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Cover: Lakshmi, who appeared on the cover of the January 20, 1990, issue, can now walk without crutches.

Photo: Peggy Nash.



Varied Interpretations

What did you think of those two editorials in the RECORD a couple of weeks ago—the ones about the adulterous woman?"

Treasurer Smith looked up from counting the offering. He could tell by the tone of Deacon Jones's voice that the bait was being dangled. (Despite their inability to agree on almost anything, they were great friends and enjoyed a good discussion.)

"Did the editor hit a little too close to home?" Smith asked, playing with the bait.

"No way. I just didn't like how he said that people should *never* face church discipline.

"He said that?" Smith probed the bait. "I didn't read it. He simply compared Jesus' reaction to the woman's offence with the more stringent reaction of an imaginary church board. Are you saying the woman *should* have been stoned?"

"No, I'm not. But I know what he was *trying* to say, even if he didn't say it in so many words. That's why I think parables shouldn't be used as editorials. They're too vague." Jones was ready to reel Smith in on this argument.

"But there's good precedent for using parables," Smith said.

"But not to condemn the church and its leaders and its policies," said Jones. "That's what I found so offensive."

"Well, Nathan the prophet didn't exactly praise David in his parable about the lamb. And Jesus didn't use His parables to tell what wonderful people the Pharisees were," said Smith.

"However, I don't think the editor was condemning anyone," he added. "He just said that if we had been living in Christ's day we probably would have been in the group calling for the woman to be stoned. And he gave some of the arguments we might have put forward. He really was saying that we're not as superior as we might think."

"Well, I think we should look at only the positive side," said Jones. "Remember Philipians 4:8."

"Yes," said Smith, noting slackness on the line, "I remember. But I think that needs to be seen in the context of Ecclesiastes 3:1—there's a time to dwell on the bright side, and there's a time to

take a warts-and-all look at ourselves.

"Jesus did that, you know," he added "I mean, He didn't *have* to say that it was a priest and a Levite who passed by the man on the Jericho road. After all, that didn't do a lot for the image of the clergy and the teachers, did it?"

"And Jesus didn't have to tell us Laodiceans that we're 'wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.' He could have looked at our good points instead—which, incidentally, He did. He started off by acknowledging the good. But then He got down to business about what we're really like."

Jones seemed to be fumbling with the reel, so Smith swam on. "And Jesus could have told us to ignore all the inadequacies, inequities and inconsistencies in the church. But somehow I don't see that approach meshing with the command of Isaiah 58:1: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

"But that's just the point," said Jones, getting the net ready. "We should be *attacking* sin. But what the editor did in those editorials was *excuse* sin, make it trivial, make it of no consequence, make the church look stupid for having rules about how offenders should be treated, make . . ."

"I don't think the editor excused sin at all," said Smith, getting into the topic with the total animation demanded by a good discussion with Jones.

"He simply pointed out that too many of us are too rigid and too unbending in dealing with erring brothers and sisters—even though we're rather generous when dealing with those who err before joining our ranks. He didn't undercut fidelity in marriage or the right of the church to administer discipline. He simply said not to lose sight of weightier matters."

Just then two car horns sounded. Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith had waited long enough. The need for marital harmony was the one thing on which Smith and Jones agreed, so the discussion ended immediately.

And how can I be so sure what Smith and Jones said to each other? I read my mail.

James Coffin.

LETTERS

No Way!

My sincere appreciation for the RECORD. I don't know where I'd be without it and its approach to the 1990s! But to say, "The liberated millions of Eastern Europe and the Baltic States, having tasted the euphoria of freedom..." ("The Pain in Freedom," August 25)—*what nonsense!*

Late last year, my wife and I visited her family in Estonia—and we've had many letters from them since. I can assure you that they haven't been "liberated." And as for "euphoria," I'm left searching for words as I remember those people and what they're enduring right now.

In a recent letter a cousin spoke of "fear and trepidation of what might happen next." Does that sound like "euphoria" to you? It certainly doesn't to me!
Graham Will, New Zealand.

Partial Picture

Those correspondents who have supported the granting of company cars to Sanitarium Health Food Company managers and their claim for increased salaries may not have considered all the implications of such moves.

Contribution to the church shouldn't be measured solely by dollars poured into its budget. If wage parity with outside entities is the model, then what of our education system? Senior teachers, let alone headmasters and deputy heads, are well below the state levels. The haemorrhage of qualified staff is just as serious for our schools as for the SHF.

What of ministers' wages in large urban churches? Of missionary pilots? Of division investment managers? And if the realities of business are to guide the managerial wage scale, why should factory staff forgo unions and collective bargaining?
Norman H. Young, NSW.

Ivory Tower

As one who has sat on boards and in business meetings for 26 years, I'd like to know what you'd have done in your fictitious adultery trial ("A Story Revisited," September 8). And as for "The Rest of the Story" (September 15), the last line shows that you've completely missed the point of church discipline.

I suggest that you leave your "ivory tower," join us (whom you have well and truly stoned the past few weeks), and let the church members teach you how to deal with the real-life situations over

which they sit (and weep) in business meetings.

At least it would spare us from editorial imaginings for a while. Please keep our paper as the "record."

John Kosmeier, NSW.

Why Written?

I've read and re-read your editorial "A Story Revisited" (September 8) in an endeavour to discover your motivation for the article.

If your purpose was to suggest that love and sympathy be shown, and proper scriptural procedures followed in correcting wrongdoing, then why not present for reconsideration the instruction of Matthew 18? And add a few excerpts from the church manual, which gives considerable space to protecting the member from harsh unchristian action.

The two references to the church manual were extremely negative. Yet we're warned: "If there were no church discipline and government, the church would go to fragments."—*Testimonies*, Vol 3, page 428.

If you have anything to add to what Jesus has said in this matter, please let us have it soon.
Wal Taylor, NSW.

Slow Learners

I would think that after 130 years Seventh-day Adventists would know how to spell their name. So it amazes me to see church notices and bulletins, some even showing the new logo, welcoming

people to the "Seventh Day Adventist Church." I have even seen it on mail from a conference office!

Our church name proclaims two doctrines: the seventh-day Sabbath, and the advent of Jesus—and this consists of only two words. "Seventh-day" is hyphenated, with a small "d."

While on the subject of church names, let me also point out that "Adventist" is pronounced properly as AD-vent-ist, (to distinguish us clearly from "dentists"!). This spelling and pronunciation trivia is surely as important as the correct method of dating the RECORD!

David Coltheart, Qld.

Tribute

I'd like to pay tribute to Adrian Cooper, who was recently killed in a car accident in Rwanda. (Flashpoint, August 25). Adrian was a competent administrator and educator as well as a family man. To him, building the country's premiere computer-education facility and building a play hut for his children were of equal importance.

Why a man with such abilities, education, skills and dedication should die defies human understanding.

A. Hunt, New Zealand.

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Just a Coincidence...



Adventism's Perspective on Conservationism

by B. L. Vickery

Adventists are accused of letting our understandings of eschatology and our excitement for the imminent second coming distract us.

With what seems to be the thawing of the "cold war," nuclear annihilation is no longer humanity's pressing fear. Ecological woes provide the more terrifying fears—"global warming" (the greenhouse effect), the scorching of rain forests and much more.

Most governments, and organisations of all sizes and shapes, have begun espousing "conservationist" policies. Recently the multinational hamburger chain McDonalds placed one-page ads in Australia's prominent newspapers. "Let's clear the air, not the forests!" the ad read. In this age, when people will martyr themselves for the environment, what view does the Adventist Church have on the subject?

Political pundits believe the Hawke Labor government owed its unprecedented fourth term to the minor parties, who gave Labor their preference votes because Labor had a better record on environmental issues. Senator Graham Richardson—who has been called a "born-again greenie"—was instrumental in releasing the 1989 Environmental Statement, which did much to ingratiate the electorate.

Today's sinister evils are: drift-net fishing, acid rain, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), chainsaws and burning rainforests. The tree has staged a mighty comeback—becoming a sacred icon in our pluralistic society. Conservationism has supplanted Christianity as the trendy new religion, especially in the Western world.

Even the contemporary music industry is saturated with conservation-conscious performers, such as Midnight Oil, John Williamson, Sting and John Denver. John Williamson's song "Rip, Rip, Wood Chip" was used to open the 1989 Rugby League Grand Final.

It would be a shame if "the world" stole the thunder from the church concerning this issue—because most of the world doesn't even believe in a Creator. Yet many of them seem more concerned than Christians about this topic.

Gadaffi and terrorism are no longer Public Enemy Number One. It's now multinational companies who wantonly pollute the environment. Ironically, whales marooned on beaches evoke more public pathos than starving children with swollen tummies! The new repugnant sight is a dead, oil-smeared sea otter.

Conservationism is no longer restricted to "hippie dole-bludgers" and professional activists who chain themselves to trees to stop the onslaught of bulldozers. Conservationism is em-



braced by educators, "yuppies" and society at large.

Consumers have altered their buying habits, boycotting companies and products that disregard the environment. Recycling has replaced saving as the in-vogue activity. These days politicians needn't kiss babies to woo voters—they just plant a tree. Has the world become more reverential than the church toward nature? Or is the devil using this movement as a ploy to promote pantheism?

The established churches have articulated their policies, pandering to the media. But the evangelical-fundamentalist groups remain strangely silent. In fact, this group—Adventists included—are accused of letting our understandings of eschatology and our excitement for the imminent second coming distract us.

"So we're irresponsible on the environment," an Adventist builder recently muttered. "I couldn't care less if trees became extinct, because, after all, the second coming will burn them up anyway!" "The clearing of the Amazon rainforests is good for evangelism because the new highways carry the gospel," said another.

Is our temporary status on this planet justification for being environmentally complacent? What is the Biblical perspective on this issue?

We read that in unfallen Eden "God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:15.* So our original role was that of garden caretaker.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God outlined the ecological consequences of disobedience: "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

Making Missions Special

by Kellie Hancock

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground." Genesis 3:17-19.

So sin is responsible for the inherent hostility and problems in nature.

Paul, in Romans 8:22-23, reveals how nature is victimised by the decay of sin: "The whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth." The implication is that nature yearns for the second coming in order to be ecologically liberated.

In a more chilling context, Revelation 11:18 pronounces condemnation on those who misappropriate the earth's resources, saying that God will destroy "those who destroy the earth." Scripture repeatedly declares God's sovereignty of the earth.

Granted Adventism's unequivocal loyalty to the creation account, we would be remiss if we *collectively* weren't strong on the biblical concept of conservation. Salvation entails full restoration and regeneration—and it extends even to the environment.

Industrialists sometimes defend over-development by citing Genesis 1:28: "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." They say that's just what's happening—they're subduing the earth.

Most commentators favour the stewardship aspect of the verse, however. It's not a mandate for "gung ho" exploitation of natural resources. Genesis makes it clear that nature is a precious resource to be used judiciously. Polluting and abusing the earth is tantamount to vandalising God's neighbourhood!

Christians should respect and honour God's creation regardless of whether Christ's coming is near or not. Yet we mustn't be extremists.

We shouldn't prostrate ourselves in sackcloth and ashes every time we remove an over-aged tree. But it's hypocritical to advocate Creation and the Sabbath, yet not consider the environment. If we want to be taken seriously in today's world, we mustn't let our corporate and individual actions undermine some of our key doctrines. **R**

*All biblical quotations are from the New International Version.

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VIEWPOINT articles allow readers to express their own opinions. The viewpoints are not necessarily those of the editors or the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We welcome your reaction.

The Year of Adventist Missions, 1990, holds a special meaning for my husband and me, as this year we've become "real missionaries!"

What does the word "missionary" mean to you? *The Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary* defines missionary as "a person engaged in a religious mission." One of the best definitions has been given by Dr Terry C. Hulbert: "A missionary is a supported worker who is involved in the expansion of the church in a culture other than his own."

This definition implies cross-cultural experience and not simply witnessing to neighbours who are of the same culture. Many anthropologists today prefer to use the term cross-cultural worker (CCW) rather than "missionary." Like so many "Christian" words today, the word "missionary" has a broad definition.

How can you make what's left of the Year of Adventist Missions relevant to you and your family?

Think of all your friends, relatives and fellow church members. Do you know anyone who's a CCW? (If you have no family or friends that are CCWs, ask your local pastor or conference office. They should be able to supply you with some names of people from your area who are currently working in the mission fields.) Make those CCWs *your* "project" for the rest of this year—and then just keep right on.

Keep in touch with them regularly. Let them know that there are people in the homeland who care about them and the work they're doing. Being a CCW is a rewarding, challenging experience. But at times CCWs can feel lonely and isolated. Remember, they're often a long way from family and friends. So here are a few ideas for "creative caring":

1. Write letters frequently—include news of recent family gatherings, church events and local news. (Little cards to say Hi are nice, but long, newsy letters are real favourites.)

2. CCWs often find it hard keeping up

with the latest world news and current affairs. (Newspapers are a "luxury" in some areas.) Collect magazine articles and newspaper clippings to send to your CCWs.

3. Photos are a nice way of keeping up to date. Take pictures at the birthdays, weddings and graduations of friends and family. Your CCWs will appreciate this visual record, and will probably send photos depicting their new lifestyle, too.

4. Tape a sermon or special program at your church. The way of worshipping may be different in your CCWs' area, so it will be refreshing to hear a familiar program, with old friends participating.

5. Keep your CCWs in touch with church news by sending a copy of the latest conference newsletter.

6. Encourage the littlies to draw/paint some artwork to send to your CCWs' children. By taking an active part in this family "project," children will learn about life in another culture. Study an atlas and show the children where your CCWs live, and read encyclopedias to learn about the local customs, food and clothing.

7. For special days (such as birthdays) send a "care package." Some small favourite item that your CCWs may not be able to obtain in their new home (a favourite type of chocolate, perfumed soap, dried fruit, a tape of their favourite music, a magazine/book on their favourite hobby).

8. Pray for your CCWs—during family worship, at church programs and in your personal devotion time.

Start during the Year of Adventist Missions to form a caring, supportive friendship with *your* CCWs. They'll be blessed by it, and you'll gain a personal insight into what's happening in the mission fields today. Have a wonderful year! **R**

Kellie Hancock writes from Kambubu Adventist High School, Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

Does the Adventist Appeal Measure Up?

by Peter Jack

More and more our members are requesting specific information as to just how Appeal funds are used.

Ethical issues occupy a sizeable space in modern thought. Many analysts pinpoint Watergate as the turning point in a new awareness of ethical concerns for much of the Western world.

According to writer Ted Engstrom, "Soon after the fall of Nixon a groundswell of sentiment spawned new interest in campaign reform and political honesty."¹ The same author points to the results of recent surveys that indicate a continuing wave of dissatisfaction with current standards of honesty. Those polled seemed particularly suspicious of public figures.²

This ethical movement has also impacted on Australia and New Zealand. It has caused upheaval in one Australian state, unseating a government that seemed permanently entrenched.

Ian Ferrier, a chartered accountant who has achieved renown as provisional liquidator of the failed Rothwells bank, says that notions of fairness and decency—ethics of a sort—are incorporated in Australian commercial law. He says there is a groundswell of public opinion against the legal strategy of tax avoidance (quite distinct from the illegal practice of tax evasion), causing public debate that has encouraged changes in the Income Tax Act.

Alan Gill, writing recently in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, analysed one particular issue of that newspaper. "Friday's *Herald* had six pages devoted to local news. These featured 28 stories of which 12 dealt with ethical issues—honesty, corruption, questions of right behaviour in business or public life."

Rod McGeogh, from the College of Law, alluded recently to the fascination of such TV programs as "60 Minutes," "Hinch" and "A Current Affair" with consumer rip-offs.

The current mood of ethical concern also impacts on charitable appeals. Society has become interested in the way appeals are marketed, administered, and applied to the areas of need. Two Australian states—Victoria and Queensland—have voted legislation designed to protect the public from unethical and inefficient appeal practices. A third state, New South Wales, is preparing similar legislation.

This mood is very much reflected in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More and more our members are requesting specific information as to just how Appeal funds are used. Are the funds administered and applied effectively? Are there hidden agendas? What about accountability?

It's a privilege to report to Adventists that Appeal funds are applied with integrity and openness. We sense very keenly our accountability to God, church members and the general public. Our privi-

lege of tax-deductibility underlines our accountability.

The bulk of the Appeal funds are used to sustain our educational and medical program throughout the island nations of the South Pacific. Most of the funds are applied to the on-going maintenance and operation of institutions already in place, such as colleges, schools and hospitals.

However, because many members would like to see the Appeal funds applied to new and more specific projects, we're attempting to accommodate this desire. A policy has been put in place that applies 10 per cent of the total collected each year to a specific project.

In the 1989 Appeal, 10 percent of the funds were applied to three specific projects in the Western Pacific Union Mission. (The stories on these projects will be published in the RECORD.) However, we must not neglect our responsibility to minister to needy people through the on-going operation of medical and educational institutions that are already in place. They have a fine tradition of Christian care, which has earned the respect of the people they serve.

We can be proud to be associated with the Annual Adventist Appeal. It not only facilitates collection of almost \$A1.5 million annually for needy people, but also helps build bridges of friendship and care to those people from whom we collect.



1. Ted Engstrom, *The Best of Ted Engstrom*, page 18. (Here's Life Publishers, Inc), 1988.

2. *Id.*, page 19. Engstrom quotes from *US News & World Report*, February 23, 1987, page 54.

Peter Jack was an associate director of the South Pacific Division Church Ministries Department during the 1985-90 quinquennium.

Burning Money

by Margaret Macfarlane

Dad?" There was something in Tony's voice that made Dad put down his evening paper immediately. "You know my friend Nicky?"

"Yes."

"Well, he's been smoking."

"But he's only 12!" said Dad. "Doesn't he know what smoking will do to his health?"

"Yes, I've told him—and he even read it on the packet. But he says he doesn't believe it. He says his grandfather smoked and lived to be 95."

"That can happen," said Dad. "Some people seem to have enough vitality to withstand the damage. But I wonder if his grandfather ever knew how much harm that smoke he breathed out did to the others who breathed it in. That's called passive smoking. It harms those in the same room, even though they're not actually smoking."

Dad paused for a moment. "Do this sum for me, Tony," he said. "If a packet of cigarettes cost \$2.50, and Nicky smokes only one packet a day—and remember, many people smoke more—what will his health destruction cost him each week?"

Tony worked it out. "Seven times \$2.50 equals \$17.50 a week," he said.

"Right. Now figure this one. By the end of the year how much will he have paid for the privilege of destroying his health? Can you work out \$17.50 times 52?"

This one took a little longer. "It would be \$910," he finally said.

"Now, by the time he is 20 he would have been smoking for eight years he'll have burned up a lot of money. Work it out for me.

"Eight times \$910 equals \$7,280," Tony said. "\$7,280 is a lot of money!

Think what I could do with that much!"

"Of course," Dad said, "if he smoked two packets a day the cost would be \$14,560 for just eight years. But think how much a person could have by putting \$2.50 into the bank each week to earn interest."

"Oh! I could go to college, or go travelling, or—I could even buy a car." Tony sounded excited.

"If you're ever tempted to smoke," said Dad, stop and think about how much it costs."

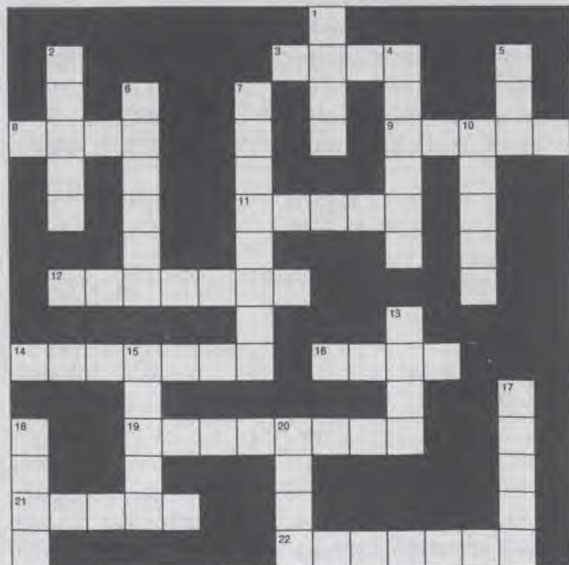
"I'm never going to smoke," said Tony. "I'm going to save my money—not burn it."

"Good decision," said Dad as he picked up his paper and continued reading. 7

Margaret MacFarlane writes from Kings Langley, New South Wales.

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17. Gift of Prophecy



ACROSS CLUES

3. A minor prophet. (Acts 2:16)
8. Freely give. (Joel 2:28)
9. Signal that Jesus is coming again. (Acts 2:19)
11. Uttered by mouth. (Acts 2:14)
12. Things seen in a trance. (Joel 2:28)
14. Amazing things. (Acts 2:19)
16. Successor, gainer. (Heb 1:2)
19. Cosmic scale. (Heb 1:2)
21. One result of fire. (Acts 2:19)
22. Last, remaining.

DOWN CLUES

1. Heavenly body. (Acts 2:20)
2. The colour the moon will go. (Acts 2:20)
4. Make an effort to hear something. (Acts 2:14)
5. A star that will go dark. (Acts 2:20)
6. Old men will have these. (Joel 2:28)
7. Ones who obey. (Joel 2:29)
10. Honourable fame. (Heb 1:3)
13. Conflagration. (Acts 2:19)
15. The disciples were not this as thought. (Acts 2:15)
17. Correct, perfect.
18. Coming at the end. (Heb 1:2)
20. At all times.

This series (by Brendan Ashton of Cooranbong, NSW) is based on texts listed in the Adventist Church's 27 Fundamental Beliefs. All words are from the NIV.

Room to Spare

"It will be the church with the largest car park in Australia—and with a ready-made tithing box at the entrance," says Western Australian Conference communication director Pastor George Drinkall, commenting on the news that the Morawa company has secured use of the local drive-in theatre for 10 years—free of charge! The Morawa group is the result of outreach by the WA Adventist Aviation Association. They will be permitted to renovate the building, which will provide a meeting room, Sabbath school rooms, kitchen and conveniences—plus a projection room! The "find" ends an otherwise fruitless search by the growing group for a church home.

Bridge Building

At the recent opening of the new Baptist church in Lilydale, Victoria, the Baptists accorded their Adventist neighbours a spontaneous standing ovation in appreciation for cooperation shown to them during the construction of their new church complex. The Baptists had used the Adventist church—situated opposite to their new facility—for the past two years.

Barossa 75th

The Barossa Valley church in Nuriootpa, South Australia, will conduct special services on December 1 to celebrate the church's 75th anniversary. Pastor George Maywald will return to his home district as guest speaker for the event. "All past and present members are cordially invited to share this day with us as we recount the Lord's leading in this area

with its background of German settlement and winemaking," says church pastor Ross Simon. Further details are contained in an advertisement in this issue of RECORD.

President's Message



General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenberg presented the worship at the South Pacific Division office in Wahroonga on September 4. He told of flying from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Los Angeles, California (both in USA), in a brand-new passenger jet. As a pilot, he described the advanced technology featured in the aircraft, and the sequence of a perfect take-off and landing. However, as he disembarked, Pastor Folkenberg discovered he was at Phoenix, Arizona, and not his intended destination. "It matters not how perfect our structures, or how well-executed our methods," he said, "but whether we reach our destination. . . . We can become so absorbed in what we have always done that we fail to accomplish our mission."

Rapid Growth

Three unions in the Inter-American Division reported rapid growth at recent quinquennial sessions,

reports George W. Brown, Inter-American Division president. The North Mexico Union added 32,104 new members during the past five years, bringing the total membership to 71,781. Also, 37 new church buildings were completed, and delegates resolved to erect a further 173 new churches, establish 24 schools, enter 350 new areas and baptise 46,250 people during the next quinquennium. The South Mexico Union membership increased by 74 per cent during the same period, from 155,000 to 270,000. To cope with the expansion, the number of ordained ministers increased by 33 per cent, to a total of 105. More than 3,900 churches and companies serve the membership. More than 20,000 new members joined the Antillian Union (Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico) over the past five years. The membership now exceeds 100,000.

Session Crusade

A five-week crusade that followed the General Conference session in Indianapolis, Indiana (USA), ended August 18 with 50 interests, reports Pastor John Loor, Indiana Conference president. These are being followed up by local pastors. Pastor Louis Toscano conducted the crusade. In response to the mailing of 400,000 *Signs*, 1,677 people requested Bible studies, and 2,689 people requested free subscriptions.

First in WA

Freeman Nursing Home, part of the Adventist Retirement Village at Rossmoyne, Western Australia, recently achieved accreditation with the Australian Council on Health Care Standards. It is

the first nursing home in WA—and the first denominational nursing home in the South Pacific Division—to receive accreditation. "Freeman Nursing Home volunteered to participate in the program," says Western Australian Conference communication director Pastor G. W. W. Drinkall. "It was evaluated by a team of three professionals who are experts in health care or administration.

Accreditation signified the high standard at which the institution is operating." The assessment included medical services, nursing, pharmacy, physiotherapy, administration, catering, laundry, housekeeping, fire and safety, and maintenance.

Tanabose Trip

Pastor Lawrence Tanabose, a lecturer at Pacific Adventist College, will be a special island delegate to campmeetings in North and South New Zealand this year-end. While in New Zealand, Pastor Tanabose will also do PAC promotion work.

Betikama Upgrade

The South Pacific Division executive committee recently allocated \$7,000 for maintenance work for Betikama High School in the Solomon Islands.

Islam in USSR

Islam is making a comeback in the Soviet Union, reports Lutheran World Information. Quoting the Soviet newspaper *Isvestia*, LWI says there are 137 mosques functioning in the Caucasus region of Dagestan alone, where last year there were only 17. A spokesperson for the Council of Religious Affairs in Dagestan told *Isvestia* that 50 applications for the con-

struction of mosques have been submitted.

Books to USSR

A lay group in the USA is financing the printing and shipping of one million copies of *Steps to Christ* for the Soviet Union. Printed by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the books will be distributed from the Adventist seminary in the USSR. About 25 per cent of the books will be given away and 75 per cent will be sold. Proceeds from the sale will go to finance the distribution of another book. The project is the first phase of a plan to ship five million copies of *Happiness Digest* to Eastern Europe and several French-speaking countries.

NES Baptism

A woman who attended vegetarian cooking demonstrations (conducted by Sanitarium's Nutrition Education Service demonstrator Judy Lansdown at Sydney's northern beach suburbs) is now a baptised Seventh-day Adventist. "Her baptism is a direct consequence of contact and friendship with Adventists as she attended community demonstrations and seminars," says Mona Vale church pastor David Robertson. A total of about 100 people attended the meetings, and many requested further demonstrations.

Kuwait News

Latest reports filtering from Kuwait regarding Adventists indicate that a pastor and a young woman and her children have been detained. Pastor David Dunn is still in Kuwait, although his wife, Elizabeth, and three young sons travelled by bus and plane through Iraq, Jordan, Turkey, England and Canada to the USA. A woman whose husband is a Kuwaitan got

as far as Baghdad with her three children. However, only her 12-year-old son has returned to be with Adventist grandparents in New York. Because she did not have her baby listed on her passport, the mother has chosen to stay with the baby and another six-year-old child in Baghdad. Lindi Chapman, daughter of Dr Ray Chapman and his wife, Shirley (of Penang Adventist Hospital), has now returned safely to Melbourne.

Fly'n'build

Sanitarium Health Food Company employees will construct a new library at Kambubu High School in Papua New Guinea next year when they participate in a company-sponsored fly'n'build.

ADRA Help

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is working with other aid organisations in the distri-



Photo: Helen Hall.

Kler Ko Farm Gets a "Hand Tractor"

Expatriate worker Helen Hall reports an exciting week at the school she directs in the hills of northern Thailand. "With donations received we purchased a hand tractor—probably at home it's called a plough," she says. "Now we can get all of the Kler Ko farm under cultivation, as well as all the land at our new school. All the big boys have been lining up to have a go at ploughing! Our manual arts teacher is experimenting with hydro electricity. He already has a water wheel going, but it isn't powerful enough to run the generator. He is making modifications and will try again. I get excited at the prospect of a fridge and cold drinks! The Australian men (pictured teaching students how to cement) who came have worked hard and have kept at it in spite of the heat. How I would appreciate a few more—we have so much building yet to do, but the wet season has slowed us down. We're having to walk to Kler Ko—more than three kilometres—to get driftwood from the river in order to cook. But it's wonderful to be in a place of peace and not have to contemplate moving. All we have to fight now are white ants, mud and leeches!"

bution of assistance to refugees fleeing from Kuwait and Iraq. ADRA International is helping provide food, water, shelter and medical supplies for more than one million refugees in Jordan and Syria.

Appointments

Pastor Chester Stanley has been appointed secretary and Ministerial Association secretary of the South Queensland Conference. Pastor Stanley is on permanent return from the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, where he was Ministerial Association secretary. Mr Steve Whitson is the new treasurer. Saula Ratu is president of the Cook Island Mission, and Fonua Ofa is president of the Tonga and Niue Mission.

Italians Meet

Twenty-four Italian-speaking church members met on August 5 on the Nunawading campground to plan an outreach to the more than 500,000 people of Italian origin living in Melbourne (Victoria). Romina Alberti organised the meeting.

Nunawading 40

On July 29 the Nunawading church (Victoria) turned 40 years old. From humble beginnings in the campground kitchen, the congregation has grown to be one of the largest in Victoria. Five charter members still worship at the church: Lou Collister, Millie Collister, Monty Ralph, Elsie Ralph and Mavis Phillips.

Omission

Flashpoint (September 22) failed to include Pastor Lionel Smith in the list of South Pacific Division executive committee members.

TAUC Growing Despite Pressures

The progress report presented by Trans-Australian Union Conference president Pastor Desmond B. Hills at the union's 10th session included the establishment of new church congregations among ethnic groups in South Australia, Western Australia, South New South Wales and Victoria; and a third company formed in Canberra (ACT).

At the session, held in Adelaide from September 2 to 4, Pastor Hills was re-elected president of the union.

Currently in the TAUC some 1,600 people worship in 19 ethnic congregations. All five conferences in the union reported financial pressures, with the Tasmanian Conference especially affected by the current economic downturn and the steady outflow of members seeking wider educational and employment opportunities outside of the state.

Pastor Hills reported a net increase in membership of 5.8 per cent—almost four times the increase during the previous quinquennium. The membership at the end of 1989 was 19,955, representing 187 churches. Some 8 million people live within the union's territory.

Despite a decline in the nation's economy, tithe-income levels were not only maintained, but increased marginally. However, per capita tithe, indexed to 1989 dollars, revealed negative growth in all but one conference.

Outgoing secretary-treasurer Warwick Stokes (who had just been appointed chief executive officer of Sydney Adventist Hospital), revealed that both union institutions—the Warburton Health Care Centre and Lilydale Academy—are confronting serious operating-capital problems.

However, he reported that both institutions are optimistic for the future. The Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital is now showing an operating surplus, and Lilydale Adventist Academy expects to balance its budget.

Escalating educational costs are creating problems in all conferences. During the quinquennium schools closed in Launceston, Tasmania; Shepparton, Hawthorn and Warrnambool, Victoria; and Northam and Busselton, Western Australia.

A new school opened at Wanneroo (near Perth), Western Australia. The Pascoe Vale school in Victoria relocated to Keilor, adding a new junior-high section. In addition, Karalundi Aboriginal Educational Centre reopened in 1987. The TAUC operates 35 schools, with 166 teachers and 2,593 students.

"Strict government controls make it almost impossible to open new schools, and rising costs make future consolidation the only viable alternative," said union education secretary Dr John Waters, who paid tribute to the teachers in the TAUC.

Dr Waters also called for the length of teacher tenure to be addressed. "The average length of tenure is less than seven years," he said.

During the period under review, the Western Australian Conference purchased a 67-hectare property at Logue Brook, which is being developed as a youth and family camp. The number of Pathfinder clubs in Tasmania doubled during the quinquennium—from three to six. This makes a union total of 70 clubs, with a membership of more than 1,600 Pathfinders.

Several conferences have initiated an outreach to inactive youth. In Western Australia young people have visited more than 350 inactive members, and faith-sharing has become part of the youth program. A ministerial intern now assists with this program.

Delegates registered concern at the declining number of pastors in local con-

ferences, urging that further study be given to decreasing the organisational structure in order to strengthen local churches. Working toward this end, the nominating committee reduced administrative staff at the TAUC by one—a 12.5 per cent reduction.

Outgoing Ministerial Association secretary Pastor Peter Joseit appealed for support for those engaged in ministry and church leadership, pointing to the escalating numbers of people with problems of increasing complexity.

Ministerial numbers dropped from 132 in 1952 (when the membership totalled 8,831) to 119 in 1989 (when the membership totalled almost 20,000). Each pastor now cares for 192.9 members, compared to 129.8 members in 1965.

In presenting his last Publishing Department summary before retirement, Pastor Walton Pitt reported that the 47 literature evangelists working in the TAUC sold books valued at more than \$4 million. And sales in South Australia this year are 36 per cent ahead of last year. Pastor Pitt has served 17 years at the TAUC.

According to communication director Pastor Raymond Baird, communication is the weakest area of our church. "Our communications are wasted unless we get the message across," he said. Pastor Baird also reported changes in the Health Department's approach, including the introduction of the *Quit Now!* stop-smoking course.



Pastor Walton Pitt (right) was farewelled by Victorian publishing director Ken Read. Pastor Pitt was TAUC publishing director for 17 years. He and his wife (left) have retired in Melbourne.

Delegates who served on the nominating committee were: Bryan Ball, Tom Andrews, Geoff Banks, Charles Borkovic, Wendy Brooks, Bronwen Bullcock, Connie Chesney, Laurie Evans, John Gate, Warren Grubb, D. Heidik, David Iredale, Keith Jackson, Neil Lawson, Malcolm Potts, Barbara Reynolds, Peter Roennfeldt, Robyn Stanton, Calvyn Townend, Ken Vogel, Don Walkom, Neil Watts, D. Willis and Heather Winter.

Pastor Neil Watts was elected to direct the Church Ministries Department, with Pastor Allan Walshe as associate. Pastor Raymond Baird retains his communication and health portfolios, and Dr John Waters will retain the education portfolio. Keith Sutton, from South New Zealand, has been appointed Publishing Department director.

By Joy Totenhofer, assistant editor of the Record.

GC President Opens Session

General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenberg dealt with the message and mission of the church, and the power possible through a relationship with Christ, in his address at the opening of the 10th session of the Trans-Australian Union Conference.

The session was held in the Australian Mineral Foundation Centre, Adelaide, South Australia, from September 2 to 4.

"Some 70 per cent of Seventh-day Adventist youth do not understand the plan of salvation," said Pastor Folkenberg. "They believe they are saved if they're good enough. It's a tragedy when young people mistake the *results* of salvation for the *process* of salvation.

"It is taking the pendulum from one extreme to the other, when the truth is the sum of the two—a changed life is the product of salvation. We are not saved because we are good, but because He is.

"Sometimes we have preached the bad news of the gospel—we set up a legalistic mindset," said Pastor Folkenberg. "The Sabbath is not outmoded. Tithing is not optional. Witnessing is not reserved for the ministry.

"These are but tests of obedience, and indicate the measure of our love to God. Our Christian lifestyle is distinctive and different. But it is the natural result of our relationship with the Lord."

Pastor Folkenberg went on to say that

the cross is always where assurance is found. And Adventists will stop growing if we lose sight of what we are here for.

He said there is no substitute for the power of the Holy Spirit. Without Jesus we are nothing. "When we combine a conviction of the message with the power of a relationship with Jesus, there is nothing that can stop us," Pastor Folkenberg concluded.

Indian Girl Expresses Thanks for SAH's Help



Lakshmi, who came to Sydney a year ago to receive treatment, can now walk without crutches—thanks to Dr Brian Hammond and SAH.

[Lakshmi, an eight-year-old from northern India who was brought to Australia for treatment, returned to her home recently. While in Australia, she stayed with Mrs Peggy Nash in Hornsby Heights, New South Wales, so she could receive treatment from Dr Brian Hammond and Sydney Adventist Hospital. Before she left, she wrote to RECORD assistant editor Mrs Joy Totenhofer, who shares her letter with readers. The letter conveys some idea of Lakshmi's gratitude to the many people who made her visit such a success.]

Dear Auntie Joy,
Next week I will be flying back home to India. I am very excited!

Yesterday we had an Indian *bara khana*. The doctors and other kind people who helped to make my leg so

much better came, and we all ate rice and curry and *samosas*.

When I came here a year ago, I wobbled along with a stick. Then I had crutches. But now I have a special caliper and I can walk without sticks and things.

When Auntie Robyn came back from Warburton last week she brought me a lovely gift from the Signs Publishing Company. It was a set of *The Bible Story*, and tapes, too. And also a set of *My Bible Friends*.

I love the story of Esther best. I hope that my parents will let me change my name to Esther when I go home, because I want to be a shining star like she was and I want to tell my family and friends about Jesus. My name is the same name as a Hindu goddess and it means "wealth."

I'll show my family the lovely books and pictures and explain to them the stories, because they don't speak English. Will you pray that I may speak the right words to make them understand that Jesus is coming again soon so they will get ready to meet Him?

I wish you could come to visit me in my beautiful hills in India. My hill is 7,000 feet high.

With lots of love,
Lakshmi.

Relief Hasn't Relieved, says Relief Worker

Adventist volunteer relief worker Sue Bexon led out in the personal distribution of electric blankets supplied by Adventist Development and Relief Agency to every household in flood-ravaged Nyngan (New South Wales). She has since received many letters of appreciation.

Nyngan residents have been inundated with clothing, but still face a desperate shortage of furniture and other domestic necessities.

Flood relief coordinator Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair criticised the management of relief appeals because much of what poured into the town was not needed. Recommendations in a report will help guide future relief programs so that public generosity will not be wasted.

Bogan Shire Council clerk Garry Clancy said it would be at least 12 months before the town returned to normalcy.

Foundation Gives Scholarships in Victoria

The Victorian Adventist Education Foundation recently awarded 10 scholarships to students from Years 5 to 12 as part of an essay competition on "What I like About My School."

The scholarships were each worth between \$350 and \$550.

Christina Taylor, now in Year 12 at Lilydale Adventist Academy, received the Hawthorn scholarship. Other winners included Carlos Funes, Douglas Gowans, Rachel Milenkov, Jason Monty, Melinda Mitchell, David Stoneman, Miriam Phillipa, Tamara Etto and Deveraux de Silva. Encouragement awards went to Enrique Tiznado, Sandra Taylor, Colin Taylor, Cindy Robb and Emi Jigau.

Organised by lay members, the VAEF aims to assist the Adventist school system in Victoria through investment of donations. This year it has also granted \$5,000 each to Mildura school and Lilydale Adventist Academy, for building projects.

The foundation has just completed the building of eight housing units in Oakleigh. Profits from the sale of the units will enable them to assist schools. Contact Margaret Quirk (762 1089), Richard Siemienowicz (347 9415) or Jenny Robson (878 9166) for details. More donations are needed.

SHF Products Break Into Eastern Europe

The prediction that the fall of the Berlin Wall would create numerous business opportunities for innovative entrepreneurs has proved true—at least for the SHF.

The Sanitarium Health Food Company is one of the beneficiaries—thanks to the initiative of Sydney businessman Ivan Jelacic.

Mr Jelacic visited his country of origin during May and investigated the feasibility of marketing Australian health foods in Yugoslavia.

"As a result of the keen interest displayed, Mr Jelacic formed a new com-

pany in partnership with his brother, Mladen, a businessman living in Yugoslavia," says correspondent Ken Long.

"An initial shipment of 12.5 tonnes of Sanitarium products, including Weet-bix, So Good, Good Start and Nut Meat, will soon be available in Yugoslavia."

Sanitarium export manager Ross Forbes says he wonders if radio stations in Yugoslavia may soon be playing "Yugoslav kids are Weet-bix kids!"



The Sanitarium Health Food Company's export manager, Ross Forbes (left), and businessman Ivan Jelacic inspect a container of health foods bound for markets in Yugoslavia.

A Fish Story Climaxes Women's Outreach at Loh

Two Adventist women who recently spent two weeks in practical ministry on the Vanatu island of Loh were rewarded with a speech of thanks from the head chief, 15 enrolments in Bible courses, and one application to attend the Aore Laymen's School later this year.

The women—Anna Joseph, publishing director of the Vanuatu Mission, and Letin Iann, a literature evangelist working on Malekula—had hoped to sell books. However, the local religious leader angrily forbade them to engage in any religious activity.

Returning to their room, they prayed earnestly and felt impressed to open one of the three Dorcas bags they had brought with them. Two contained clothes, and the other contained 90 pieces of material, scissors, needles, six rolls of thread, four rolls of elastic, five zippers and even large needles for sewing pandanus leaf! They recognised these as a possible way of gaining access to the people.

Dividing up the clothes, they commenced local distribution. Everyone stood in a long line—first the chiefs, then other leaders, followed by men, women and children.

Because they were not allowed to sell

any religious books, the women prepared a table of free *Signs, RECORDS*, old lesson pamphlets and other tracts. Within minutes all the tracts were gone and everyone had received at least one piece of clothing.

When the fathers and children were dismissed, the mothers and young girls remained to learn. Anna took charge of the sewing department, cutting simple patterns of easy children's clothes. Letin taught how to weave pandanus hats, baskets and money purses. They then combined to teach the women some easy cooking recipes.

And while they worked, from 8.30 am until 10 at night, they sang, teaching the local women choruses they had learned from Pastor Chris Foote. Each session ended with prayer.

After staying for three days at the community centre, a retired religious leader and his wife invited them to share their home. The women were delighted to save the rent, but soon after they moved in, the old man became very sick.

Then Anna remembered a herbal medicine, and searched the island until she found the necessary ingredients. After taking the herbs, the old man recovered. On the Sabbath, the women walked to a small village where the only residents, members of one family, welcomed them. The colporteurs gave Bible studies and spent the whole day telling Bible stories.

"The women experienced many evidences of the Lord's leading, even though they couldn't sell any books," says reporter Doroine Laloyer. "The only flights to Loh are on Sabbath, but when the women travelled, the services were rescheduled to Sunday—something that had never happened before."

While on the island the two women made a practical suggestion that may help local finances and also be a witness of Christ's second coming.

Following a devastating cyclone in January, 1988, a large cowfish commenced regular afternoon visits to the lagoon near the village. The fish is so tame the children can sit on its' back.

Anna and Letin gave a donation for the privilege of looking at the fish, and encouraged other visitors to do the same. They then suggested the fish be named "Maranatha"—explaining that just as the children look forward to the fish returning each day, so Christians eagerly look forward to the return of Jesus. And that's the meaning of "Maranatha".

NOTICEBOARD

Weddings

Blandford—Deed. Arthur Len Blandford, son of John and Shirley Blandford (Cooranbong, NSW), and Amanda Joy Deed, daughter of Albert and Dawn Deed (Wonthaggi, Vic), were married on September 9 at the Hillview SDA church, Morisset, NSW. Arthur works for the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Cooranbong, and Mandy, a registered nurse, works at the Wyong Hospital. G. B. Scott.

Donaldson—Askin. Leighton Wayne Donaldson, eldest son of Bob and Elaine Donaldson (Rotorua, New Zealand), and Joanne Gladys Askin, eldest daughter of David and Jocelyn Askin (Palmerston North), were married on August 24 in the Palmerston North SDA church. Leighton and Joanne plan to set up their home in Rotorua, where Leighton will continue his business studies. Bob Donaldson.

Flint—Tyler. Rodney Flint, son of Doug and Betty Flint (Stanthorpe, Qld), and Patricia Tyler, daughter of Colin and Lynette Tyler (Sydney, NSW), were married on September 9 at the Parramatta SDA church, Sydney. Rodney and Patricia ("Trish") will continue working at Sydney Adventist Hospital. R. E. Possingham.

Jeffries—Bramich. Rodney Jeffries and Christine Bramich were married on August 26 in the Devonport SDA church, Tas. Rodney and Christine were single-parent neighbours. As a result of Rodney's witness, Christine was baptised. Following Rodney and Christine's marriage, the children made vows of love and support for all in the new family to which they belong. Max Hatton.

O'Shannessy—Hitchick. Bret David Brian O'Shannessy, son of Pamela McIntyre (Melbourne, Vic), and Jodie Lee Hitchick, daughter of Graham and Raelyn Hitchick (Parkes SDA church, NSW), were married on July 8 at the Tumbulgum SDA church, NSW. Bret and Jodie are living in the Murwillumbah district and attend the Tweed Rivers SDA church. H. G. Miller.

Ramirez—Gamez. Pedro Antonio Ramirez, son of Marcos and Elvira Ramirez (San Salvador, El Salvador), and Abelina Roxana Gamez, daughter of Rudolfo and Paula Gamez (Hobart, Tas), were married on September 9 at the Glenorchy SDA church, Tas. Pedro and Roxana, who met in El Salvador before the Gamez family moved to Tasmania, plan to set up their home in Hobart. R. M. Kingdon.

Vince—Rosendahl. Ronald Arthur Vince (Galston, NSW), and Helen Lenore Rosendahl (Port Macquarie) were married on September 9 in the Galston SDA church. They will set up their home in Galston. T. H. Ludowici.

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.

Barlass, Jessie Alice, born August 1, 1899, in Christchurch, New Zealand; died August 24 at St Nicholas Hospital. Jessie loved children and especially enjoyed telling them stories. She became a member of the SDA Church in 1934. Wherever Jessie went, she carried a copy of *Steps to Christ* in her purse. From 1945 she was involved with the Reformed Seventh-day Adventist Movement. Her life was marked by compassion, and she was a supporter, of many organisations. She is survived by her step-children, Ruth Frater (Ashburton), Ray (Waikawa), Noel (Christchurch) and Merlene Hale (Christchurch). E. S. Kingdon.

Branster, Elsie Russon, born September 25, 1909, in Newcastle, NSW; died suddenly on July 27 at the Manly Hospital, and was buried in the Castlebrook Cemetery. She will be fondly remembered by many who worshipped in the old Hamilton church. Elsie (known as "Russie" by the family) was a happy, outgoing person, and active right to the end of her life. She is survived by her only son, Carl, and his wife, Norma (Windsor); sister, Silvia; close friend, Harry Price; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Cecil, predeceased her in 1975. R. H. Parr.

Brooks, Rosena Florence ("Rose"), born June 29, 1920, in Melbourne, Vic; died September 5 in Fremantle, WA. Rose trained as a nurse and served in this profession in Australia, South Africa and England, until her retirement in 1977. An Adventist all her life, Rose had been a member of the Fremantle church for the past 19 years. She is survived by her husband, Keith; son, Allan; and daughter, Marion (all of Fremantle). Pat Marshall.

Brown, Christopher John, born Sabbath morning, August 25, lived only briefly. The infant son of Martin and Fiona, he was buried beside his sister Laura at the Laita Lawn Cemetery, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. David R. Tasker.

Edwards, Lily Harriet, born May 17, 1908, in Wardell, NSW; died August 22 at the Lismore Base Hospital, after a short illness. The ninth of 11 children born to James and Harriet Law, Lily loved horseriding, and won prizes for her embroidery. Lily and Les Edwards, a young Englishman, were married on August 14, 1935, at Wardell. They share-farmed for some time, then lived in Sydney for five years, before returning to Wardell. Later they spent time in Dubbo, New Zealand, and Brisbane, and were members of the Ballina church, NSW, for many years. Lily is survived by her daughters, Mary Binns (Dora Creek), Phyllis Douglas (Goonellabah), and sons, Bruce (Moruya) and David (Beenleigh, Qld). Pastor Frank Pearce assisted in the services. Ernie Krause.

Hill, Olive, born March 23, 1902, at Charters Towers, Qld; died July 7 at Charters Towers. Olive married James Brown Hill on December 24, 1921, in Charters Towers, and was one of the first two brides to go to the Mount Coolan goldfields. Her family of five boys and girls were raised at Mount Coolan and in Charters Towers. Pastor David Blanch conducted the services, assisted by Damien Rice. Tod Dawson.

Hughes, Gwynneth Milton, born July 16, 1908, in Sydney, NSW; died September 11 at Coronella Nursing Home, Nunawading, Vic, and was buried at the Lilydale Lawn Cemetery beside his wife, Minnie, who predeceased him in 1989. A loyal and faithful SDA all his life, Milton worked for the SHF Company in Brisbane, Qld, and in Melbourne. He was a literature evangelist for many years, serving as assistant publishing secretary for Victoria, and was later caretaker of the Basin youth camp. He is survived by his sons, Keith (Cooranbong, NSW), Derek and Glen (both of Melbourne); brothers, Ralph (NSW) and Lyn (Qld); and sister, Mercy (NSW). B. G. Whelan.

Kumar, Reginald, born January 26, 1944, in Suva, Fiji; died August 10 in a car accident at Buladelah, NSW. Reg was supply manager for Hornsby Hospital, and for five years had been NSW chairman of Health Services Supply. He was also a member of the Department of Health Working Committee on materials management. He is survived by his wife, Carole; son Michael; daughter, Amanda; mother, Rattan; brother, James; and sister, Sheila Singh (Canada). Robert V. Saunders.

MacPherson, Jessamy Leah ("Jane"), born March 18, 1908; died August 19 at the Benda Nursing Home, Moss Vale, NSW. When she was 16, Jane was baptised by Pastor Reuben Hare. Five years later she married Alexander MacPherson, and was widowed after 11 years of marriage. Jane was a quiet achiever. She was dedicated to her profession of nursing, and faithfully served the church with her secretarial skills. Gladys Spence, her life-long friend, lovingly cared for Jane till her death. Roderick

McKinnon, a nephew, attended the service at Rookwood Cemetery, along with several other friends from Jane's early church youth. Clarence B. O'Neill.

McIntyre, Marion, born January 19, 1917, in Brisbane, Qld; died April 14 in Bowen, following a short illness. Marion began attending an SDA church when she was five, and was baptised at the age of 13. A triple-certificated nurse, she worked at the Warburton Hospital, Vic, for a short time. A great worker for the church, Marion was especially noted for her needlecraft. She is survived by her children, Jo-anne Ross (Emerald, Qld) and Anthony (Adelaide, SA); brother, John Tunnicliffe (Brisbane, Qld); sister, Gwen Hallam (Stanthorpe); five grandchildren; and 12 nieces and nephews. Her husband Fred predeceased her. Alwyn Goldsmith.

Rowe, Rita Myrtle (nee Tobitt), born October 8, 1925, at Williamstown, SA; died suddenly at her home in Gawler on September 7, and was buried at the Mount Crawford Cemetery. Rita and her husband, Ronald Mervin Rowe, were married by Pastor Norman Ferris in the Adelaide City church. After living in Williamstown for a time, the Rowes moved to Gawler for the benefit of their children. Rita had been a faithful member of the Gawler church for many years and will be missed by the members who held her in high esteem. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Cheryl, Erica and Marcia; and sons, Brian, Lyell and Troy; their spouses, and families. B. C. S. Pepper.

Ruddick, Leonard Robert ("Len"), born September 10, 1911, at Opatiki, New Zealand; died July 17 at Bethesda Adventist Hospital, Auckland. The eldest of three boys, Len grew up on the family farm at Taneatua. He accepted the Adventist message in 1935, and was baptised by Pastor L. R. Harvey. Len became a valued SHF worker in the Auckland factory. He moved to Bethesda Home in February 1983. He is survived by his daughter, Ruth; and other relatives and friends. R. R. Barriball.

Shooter, Marion Ruby (nee Harders), born October 20, 1936; died suddenly on August 18 at her home in Walpole, WA. Marion was a student at both Carmel and Avondale Colleges. She worked for the SHF Company, and spent some time in Papua New Guinea. She also worked beside her husband, Peter, on their dairy farm. Marion was honest, purposeful, and reliable. The large number who attended the service at the Denmark SDA church testified to the high regard in which she was held. She is survived by her husband; children, Kerrilyn, Calvin, Lynelle and Andrea; her parents, nine brothers and two sisters. Pastor Laurie Evans, president of the WA Conference, assisted in the service. Graham J. Thompson.

Smith, Charles Henry Amos, born June 12, 1923, in Yandina, Qld; died August 12 at Carina, Brisbane. Educated in Yandina, Amos had a varied life as a farmer, soldier, timber cutter, coach driver, and in the installation of swimming pools. He married Jean Margaret Allen at Kingaroy in 1950. Prior to his baptism by Pastor Ian Johnston in 1980, Amos attended a mission conducted by Pastor Ray Kent. A conscientious, gentle man, Amos was a deacon in the South Brisbane church for many years. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Cheryl Bird (Narromine, NSW); and son, Mervyn (Carina). Pastor Ken Bird, his son-in-law, assisted the writer in the service. Peter C. Raymer.

Sparke, Agnes Jane, 86, died August 7 in the Lismore Hospital, NSW. Married in 1926, Agnes and her husband, Cecil, joined the SDA Church in 1938. With their 11 children, they formed a close-knit family. Agnes's deep concern for others will be missed by the church members as well as her family. She is survived by her children; 37 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; three sisters and one brother. Her husband predeceased her by two years. Bjorn Aune.

Walsh, Gladys Margaret, born November 9, 1905; died August 26 in Melbourne, Vic. Gladys never married, and lived a rather quiet, sheltered life. After discovering the warmth and friendliness of the Glenhunting SDA church community about 10 years ago, Gladys maintained it was

"the best thing she had ever done." Pastor Phil Brown, pastor of the Glenhunting church, and Ron Millett, head elder, assisted in the service. Merv Sparrowhawk.

Warren, Marie Edna (nee Rose), born August 25, 1921, in Bangalow, NSW; died August 10 at the Mackay Base Hospital, Qld. Marie and Sid Warren were married on February 27, 1946. They were baptised by Pastor G. J. Parker on July 16, 1949, at Mullumbimby, and shortly afterwards moved to the Townsville area in Queensland, where they were involved in establishing the Ingham church. Later they moved to the Mackay district and attended the Seaforth church, where Sid served as an elder, and Marie a deaconess. Following Syd's death in 1985, Marie became a member of the North Mackay church. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Laurie and Betty; daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Norman Burgess; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild (all of the Mackay district). Pastor Lewis Parker assisted in a service at the Walkerston Cemetery. Roger Ward.

Wood, Rupert Edmund, born September 24, 1902; died August 9 in the Villa Maria Nursing Home, Melbourne, Vic, and was buried in the Lilydale Cemetery. Rupert attended Avondale College, then trained as a nurse at the Sydney Sanitarium. He practiced as a dietician in conjunction with the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Rupert was also a qualified masseur, and became a doctor of Osteopathy (USA). He was a member of the Mont Albert SDA church. Predeceased by his first wife Dorothy, Rupert is survived by their children, Daphne Baulch, June Craddock, and Ivan; his wife Marion; their son, Robert; and 12 grandchildren. John A. Mitchell.

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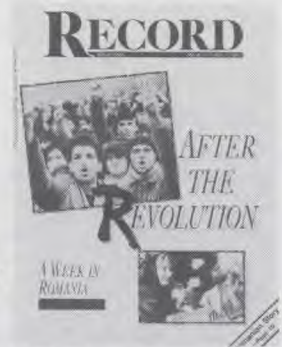
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