work commitments crowded out spiritual life?

Jesus says, "Make your spiritual life your number-one priority, and I'll ensure that your basic needs will be met."

Perhaps our CPI, our Christian Priority Index, needs a shake? **[E]**

Ken Long, a solicitor, writes from Sydney, NSW.

John Andrews's line proceeded through the Bering Strait and right on to Antarctica along the meridian of 168°36". The line passed to the east of the islands of Samoa, Niue and Tonga and only over water. Day change would occur at sea on crossing the meridian.

John Andrews's solution had commendable features, but subsequent events overruled even the remotest possibility of its serious acceptance.

From the 1850s travel across the Pacific increased significantly. As more ships plied the sea lanes it became necessary and urgent to have a permanently anchored day line. In 1884, representatives of 26 nations gathered in Washington, DC, to better organise world time.

By establishing the prime meridian of 0° at Greenwich in England, they logically caused day change to occur halfway around the world at 180°. In time this meridian became known as the International Date Line (IDL). It was where day change took place in the Pacific. To ensure that all islands of one country had the same day, the British Admiralty authorised the IDL to deviate around the islands on Pacific maps. This practical adjustment cared for the needs of Fiji, New Zealand, New Caledonia and Alaska.

On the *Pitcairn's* South Pacific voyages day change occurred at the 180° meridian. The missionaries on board, such as Edward Gates, knew that the line passed between the islands of Tonga and Fiji. German maps of the time also portrayed the same path for the IDL (see map elsewhere). Merritt Kellogg, E. Hilliard and Edwin Butz were indeed worried. While agreeing that John Andrews's Bering Strait line separated day sequence for the continents, they found real difficulty accepting the line's authority for the islands of the South Pacific. The church seemed to be advocating an IDL of 168°36"—but the missionaries observed an IDL of 180°. The difference was highly significant. If the Bering Strait line was correct, the missionaries in both Tonga and Samoa were observing Sabbath on the wrong day!

Counsel had been sought overseas. Benjamin Cady of Tahiti wasn't able to provide enlightenment. George Tenney wrote from Battle Creek advising the observance of days in harmony with the nearest continent—a proposition that would have meant fitting in with Australia and abandoning the growing practice of the nations in recognising the

180° meridian as the IDL.

Stephen Haskell, then teaching Bible at Avondale School for Christian Workers, offered an incredulous proposal—the observance of both Saturday and Sunday as holy until the issue could be sorted out! Merritt Kellogg replied by stating that God didn't ask for such a practice. He asked Stephen whether even he would follow his own advice!

The 19th century slipped into history without any resolution of the day-line problem. Merritt Kellogg transferred to Sydney, Australia, where he drew up plans for the new Wahroonga Sanitarium. In 1901 he supervised its construction. During this time he received Ellen White's reply to his letter of concern about the church's position on the day line.

She urged undeviating commitment to the principles and practice of present truth. The message, as symbolised by the three angels of Revelation, she said, was to be brought before the people. This was the most important work at hand. And trying to solve the unessential problem of the day line really wasn't his task.

Ellen White had crossed the IDL at 180° twice and knew from personal experience that there need be no confusion about its impact on Sabbath observance. And she wouldn't advocate the Bering Strait's line, or another popular theory known as the Eden Day Line, in view of the growing acceptance in theory and practice of the 180° meridian as the IDL.

Time and circumstances solved Merritt Kellogg's problem. The Adventist Church recognised the IDL at 180°. Countries to the west of the line observe eastern (or Asiatic) days, while countries to the east follow western (or American) days.

With time, Tahiti, the Cook Islands, Niue and Samoa changed to the western day sequence. The islands of Tonga, lying well to the east of 180°, didn't change.

Although Tonga observed the eastern day sequence, the Adventist Church in the last decade of the 19th century correctly established Sabbath observance on Sunday. Sunday is the right seventh day Sabbath for Tonga in relation to the 180° meridian—a meridian that became firmly established as the IDL for the nations of the world. **[E]**

David E. Hay is the president of the Tonga and Niue Mission.

Philippine Snapshots

by Robert McIver

The Philippines is a land of contrasts: hope and despair; wealth and poverty.

The man next to me in the plane is going to Manila to bring his Filipino wife back to Australia. He has already been to Manila once before to meet her (his first trip outside of Australia), has married her and returned to Australia to gain permission for her to immigrate. Now, four months later, he's on his way to escort her back to Australia. I wish him and his wife well.

Manila airport is modern. Hundreds of people line the barriers outside. Many offer taxis, hotels or things to purchase. Fortunately, my transportation is already arranged.

I'm surprised to discover that the Philippines has a population of 60 million. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has more than 400,000 members. The church operates three separate undergraduate colleges in the Philippines, with a total enrolment of almost 5,000. (Avondale has an enrolment of some 600.) Big things are happening in the church in the Philippines!

I attend Sabbath school and church. The church is large. Two of the walls are open arches to the outside so that air can circulate. I can choose from about 50 Sabbath school classes, nearly all of them are taken by enthusiastic young Filipinos.

I discover I'm at the college church [Philippine International church], not the Seminary church I thought I was attending.

Before the worship service, the man in the seat in front of me turns around to shake my hand. He teaches in the undergraduate theology program. He tells me that about 200 students are training to be ministers. Lest I become concerned that this might be a small enrolment, he explains that the other two colleges also train young ministers.

The service includes an ordination of elders and deacons. Eleven ordained ministers go up to the platform to join the ceremony.

Umbrellas are used every day in the Philippines. If it rains you need an umbrella (and I'm here in the wet season). If the sun is out, you may also appreciate an umbrella. Leaving church, the students, under colourful umbrellas, stream along the road toward the cafeteria.

I'm guided around Manila. We use bicycle-drive transport, "jeepneys," taxis and a bus. The jeepneys have a jeep-like front end and a truck-like back with an awning over the passengers, who sit on two long seats. On several occasions we stand on the back step and hang on until a seat becomes available. The jeepney ride costs one peso (15 pesos = \$1).

Security is evident everywhere. Two armed guards stand outside each bank; several stand inside. Guards often work 12-hour shifts. Both the college and the new seminary site have armed guards. I'm told of two separate occasions where a guard has been shot. Someone tells me of a secretary being brutally murdered on her way to work.

Dr Werner Vyhmeister (the seminary dean) takes me to the new seminary site. I watch concrete being manually shovelled into a bucket, lifted to a trestle, carried along the trestle, lifted to the top of the wall and then poured into the forms that are already in place. The bucket returns to the ground and the process is repeated.

The class I've come to teach includes students from Korea, Cameroon, Uganda, Yugoslavia and (of course) the Philippines. For many English is a second language—and my accent is a problem to everybody. Understanding

begins for some by the second day of teaching (the student's eyes begin to light up with comprehension). We meet for four hours each day, four days a week (no class on Wednesdays).

We discuss the so-called "exception clause" in Matthew 5:32 (anyone divorcing his wife, except on the grounds of fornication—*porneia*—makes her an adulteress) at some length. I then ask about divorce in their home conferences. Divorce is illegal in the Philippines (although some couples do separate), unknown in Korea and very rare in Yugoslavia, Cameroon or Uganda.

I eat with different faculty members in their houses. Gastronomically I visit the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, Holland, Yugoslavia, Argentina and the United States. The seminary faculty is truly international.

The teaching faculty are excellent, with qualifications from such places as Uppsala, the Free University of Amsterdam, the University of Chile, Drew University and Andrews University.

Students come to help with the cooking in several faculty homes. Several are nurses—there are some 1,000 students enrolled in the college nursing program.

While the seminary buildings and facilities are in good order, much remains to be done. The college moved to this campus from Manila 10 years ago. It's a magnificent campus. But there's still a need to seal part of the road, to add concrete paths, and the library is only about 25 per cent completed—though it's already in use.

The Philippines faces intractable problems. Land is expensive and population growth is a great worry. While the middle class limits the size of their families, the poor seek a large family as security for their old age.

There's activity everywhere. Buildings are going up throughout Manila, and the markets are always busy. It's a land of contrasts. There's hope; there's despair. There's wealth; there's abject poverty.

I leave the Philippines with warm memories of the hospitality of the seminary faculty and students, and of new friendships. I leave with a new respect for the Adventist Church in the Philippines and for those who work for the Master in this exciting and challenging part of the world. **12**

Dr Robert McIver, who lectures in the theology department at Avondale College, served briefly as a guest lecturer in the Philippines last year.

Beyond Knobs

by Ray Slade

A man can buy a new boat and discover he's got more friends than he dreamed possible.

Of course, if you really want the best, sir, we have the XJ100 model over here. You'll notice immediately that it has a lot more to offer."

I'm not the only one who's influenced by the outside appearance of a piece of hi-fi gear.

For quite some time now Mr Average-Hi-Fi-Buyer has been Mr Gullible. More than one manufacturer has sold models with knobs on the front minus wires that go nowhere on the inside. The essential price difference between models often comes not in their performance, but in their array of knobs.

Consumers—you and me—are sucked in by things that are adorned with gadgets, knobs and things. Notice how many people trade in their cars every year or so for a shiny new model that's got a sleek new dashboard. They like the dials that light up and the things that blink.

But under that bonnet—it's often the same old motor that the past six models had! It doesn't go any faster, and it isn't any cheaper to run—it just looks and smells better.

I wonder how many people have relegated their faithful old watch to a drawer somewhere, in exchange for a new digital one with lots of knobs that do all sorts of wonderful things when you push them. But it's really the same old time. It just has a new face, and new knobs to push.

There's something fascinating about flashing lights, buttons to press, levers, gadgets and knobs.

Unfortunately, the situation is no different when we consider the way we relate to one another as humans.

People prefer people with attractive and interesting "knobs." Especially interesting are the ones with knobs that are different from the ones we're used to seeing every day. However, most knobs usually have a sameness about them, in-


asmuch as they're often in the form of material possessions.

A man can buy a new boat and suddenly discover he's got more friends than he ever dreamed possible.

Ever had the "knob" treatment? It goes something like this: You're introduced to someone at a party, at work, in the foyer at church, or wherever. Immediately you feel yourself being scanned for knobs.

When it's discovered that you're only "one of the workers," that you don't own a Porsche, you don't have much to talk about, or any other interesting knobs, you usually hear, "My! How interesting . . . Oh, will you excuse me for a moment [meaning forever]? I must speak to someone over there [meaning, I've seen someone with more interesting knobs]."

Next time you're talking to someone, or simply thinking of enlarging your circle of friends, I challenge you to look beyond the knobs. You might find yourself part owner of a whole new collection of plain models with inner qualities that you never knew existed!

We get from people what we give; we find in them what we bring; we discover that the changes in them are really changes in ourselves. 



Ray Slade produces films when he's not writing for the RECORD. He lives in Melbourne.



Wrong Catch

by Joy McFadzean

Gerry leaned his fishing rod against the tree and went inside the tent to get some lunch. He'd been sitting on a rock beside the creek fishing all morning, but hadn't had a single bite.

Dad had promised to be back soon to take him further up the creek to a favourite fishing spot.

Suddenly he heard a loud noise. Gerry looked out to see a kookaburra caught on the hook at the end of his fishing line. The kookaburra was terrified.

Each time the bird tried to fly away it became more entangled, until it could fly no more.

Just then, Dad arrived. Gerry watched as Dad took a sack from the car, then threw it over the bird. Dad took hold of the bird, and as gently as possible took the hook out of its mouth.

Slowly and carefully he unravelled the line until he freed the bird. Gerry was relieved when it flew to a tree. "I'm sorry, Dad," he said. "I didn't think. I had left a worm on the hook."

"Well, let it be a lesson for you. Never leave anything dangerous lying about where someone or something could get hurt."

Every day while they camped the kookaburra came back and sat in the tree. It even flew down for Gerry to feed it morsels of meat.

"I think," said Gerry to his father, "that it's his way of saying, 'I forgive you,' and 'Thank you for saving my life.'"

Jean McFadzean writes from Melbourne.

PNG Conference

A Health Evangelism Conference, organised by the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, was held in Port Moresby from January 12 to 15. Speakers for the occasion included Drs Percy Harrold and Harley Stanton, Pastor Ray Baird and Mr Garth Jones. Mr Jones, a member of the Wahroonga church, is an administrator with the Life Education Centres established by the Rev Ted Noffs.

Euro-Africa Growth

Most unions of the Euro-Africa Division have a growing church membership, reported John Graz, director of Adventist Press Service, to delegates attending the EAD annual council, held in Switzerland late last year. Church membership has passed 300,000, with Angola recording exceptionally high growth of more than 9,000 people during 1989. "The unions of the Eastern European countries—except the Romanians, who weren't able to attend, are enjoying greater freedom," reports Pastor Graz. In planning for the future, delegates studied and approved principles of global strategy and confirmed the total commitment of the division's unions and institutions to the proclamation of the gospel to everybody.

Dangerous Attitudes

According to a survey recently completed among almost 2,000 Adventist members, many place the writings of Ellen White in a higher position of authority than what she claimed for them herself. Mrs Eleanor Scale, director of the Ellen White Resource Centre at Avondale, recently reported

that the survey revealed that younger people have greater difficulty in understanding the writing style of Ellen White, and only 55 per cent of respondents indicated they had read any of Ellen White's books in the past year. However, only 1 per cent categorised Ellen White as a "spoilt sport."

Year-end Visitors

Pastor David Taylor, vice-president for administration for the Central California Conference, visited the South Pacific Division during January. He was guest speaker for a youth congress held at Honiara (in the

Western Pacific Union Mission) from January 1 to 6. Pastor Taylor also spoke at the Aboriginal camp meeting held in Townsville from January 10 to 13.

Open-Heart

Open-heart surgery commenced recently at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Zimbabwe following a visit from Loma Linda surgeons, who tutored local medical staff to help them gain the necessary expertise. Some staff members travelled from Zimbabwe to Loma Linda to learn how to operate the heart-lung machine. "Medical teams from many organ

isations frequently visit Africa providing aid in specialist surgery," says Dr Saleem Farag, health and temperance director of the Eastern Africa Division. "Such programs open up the possibility of other Seventh-day Adventist medical alumni organising teams to make short visits to Third World countries. This work opens doors for the gospel that can be opened in no other way."

"Message" Course

Retired pastor David Down is to write another 21 lessons for the "Digging Up the Past" series, which will present a "full message" course in the context of archaeology. The present 12-lesson correspondence course has been one of the most popular courses offered by the Adventist Media Centre's Bible School.

"Quiet Hour"

Pastor LaVerne Tucker of "The Quiet Hour" radio program has been requested to conduct public evangelistic crusades in Port Vila, Vanuatu (May 20 to 29); in Suva, Fiji (June 1 to 9); and the following year (June 2 to 22) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Polish Visitor

Pastor W. Polok, president of the Polish Union, has been visiting Australia to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the first Polish church in the South Pacific. His visit with members of the Newcastle Slavic church from December 7 to 11 made media news. Pastor Polok told his audience that the church in Poland is experiencing a 10 per cent annual membership increase. In addition he reported on the best-known books in Poland



Photo: David Owens.

SAH Stages "Gift of Christmas" Program

Nearly 2,000 people attended the annual Carols by Candlelight program held on the lawns of the Sydney Adventist Hospital on December 3. The program, which focused on the theme "The Gift of Christmas," climaxed with the Hallelujah Chorus and a fireworks display.

at present—(1) the Bible, (2) the works of Lenin and (3) books written by Ellen White.

Appeal Record

The Seddon church (Victoria) last year collected \$33,000 for the ADRA Appeal. This is the largest amount ever raised by one church in the Trans-Australian Union Conference—and possibly in the South Pacific Division. "This is outstanding when you consider their aim was \$14,500 for a membership of 252," says Seddon pastor Dragan Jakovac. "Two families raised more than \$10,000 between them."

Reappointed

All officers and departmental directors of the North New South Wales Conference were re-elected at the 47th Session, held over the weekend of December 9 and 10 at the Avondale College church. Some 583 delegates attended, representing most of the 73 churches in the conference.

Ground Sold

The North New South Wales Conference's Byron Bay campground has been sold for \$1.5 million. As well, two of the nine lots for sale on the old Eraring campground have also been sold. "This money will be used to develop a new campground on the Stuart Point site," says conference president Pastor Rex Moe.

High Achievers

Wendy Timms and Susan Keating, Year 11 students at Avondale High School, took out major prizes in the 1989 Hunter Valley Research Foundation School Competition. Wendy's entry was placed "equal first," and Susan's was one of four "highly commended" entries. The competition



Photo: Ken Vogel.

Canberra Woman Gets Service Award

Elizabeth Kopka (pictured), a member of the Woden Valley SDA church, received an Achievement Award in recognition of her service to the ACT community, on December 4. The Chief Minister of the ACT Government, Rosemary Follett, presented the awards. "Elizabeth was thrilled to find out that her award was one of five 'Highly Commended,'" says Woden Valley minister Ken Vogel. "In her nomination, it stated that Ms Kopka worked tirelessly in facilitating the move of 12 profoundly intellectually disabled people from Woden Valley Hospital to a community nursing residential unit of Chapman Hostel. As the manager of Chapman Hostel, she continues to facilitate a high standard of service to this group of people. Elizabeth is also an active lay leader in her local church, and recently participated in a fly'n'build project in Mount Hagen, Papua New Guinea, where the above photo was taken."

was based on a geography research project.

Anti-Smoking

As part of the Great American Smokeout, Washington Adventist Hospital sponsored David Georlitz—the model and actor who portrayed the "Winston Man" in R. J. Reynolds cigarette ads for six years—to speak with students in several Montgomery County, Maryland, schools on the dangers of smoking. Georlitz, who began smoking at 15, quit his 24-year, two-pack-a-day habit during last year's Smokeout. Now he crusades against smoking, mostly before children.

Show Scoop

Twelve residents from Coronella Retirement Village at Nunawading, Victoria, recently won the lion's share of prizes at the Lilydale Agricultural Show.

They won 14 awards—12 in the restricted section (elderly entrants only) and two in the open section.

Among Oldest

The *Adventist Review*, which started in 1850, is now listed as the eighth-oldest continuous publication in the USA. The *Signs of the Times*, which started in 1874, is ranked 16th.

Hospital Opens

Opening ceremonies for Manaus Adventist Hospital in northern Brazil were held on November 16, reports Haroldo Seidl, institutional development director for Adventist Development and Relief Agency International. The hospital took four years to build, with funds provided by ADRA International and ADRA Germany. According to Seidl, 30 per cent of the services

provided by the hospital will be free to the surrounding community. The hospital will also be used in connection with medical launches along the Amazon River.

Bendigo Centenary

The Bendigo church (Victoria) will celebrate 100 years at a special service on Sabbath, March 17.

Thanks, Friend

A recent letter received by the editor of *Signs*, says: "For quite some time I have received *Signs*. I find it most enlightening and biblical. I sincerely thank a dear friend for her kindness in her gift of *Signs* each month."

Disaster Aid

A Uniting Church minister has been invited to San Francisco for at least a month to help in the aftermath of last year's devastating earthquake. The Rev John Hill, who chairs the Victorian Community Recovery Committee, believes that disaster relief should not major on food, clothing and shelter. Rather, it should provide people services—information, personal resources to overcome people's sudden loss of independence, and personal support such as listening, counselling and pastoral care. "We have taken disaster recovery out of the combat agencies and put it in the hands of the affected community and human-services management," says Mr Hill.

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.

Mount Isa Celebrates 21st Birthday



Mount Isa pastor Dave Hamilton (right) and his wife, Hilary, met Prime Minister Bob Hawke.

To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the Mount Isa church (Qld), all members present on November 18 signed a metre-long key handcrafted by fellow member Peter Nightingale, an industrial arts teacher at a local high school.

The Mayor of Mount Isa, Alderman Tony McGrady, and his wife, were guests at an afternoon program. The program centred around reminiscence and praise.

"The church's original charter, dated November 16, 1968, shows 40 signatures," says present pastor Dave Hamilton. "A number of these charter members are still attending, although many others have left Mount Isa. Our roll now records a membership of 43, but almost double that number attend church regularly."

The church is involved in welfare work within the local community, and last year distributed about three tonnes of clothing to people in need. In addition, members collected \$3,200 for the recent

ADRA Appeal. The church also conducts community programs such as stop-smoking clinics and vegetarian-cooking classes.

"The community responds positively to these programs," says Mr Hamilton. "And since the publicity of the Chamberlain case, we have had a higher public profile. With the adoption of a corporate logo, we have come out from hiding behind our programs. And instead of looking like a community group, we are now saying that we are a church."

Seventh-day Adventists have been meeting in Mount Isa since 1948. The first minister to care for this group in far western Queensland was Pastor Bill Turner, who lived there during 1957 and 1958.

The present church was opened on October 2, 1971, at the corner of Sunset Drive and Abel Smith Parade. It was built for around \$15,000, with members doing much of the labour on a volunteer basis.

Shortly after the anniversary celebrations, Dave Hamilton and his wife, Hilary, met with Prime Minister Bob Hawke and the Premier elect of Queensland, Wayne Goss, during their visit to Mount Isa.

"During an informal chat with Mr Hawke, I discussed what the name Seventh-day Adventist means and explained our logo," says Mr Hamilton. "We also talked about some environmental issues and how we, as Adventists, are concerned for the environment because we consider we have been commissioned to be caretakers of this earth."



Local Pastor Dave Hamilton holds the original Mount Isa church charter in front of the church building. On November 18 the members celebrated 21 years since the church opened.

Indianapolis GC Session To Feature Fitness Run

A Fitness Run designed to acquaint the community with Seventh-day Adventists as an international church and as a people vitally interested in a lifestyle of health and fitness will be a feature of the General Conference Session in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in July.

It is expected that runners from nearly 200 countries will take part in the run, planned for Sunday, July 8.

"The event will focus attention on health and fitness, as well as encourage our own members to initiate or continue a total-fitness lifestyle," says Pastor Don Bain, South Pacific Division Adventist Health director.

"In addition, it will allow interaction with city officials by inviting them to participate as runners, as walkers or as honorary race officials."

The run is designed to cater for all age groups, with three distance events—10 km; five km and one mile. Veteran walkers Hulda Crooks and Mavis Lingdren will be among those taking part.

A registration fee of \$US12, payable before July 3, entitles participants to a souvenir T-shirt and a "carbo reload" vegetarian brunch supplied by Worthington Foods.

All runners who complete their specified course will receive ribbons. Special awards will go to the first-, second- and third-place male and female in the two longer distances. In addition, first-, second-, third- and fourth-place awards for the two longer distances will go to both males and females in the age categories 13 and under, 14-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 and over.

For the one-mile run, first-place male and female will receive awards. In addition, first-, second-, third- and fourth-place awards will go to both males and females in the age categories 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 and over.

In the walking section, which covers

the same three distances, special awards will be given to the first- and second-place male and female in the 10-kilometre and one-mile walks.

Awards will be given to the first-, second- and third-place male and female in the five-kilometre walk. And, in the five-kilometre walk only, awards will be given to the first- and second-place male and female in each of the age categories.

Special awards will be presented to all pre-registered handicap finishers. And random prizes will be distributed during the awards ceremony.

Visitors to the General Conference who are not taking part in the Fitness Run are invited to participate by overseeing drink stations, dressed in national costume. More details and entry forms can be obtained from Pastor Don Bain, Adventist Health Department, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

PNG Health Officer Appeals for Dukanes

Papua New Guinea medical practitioner Dr Garup (pictured on cover) is excited. She has caught a vision of how the people of PNG might be educated in matters of health and hygiene, and her solution is simple to implement.

"Dr Garup is a specialist obstetrician and gynaecologist in Lae," says Les White, Adventist Health Department director in PNG. "When I visited her at Angau Memorial Hospital she was busy in the children's ward trying to resuscitate a month-old baby girl. Three times she thought she had succeeded, but the baby died in front of us."

"It was so sad. But Dr Garup assures me this sort of thing happens a couple of times every week. 'If only we had the simple filmstrip and cassette programs available from Adventist Health Services, in conjunction with those available from the World Health Organisation and the PNG Government Health Department, it would go a long way toward helping to save lives such as this baby girl's,' she told me."

"And I think she's right," continues Mr White. "Some attempts have been made to produce video programs for general health education. But video is expensive to produce, and is soon affected

by the high humidity here. It requires heavy maintenance and a lot of 'down time.'

"On the other hand, film strips for a Dukane projector can be produced for about 10 per cent of the cost of video. And the Dukane is of stronger construction, more adapted to portable use, and not useful for any purpose other than showing filmstrips—there's less likelihood of people borrowing the Dukane for the weekend!"

According to Mr White, some funding is available for production of the filmstrips. And, in faith, work has already begun on the project. But they need Dukane projectors for the scheme to really get under way.

"There must be many Dukane projectors in the homeland that have now given place to videos," he says. "I believe an immense amount of good could result from this project. In outlying areas we can run Dukanes from the cigarette lighter of a 4-wheel-drive and put on a show in the village or at the market. And all hospitals have 240-volt power to operate such a machine."

"We have more than 500 Adventists involved in health work in PNG, many of them in responsible positions. The matrons of the two major hospital in the Sepik Province—at Wewak and Vanimo—are both Adventists. They would welcome Dukane projectors for their outpatient areas. Mothers could view filmstrips while waiting to have their babies weighed or vaccinated."

If any churches or RECORD readers have disused Dukane projectors that they would be happy to donate, they can freight them to Mr White, C/- PNG Union Mission of the SDA Church, PO Box 86, Lae, Papua New Guinea; or contact the Adventist Health Department at the South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076; phone (02) 489 7122; fax (02) 487 1659.

Euroa Celebrates 60th Birthday

The Euroa church, in Victoria, celebrated its 60th anniversary with a special service on Sabbath, November 18. Many members and pastors from former years attended.

Pastor Raymond Stanley preached the sermon. Others who attended included Ormond Anderson (pastor, 1930), Hugh

Dickins (foundation member), Lyn Burns (former pastor) and Mayo Logue (who is both a former pastor and present pastor).

Pastor Anderson—who still plays the trombone he had when in Euroa 60 years ago—Jennifer Penny, Chris Spicer and Pastor Burns provided special musical selections, accompanied by Melbourne organist Romney King.

Other representatives with roots back to the early days included four members of the Morgan family, four members of the Love family, three members of the Dickins family, and Leon Paterson from Ballarat.

A special offering raised \$500 for furnishings for the Amaroo Nursing Home at Euroa.

By Eric Greenwell, Communication director of the Victorian Conference.

Avondale College Stages 87th Grad



1989 graduate Karen Hughes greeted Avondale's oldest living graduate, Mabel White.

More than 2,000 people packed into Avondale College's auditorium to witness the graduation of 162 students on Sunday, November 26, during the college's 87th graduation service. Eleven students gained degrees and diplomas with distinction, and six received credit.

Visitors from throughout Australia, New Zealand and various overseas countries attended the weekend of celebrations. Mrs Althea Halliday, a teaching graduate of 1970, was speaker for the consecration service, held in the college church on the Friday evening.

The valedictory service, at 11 am Sabbath, was delivered by Pastor Kenneth Mittleider, general vice-president of the General Conference. He

spoke to the graduates' theme—"Seize the Day."

The graduation ceremony commenced at 10 am on Sunday with an address delivered by Dr Allan Taylor, head of the School of Education at the University of Newcastle. College principal Dr Bryan Ball made the presentation of awards, assisted by the chairman of the Board of Governors, Pastor Walter Scragg.

Avondale College has graduated more than 8,000 students since 1902.

By John Banks, Director of Public Relations for Avondale College.



Shelley Copland received congratulations following her graduation with a BEd (Home Ec).

World Leader Calls for Harvest Climax

General Conference president Pastor Neal C. Wilson is encouraging division leaders to make the surpassing of the six-million barrier in church membership an impetus for the final stretch of the Harvest 90 "race."

"We invite the world church to unite in an unprecedented evangelistic outreach by dedicating the last six months of Harvest 90 to a gigantic program of soulwinning," said Pastor Wilson. "We would like to produce a global evangelistic explosion in which all administrators, departmental leaders, pastors and church members actively participate in some soulwinning enterprise."

During January to March each church is being encouraged to implement ongoing evangelistic plans that include

public campaigns, Revelation Seminars, baptismal classes and home Bible study groups. The aim is to actively involve at least 20 per cent of members in soulwinning.

From April to June, pastors are encouraged to plan for 90 days of reaping, through doctrinal sermons, with calls to accept Christ and connect with His church. Frequent baptismal ceremonies are also being encouraged.

Sabbath, May 26, will be a Worldwide Victory Day in which churches throughout the world are encouraged to conduct baptisms. A faith goal of 100,000 baptisms in one day has been set—the largest number in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

NZ Laymembers Plan Program; Youlden Speaker

Laymembers played a vital role in an intensive nine-day mission conducted in Whangarei (New Zealand) from November 3 to 11, according to church communication secretary Joy Melville. "Focus on Living" presenter Pastor Geoff Youlden was speaker for the programs.

The series climaxed with a Sabbath seminar at the Whangarei Adventist church complex. At the meeting, Pastor Youlden answered the question, "Is Baptism Really Necessary?"

"Many of those present had never before witnessed a baptismal service," says Mrs Melville. "So the baptism of Annette Smith and Peter McRae proved enlightening."

"Both baptisms resulted from laymember contact, and both had for some time attended church services presented by local minister Ken Bird."

"We were all thrilled when 30 people responded to Pastor Youlden's appeal for baptism," Mrs Melville adds. Following the service, about 200 shared a sit-down "Health Lunch" in the church hall.

In the afternoon, Dr Michelle McLeish, who has recently taken charge of the Inverkeithing Health Care Clinic, lectured on "The Anti-Cancer Diet." She had previously given four once-a-week health lectures in the church, with up to 40 participants present each time.

According to Mrs Melville, the main factors contributing to the success of the mission program included the planning

and contacts made by laymembers, under the leadership of personal ministries secretary Jan Greenfield.

"Because of this preparation, Pastor Youlden was able to present subjects of importance right from the first night and the people responded to his clear presentation. The hall remained almost full throughout the series."



Geoff Youlden (centre) baptised Annette Smith and Peter McRae during meetings in NZ.

Guest Day in NZ Features Baptism



More than 50 visitors shared in the Sabbath celebration at Tauranga (New Zealand) on December 2. Highlight of the day was the baptism of 10 new members (pictured).

"Many happy parents rejoiced to see their children baptised by Pastor Ian McKean," says church pastor John Horvath. "Especially delighted were Clive and Ann Thoreson, who saw their prayers answered when the last of their adult children, Shaille and Daniel, along

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Crossing the border was only the beginning.
- **Harry and Jessica:**
A love story. Harry discovers a greater love.
- **Why Would Anyone Want to Be a Clergyman?**

with their son-in-law, Rex, committed their lives to their Saviour.

"Most of the candidates said that a major contributing factor to their decision was the friendship offered by church members and the personal interest taken in their welfare. One candidate had completed eight Bible courses before his baptism."

Cousins Win "Go For Gold" Awards in Vic

Cousins Jared Bentley and Stephen Kane recently received the first Adventist Youth Gold Awards to be presented in the Victorian Conference in more than 10 years. The young men are members of the Leongatha Pathfinder club.

"The achievement was particularly satisfying for Jared Bentley," says Victorian Conference Communication director Pastor Eric Greenwell. "On the day after his 13th birthday Jared was involved in a motorcycle accident on the family farm. He spent nearly three months in hospital, plus many weeks of rehabilitation."

"Despite this setback, Jared completed the requirements for the Silver Award last year. With his cousin, he then decided to 'Go for Gold.' Together they achieved the high standard of physical fitness and cultural excellence demanded to attain the award."



Bowral Baptism Follows Special Care

The baptism of Christina and Robert Velde (pictured) in the Bowral (NSW) church on December 16 resulted from coordinated evangelism. And according to local pastor Clarence O'Neill (centre), the baptism proved a deeply moving experience for the whole congregation.

"A few months previously, these young parents had booked in at Sydney Adventist Hospital for the birth of their second child," says Pastor O'Neill. "When the baby was stillborn, chaplain Dr Tom Ludowici helped them through the trauma. And as a result of his ministry, they became interested in the Adventist lifestyle and philosophy."

When Christina left hospital, Dr Ludowici gave the couple's home address to the local minister, who made contact. The Bible studies that followed culminated in the Veldes' baptism, and the dedication of their daughter, Lavia.



Photo: Eric Greenwell.

Samoan Company Formed in Victoria

Some 300 Samoans from as far away as Brisbane attended the formation of the first Melbourne Samoan company on November 25, in what was believed to be the largest gathering of Adventist Samoans in Australia ever.

Pastor Aleni Fepulea'i of Sydney presented the sermon in the morning. Victorian Conference president Pastor Calvyn Townend led out in the afternoon service, at which the company was formed.

Forty-one charter members signed the book, and 15 others—some of whom will be baptised shortly—signed as intending members. For the present, the new group will meet each week in the Nunawading High School hall.

Brass bands from Sydney and Brisbane, plus group and individual musical items, contributed to the special day of celebration that concluded with an evening concert.

Among those who took part were (from left): Pastor Aleni Fepulea'i, Luteru Tauati (company leader), Launiu Tauati, Aleki Wulf, Aso Wulf (clerk), Pastor Calvyn Townend (conference president), Luisa Teoteo, Sila Teoteo (group founder) and Pastor Ray Howes, Auburn church pastor, who has fostered the group.

CHURCH NEWS

Bunbury Baptism



Photo: Kerrol Gildersleeve.

A recent baptism conducted by Pastor Don McClure following a Revelation Seminar in Bunbury demonstrated the cosmopolitan nature of Bunbury's population, according to communication secretary Kerrol Gildersleeve. Valado Vladislavljovic from Czechoslovakia, and John Signorini, whose family background is Italian, joined Tracie Yardley as new Seventh-day Adventists. Church young people Jodie Webb (daughter of David and Lynley Webb) and Todd Jones (son of Rod and Pam Jones)—both from long-time Adventist families—also joined the baptismal group. "The Bunbury church has seen remarkable growth in recent months," says Mr Gildersleeve, "and we are looking forward to an even larger baptismal group in the near future." The group are (from left): Valado Vladislavljovic, Tracie Yardley, Todd Jones, Jodie Webb, John Signorini and Pastor Don McClure.

Women's Retreat

Carol McKean was guest speaker recently when 60 women from the Hamilton church (NZ) met recently in the local church school for a day of fellowship. She addressed the topic of prayer. "Mrs McKean spoke in a practical way of the experiences she has had," says reporter Edna Smith. "We each felt challenged to make our prayer life more effective. Then we can expect to see more answers to our prayers."

Health in Hamilton

Women from the Hamilton (New Zealand) church have found such an interest in vegetarian cooking that they plan to conduct daytime demonstrations in homes this year, according to reporter Edna Smith. "There's no doubt but that people in our town are ready and willing to listen to us about good health and good food," says Mrs Smith. "More than

100 attended cooking classes last year, and the demand for our fig and date coffee has been remarkable. One participant is now coming to church."

Women's Camp

"Until Then—Jesus Is All I Need" was the theme for the annual Western Australian Women's Camp, held on the coast near Perth from October 20 to 22. One hundred and nine women attended—some from as far away as Geraldton and Albany. "Guest speaker Veronika Chester, from Cooranbong (New South Wales), dealt with Praise, Prayer, Forgiveness, Stress and Encouragement. Her presentations deeply touched those present," says reporter Evelyn Quick. "During a moving farewell meeting, those present gave Mrs Chester a standing ovation in appreciation." Highlights of the camp included a candle-light dinner, reports of answers to prayer and spiritual bonding that developed between participants. Copies of meetings taken by Mrs Chester on prayer, forgiveness, stress and encouragement can be ordered through the Adventist Book Centre, PO Box 134, Gosnells, WA 6110. Please send a money order for \$14 with your request.

New Auckland Members



Photo: Inoke Kaitu'u.

Seven people joined the Auckland Tongan church following their baptism in the Brentwood church (New Zealand) on November 11. The baptism resulted from an evangelistic campaign conducted during September and October by Pastor Hufanga Fui. Pictured from left (front row): Malu Payne, Wendy Payne, 'Ofa Tamale, Tava Taufu, Latai Taufu. Back row: Apolosi Payne and Tevita Payne.

Margate Baptism

Pastor Michael Browning baptised four people in the Margate church (Tas-

mania) on November 18, following a Revelation Seminar conducted in the home of Pauline and John Roberts. Mr and Mrs Roberts had been baptised



just prior to the commencement of the seminar. Pictured, from left: Pastor Browning, Pauline Cini, Jenny Bott, Beryl Manning (nee Lehner) and Yiannis Dimitriou. A church luncheon after the service gave opportunity for members and visitors to fellowship together. The following week members met for closing-Sabbath worship and a fellowship meal to farewell Pastor and Mrs Browning and their children, Khala and Michael. The Brownings are leaving to be missionaries to Vanuatu. On behalf of the church, local elder Ray Stanton presented the Brownings with a barometer as a memento of their stay in Margate. He wished them much of God's blessing in their new sphere of labour. Mission life is nothing new for Mrs Browning. Formerly Ann Harrison, she grew up in the "islands" with her missionary parents.—Valerie Ward, communication secretary.

Member Turns 100

Mrs Euphemia Laycock, a member at White Park Chapel (Victoria), celebrated her 100th birthday late last year. Mrs Laycock was baptised on October 25, 1964, by Pastor A. E. Cook.



Photo: Eric Greenwell.

NOTICEBOARD

Appreciation

Dever. Miriam Dever and family wish to thank all those who have sent condolences in their sad loss of husband and father.

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 Signs Publishing Company staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

Minchow, Isabel Alice ("Bel"), born November 22, 1904, in northern Queensland; died November 22 in Cairns. Bel was the youngest in a family of 14 children. Her husband, Frederick, whom she married in 1946, was a cane-farmer. Baptised with her husband in Ayr in the early 1950s, Bel was quiet, gracious and hardworking. She is survived by her son, Frederick (Edmonton); and daughters, Beth Hughes (Ipswich) and May Forno (Townsville). Mrs V. Brown (best known as "Brownie"), a close friend of Bel's, wrote and presented a poem in her honour.

Ken Houlston.

Advertisements

Indianapolis Here We Come! (DV) Enthusiasm re the soon-coming General Conference Session is running high. Even there and back in 19 days is an opportunity too good to miss. 484 have by their deposits reserved their accommodation in the nearby hotel. Not all who hoped to go can do so, so there are some vacancies for those who quickly decide. All must have their signed booking-form and a \$200 deposit in to Marion Parry and Lyndon Taylor as quickly as possible. Full fare to be in ere March 15, 1990. Take-off is Sunday, July 1. Write for brochure to Unit 4 "Coronella," 163 Central Road, Nunawading Vic 3131. Phone (03) 877 5804.

Volunteer Fly'n'Build Team Needed. Guam-Micronesia Mission require a volunteer group who could be available for approximately two weeks between June 10 and July 21 to help replace the roof on the Day Academy in Guam. For further information please write to: Elder James M. Campbell, President, Guam-Micronesia Mission of SDA, 290 Chalan Palasyo, Agaña Heights, Guam 96919.

Volunteer Fly'n'Build Team Needed—Thailand. Volunteer fly and build group required to rebuild school in Tok Province, Thailand. Period of service—approximately two weeks in April or May. For further information please write to: Miss Helen Hall, PO Box 16, Mae Sot, Tok Province, Thailand.

House to Let—Wellington, NSW. 3 B/R, partly furnished. Six months lease from early March. For particulars phone Doris Maher on (068) 45 3207.

Rental Near Lilydale Academy. 3 B/R, B/V home in Lilydale, overlooking pasture land. Lilydale Academy close by and 1.5 km from railway station. Rental is \$149 pw. Owners shifting late January, available for immediate rental. Phone Ross on (03) 756 7289 or (03) 861 9774 (both A/H).

House for Sale. Highset B/V. Three B/R with built-in up. Study/fourth B/R, rumpus, extra bathroom down. Remote-control door. Excellent condition. \$145,000. Walk Brisbane Adventist High and Primary Schools.

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