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EDITORIAL



Birmingham Lesson

During the first night of freedom, one of the recently released "Birmingham Six" spent a lot of the night sitting up looking at the door handle.

He says that now and again he would go over, turn the handle, open the door, look out, close the door, and sit down again. He hadn't been able to do that for sixteen and a half years. He was experiencing freedom.

Another went for a walk in the dark. He wanted to see stars again. He hadn't seen them for sixteen and a half years. He didn't see them that night either—it was cloudy.

Hugh Callaghan, Patrick Hill, Gerard Hunter, Richard McKenny, William Power and John Walker were convicted of the IRA killing of 21 people in two Birmingham pub explosions. The English courts now say the men didn't do it.

The courts have admitted a major miscarriage of justice. The forensic test that "proved" they had traces of nitroglycerine on their hands is faulty. The test reacts positively on hands that have handled playing cards or several other more innocent substances.

The "confessions" that four of the six made were beaten out of them. That claim was first raised, and rejected, in 1977. In February this year the director of public prosecutions stated that the confessions were suspect.

The British legal system has been shamed. Justice has neither been done nor seen to be done. To make matters worse, this is the third major terrorism case in 17 months to come under review. The evidence in each case has been found to be wanting.

Jesus had a passion for justice. In His strongest sermon (Matthew 23), He commended the teachers of the law and the Pharisees for their precise tithing. But He then told them that they had neglected the more important things—justice, mercy and faithfulness.

It seems to me that the followers of Jesus should have that same passion for justice. But it shouldn't be without the balancing factor of mercy, or the patience of faithfulness.

Justice demands fair play. Justice demands that wrongs be righted. It also demands that debts be paid. But justice

doesn't imprison on suspicion, or beat confessions out of people.

There are times when we need to be as militant as the Old Testament prophets in the cause of justice. That doesn't mean that we need to dress in camel hair or wave a staff at people. But it does mean that we should exert our influence by the best methods available.

It means writing letters and sending faxes. It means standing up to be counted. It may even mean marching in the streets.

It's too easy to sit back and argue fine points of the law—or theology—while people suffer. It's too easy to remain comfortably aloof. It's too easy to make sure we pay a correct tithe and forget the things that are important.

For sixteen and a half years six men in Britain watched through prison bars as their children grew up. Their children married. They could only record it on a prison calendar. Some of their children had children. Going to visit grandpa meant a trip to a grey-walled prison.

Yet the courts now say the six were innocent. Surely that demands some sense of anger.

A few days after the freeing of the six in England, a trial in Melbourne was finishing. Four men had been accused of ambushing and killing two policemen in what has become known as the Walsh Street murders.

For six days the jury deliberated, then came back with a "not guilty" verdict.

Some have expressed anger about the decision. The accused were said to have had connections with Melbourne's underworld.

Has justice been done? The police say they would welcome a royal commission into the case so they can reveal evidence that was inadmissible in court.

I'm glad that juries are instructed to free the accused if they have doubts. It's far better to run the risk of a few guilty people going free than to risk condemning those who are innocent. Our passion for justice needs to be tempered with mercy. There are times when we must follow God's example. He treats us with a good deal more mercy than justice.

Bruce Manners.

LETTERS

Personal Matter

Re "Omission" (Letters, March 9): Tithing is an issue between each individual and God. In Malachi 3:10 it's God, not the church, who promises to pour out blessings. Tithing doesn't entitle the payer to recognition or favour by the church, no matter how much or how long one has paid. Let's drop the very tired line "I pay my tithe, therefore I expect . . ."

(Mrs) S. Dwyer.

A Few Observations

As an official reporter at the World Council of Churches convention in Canberra, I would make the following observations about the article "Protest at WCC Assembly Condemned" (March 23):

1. The church's response was to say, "We deplore such a breach of etiquette . . ." Men such as Elijah, Moses, Paul and Christ didn't follow what we call etiquette when they protested.

2. The article writer admits that the timing of the protest was perfect, giving the impression that it was providential—which I believe it was. But where were the official protests from the church?

3. I also spoke with several delegates concerning their reaction to the protest. Unlike the reported response, of the dozen or so that I interviewed, not one expressed contempt for what had been done.

4. When opponents can't refute what is said, the last resort is to attack peripheral weaknesses—such as poor spelling. This is exactly what happened to our church's pioneers. David J. Husk, Vic.

Weak-Kneed Stance

The writer of "Protest at WCC Assembly Condemned" (March 23) seems to try to justify the weak-kneed stance being taken by the church.

The protesters were adhering to the warnings given to us in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13. These two chapters are further explained in the book *The Great Controversy* by Ellen White and *Daniel and the Revelation* by Uriah Smith.

As for spelling mistakes, such mistakes shouldn't sidetrack someone who is honestly searching for the truth.

David Batchelor, SA.

Highly Commended

Long live Berto, *Youth on RECORD* and the adverts that go to support it. As

an active church member, I particularly enjoy these parts of the RECORD—not that I don't enjoy the rest, which always has something of interest throughout it. I applaud the stance the RECORD takes in its Letters section. It challenges everyone to reaffirm their own beliefs.

N. G. Schoenfish, Qld.

Living Water

Re the editorial "One of the Least" (March 23): I believe we can each give water—humble, pure water and living water—to our brothers and sisters. By doing so we're touching people's lives with the love of Jesus, and in turn Jesus touches us. J. Van Der Merve, WA.

Where Are They?

The editorial "Relatively Speaking" (March 16) says we need ministers and teachers who can match wits with the best in the land. Have I gone deaf, or is no one speaking?

We spend thousands of dollars to hire a hall where maybe five or ten people will be saved by our preaching. But who speaks on popular radio and TV programs, and who writes for the newspapers? I've read, seen or heard Roman Catholic, Salvation Army, Anglican and Methodist representatives. But it seems that everyone in our church is frightened by the media, particularly since the Chamberlain case.

We need for Adventists to become acquainted with the hosts of radio talk-

back shows, with the hosts of TV programs, and with newspaper editors. We need for our leaders to get on speaking terms with these people so that when issues arise they will call on our leaders to answer.

Keith McLeod, Vic.

For the RECORD

Question. There are three recent instances I can remember where women have written for the RECORD and have been referred to as "the wife of . . ." in their biographical note. Why doesn't the RECORD acknowledge women because of who they are, not who they "belong" to?

Answer. The RECORD editors invest considerable time eliminating sexism and trying to ensure that articles use only inclusive language. However, we don't have time to research biographical information that's not included with articles sent to us. In the absence of such information from writers, we will sometimes refer to the author's spouse if we know that he or she is a denominational worker. We reason that limited information will interest our readers more than no information. What we really would like is for those who submit material to provide biographical detail.

Views expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily represent those of the editors or the denomination. Letters should not exceed 250 words and should be mailed to RECORD Editor, Signs Publishing Company, Warburton Victoria 3799. Writers must include their name, address and telephone number. Letters received more than three weeks after the date of the issue carrying the article to which they respond will normally not be printed. All letters will be edited to meet space and literary requirements, but the author's original meaning will not



Readers Call for Openness

The Editors

The outstanding feature of the survey is the wide range of agreement about the key aspects of current RECORD editorial policy.

What do readers think about the RECORD? To find out we invited them to tell us through a recent survey (see box for details). Following are some of the results.

Reasons for Reading

Readers graded their reasons for reading the RECORD, placing a 1 before the most important reason, a 2 before the second-most important reason, a 3 before the third-most . . . and a 10 before the least important reason.

The three most popular categories (those that general readers rated as either their first-, second- or third-highest reason for reading the RECORD) were: 1. To be informed about the church's activities in the South Pacific Division (55.3 per cent). 2. To be spiritually uplifted (36.3 per cent). 3. To gain insights into practical Christianity (35.2 per cent).

Interesting RECORD Material

Readers graded the various types of material printed in the RECORD. The five highest ratings of "very interesting" and "interesting" from general were: 1. Current issues in the SDA Church (87.2 per cent). 2. Human-interest stories (86.8 per cent). 3. Editorials from the editors (86.1 per cent). 4. Inspirational and devotional articles (86 per cent). 5. News—Australia and New Zealand (84.2 per cent).

The five highest ratings of "very interesting" and "interesting" from church employees were: 1. Current issues in the SDA Church (93.3 per cent). 2. Human-interest stories and News—Australia and New Zealand (both 88.6 per cent). 3. Editorials from the editors (84.5 per cent). 4. Flashpoint section (84.2 per cent). 5. Letters section (83.9 per cent).

Opinion

Readers were asked to indicate their reaction to a number of statements. Those statements receiving the highest

number of "strongly agree" and "agree" responses from general readers ("no opinion" responses have not been included in this percentage) were:

1. A major task of the RECORD is to keep SDAs informed (95.2 per cent). 2. The RECORD promotes the church's mission program (83.8). 3. The RECORD upholds the church's fundamental beliefs (83.6 per cent). 4. The RECORD is supportive of the ministry (82.7 per cent). 5. The RECORD upholds the Adventist lifestyle emphasis (81.9 per cent).

Those statements receiving the highest number of "strongly agree" and "agree" responses from church employees were: 1. A major task of the RECORD is to keep SDAs informed (97.4 per cent). 2. Even though I may disagree with some of the opinions expressed, I feel the chance to speak candidly in the RECORD's Letters section is healthy for the church (87.1 per cent). 3. The RECORD upholds the Adventist lifestyle emphasis (86.3 per cent). 4. A major task of the RECORD is to encourage discussion of issues facing the church (85.4 per cent). 5. The RECORD is supportive of the administration (85.1 per cent).

Three points are worth noting: First, the overwhelming majority of all readers say that the RECORD should keep the readers informed, the RECORD should encourage discussion of issues facing the church, and readers should have the right to speak candidly in the letters section. Second, RECORD is seen to support the church's doctrines, lifestyle emphasis, ministry, administration etc.

Third, the overwhelming majority feel that, granted the spectrum of readers the RECORD seeks to reach, it has a good balance in its editorial mix.

However, other results show that 36.3 per cent of church employees and 40.2 per cent of readers in general feel that the RECORD is reticent to report news unfavourable to the church.

Of course, not all who report this per-

ception necessarily think that this failure to tell all is bad. Some 15.5 per cent of church employees and 17.7 per cent of the general readers feel that we should not report news that's unfavourable.

If we subtract the number who say we should not from the number who say we do not, it would appear that 20.8 per cent of church employees and 22.5 per cent of the general readers feel the RECORD should be more candid and open in its reporting. This is a point that not only editors but church administrators should note carefully.

And 25.7 per cent of church employees and 29.7 per cent of general readers say that RECORD articles need improvement. It's a comment that the editors should note carefully, and they have.

Letters

Some 20.2 per cent of church employees and 27.5 per cent of general readers feel that too many negative letters are allowed into print. But this needs to be seen in the context 89.4 per cent and 85.5 who are either neutral on the topic or believe that candid expression in the letters is a healthy thing.

Issues and News

Some 83.7 per cent of the general readers and 86.8 per cent of the church-employee group are comfortable with the idea that the RECORD should be a forum for discussing issues facing the church. Further, current issues in the church is the most sought-after topic listed in this survey, for both church employees and general readers.

When 10.8 per cent of church employees and 13.2 per cent of general readers feel it's not safe to rely on the RECORD for church news, the editors need to take note and try to improve the objectivity, candour, accuracy and general handling of news—even if those with these concerns are only a small minority.

Age-Group Factors

Overall, there was a surprising level of consensus in the survey among all age groups. However, age became a factor in a few areas. In some cases a clear correlation existed between age and appreciation or lack thereof for some aspect of the RECORD.

The following percentages represent the combined "strongly agree," "agree," and "no opinion" responses.

1. Even though I may disagree with some of the opinions expressed, I feel the chance to speak candidly in the RECORD's Letters section is healthy for the church: 19 or under (92 per cent); 20-24 (95 per cent); 25-29 (92 per cent); 30-39 (92 per cent); 40-49 (91 per cent); 50-64 (87 per cent); 65 or over (77 per cent).

2. The RECORD should provide a forum for discussion of varying viewpoints: 19 or under (87 per cent); 20-24 (90 per cent); 25-29 (91 per cent); 30-39

(88 per cent); 40-49 (85 per cent); 50-64 (78 per cent); 65 or over (70 per cent).

Clearly the younger members are more interested in seeing things discussed openly and want the RECORD to be a forum for such discussion. However, even though the older members are more cautious, the overwhelming majority still want the RECORD to be a forum.

The following percentages from the general readers survey represent the combined "very interesting" and "interesting" responses that also show a clear relationship between age and tastes.

1. Just a Coincidence cartoons: 19 or under (97 per cent); 20-24 (88 per cent); 25-29 (83 per cent); 30-39 (85 per cent); 40-49 (72 per cent); 50-64 (62 per cent); 65 or over (43 per cent).

2. Youth on RECORD: 19 or under (87 per cent); 20-24 (80 per cent)

25-29 (85 per cent); 30-39 (74 per cent); 40-49 (72 per cent); 50-64 (58 per

cent); 65 or over (47 per cent).

3. Imaginative stories and parables: 19 or under (85 per cent); 20-24 (85 per cent); 25-29 (81 per cent); 30-39 (78 per cent); 40-49 (73 per cent); 50-64 (60 per cent); 65 or over (48 per cent).

4. Ellen G. White reprints 19 or under (36 per cent); 20-24 (48 per cent); 25-29 (57 per cent); 30-39 (59 per cent); 40-49 (57 per cent); 50-64 (72 per cent); 65 or over (73 per cent).

Conclusions

While on the whole the survey results have supported the current editorial approach, in a number of areas the editors will be making adjustments as a result of what the readers have said.

Two examples: "Anniversaries" proved unpopular. Thus, from July 1 pictures will be run only with 60th wedding anniversaries. And the letters section will be monitored more closely. (Although the overwhelming majority approved of the handling of this section of RECORD, a closer monitoring may bring even more readers on side.)

Both the general reader survey and the church-employee survey brought home even more clearly the fact that RECORD readers (ie church members as a whole) are a very diverse group. Thus it's natural that there will never be a complete consensus or that everyone will respond positively.

The editorial challenge is to meet the needs of as large a group as possible while alienating as few as possible. And it's important not to allow a small minority who are vocal to dictate the policy for the less-vocal majority.

But having said that, the outstanding feature of the survey is the wide range of *agreement* about the key aspects of current RECORD editorial policy and the fact that the overwhelming majority of all respondents feel that the mix of articles meets the needs of the spectrum of readers.

Despite concerns expressed by some, it's clear that the overwhelming majority of ministers, teachers, and long-time, active, older Adventists readers feel that the RECORD supports the ministry, the fundamental beliefs, the administration, and the church's institutions and programs.

Readers appreciate the editorials, features and news. They're particularly interested in current issues in the church, and they would like *more* "openness" rather than *less*.

The RECORD Surveys

Earlier this year two RECORD surveys were conducted—a general reader survey and a minister/teacher survey.

Reader Survey: The reader survey occupied three pages in the front section of the RECORD of February 2, 1991, and was accompanied by a promotional editorial, encouraging people to respond.

The weekly RECORD circulation is 25,500, and we received 1,368 surveys within the time-frame allowed. Of that group, 851 were females (62.2 per cent), 499 were males (36.5 per cent), and 18 were undecided or timid about admitting their sexual identity! The age breakdown was as follows: 19 or under (2.9 per cent); 20-24 (2.9 per cent); 25-29 (3.9 per cent); 30-39 (11.3 per cent); 40-49 (18 per cent); 50-64 (28.5 per cent); 65 or over (31.3 per cent).

The sample is definitely skewed in favour of the older age group—with 59.8 per cent of respondents 50 years of age or older. Thus, the survey probably provides a reasonable picture of the thinking of the active members among the long-time, older age group of the church, but the distribution of the sampling doesn't allow for much extrapolation of the results to the entire church membership.

Employee survey: The minister/teacher survey was mailed to 456 ministers in Australia and New Zealand, and 629 teachers in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific islands (expatriates only). Of the 1,085 people to whom surveys were sent, 342 (32 per cent) responded.

Of those who responded, 143 were teachers (23 per cent response rate), 127 pastors, 35 departmental directors, 28 administrators (42 per cent response rate for all ministers), and 8 who did not fall into any of the preceding categories.

Sixty females and 279 males responded (plus three others who were uncertain of their sexual identity or were at least timid about owning up to it!) The age breakdown was: Under 19 (0.3 per cent); 20-24 (3.5 per cent); 25-29 (5.8 per cent); 30-39 (28.7 per cent); 40-49 (30.7 per cent); 50-64 (28.1 per cent); 65 or over (2.0 per cent).

The WCC Assembly

by Arthur J. Ferch

The constitution of the WCC lists church unity as first among its functions and purposes.

The Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) convened in Canberra in February. The WCC represents 316 churches with a membership of about 400 million Protestant and Orthodox Christians.

Most of these churches are national churches. The assembly brings together more than 820 delegates from around the world. It's as much a high point in the experience of the attendees as a General Conference Session might be for Seventh-day Adventists.

In Australia, the WCC has three member churches—Anglican, Uniting, and Churches of Christ. The Seventh-day Adventist Church isn't a member of the WCC, but it has observer status.

The theme for the Canberra assembly ("Come, Holy Spirit—Renew the Whole Creation") departed from earlier themes. It was the first in the form of a prayer and the first to concentrate on the third person of the trinity. Four subthemes, each in the form of an intercession, read "Give of Life—Sustain your Creation!" "Spirit of Truth—Set us Free!" "Spirit of Unity—Reconcile Your People!" and "Holy Spirit—Transform and Sanctify Us!"

Under these subthemes, group discussions sought to integrate theology and practical life by focusing on issues facing the church. Most groups highlighted social action and justice issues. The section and subsection deliberations, which were closed to visitors, met to consider matters such as the sharing of the earth's resources; today's ecological crisis; the liberation of all classes, races, sexes, rich and poor; and ways that the ecumenical movement might be enriched by the gift of Pentecostal and charismatic churches.

The WCC General Secretary Dr E. Castro noted in the opening address that humans are "unique, unrepeatable beings, created in the image of God." But the draft report from Section I ques-

tioned the centrality of human beings in the Christian understanding of the world. Assuming an evolutionary explanation for human existence, it said "it is the grandest arrogance . . . to view ourselves as the *raison d'etre* of God's creating, as the crown of cosmic creation, or even as creation's steward."

Section II's draft report called upon those who have experienced the Spirit's freedom to break down the barriers that bind people. "We are no longer captives of systems which oppress and enslave . . . be they economic or political, cultural or social, of gender or race."

This report criticised the inequities of a world market dominated by "transnational corporate interests." It claimed that international debt is insupportable in poor and wealthy countries. It encouraged spirituality to engage in people's struggles, and the need for awareness among churches of the gifts of the "differently abled" (a term for the disabled).

From Section III came the observation that one of the churches' tasks is to "lay open the reality by naming and analysing hidden ideologies." The report named patriarchy, economic value systems that ignore personal values, and achievements-orientated value systems.

The Section IV report noted that the Holy Spirit calls churches to acknowledge the unity that exists among them. It asked churches to overcome confessional barriers in order to share their energies, gifts and ministries on a common spiritual journey toward visible unity.

**"One must do
theology and not just
think about it."**

The constitution of the WCC lists church unity as first among its functions and purposes. It's the "crucial point of reference" for everything the WCC does.

Dr Castro spoke of his desire to see "eucharistic hospitality" and added, "It is more than frustrating that this has not been realised."

One session focused on unity and featured 11 assembly participants from areas such as Jamaica, Nicaragua, India, the Pacific and the Middle East. It even included a Buddhist monk from Sri Lanka.

Critics, especially from the United States, have come to designate Christian unity as "a failed experiment." Archbishop Kirill, head of the Russian Orthodox Church's delegation, told delegates that nationalist movements and fundamentalism present obstacles to unity. Other divisive factors included the ordination of women to the priesthood and "a tendency towards syncretism with non-Christian religions."

He added, significantly, that in the WCC "liberal, radical, and contextual theologies dominate over the theology of apostolic tradition."

Russian Orthodox theologian Nicholas Lossky (who is also a member of the WCC's Faith and Order Commission) was asked how close the WCC is to unity. He responded, "Only God can answer that."

Roman Catholic Archbishop Edward Cassidy, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, remarked that mutual confidence between his church and the WCC had grown over the past 25 years. "We may now speak openly of our difficulties," he said.

He added that he couldn't see the Roman Catholic Church as a member of the WCC in the foreseeable future. Several delegates expressed regret that the Catholic Church wasn't a member and asked that efforts between the two bodies be increased.

The Catholic Church's involvement in the WCC is significant. The Vatican names 12 of the 120 members of the WCC's Faith and Order Commission. A

Patchwork Quilt

by Wanda Boulting

They were just odd-shaped, small pieces of material. Some were woolen, some cotton and some were fancy fabrics.

For months they lay in cartons stored in cupboards at the church. Sometimes people would see them and ask what they were going to do with them.

Some said that they should be thrown out because they were in the way. But one day Grandma Brown saw them. She asked if she could take some home.

"What are you going to do with those old scraps?" asked one of the women.

"I think I could make something out of them," replied Grandma Brown. She found a big plastic bag and filled it with material scraps.

When she got home she tipped them all out onto the kitchen table. Then she began to cut the small pieces of material into squares.

When she had all the squares neatly stacked on the table she got out her sewing machine. She began sewing the squares together. She wanted to make a blanket out of the squares.

Gradually the pieces were sewn together and the small pieces became a bigger piece. Finally Grandma Brown spread it out on the floor. She smiled. She liked her new blanket.

She took her blanket back to the church to show some of the other people there. They were surprised.

"Did you make that out of the scraps in the cupboard?" they asked her.

"Yes, and I have enough scraps at home to make another one."

"But it's beautiful."

Soon all the scraps in the cupboard were gone and they were looking for more. Everyone, it seemed, wanted to make a blanket like Grandma Brown's.

Grandma Brown had taught them that sometimes things that seem worthless can be made into something beautiful.

quarter of the WCC staff in Geneva are Roman Catholics. And the Vatican appoints several consultants to attend the annual meeting of the WCC Commission on World Mission and Evangelism—one is a full-time consultant.

Dr Chung Hyun Kyung, a professor of systematic theology from Korea, claimed that she represented youth, women, Asia, Third World countries, and minority religions. She confessed that theology hadn't touched her heart until she discovered liberation theology. She said one "must *do* theology and not just *think about* it."

Dr Chung, from the Presbyterian Church of Korea, said that, for her, Asian culture needs to be adapted to the Christian faith. She argued that before the Christian missionaries came to Korea, God had spoken through the native religions of her country.

Father Stanley S. Harakas, Proto-Presbyter of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, responded by noting that every tradition and culture has elements that are contradictory to the gospel. He found the equating of the Christian message with other religious affirmations and traditions unacceptable.

He said that a Christian theology must not deny the unique and redemptive work of Jesus Christ. He added that early Christian martyrs gave their blood because they weren't willing to accept Apollo, Zeus, Minerva and Aphrodite as Christian.

In his "Footnotes to the Assembly," the Archbishop-designate of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, stressed that the truth about God in Jesus Christ is "not vague and amorphous, but Christ-centred."

He warned against separating the work of the Holy Spirit from the work of Christ. He challenged the WCC to wrestle with the coherence of a trinitarian framework of faith that "has served the church well for 2,000 years."

While he urged dialogue with other faiths, and the need for a humble stance and an informed mind, Dr Carey claimed that the WCC had no mandate to develop a fresh theology. He confessed, "I stand with the uniqueness of Christ and the integrity of other faiths."

Though it had been agreed that 40 per cent of delegates should be female and 20 per cent youth, a number of speakers lamented that such representation

hadn't been achieved. The work of the nominating committee also proved to be an agonising task as committee members struggled to find acceptable numbers to represent youth, women and developing countries.

Despite increased appropriations, the financial state of the WCC has deteriorated since the 1983 Vancouver assembly. Several reasons were given. There has been a decline in the value of the US dollar and the German Mark (the two main currencies of the WCC). There's an increase in the cost of living in Switzerland where the WCC is housed. The number of the WCC staff has increased. And nearly one-third of member churches haven't accepted financial membership.

The WCC will seek to balance its budget by reducing its staff from 330 to 270. Seventy per cent of the operating budget is staff costs.

I met many at the WCC whose sincerity and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ is beyond question. The prayer expressed by the theme "Come, Holy Spirit" also rises from the hearts of many Seventh-day Adventists.

Yet, I couldn't help but share Dr Carey's observation that the assembly seemed to stress the subtitle of the theme, "Renew the Whole Creation," more than the main theme, "Come, Holy Spirit."

The WCC occasionally took on the appearance of a "world council of global issues" rather than a council dealing with matters directly related to the life of the church. Issues such as Aboriginal land rights, struggles of native peoples, the Gulf War, the cost of tourism in developing countries, the international debt crisis, the liberation of women and other subjugated peoples, and ecology all have their rightful place, but it seemed to me that they dominated the agenda.

Jesus' mission was primarily spiritual, yet He frequently challenged the religious, social and political structures of His day. Christian discipleship cannot be restricted only to spiritual activity. Nor should discipleship be limited to social action, particularly if it serves as a substitute for personal spiritual renewal.

Surely, Christians will express their spiritual commitment to the Lord in actions that will also contribute to the betterment of today's world and society. **17**

Arthur J. Ferch is field secretary for the South Pacific Division.

Wanda Boulting writes from Cooranbong, NSW.

Cuban Dawn

After 30 years of limited supplies of Bibles in Cuba, the United Bible Societies is gaining greater access to provide Scripture to that nation's 10.5 million people. This year, UBS plans to provide 51,600 Bibles, 20,000 New Testaments, 30,000 portions and 1 million selections, reports the American Bible Society.

Singles Convention

A National Convention for singles (including those who are widowed, divorced, separated, or have never married) will be held at Avondale College from December 30 to January 5, 1992. Special guests will include the Adventist Singles Ministries National President in the United States, Gene Anderson; Dr Bryan Ball, South Pacific Division president; Pastor Bryan Craig, SPD Family Life director; Pastors Ian McKean and Allan Walshe, Church Ministries personnel from the Trans-Tasman and Trans-Australian Union Conferences respectively; and Mrs Carol McKean, a Family Life educator. "There will be worship, workshops, practical sessions, recreation and outings with lots of fun and fellowship," says Pastor Bob Possingham, Youth director of the TTUC. Applications will soon be available from local conference youth departments.

Auto Crash

The author of *Preparation for the Final Crisis*, Fernando Chaij, and his wife, Sara, died when another vehicle struck their car near Campbell, California, USA, on March 16. Pastor Chaij, aged 83, had served as president of River Plate College in

Argentina and chief editor of the Buenos Aires Publishing House in Argentina before serving at Pacific Press Publishing Association, where he became international publications editor. His wife had been an editor for 28 years, serving in both Buenos Aires and at Pacific Press.

School Openings

Portuguese evangelicals will start ministering in public schools this year as a result of a recent law that breaks the monopoly the Catholic church has held since 1926. Evangelicals number less than 2 per cent of Portugal's 10.4 million population. After persevering negotiations by the evangelicals and Christian churches, the government approved a law allowing

religious teachings in schools where 15 students sign a petition requesting it. Over 300 evangelical students responded immediately requesting classes in 34 different schools.—*The Australian Evangelical*.

Rival Rumpus

Rivalry among churchgoers in Papua New Guinea's East New Britain Province has led to the razing of a Pentecostal Church building and threats to damage other church property. According to a report in the *Canberra Times* of March 19, a "rebel" priest mobilised supporters to destroy the church, which was only a few months old. It was made from traditional bush materials with a corrugated-iron roof. The report added

that Seventh-day Adventist church leaders said supporters of the priest had ordered parents to withdraw their children from Protestant schools.

Protest at Bias

The Christian Association of Nigeria is concerned at what it considers is government favouritism toward Islam. Nigeria's 115 million population is roughly divided between Christianity and Islam, but the CAN claims that a large amount of assistance of all kinds comes from outside the country to encourage eradication from Nigeria of all non-Islamic religions, especially Christianity. In addition, they claim Nigerian fanatics enjoy increasing support from federal and some state governments.—*The Australian Evangelical*.

Surgeon Honoured

The King of Nepal recently presented Sydney Adventist Hospital heart surgeon Dr Alan Gale with a decoration and medal for his services to that country through his work with SAH's volunteer Operation Open Heart team. Dr Gale has been instrumental in setting up the cardiac surgery unit at Bir Hospital in Katmandu, and has raised many funds to support the work of the volunteer heart team organised by SAH. In a volunteer capacity he has led a number of surgical teams to Nepal and personally performed many life-saving cardiac operations. Dr Gale says he doesn't regard the honours as personal, but for all the dedicated members of the volunteer Operation Open Heart teams, reports SAH Public Relations director Neroli Zaska.



Photo: Sandra England.

Victorian School Wins Festival Award

The Ballarat Adventist School (Victoria) won the trophy for the Best School Entry in the Ballarat Begonia Festival's parade on March 17. Following the theme "Flowers and Fantasy," school principal Sandra England said the school related the development of flowers—in particular the begonia—to Christian growth. The children decorated their school bus with hundreds of small crepe-paper begonias, and each window featured a large begonia, with the faces of younger children forming the centre of each flower. These were planted in pots highlighting Christian growth. Older children walked beside the bus with teachers and parents and handed out leaflets about the school. Melbourne Advent Brass Band accompanied the entry in the parade. "The exercise gave our school great publicity," says Mrs England.

"Focus" on May

"Focus on Living" radio broadcasts by Pastor Geoff Youlden next month will include: May 5—Getting on the Bran Waggon, plus interview with financial advisor Noel Whittaker on Why People Don't Succeed Financially; May 12—Prescription for Survival, plus interview with marriage counsellor William Loveless on Fidelity in Marriage; May 19—Taking Care Out of Doors, plus interview with bio-ethicist Dr David Larsen on Downes Syndrome; May 26—How Wrong the Experts Can Be, plus interview with Dr Tom Ludowici on Depression.

School Turns 40

The Mildura Seventh-day Adventist School will celebrate 40 years of service to the church and community in the Sunraysia area of Victoria/New South Wales over the weekend of October 4-6. All past teachers, students and pastors are invited to attend. For details phone (050) 24 5192 or write to PO Box 1506, Mildura, Vic 3500.

North-West

Pastor Ervin Ferris and his wife, Val, have been appointed to care for Adventists from Carnarvon to Hedland, in Western Australia. A North West Camp convenes at Karratha from May 31 to June 3.

Fins Donate Boat

Adventists in Finland recently donated a 90-horsepower speedboat for use at isolated Yuka Adventist Hospital in Zambia. The road terminates 100 kms from the hospital and staff and supplies must be transported along the waterways. ADRA-Finland, the Community Services Department and the Finland Union combined to provide the Bella



Photo: Wapole Telematloga.

Adventist Youth Wins Prestigious Prize

The 1991 Livestock Farmer of the Year in Fiji was awarded to Watisoni Kaivoga (pictured), a member of Naqarawai church in Namosi. In addition to a trophy and certificate, the prize included \$4,700 worth of equipment and gift vouchers. The Fijian Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Mr Josevata Kamikamica, made the presentation on February 18. The Fijian Minister of Primary Industry congratulated Mr Kaivoga and applauded his hard work, honesty and commitment.

Scandic, seating six people plus cargo. The Finnish churches have also sent two tonnes of mattresses and clothing.

Youth Emphasis

The year 1993 has been proclaimed the Year of Youth Evangelism by the Adventist church, which will aim for 100,000 youth campaigns throughout the world. The world church will compile a guidebook for youth evangelism, and youth sermons will be produced on videos. In addition, junior Voice of Youth materials will be available. During 1992 an international congress on youth evangelism will be held in Eastern Europe, and an International Pathfinder Leadership Camp in Hawaii in 1993.

Cause for Alarm

Figures released recently by the Institute of Church Ministry and Evangelism covering the past decade indicate a high level of apostasies in Australia

and New Zealand that has eroded church growth to 1.39 per cent per year. In releasing the figures, ICME director Dr Alwyn Salom appealed for greater concern for "missing members" by administrators and pastors.

Mission Cancelled

Recently imposed curfews in Papua New Guinea and a shortfall of funds has led to the cancellation of a major evangelistic campaign planned for Port Moresby this year by Pastors LaVerne Tucker and James Zachary.

Peace Patrol

In an effort to bring a peaceful settlement to a long-standing dispute, 300 members from the six Adventist churches in the Mount Hagen area of Papua New Guinea visited warring clans in the Togoba Valley on March 10. The members distributed Bibles, gifts and clothing and brought the tribal fighting to an end. The villagers registered deep appreciation and invited the Adventists to return, accord-

ing to South Pacific Division Communication director Ray Coombe.

EGW Centenary

The year 1991 marks 100 years since Ellen White came to Australia. She spent nearly 10 years in this part of the world. The event will be commemorated during the year, and featured at the General Conference Annual Council in Perth in October.

Going to Perth?

Ken Morgan's Aussie Tours is offering accommodation and tour arrangements for Adventists interested in attending the General Conference Autumn Council in Perth from October 7-14. Quality motel or budget cabin lodgings will be provided in Perth with daily coach transfers to and from the session venues, together with sight-seeing tours around Perth. For further details, phone (074) 62 6144 or write PO Box 465, Gatton, Qld 4343.

Winning Run

Michele Bush-Cuke, of Andrews University and a participant in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea, captured the first place in Chicago's eight-kilometre Shamrock Run on March 10, reports Andrews University spokesperson Michele Jacobson. Bush-Cuke beat more than 6,000 runners. The 1983 1,500-metre national champion is also a prevention specialist for Andrews University's Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. She was in the Chicago area coordinating an Adventist youth-to-youth conference at Broadview Academy in LaFox, Illinois (USA).

Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review.

Aussie Tries Rail Outreach in Canada

A member of the Hurstville church (Sydney, New South Wales) recently returned home to visit after three and a half years spent mostly in Canada. Graham Jackson, younger son of George and Mary Jackson, works with the international Christian movement Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

Graham is one of a team working on a revolutionary evangelistic approach. They are equipping a train as an outreach centre to take the gospel to much of Canada.

The idea began as a dream of Uli Kortsch, Canadian Director of YWAM. YWAM has now purchased one railcar—a run-down 1929 R Series Sleeper known as the Rosemere.

Much of Canada's history is built around the railroad. As early as 1885 a railway line was completed, joining the east of Canada with the west and enabling travel from one end of the country to the other.

YWAM's dream of reaching the Canadian people via the restored historical train—combining the appeal of the antique railcar with the appeal of the gospel—is slowly becoming a reality. The Rosemere is the first of what is envisaged to be a fleet of such trains. Built in Montreal for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, it was the epitome of elegance, with plush upholstery and teak inlaid rosewood berths. The train weighed 90 tonnes with an overall length of nearly 30 metres.

A restoration team has stripped the paint work and will soon begin work on new insulation, panelling, heating and air-conditioning, lights and wiring, plumbing, etc. In addition, welding, mechanical repairs and some undercarriage refitting must be completed externally before the Rosemere is serviceable.

YWAM hopes to take the Rosemere— and other such railcars—into the 20,000 small towns throughout Canada with a mobile evangelism team, contacting churches, schools and shopping malls. The train will serve as a home for the team and an evangelistic drawcard.

One railcar will be used for presenting three-dimensional videos, utilising windows that have been specially designed

for reverse-screen projection.

Local businesspeople have already donated a work siding and materials to assist restoration work. Volunteers are engaged in carpentry, plumbing, mechanics, electrical work, welding

and upholstery. Mr Jackson believes the potential of the project is limitless.

He has now returned to his work on the restoration and hopes that the Visionary Railroad dream will be realised by the end of this year.



Adventist World Radio Affects World

One of the first converts from Adventist Radio-Asia, Marasati Siregar, is now studying theology at the Indonesia Union College in Bandung, Indonesia. Marasati first returned to his home village on the island of Sumatra to care for his ailing parents. While there he raised up a group of more than 20 Adventists who meet weekly in his parents' home. Then he returned to school "to learn how to be a preacher."

Czeslaw Czyz wrote to AWR-Europe from his home in Poland asking if there was a Seventh-day Adventist church in his village. He found the people in the local church friendly and the worship services meaningful. He began going door-to-door with his own hand-written information regarding the times of broadcasts. Today he's involved in both public and literature evangelism.

Zachary Kassoule—a listener to AWR-Africa—graduated from the Adventist University of Central Africa at Gisenvi, Rwanda. He is returning home as the first national pastor in Niger.

None of these young people could have been reached without radio. Nor would thousands of students in China who say they crowd around their radios in large groups to hear messages of peace, hope and security. And nor could the young people of Africa and Russia.

A family recently provided funds for about 40 hectares, a residence, a transmitter building and equipment in Costa Rica for upgrading the current 40kw station on the campus of Central American Adventist University. That means the station will blanket much of South America.

Adventist World Radio continues to lease time on the powerful African station in Gabon for our studios in Cote d'Ivoire. But AWR needs their own station so that broadcasts in the major languages of Africa can be added. Africa, with its seven hours of weekly broadcast, remains at its minimum, and most costly, potential.

Just last month, papers were signed with an option to buy on 54 hectares almost directly east of Argenta, Italy. From there a radio station could cover Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa. The new site, partly funded by the offering taken during the 1990 General Conference Session last July, will enable AWR to drop leased time from Portugal and increase the impact in Italy.

By Robert S. Folkenberg, president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.



Diabetes consultant Dorothy Thomas (left) tests sugar levels for seminar enrollee Bev Smith.

Photo: Neroli Zaska.

SAH Educates In Managing Diabetes

A Diabetes Education Seminar at Sydney Adventist Hospital on March 12 and 13 proved so successful that the hospital's Health Education Department plans a repeat seminar on September 10 and 11.

Diabetes is one of Australia's major health problems and it is increasing in frequency throughout the world. A leading cause of blindness and kidney failure, it also increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, impotence and limb amputation. But correct management can control it.

New Fijian LEs Complete Training Course

Ten literature evangelists recently completed a training school for new recruits held at Labasa church in Vanua Levu, Fiji. A number of the trainees are new Seventh-day Adventists, reports Central Pacific Union Mission Publishing director Kevin Geelan.

Viliame Rabalotu Golea came from an Adventist family in the village of Somosomo on the island of Taveuni, commonly known as the garden island of Fiji. His parents sent him to an Adventist school on the mainland of Vanua Levu, but Viliame didn't complete his education. He started smoking, and drinking alcohol.

Ten years later he attended Bible study classes conducted by the chaplain of the Vatuvonu Adventist School. "I thought this would be a good way to obtain a marked Bible so that I could answer questions when my friends asked me about anything religious," he says. "However, when it was announced that 19 people had prepared themselves for baptism, I made up my mind to join them. I realised I'd gained nothing good from being in the world."

In 1989, Viliame attended the Fiji

Mission camp and enrolled as a trainee literature evangelist. "I thank God for His love, guidance and direction that has enabled me to join the publishing team and become a co-worker in evangelising the world through our publications," he says.

Ropeti Yasabalavu owns a sugarcane farm in Seaqaqa, one of the districts in the Northern Division of Fiji. While in Suva to hire a harvest gang during May, 1988, Ropeti was on his way to a drinking party when he picked up a piece of paper from the road. It was an invitation to attend a Voice of Youth campaign.

He didn't pay any attention to the handbill until a few days later, when someone told him he should attend the meetings because many young women would be there. So he went to the meeting. When no one else responded to a call for baptism, Ropeti stood up. He says he felt sorry for the youth group that had given of their time and talents to conduct the meetings.

"After baptism, I made up my mind to attend as many meetings and courses as possible," he says. "I wanted to gain a wider knowledge and experience the progress of the church." Soon he was ordained a deacon in the church. Later he was elected an elder and youth and Pathfinder director.

"Now I want to thank God for the opportunity to become a literature evangelist," he says, "and I wish to continue

doing this as long as probation lasts."

Ropeti recently decided to sell his cane farm, purchase a four-wheel-drive vehicle and visit the isolated farms and villages in the inland of Vanua Levu.

"We rejoice to see these new literature evangelists so enthusiastic about the most important of all tasks—spreading the gospel to people who don't know about Jesus," says Pastor Geelan. "Please pray for them and our work in Fiji and the other islands of the South Pacific."

Australian Leads Major Crusade in Yugoslavia

At least 6,000 people attended the March 1 opening night of the Amazing Discoveries meetings in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, conducted by David Currie, ministerial secretary of the Trans-European Division. Pastor Currie formerly held the same office in the South Pacific Division. Three sessions of each meeting are being conducted in a lecture theatre seating 700 at the University of Zagreb. Up to 1,000 people are attending each meeting. Many are standing and others are watching on closed-circuit television in another hall.

Meetings were originally planned to run five nights a week for six weeks, but the enormous response has prompted rescheduling to seven nights a week with sessions at 4.00, 6.00 and 8.00 pm.

"Obviously the Spirit of the Lord is working in Zagreb," says Pastor Currie. "Many professional people and students are attending. In fact, we're seeing people from all walks of life coming along. The crowds are keeping up remarkably well and their generous offerings indicate their pleasure at hearing the Bible proclaimed. The churches in Zagreb are thrilled with the response."

The Amazing Discoveries series received wide press and media coverage including a television news story that stated "this is something that you may want to go and see for yourself."

Advertising included posters around the town and in tram cars, and handbill distribution. The meetings were also advertised in newspapers and magazines, and received much publicity from a press conference held by Pastor Currie.

A Field School of Evangelism is being conducted along with the mission.

CHURCH NEWS

Queensland AAA

The Annual General Meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association in South Queensland will be held at the Pine Rivers church hall at 2.00 pm on September 20. "This is the last Friday of camp and we invite visitors to attend and hear of the work of A Double A during the year," says AAA secretary for Southport Eunice Turner.

Fond Farewell

Cooroy church recently farewelled Pastor Bill Baines and his wife, Edna, who have moved to the SDA Retirement Village at Victoria Point, Queensland. The Baines have lived in the district since retiring 12 years ago. "Their tireless work in our community was really appreciated," says communication secretary Alice Wheelen.

Harvey Investment

In spite of the rural recession, the 40-member Harvey Sabbath school (Western Australia) last year raised \$1,200 for Investment—more than double their aim of \$500. "No other programs of giving suffered a decline, but every member in each division made a concerted effort and we were encouraged by leader Terry Sowden to aim for \$10 each," says reporter Bill Hodgen. "Each week funds came in and our money tree grew rapidly as members undertook projects as varied as walking dogs and collecting tin cans, to growing vegetables and selling produce. And already, our 1991 Investment project is off to a good start."

Tenth Anniversary

Members of the Lilydale church (Melbourne, Vic-



Photo: Fran Craig

Adventist Youth Capture Silver

Ten Adventist young people recently received Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards from His Excellency, the Honourable Sir Walter Campbell, Governor of Queensland, at a ceremony in Government House, Brisbane, Queensland. Among the recipients were (from left): Peter Craig, Julie Douglas, Shelley Took, Paul Jack and Janelle Douglas.

toria), recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of their complex. Former minister Pastor Ray Dabson was guest speaker for the morning service on March 17, which also featured the Lilydale Adventist Academy choir conducted by Paul Woodward, a brass ensemble led by Dr Peter McGowan, and organ and piano music by Romney King and Lin Jackson. Builder Carl Stoneman gave a history of the church. Local MPs Bob Charles and Jim Plowman were special

guests for the occasion and joined more than 400 members and friends for a fellowship luncheon coordinated by Mrs Faye Deppeler. An afternoon meeting of music and nostalgia was compered by former pastors Dean Giles and Harold Roberts, with Neville Wilson giving the commentary on a slide presentation. Bill Littlewood chaired the committee that arranged the celebrations, which were coordinated by present pastor Ed Totenhofer.



Photo: Ken Moore

First Service in Camden Haven

Pastor Peter Saunders led out at the first service held in the new Camden Haven church (New South Wales) on March 9. Members then gathered at Rossglen and Pastors John Richardson and Lyndon Thrift baptised five new members in the Camden Haven River, reports communication secretary Ken Moore. Pictured from left: Pastor Richardson, Mrs Bonny Elliott, Mrs Robyn McElevey, Mrs Kerrie Glaspell, her husband, Leigh Glaspell, and his mother, Mrs June Glaspell, and Pastor Lyn Thrift.

Gatton Outreach

A total of 110 children enrolled for the Happy Holiday Club sponsored by the Gatton church (Queensland) recently. It was the 15th consecutive year the church has sponsored the event. "The week ended with a concert for parents, and many who attended commented on how much they enjoyed it and how well the children sang," reports communication secretary Sandra Jull. "The children proudly displayed their completed craft work, including wall plaques, fabric painting, wind chimes and covered baskets." The programs were organised by June Jull, Gladys Teis and Shirley Schultz.

Moora on Move

The newly formed Pathfinder Club at Moora (Western Australia) held a promotional day during February that attracted 80 people. Local MLA Bill McNee presented a Pathfinder Gold Award to Jay Van Ballegooyen. Mr McNee flew from Perth especially for the service. Dr Andrew Van Ballegooyen, Moora Pathfinder director, and Graeme Barnett, state Pathfinder director, also participated in the program. "Jay chose to receive her award at Moora to publicise the achievements possible for young people through the Pathfinders," says communication secretary Vicki Pantan. "She was a member of the Bickley Club, along with her brother, Dwight, and sister, Nita, before moving to Moora." Jay completed the requirements for the award, and also qualified as a Master Guide while studying Year 11. She is doing her tertiary entrance studies and is a club instructor at Moora.

NOTICEBOARD

Appreciation

Fraser. Mrs Olive Fraser and family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who shared with them in the loss of their husband, brother, father and grandfather, Alex. To everyone who provided medical care, who attended or participated in the services, who sent flowers or messages, or who offered sympathetic understanding and support, they are most grateful.

Weddings

Maudsunt—Williams. Garry Mordaunt and Esme Williams were married on March 31 at the Port Pirie SDA church, SA. They plan to set up their home in Adelaide.

Allan Croft.

Patterson—Lal. Stephen Patterson, son of Angus and Lesley Patterson (Invercargill, New Zealand), and Kamla Lal (formerly of Fiji), were married on March 24 at the home of the bridegroom's parents. Stephen and Kamla plan to set up their home in Invercargill, where Stephen will continue working in the family's wholesale plant nursery.

Brian Lawty.

Stone—Butler. Alan Stone, son of William and Mavis Stone, (Auckland, New Zealand), and Felicity Butler, daughter of Edgar and Joan Butler (Murwillumbah, NSW), were married on March 24 at the Murwillumbah SDA church. Zane Edwards, a friend of the groom, conducted the service, assisted by the writer, friend of the bride's family. Alan and Felicity plan to establish their home in South Auckland, New Zealand. Clive D. Butcher.

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.

Benzie, Elizabeth Mary, was born May 15, 1914, in Invercargill, New Zealand. She grew up on Stewart Island. She died March 6 at the Clyde Hospital and was buried in the Invercargill Cemetery.

Brian Lawty.

Brown, Herbert ("Bert") Dexter, born July 31, 1906, in Apia, Western Samoa; died March 30 at the Warburton Hospital, Vic. He was educated in France, Longburn College, Avondale College and the Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. For many years a member of the Parramatta church, NSW, he later moved to Warburton, Vic. Bert was a part-time literature evangelist, collected for the annual Adventist Appeal, and had an extensive *Signs* round. An accomplished musician, he shared his skill on the violin with others. He is survived by his wife, Lydia; son and daughter-in-law, Graeme and Carole; and grandchildren, Sheri and Laurie. Pastor Ed Parker assisted in the service at the Wesburn Cemetery.

John Cernik.

Brzeznik, Stanislaw, born December 4, 1911, Wierzbica, Poland; died March 24 at the Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, SA. He served an apprenticeship in metal-work. During World War II he was imprisoned at Auschwitz and Oranienburg. In 1949 he married Leokadia Antosiewicz, and in 1963 the family arrived in Australia. Baptised in 1964, Stanislaw was an active member of the Polish church at College Park, SA. He is survived by his wife; sons and daughters-in-law, Tadeusz and Margaret, and George and Ruth; and four grandchildren, Simon, Nicholas, Nicole and Timothy. Pastor J. Lipski assisted in the services.

E. J. Majchrowski.

Cozens, Kathleen Alice, born June 18, 1916, at Rocky Cape, Tasmania; died March 15 in Adelaide, SA. Kathleen had been an Adventist most of her life, and attended the Morphet Vale church in South Australia. She is survived by her children, David, Shirley, Jill and Denis.

Allan Croft.

Hayward, Walter Laurence (Laurie), born January 2, 1915, at Whangarei, New Zealand; died suddenly on March 11, in Melbourne, Vic. Laurie served in the Pacific during World War II. He was well-known in the Taranaki region of New Zealand, and throughout the church in Australasia. He was farm manager at Longburn College, worked for the SHF Company, was a member of several conference committees, and a social worker. Baptised some 50 years ago, he maintained an unswerving devotion to his Christian commitment. Hundreds paid their final tribute to Laurie at a service in the Hawera church. He is survived by his wife, Zeta (nee Strack); children, Graham, Rae, Lauren, Janice and Lois, and their spouses; grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters. Pastor Ian Trevena, a brother-in-law, Pastor Wayne Gredig and Trevor Timmins assisted in the service.

Ken J. Curtis.

Luca, Gaston Louis, born September 1, 1900, in Shanghai, China; died March 22 at Redcliffe, Qld. After his parents were killed in the Boxer Rebellion, Gaston and two sisters were left by a Chinese nurse on the steps of a convent in Shanghai. He served in the French Army during World War I. Following the second world war, he worked in the French Consulate in China, then Indochina. He came to Australia with his family in 1950, and settled in Brisbane, Qld, in 1951. Gaston was baptised at the Albion church on July 25, 1970. He is survived by two daughters, Julie Marie Guilhot and Henriette Gloria Quinn (both of Brisbane); eight grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, a son and daughter.

David M. Lamb.

McWatters, Annie Margaret ("Madge"), born April 18, 1921, at Ngatea, New Zealand; died March 2 at Thames, after a prolonged illness, and a lifetime of patiently bearing her infirmity of arthritis. Madge was baptised by Pastor Len Tolhurst on December 17, 1966. She helped in the church and in the community, and during her working life nursed at the Thames Hospital. She is survived by her mother, Virginia McWatters; brother, Lesley; and sisters, Verna McWatters and Nelly Wheeler. Trevor Lowrie, church elder, assisted in a service at the Thames SDA church.

K. J. Curtis.

Rayner, Peter Norman, born July 1, 1969; died March 23 at the Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, NSW. He was in the fourth year of his B Ed (majoring in art) at Avondale College, and was responsible for the layout of the 1990 Jacaranda. College students formed a guard of honour at the graveside, and a memorial service was held at the college, attended by family members, relatives, friends, staff and students. Peter is survived by his parents, John and Mayvis (Melbourne, Vic); brothers, Kelvin, Darryl and Barry (and his wife Megan); and sister, Leanne. Pastor Trafford Fischer and Grenville Kent were associated with the writer in the service.

Brad Strahan.

Stewart, Mabel Ida, born August 10, 1897 at Crookwell, NSW; died March 8 at her home in Camperdown, Vic. She was the youngest sister of the late Pastor P. G. Foster, with whom she had lived from the age of eight years. In 1919 Mabel went to the Sydney "San." She was in the first "San" class to graduate with State Registration in 1927. She married Joseph Stewart in 1936, and they lived at Weerite, Vic. Joseph died suddenly in 1958, leaving his wife and daughter, Dorothy, to care for the farm. Mabel is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Ian Davis (Weerite), and Maureen and Neville Whitsed (Ben Cubbin, WA). Pastors Lynn Uttley and Errol Singer assisted in services at the Camperdown church and at the graveside.

Bryce Andrews.

Vagenas, Konstantinos Christos ("Con"), born February 14, 1933, in Nigrita Serron, Greece; died suddenly on March 11 at Hornsby Hospital, NSW. Con married Sophia

Konstantinou on January 27, 1958. Con and his wife were baptised at Thessalonica, Greece, on May 29, 1959, following studies with Sophia's father. They migrated to Sydney in 1968. Long-time members of the Woollahra church, NSW, they moved to Cooranbong for their children's education. Con is survived by his wife (Cooranbong); son, Nick (theology student, Avondale College); daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Allan Simpson; and grand-daughter, Helena (all of Cooranbong). Pastor Apostolos Maglis was associated in the services.

Graeme Loftus.

Advertisements

Volunteer Teachers for Betikama. Teachers are needed for the rest of this year at Betikama Adventist High School in the areas of: (1) English—at a level suitable for the applicant, but possibly up to Form 5 (Year 11) level. (2) Science/Maths—at a level suitable for the applicant, but possibly up to Form 6 (Year 12) level in Physics and/or Maths. Other responsibilities will include rostered supervision and other duties assigned by the principal. Inquiries to Education Director, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wairoonga NSW 2076. Phone (02) 489 7122.

Bible Lands Tour of Egypt and Israel. 24 thrilling days, leaving October 1, 1991, with David Down. For free travel brochure write to D. K. Down, Box 341, Hornsby NSW 2077.

Youth's Instructor, 1970 back to 1948, some to 1930. Many almost complete years; most VG condition. Details from G. Tyack, 41 Blackwood Avenue, Warburton Vic 3799. Phone (059) 66 5105.

40th Anniversary—Mildura SDA School. Forty years of Christian education is being celebrated by the Mildura SDA School on October 4, 5 and 6. A very special weekend is being planned. All past and present students, pastors and teachers are cordially invited to attend. For further information, write to the school: PO Box 1506, Mildura Vic 3502, or phone (050) 24 5192.

Wollongong Church Opening. Past ministers and members are invited to attend and supply memorabilia for the opening of the new Wollongong church on June 8. Also commemorating 50 years from opening of former church on site. For accommodation, apply to Pastor Ross Chadwick, 5 Lemrac Ave, Corramal, NSW 2518, or Mrs Audrey Fitzsimmons, 7 Ross Street, Wollongong, NSW 2500, before May 16.

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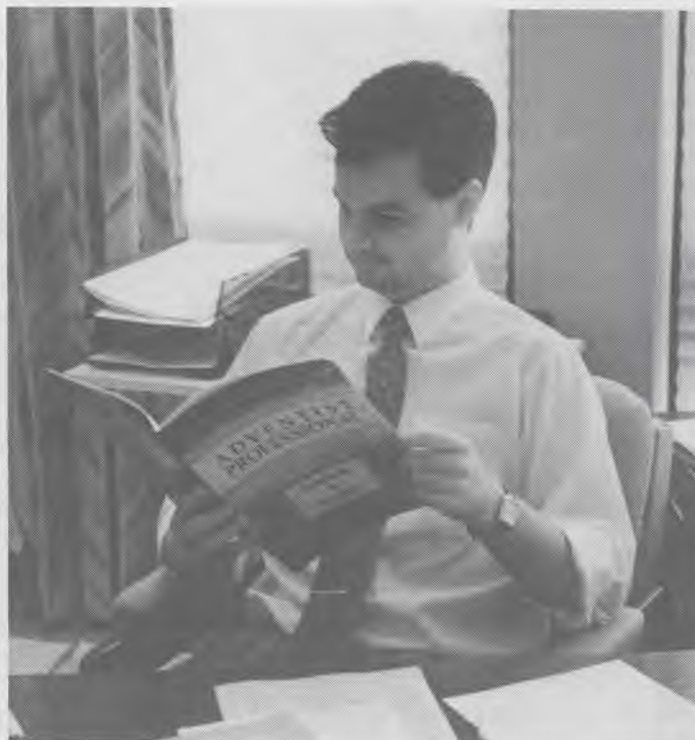
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