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Cover: Some 800 families were given clothing and food following a chemical explosion in Bangkok, Thailand.

Photo: Jeff Wright.

EDITORIAL



The Ultimate Priority

The momentous events of the past 12 months or so have once more focused attention on prophecy and its latter-day fulfilment.

Hal Lindsay's bestseller *The Late Great Planet Earth* (not recommended for the accuracy of its interpretation), which has already sold 1.5 million copies, has just been reissued.

Further, a spate of articles on Saddam Hussein, the Middle East, Armageddon, the future of the Jews etc has appeared in our own publications around the world. Some people have even been drawn to reinterpret prophetic time periods and calculations of end-time dates.

Let it be said, without hesitation, that it is important to understand prophecy, particularly as it relates to our day. It is also important to share with others the fulfilment of biblical predictions and the wonderful hope that the promises of our Lord's return offer us.

Further, it is essential for the church to reemphasise its Heaven-given mission in the light of current events and fulfilling prophecy. Despite this, the question of priorities raises itself and won't go away.

I was reminded recently of the statement attributed to former English cricket captain Mike Brearley. He led his team against an Australian 11 that included the fiery bowlers Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thompson.

On returning from the tour to Australia, Brearley was asked by a reporter what it was like to face the bowling of Lillee and Thompson. "It is rather like imminent execution," he is reported to have said. "It focuses the mind wonderfully."

In the same way, given the relentless and accurate attack of the old enemy, should not world events and fulfilling prophecy focus our minds on true priorities?

One has, in all honesty, to ask whether these include the study of prophecy merely to increase biblical knowledge, make unfounded calculations and date setting, or questionable interpretations of obscure passages of Scripture.

The ultimate priority for the church at this time is not even a renewed zeal for witnessing, as crucial as that un-

questionably is. I do not wish to be misunderstood. I am not for a minute arguing that focusing our minds on end-time prophecy is unimportant or unnecessary.

However, I am suggesting that it is not an end in itself. It is not the *ultimate* priority. It is not the most *essential* activity we can be pursuing as we see world events unfolding before us.

The ultimate priority surely comes to

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us in the words of Jesus, stated so clearly and so emphatically in Scripture. In considering the future and the last events, Jesus urged His disciples to "watch and pray" (Matthew 26:41; Mark 13:33 and 14:38). Watching is necessary, but it also needs to be accompanied by prayer.

Our Lord also said, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). The mission of John the Baptist—a forerunner of the latter-day Elijah—was to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

That, dear brothers and sisters, is the ultimate priority—a people prepared for the Lord. A people ready to meet Jesus whenever He may come. It may be next week or next year. It may be some time before, or even after, that fascinating year 2000. The great challenge that faces us is to live a life consistent with our belief—a life prepared in all dimensions for a soon-coming Lord. How well the enemy of souls understands that. He assiduously strives to lead us to focus on other issues, good and necessary as they may be.

By all means let us watch and study, preach and witness. But let us also pray, and let us be a prepared people. There is no priority of greater urgency than this.

Bryan Ball,
President, South Pacific Division.

LETTERS

Thanks for the "Least"

Thank you for your editorial "One of the Least ..." (March 23), which reminded us to be compassionate. I believe that the person who wrote to you isn't an isolated case. Often we fail to be in tune with others' feelings. However, I believe there are many church members who would like to help lonely people if they were made aware of their need.

The Sabbath lunch question is a vexing one. I remember the "good old days" when we asked people home for Sabbath lunch when all we had to offer was bread and soup. Sadly this kind of essential hospitality is dying out because we're made to believe that unless we have a three-course meal and sparkling grape juice to offer, we're unable to take a stranger home.

I appeal to you to ask me home for lunch with you even if it's just bread rolls and Marmite. While I love food, I love and need your fellowship more. And don't fear that I'll stay too long. Shortly after lunch I'll have a good reason why I should be excused and leave you to enjoy the blessings and privacy of your Sabbath afternoon. Ray Stanley, SA.

Print More Letters

Since reading your editorial "Banning Freedom" (April 13), I'm tempted to think that this could well be an illustration of "the pot calling the kettle black."

The editorial referred to the planned government ban on political advertising in the electronic media. You write that Adventists have championed the cause of freedom of religious practice and expression. Then you urge us to exert our influence against this proposed legislation.

You may recall another editorial some time ago by Bruce Manners where he appeared to delight in deciding what letters should or should not be printed. Gleefully he revealed that only 20 per cent of letters are printed, thereby denying 80 per cent of our readers freedom of expression. Where's the difference?

If this letter finds its way into the yes basket, you'll probably add an editorial disclaimer that doesn't really change anything. M. Poels, ACT.

The editorial written by Bruce Manners ("Hatchet Man," June 9, 1990) referred to articles, not letters.

Adventist Prisoners

I've just received a note from Amnesty International asking for urgent action on behalf of two prisoners, students of the Adventist University of Central Africa, near Gizenyi. Of 15 arrested (the story was featured as a Flashpoint article, "Uni Closed," on April 13), two remain in custody.

Amnesty International claims that these students have been brutally treated and that they've been denied medical, legal and family visits.

Although they weren't involved in the failed Tutsi uprising, these students have suffered in the frenzied revenge raids against this ethnic group. We who are members of Amnesty International are writing and working for the restoration of human rights to these Adventist prisoners. Please pray and/or join Amnesty International (Private Bag 23, Broadway, NSW 2007) and help thousands of prisoners to maintain hope.

Edna Heise, NSW.

Medical Outreach

Anyone interested in medical institution outreach should read sections five and six in *Counsels on Health*. These sections deal with aims and objectives, and give the yardstick for a successful operation. In studying this, one should discern principles rather than dwell on the details of implementation that will vary from time to time.

This facet of service was designed to

reflect, as closely as possible, Christ's compassionate and selfless ministry of restoration and reconciliation. Paul set a similar noble example of commitment and cooperation. He recognised the true Source of success in a personally rewarding venture. "Each of us performed the task which the Lord assigned to him . . . but God . . . makes it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:5, 6, REB).

Errol Thrift, NSW.

Too late?

As I read the obituaries in the RECORD each week and notice the kind things that are said about people, I wonder. Were these positive statements made to that person while he or she was alive?

Recently I heard about a woman who left her local church because of mistreatment she received. When it was her birthday, the members sent her a card to tell her they were missing her. Alas, too late!

Having been sick this year, it has been my happy experience to belong to a church that is very caring. The visits, prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and gifts have been overwhelming.

How is it with RECORD readers?

Lyn Munro, NSW.

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Just a Coincidence...

Occupational Hazards ...

HI!- I'M A TENNIS STAR!



HI!- I'M A WEIGHT-LIFTER!



HI!- I'M A LITERATURE EVANGELIST!



A Land Without Weet-Bix

by Glynn Litster

Ellen White spoke of institutions that would be small, at first, but they would grow and become a strength to the work.

At the first Adventist camp-meeting in Australia, campers sat at tables for their meals. Waiters brought the food from a nearby kitchen.

For breakfast, the diners were served Granola with milk and Caramel Cereal, a cereal coffee. These new items caused great interest. Health was reinforced by Dr Edgar Caro's meetings on the value of health and good food.

Ellen White spoke to campers on Sunday afternoon, January 7, 1894. She stated that a medical work would be started. And she commented that healthy food was God's ideal and it would help to restore His image in humans. She told of small institutions that would be established. They would be small, at first, but they would grow and become a strength to the work.

Mrs Press, the president of the Victorian Women's Christian Temperance Union, asked that Mrs White give health lectures and cooking demonstrations in the society's restaurant in the city. Mrs G. B. Starr and Mrs Tuxford began this series on Thursday, February 15.

George Fisher was there. He accepted the Adventist teachings and became the most-successful manager of the Sanitarium Health Food Company (SHF) in its early days. Albert and Richard Anderson also heard Ellen White speak on that day. Albert Anderson became one of the strong leaders in the church.

Mrs White's son, Willie, wrote to John Kellogg at Battle Creek in the USA. He asked for help because a number of Australian Adventists were trying to make caramel cereal.

At the General Conference Session in Battle Creek in 1897, he spoke to Kellogg who agreed that manufacturing should begin in Australia. Willie White bought his own Granose mill and had it sent to Australia. The SHF later bought it from him to make Granose biscuits.

During 1896, health foods imported

from Battle Creek were available in Queensland from a shop operated by Alfred Hughes. Later they were available from the sanitarium at Summer Hill. (The sanitarium was taken over by Sanitas Supply Company, which was then taken over by the SHF in October 1898.)

As far as is known, the first retail shop owned by the church was run by a Miss Lee in Maitland, New South Wales. It



opened in December of 1899 following the Maitland camp. But it only operated for a few months.

On December 11, 1897, a committee of five met in Melbourne to plan to manufacture health foods in Australia. On January 26, 1898, a small factory in Clarke Street, Northcote, Victoria, began producing Caramel Cereal.

The next day E. C. Halsey, a baker from the USA, made the first batch of Granola. By early April, the factory also produced grape juice, peanut butter, wholemeal crackers, bread and zwieback. Later they made Granose.

Business grew. The manufacturing plant was unsatisfactory. It was moved to Cooranbong, New South Wales, where it has remained.

The early health food work faced financial difficulties. Adventist funds were needed for diverse interests. Avondale School had just been established, and it needed to expand its facilities. Medical centres had just been opened in Cooranbong, Newcastle, Melbourne, Christchurch, Adelaide and

Perth.

Added to this were: an orphanage and a home for women in Sydney; a home for the aged in Melbourne; a home for prisoners in Napier, New Zealand; a helping hand mission in Adelaide; and a helping hand laundry in Perth. Two years later, funds were being sought to start the Sydney Sanitarium at Wahroonga.

John Burden, the manager of the Wahroonga Sanitarium, asked to have his wages reduced from three pounds to two pounds 10 shillings. Recommendations were made that the staff of the sanitarium and the health food company share in wage cuts and live on what was available from each week's takings.

To make matters worse, a suitable manager couldn't be found for the SHF. A number of men were appointed, but they soon moved on to other work. And sales were mainly to church members. Often production was so far ahead of sales that the food deteriorated and couldn't be sold.

Efforts were made to sell the health foods door to door and to promote the goods through grocers. Sales gradually picked up.

A shop opened in Royal Arcade, Sydney, in 1902. Then it moved to Pitt Street where the first cafe was opened. The customers had vegetarian meals and sampled the foods that could be bought at a shop in front of the cafe.

In 1904 the cafe moved to a more central position at the corner of Hunter and Castlereagh Streets. George Fisher became the manager. The number of diners increased. So did sales of SHF foods.

At the same time, the Cooranbong factory was transferred to the control of the school as an industrial department. In the next five years it began to return a profit. From this point, the SHF—though facing periodic downturns in profitability—continued to prosper. □

Glynn Litster is the Sanitarium Health Food Company's historian.

Are You Coping?

by Reg Barlow

It's important to identify a person's needs.

It was a huge step last year for our family to enter a Seventh-day Adventist church for the first time. Not only did we meet the footwashing service—something we hadn't encountered in our Christian experience—but we were also continually asked how we were coping with a vegetarian diet.

Our family had been almost vegetarian for a number of years before our

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baptism. Nevertheless, we must have been eagerly asked the above question by at least a hundred well-meaning brethren and sisters in the months leading up to our baptism.

It seemed that they wanted us to be neatly wrapped up in the right parcel, tied with an appropriate bow, before baptism. But when you think about it, baptism is the beginning of one's walk in Christ—not the end! It's from that point we grow.

I think it would be more helpful for church members to concentrate on helping those contemplating baptism to make the transition to a more healthy way of life.

I was fortunate to meet Dr Charles Thomas from Banning, California, who helped me deal with some of my questions. He recently spent a week at the Cooranbong Sanitarium Health Food Company to conduct the inaugural "Health and Fitness Awareness Week."

Dr Thomas has a string of degrees in biology, diet, hydrotherapy, preventive health and physical therapy. He gained his PhD in Health Administration.

I asked Dr Thomas whether the Adventist health message was important

to salvation. "The whole health message is tied up with the fact that Paul talks about our bodies being 'God's temple' and that we're to present them as a 'living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,' he replied. "If Christ is to dwell in us by the Holy Spirit, we should keep our bodies in the best possible condition for optimum results."

Dr Thomas made it quite clear he didn't see the health message as a "passport to heaven." But he did say that "as God communicates with us through the nervous system, we should keep it in a top state to hear God speak to us."

He gave some advice for new Adventists who are heavy meat eaters and want to change to a healthier lifestyle. "First, drop red meat completely and change to chicken and fish," he said. "Then, as time goes on, drop the chicken, then the fish. However, all the

time you have to be careful to replace the protein with other types of food."

He said that he wouldn't like to place an arbitrary figure on how long the process of changing to a vegetarian diet should take. "But three months seems a fair time frame," he said. "This could vary from person to person."

"What sort of foods should you exchange for flesh food?" I asked.

"Cereals, grains, legumes, nuts and seeds are the main sources to replace protein," he said. "In today's western diet, about 25 per cent of our daily protein comes from bread and other flour products—besides meats.

"Green vegetables supply much-needed iron and other vitamins and minerals, as well as fibre," he added, "Many fruits are rich in fibre and vitamins. They also have natural sugar that the body needs. Nuts can provide all the oil the body requires."

He suggested two books by Ellen White for further reading about health and nutrition: *Counsels on Diet and Foods* and *Counsels on Health*.

I'm glad that our family met Dr Thomas. He shared so many sound health principles that helped us a lot. And he knows that it's important to identify a person's needs, and then give them encouragement and help. **RB**

Reg Barlow writes from Newcastle, New South Wales.

Packaged for Eternity

by John Albert

She was a picture of innocence. Her eyes sparkled as she picked up her school case and inserted two small poly-wrapped sandwiches. The other hand grasped a tiny bundle of daisies.

She was ready for school. I watched her blonde curls bounce as she skipped down the street towards the school crossing. Our hopes and joys rested in that young life.

I became reflective as I watched the morning parade heading toward the crossing. I saw the cigarettes. I heard the rough backchat punctuated by four-letter words.

I wondered what happened to innocence. Is this the path that my child must travel to adulthood and maturity?

I became angry. Why should my child be exposed to a world of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes? Prevention. That's the only course to follow.

I discovered *One Jump Ahead*. It's a magazine that talks about drugs and other issues for children aged 7 to 13 years. The challenge in our church is to make sure every child has access to its message.

Our girl is a gift from God. One day He'll ask me to give account for her. *One Jump Ahead* will help me to give a positive answer.

John Albert is a pseudonym.

Can Your Church Afford to Grow?

by Glenn Townend

Growth doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, planning and effort.

Evangelism is a biblical priority (Matthew 28:19, 20). But the pastor and church members must be willing to make some changes, perhaps at some cost, to make their church grow.

1. Use Church Members' Gifts. There are no Adventist super-pastors. One may be a good evangelist but a poor administrator, another an excellent pastor but an inept preacher. Each pastor must realise his strengths and weaknesses and his spiritual gifts.

The pastor can't do everything or have his finger in every pie. Delegation is the key. This allows other church members to play a part in leadership. "The best pastor is not one who relieves members of their responsibilities," writes Peter Wagner, "but one who makes sure each member has a responsibility and is working hard at it."¹

God has supplied all the church needs to function (1 Corinthians 12:14-20). No pastor can do it on his own—he needs the support of his church (Hebrews 13:17). This means that church members need to discover their spiritual gifts and learn how to use them. (1 Corinthians 12:1; 1 Peter 4:10).

2. Be Open to New Ideas. Most pastors read a good deal, attend training seminars and meet with other pastors to learn techniques that are working in other churches. However, many church boards don't listen to new ideas.

On the other hand, the pastor must listen to ideas from his church. Any congregation has a wealth of experience and expertise in many areas. Large, informal planning meetings or "think-tanks" can give every member a chance to speak.

3. Be Relevant. "We've been preaching the message for years but it falls on deaf ears," said Bob, a frustrated elder, to

a church board meeting.

"That's probably true," said Samantha, a 25-year-old mother and the youngest member of the board. "But could it be that we're presenting our message in a way that doesn't appeal to the public?" Samantha wasn't heard.

It's possible to scratch where it doesn't itch. Preaching by itself doesn't fulfil our church's mission. Jesus tells us to make disciples (Matthew 28:19, 20, NIV). The packaging of the message should be relevant—without affecting the message.

4. Be Inclusive. Jan, Heather and Michelle had been members of a Sydney church for years. They were all in their 30s and each had two or three children. Whenever possible, they'd get together for lunch.

Janene, another young mother, had just joined the church through contact with her mother in another town. She found the Sydney church very friendly. Many people would talk to her and Heather often mentioned that they should get together sometime.

However, after three months nothing had happened. Janene heard that the others had met at least four times in that period. It hurt her. The friendliness was superficial. She wanted to belong, but the established group wouldn't let her.

Roger Dudley and Des Cummings say that the church has to deal with this comfortable "family feeling" before any growth can occur.²

5. Focus Out, Not In. A pastor attended his first board meeting in a new church. He heard that new light bulbs were needed in the cradle roll room, the insurance hadn't been paid, that old Mrs Jones needed a fortnightly visit, and the young people had enjoyed a camp with the neighbouring church.

All these things are important, but they're just maintenance items. Churches don't exist for themselves, they're God's instruments for reaching the unsaved.

As the *Church Manual* says, "Since evangelism is the primary work of the church, the first item on the agenda of each church board meeting is to relate directly to the evangelisation of the missionary territory of the church."³

6. Focus on People, Not Programs. It's wonderful for a church to continually run programs and seminars. But it's possible that hundreds will attend with only a few joining the church.

Brilliant presenters can offer excellent material at these seminars. But programs don't convert people. People lead other people to Jesus (John 1:41, 42). Friendship, combined with such programs, is far more effective.

7. Be Willing to Change. The above points focus on the need for each church to adapt and be willing to learn and change. But this change is only effective if the power structure of the church approves it.

A pastor came to a congregation and within a couple of years he'd put new members on the church board and had the church worship format revised. Church attendance grew.

However, a year later the pastor was transferred. Almost immediately the older influential church members changed the worship again and were back on the church board. Church attendance decreased and the younger members of the church and board lost heart.

Growth doesn't happen overnight. It takes time, planning and effort. These ideas aren't the full story. But if your church is willing to focus on some of these changes, it will grow.

And let's remember that churches are spiritual hospitals for sinners. Each person must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to become an effective member in the church (Ephesians 1:19). **□**

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From POW Camp to God

by Helene de Blicek

"If he wants to follow that religion, its OK," I said. "As long as he doesn't involve me."

When the second world war broke out, I lived in Djakarta, Indonesia. I was brought up as a Presbyterian, but only went to church at Christmas and Easter. My grandmother taught me to pray every night, but it didn't have much meaning because I didn't know my Lord very well.

Looking back, I know He guided me through three and a half years of hardship, hunger and danger in a Japanese prison camp.

Soon after the liberation, against the advice of the camp authorities, my mother and I left the camp to find out what had happened to our home.

The authorities warned us because the Indonesian people were rebelling to be free of the Dutch. However, we couldn't wait to get out of the place that had given us so much misery. We just packed the few clothes we had left and took a *betjah*, a three-wheel bicycle with room for two passengers.

On the way, the driver took a short cut down a narrow street. In the distance, a large group of Indonesian youth armed with bamboo-sticks and spears were heading toward us. They were shouting "Death to the Dutch" and other anti-Dutch slogans.

"We've come through the war all right; we'll make it now, too," I said, taking Mum's hand. Thinking of my Christian grandmother, who had died in the camp, I said a quick prayer. The driver continued to pedal. To this day I don't know whether he took that route on purpose.

Suddenly the shouting stopped and the rebels made a path for our vehicle. I can still see their faces showing complete amazement and a certain awe. Did they have a vision of the Power who went before us?

We arrived home safely. The man next door said we were lucky to arrive when we did. The night before, a band of rebels had gone through the street looting and vandalising the houses.

Again I felt that the Lord had protected us.

As the days passed, more and more Dutch and Allied troops arrived and the situation became a bit more stable. My best friend, Mary, also returned to live two doors away from me.

One day we decided to go to the movies, which were free for ex-POWs. As there was no civilian transport yet, we had to hitch a ride with the military.

A young man gave us a lift into town. We said nothing in terms of a date, and we didn't exchange addresses. It was a pity, because I was interested.

The next day I wanted to go out again. I asked Mary to come with me, but she said I was mad to go into town again so soon. But something kept telling me to go. So we went.

We got a lift into town, went to the movies, and then started walking home again. Then a car pulled up. The driver was the same man we had met the day before. However, this time he told me his name, and asked me out.

Frank and I talked a lot on our first date. I wanted to know what he was doing in the army and he showed me his army passbook. As I glanced at it, I saw the name "Seventh-day Adventist" behind the word "Religion."

The next day I asked Mary if she knew what a Seventh-day Adventist was. I can still see the horrified expression on her face. She cried out, "Oh no, not one of them. They're not allowed to eat pork, dance or go to the movies." There were an awful lot more "don'ts" before she finally said, "You'd better drop him before you get too entangled."

"Too late for that now," I answered. "But it doesn't matter. If he wants to follow that religion, its OK. As long as he doesn't involve me."

Next time he took me out, I asked him about it. He told me that he wasn't really a member of the church, but his mother was. During the German occupation of Holland, she had found a leaflet in the

mailbox one day with the invitation to come to Bible lectures.

She found them so interesting that she invited him to go with her. But at that time he wasn't much interested. He was too busy working for the Underground. However, my interest was aroused and I started writing to his mother, who began sending me *Signs of the Times*. Then a missionary arrived from Holland, contacted me and gave me Bible studies.

I never knew so many wonderful truths and prophecies were in that book I'd never had time to read. Frank, who by that time had become my husband, was also interested. He studied with me, and in November 1949 we were both baptised.

Sometimes I think back on all the "ifs" in this story. *If* that leaflet hadn't been dropped in the letterbox back in Holland. *If* I hadn't followed my strong urge to go into town again the next day. *If* . . . But our wonderful Father had other plans and worked out in detail the path I had to follow. I thank Him again! **LB**

Helene de Blicek and her husband, Frank, live in the Brisbane suburb of Beenleigh, Queensland. The de Bliceks have lived in Australia for the past 10 years. Before that they lived in New Zealand for 31 years.

Be One Jump Ahead

One Jump Ahead is a magazine produced by Nainie Magnusson to help those aged 10 to 14 to understand themselves and the dangers of social drugs. For just \$A22, nine action-packed issues are posted to your home. *One Jump Ahead* is also an ideal gift for neighbourhood children. For more information, write to: Nainie Magnusson, Editor, *One Jump Ahead*, PO Box 400, Erindale ACT 2903, Australia.

Quit Now! Affirmed

The new stop-smoking program *Quit Now!* has been well received by the public, according to Trans-Tasman Union Conference Health director Terry Butler. He says that a number of prominent smoking intervention specialists consider it the finest program available. The popularity of *Quit Now!* is evidenced by the fact that initial resource stocks have been exhausted four months earlier than anticipated. The second printing will incorporate several changes and additions, making the program even better, he says. The 483 people trained in 1990 to present the new program are currently being surveyed to evaluate the *Quit Now!* format and resources.

Effective Mission

President Ray Woosley reports that the Vanuatu Mission is now the third-fastest growing mission in the South Pacific Division—and he attributes the success to the work of the Layman's Training School. The school, situated at Aore, trains selected laymen to work as self-supporting missionaries among their own village people. Volunteer retirees Eric and Isabel Clark leave on May 27 for their fifth annual visit to teach at the laymen's school.

Lindsay at PAC

Dr Allan Lindsay recently conducted two series of meetings at Pacific Adventist College, Papua New Guinea. The first five meetings entitled "Nothing to Fear for the Future" focused on the formative years of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A second series dealt with home influences. Dr Lindsay's daugh-

ter, Coralie, is married to Garry Fraser, a lecturer at PAC.

Village Wrecked

A freak wind storm of tornado force struck the Fijian village of Nakelo over the weekend of April 20 causing more than \$100,000 damage in just four minutes. It destroyed 21 houses and extensively damaged root crops. The Minister for Fijian Affairs and Rural Development, Lieutenant-Colonel Vataliai Navunisaravi, thanked Adventist Development and Relief Agency men and women for being the first on the scene to render assistance, according to communication director Wapole Talelaitoga.

SNSW Progress

A new brick-and-tile church is nearing completion in Parkes, where Pastor Michael Dabson is minister. The new structure replaces an old wooden building that now becomes

the church hall and welfare rooms. Bega church members are erecting a new hall, kitchen and toilet facilities—with the work being done by volunteers and sub-contractors. Gary Minns is the minister in this fast-growing coastal area of southern New South Wales. A new company was formed last year at Ulladulla—a little further north on the coast. Inland, the Bowral church will be sold and a new complex built on land adjacent to the present school. And it's a similar story in Goulburn, where the new church is already pegged out ready to commence building. The sale of the old complex is being finalised.

Pressing Call

The Victorian Temperance Alliance concluded their annual meetings on April 17 with a press conference calling for a government inquiry into the link between alcohol consumption and brain injury. Guest

speaker Dr Doug Rankin, senior medical officer at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, and a consultant to the World Health Organisation, told of the large numbers of Australians affected by brain injury from alcohol. Inspector Michael Moloney, head of the Police Random Breath Testing Program for Victoria, described the dramatic decrease in the road toll since the introduction of booze buses and heavy advertising depicting the dangers of alcohol and speeding.

Helping Holiday

Three staff members and about 10 students from Avondale College are currently raising money to complete another fly'n'repair in Fiji. Between June 23 and July 10, Harwood Lockton, Bill Binns, Tony Voigt and a number of students will repair school buildings at Lautoka. Adventist Development and Relief Agency is providing \$5,000 toward the project. Volunteer service is a high priority of many of the students and staff at Avondale College, according to Public Relations director Lyn Bartlett.

Bryan Ball in Council

South Pacific Division president Dr Bryan Ball returned recently from Spring Council meetings at the General Conference in the United States. He reports that world church finances were discussed and delegates were notified that a 5 per cent decrease in appropriations to GC institutions and world divisions would be likely for 1992. A salary increase for General Conference staff was deferred until January 1992.

Fijian Pastor Gains Evangelistic Success



Photo: Wapole Talelaitoga.

A crusade conducted by the Personal Ministries director of the Fiji Mission only 2 km from the mission's headquarters in Suva, has resulted in 34 new members, reports communication director Wapole Talelaitoga. Pastor Sabako Drauna (left) preached and conducted Bible studies over a six-week period. He was assisted by Pastor Mafoa Korosaya (right). The couple pictured at their baptism suffered intense opposition during the campaign.

Youth Emphasis

The General Conference has organised a world commission on youth with GC president Robert Folkenberg as chairperson. Each division of the world church will appoint a sub-commission.

Peruvian Quakes

Three major earthquakes struck Peru within 24 hours in mid-April leaving nearly 100 people dead, 1,000 injured and at least 15,000 families homeless. The quakes, measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale, practically destroyed the city of Moyobamba, with a population of 50,000 and situated about 700 km north of Lima. The region has a high density of Seventh-day Adventists, and Adventist Development and Relief Agency officials report that more than 1,000 church families have lost everything. In an initial response, ADRA Peru is providing food, shelter and medical care and will eventually help rebuild the homes. ADRA South Pacific has already responded with \$US5,000, and is accepting donations from the general public for this disaster. Donations can be sent to ADRA, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Falklands Targeted

The South American Division has voted to establish an Adventist presence in the Falkland Islands, where there have been no Seventh-day Adventist residents. Literature evangelists from England are now selling on the islands to prepare the way for further evangelism.

Praise Festival

Some 5,000 worshippers attended the combined churches meetings on April 12 and 13 in Greater Sydney Conference. Visiting black preacher from the

Chilians Opt for Bible-style Dedication



Photo: Carole Stanton.

Ricardo and Lucia Leon (pictured), who have been attending Bible studies with a Spanish-speaking group in Tasmania, chose to break with the tradition of their former homeland and not have their son, David, sprinkled. Instead, he was dedicated in the Glenorchy church (Hobart) on March 30.

United States Pastor John Nixon took the Friday evening meeting and the Sabbath worship service. The Sabbath school hour—held after the service—featured a visit from “Ezekiel,” and personal testimonies. An afternoon program included an interview with Dr Paul White (of *Jungle Doctor* fame) and more special music.

Creation Meetings

Dr Carl Weiland of the Creation Science Institute will be taking special meetings on creation at Papatoetoe church (New Zealand) on Sabbath afternoon, June 8.

Kurdish Relief

Adventist Development and Relief Agency International airlifted more than two and a half tonnes of medicines from its Maryland (United States) warehouse in mid-April to assist Kurdish refugees. The

supplies were valued at \$US244,000. About the same time, other American aid agencies have sent \$US2.5 million worth of tents, food and cooking utensils. Donations to help the Kurdish refugees may be sent to ADRA, PO Box 129, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Myanmar Fires

One-third of the city of Meiktila, in what was formerly Burma, was affected when fire destroyed 5,000 buildings on April 16. The fire left 28,000 people homeless and destitute and in need of water, and toilet facilities.

Brazil on Air

South America's second Adventist-owned radio station has begun full operation. The brand-new 10,000-watt AM station fulfils the cherished dreams of church leaders and members to share the good news throughout their state,

according to local president Alcy Almeida. “And we want to build more,” he says. The new station in Vitoria joins a sister station in neighbouring Afonso Claudio. Together they blanket Espirito Santo and reach into surrounding states with 24-hour religious and community-service programming. They complement the 330 commercial stations already broadcasting the Portuguese-language Voice of Prophecy program in Brazil.

Worship Review

In view of the current interest on different styles of worship, the General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenberg has commissioned a paper on Worship in the Church. The Biblical Research Institute will be involved in preparing this position paper.

Ayr Amendment

The date for the celebrations of the church and school in Ayr (northern Queensland) has been changed from July to August 24.

High Pass

Glenn Pascoe, son of Dr Geoff Pascoe and his wife, Christine, achieved the highest academic marks at the Noosa District High School on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. He ranked in the top 500 Australian high school passes and received a \$2,000 cheque from the Queensland Government. Glenn has been accepted into the Queensland University Medical School.

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

TTUC Holds Four Mini-Institutes

During the first two months of this year, the Trans-Tasman Union Conference conducted four short institutes for literature evangelists. The gatherings were in the South Queensland, North New South Wales and Greater Sydney Conferences, and in northern Queensland.

The programs gave opportunity for literature evangelists and their leaders to sharpen their skills and enjoy fellowship together, says TTUC publishing director Lance O'Neill. In southern Queensland, LEs met their new publishing director Pastor Eric Hursey and his wife, Lavina, and participated in an extensive training program via videos.

Northern New South Wales literature evangelists met at the conference office in Newcastle. They received spiritual counsel and instruction in the importance of goal setting.

Former South Pacific Division Pub-

lishing director Pastor John Knopper was guest speaker for the Sabbath worship service when colporteurs met at Crosslands Youth Camp, near Sydney. Special attention was given on the Sunday to helping the salespersons meet objections encountered in their door-to-door work.

Literature evangelists in northern Australia had "Mighty Through God" as the theme for their institute, held from February 21 to 24 in Townsville.

"These institutes are a source of inspiration to our literature evangelists," says Pastor O'Neill. "Even though the world presents a gloomy economic picture, our committed Christian champions continue to spread the gospel through the printed page. We welcome inquiries from anyone interested in joining their ranks."

Further details are available at local conference Publishing Departments.



Literature evangelists from Greater Sydney met at Crosslands during February. Other similar institutes were held in Townsville (Queensland), Newcastle (NSW) and in southern Queensland.

Liversidge Leads Cell Group Seminar

Dr Bill Liversidge, director of the Creative Growth Ministries based in Washington, DC, was the key presenter at a seminar on Cell Groups in the local church over Easter weekend, March 28 to April 1, at the Ngaruawahia's

Christian Youth Camp in North New Zealand. Some 140 people—including one member from the South Island—attended.

Dr Liversidge formerly worked in Adventist pastoral and conference roles in both the South Pacific Division and in North America. He was assisted in the seminar by Pastor Jim Zyderveld, the health educator of the Auckland Adventist Hospital.

"Participants divided into small groups, and judging from feedback, they

experienced a spirit of love and unity that literally took hold of them," says Pastor Zyderveld. "One woman told me she had seen the love of God flow through many people over the weekend, and another described the experience as 'a delightful taste of heavenly joy.'"

Dr Liversidge presented a 12-study series on "Revealing the God We Worship." Using inductive Bible study, he led the groups into personal spiritual discovery—a new experience for some. The effectiveness of the program was evidenced by a special baptism arranged for one young man. Others surrendered their lives to Jesus.

"I witnessed and experienced a prayer ministry that was truly inspiring," one participant stated. "People were opening their hearts to the Holy Spirit and each other. There was a fellowship in prayer that was so strong nothing else mattered."

Another testified, "I leave as a free man through the death of Jesus. I now know I can be anything for God through the work of the Spirit."

In addition, many participants witnessed for the first time the possibilities of cell groups in the local church. According to one, the church becomes a vibrant, precious unit, vital to each member's survival.

"The enthusiasm shown throughout the weekend suggests that this experience is widely needed within the church," says Pastor Zyderveld. "If prayer and fellowship of this kind could develop in all our churches, what a power they would be!"



Jeff Crombie (centre front) was affirmed by cell group members following his baptism.



An injured Thai girl and a destroyed building both attract assistance from ADRA.

ADRA Assists in Double Disaster

A 16-year-old Thai girl is recovering in a hospital after surviving two disasters in as many months. The girl was first hurt in an explosion following a truck accident. Only a few weeks later she received massive injuries as a result of a chemical warehouse fire.

"During Chinese New Year, a 10-wheeled truck carrying 20 tonnes of explosives overturned in Phang-Nga, Southern Thailand, causing an explosion equal to about 10 Scud missiles," says Adventist Development and Relief Agency director in Thailand Warren Scale. "The blast killed nearly 200 people, seriously injured another 100, and destroyed more than 100 homes.

"Most of the bodies were beyond recognition," Mr Scale continues. "I saw rescuers pick a leg out of the mud, another person showed a piece of jaw, all burned and charred. Some days later a body was found up a tree."

The 16-year-old was one of the survivors. But more tragedy awaited her. She went to live with relatives in Khlong Toey, a crowded suburb of wooden houses in Bangkok. At 3 pm on March 2 a nearby chemical warehouse caught fire. The resulting explosions rained burning debris on the slum dwellers—including the newly arrived survivor from Phang-Nga.

"In less than two hours the entire neighbourhood burned to the ground leaving only a few charred boards and

scattered roofing iron from the houses," says ADRA reporter Jeff Wright. "Miraculously, only about five people were reported burned in the fire. But the devastation left 5,000 people without housing, food, clothes or personal belongings."

ADRA responded immediately and has so far provided 300,000 baht (\$A15,000) of aid to the 800 Khlong Toey families, supplying them with relief clothing, foodstuffs and personal hygiene items. This fire was one of four similar tragedies in Bangkok during the past two months, in which ADRA made a significant contribution to the relief of the inhabitants.

ADRA is also helping to rebuild 30 of the homes destroyed by the truck explosion. "Sadly, some homes don't need to be rebuilt since whole families were wiped out," says Mr Scale. "But the situation is worst for the babies and children that were left behind."



New Kellyville Hall Opened

The local Pathfinder club and the church's orchestra featured in the opening services of the new Kellyville (New South Wales) church hall on March 9. The facilities complete the complex planned when the present sanctuary was designed.

Those taking part in the ceremonies included Greater Sydney Conference president and secretary Pastor Adrian Craig and Peter Brewin. Pastor Ken Low, who was the church pastor at the commencement of the project, current pastor John O'Malley, senior elder David Weslake and building chairman Lachlan McGillivray also participated.

"The slope of the land enabled two complete floors to be built with little excavation," says reporter Daisy Ardley. "The top floor includes a foyer, a large formal hall with stage, a small hall for community programs, and a catering kitchen."

A large hall on the lower level will be used for recreational and Pathfinder purposes. Four storage areas are included.

Trust Advisory Held in Wahroonga



Trust Services personnel from the General Conference led out at a seminar held at South Pacific Division headquarters in Wahroonga from February 25 to 28. From left: Pastors Richard Smetheram, Gerald Norman, Jim Lansdown, D. E. Johnston, Ian Royce, Allan White, Brian Smith, Kyrril Bland, Aubrey Shirley and Filimone Bera. As a result of the meetings, SPD Trust Services plans to develop a manual for new Trust Services directors and a committee is being set up to develop a curriculum for providing accredited qualifications for directors.

CHURCH NEWS

Thanksgiving

On March 9 Victoria Park church (Western Australia) held a Thanksgiving Day to thank God for His blessings, and to raise funds for the conference Ethnic Education Sponsorship Plan. Spanish church pastor Araya Bishop was special guest for the occasion. He explained the need for financial assistance to help migrant children attend church schools. More than \$500 was raised from the sale of produce. Elizabeth Bowman preached, Lucy and Jane Gibbons provided music and Arvind Chandran, Glenn Pizey and John Murphy participated. "Many members spontaneously thanked the Lord for His blessings," says communication secretary Beryl Haimes. An art competition gave opportunity for further participation.

Harvest Festival



Photo: Peter Theuerkauf.

Penrith church (New South Wales) celebrated a Harvest Thanksgiving and Visitors Day on February 23. Communication secretary Leonie Duff reports that the members were amazed at the variety of fruits, grains, nuts, breads, crafts and cakes in the display. "The beauty of the produce and the evident bounty of God set the scene

Charity Walk Raises Funds



Photo: Andrew Wilson, Hornsby Advocate.

Three students from Sydney Adventist High School walked from Sydney Cove to Newcastle during their Christmas holidays and raised \$450 for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. From left: Jamie Wooller, Simon Kennedy and Royden Howie completed the 250km Great North Walk in nine days. For Jamie Wooller and Royden Howie it was the second time they have walked the track. Jamie Wooller says that they are keen to do it again—to try and raise more money for third world countries. The completion of the walk marked an exciting week for Jamie, who is the son of Dr Kelvin and Wendy Wooller. He received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at the school's speech night, as well as the Wilderness Skills Award sponsored by Castle Hill Pathfinder Club in memory of Timothy Flanjack. The following Sabbath, Jamie was baptised by Pastor Bruce Price at the Waitara church.

for the Thanksgiving service that commenced during Sabbath school and continued during the worship service," says Mrs Duff. The Mauritian Singers helped provide special music for the occasion. "The display was complete with a scarecrow and faces painted on the pumpkins, much to the delight of the children," says Mrs Duff.

Thinking Day

The Adventist Church on King Island hosted the island's Guides and Brownies on February 23 to mark the organisation's Thinking Day. Many visitors attended. Guest speaker for the day was former pastor on the island, Barry Whelan, who with his wife,

Fay, and a group of Adventists from Melbourne, spent the weekend at Currie. "After sharing a fellowship lunch in the hall, the guests viewed the petrified forest, Seal Rocks and the township of Grassy," says church clerk Diana McKenzie. "At night the Victorian visitors provided a concert that was greatly enjoyed by the local people." A few weeks later two other visitors from Victoria letterboxed the island with *Signs, Steps to Christ* and other leaflets.

Margate Visitor

Nurse Lily May Toa, a native of Vanuatu, was guest speaker at the Margate (Tasmania) Sabbath school on April 6. Nurse Toa is this

year taking further training at Sydney Adventist Hospital. For the past seven years she has staffed medical clinics in Vanuatu—often under very primitive conditions. "Although Lily has been offered much more lucrative positions in government clinics, she has chosen to work for the church," says communication secretary Valerie Ward. A Tasmanian fly'n'build, under the direction of Pastor Chris Foote, will shortly leave to rebuild one of the clinics in Vanuatu.

Hamilton Witness

The North New Zealand Hamilton church ran a health outreach in the local Hood Street Market on February 24. "The Health and Temperance women set up an attractive vegetarian shop for the day," says communication secretary R. J. Wadley. "They placed large baskets of fruits and fresh vegetables in a display. The aroma of the cooking drew many to sample the vegetarian savouries." Health and vegetarian cooking books were available for sale. The venture was planned to foster interest in cooking classes.



Photo: R. J. Wadley.

NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries



Mr and Mrs Basil Barnard recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with family and close friends in Warburton, Victoria. Bas and Roma, who both joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church when aged 16, were married on April 6, 1941, in the Warburton church by Pastor J. J. Potter, then manager of the Signs Publishing Company, and an uncle of the bride. Basil served with the Army Medical Corps during World War II. They spent from 1944 to 1949 at Avondale before returning to Warburton, where Basil worked in the timber industry, and Roma worked at the Signs Publishing Company. They have three children: Ted (Melbourne), Carol Dell (Warburton) and Jackie Oaklands (Launching Place). There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Present address: 17 Old Warburton Road, Warburton Vic 3799.



Pastor and Mrs Martin Pascoe celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 24 at a function in Cooranbong hosted by their children, Doreen, Wilfred, Ruth Tame and Merlene Judge and their families. Pastor William H. Pascoe performed the service when his son married Joyce Willis on March 24, 1941, in Goulburn. The couple worked in New South Wales before going to Papua New Guinea in 1945, where they spent the next 28 years. They are now retired at 667 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong, NSW 2265.

Weddings

Hayward—Mattner. Peter Gary Hayward, son of Athol and Audrey Hayward (Sydney, NSW), and Lieda Annette Mattner, daughter of Harold and Flora Mattner (Adelaide, SA), were married on April 21 in the Lindfield Uniting church, Sydney. Peter and Lieda, who met while studying at Avondale College, plan to set up their home in Wairoonga. Peter will continue teaching at the Castle Hill SDA primary school, and Linda is a secretary.
Ray Southon.

Matthews—Henley. Gavin Kirby Matthews, son of Jerry and Cheryl Matthews (Dunedin, New Zealand), and Lisa Marie Henley, daughter of John and Sylvia Henley (Dunedin), were married on March 17 in the Ilam SDA church, Christchurch. Gavin is a sales representative for Sanitarium Health Food Company, and Lisa is doing post-graduate study. They plan to set up their home in Christchurch.
Jerry Matthews.

Pennell—Gibbons. Jonathan Derek Pennell, son of Derek and Miriam Pennell (Wahroonga, NSW), and Darlene Mae Gibbons, daughter of Ellis and Pat Gibbons (Kellyville), were married on March 10 at the Knox War Memorial Chapel, Wahroonga. Jon is a builder, and Darlene works in the Department of Health. They plan to set up their home in Wahroonga.
Milton Hook.

Timmins—Hamilton. Grant Timmins, son of Trevor and Marvella Timmins (Manaia, New Zealand), and Caroline Hamilton, daughter of Rockford Hamilton (Inglewood) and Anne Hamilton (New Plymouth), were married on April 1 in the St Andrews Presbyterian church, New Plymouth. They plan to set up their home in Manaia, where Grant is a dairy farmer.
D. H. Thiele.

Warren—Heriot. Christopher Martin Warren, son of Frank and Lynette Warren, and Kirsty Jane Heriot, daughter of Ken and Jean Heriot, were married on March 31 in the Hoxton Park SDA church, Liverpool, Sydney, NSW. The service included scripture readings by Kristy's father, a Uniting church minister, and Christopher's father, a lay-reader in the Anglican church. Both Chris and Kirsty are employed in health care in the Liverpool area.
Lyndon F. Schick.

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.

Aichinger, Margarete Ruth, born July 17, 1911, in Austria; died April 8 at Beenleigh, Qld. Margarete and her husband, Peter, arrived in Australia in 1981. Due to Margarete's sudden illness, they were unable to carry out their plan to be the first candidates baptised in the new Beenleigh church. Peter is planning to be baptised in the near future. Margarete is survived by her husband; and daughter and son-in-law, Doris and John Popp.
K. A. Davey.

Alford, Frank, born January 17, 1906, in St Albans, Vic; died April 15 at Midland, WA. Frank married Mavis Storer in 1939 in Victoria. They farmed in the Mallee district then moved to Coonabarabran, NSW. In 1956 they took up farming in Esperance, WA. Their first contact with Adventists was through Pastor Athol Sedgman. They joined the SDA Church 14 years ago and were members of the Esperance church until ill health necessitated a move to Perth about two years ago. Frank is survived by his two sons and daughters-in-law, Mack (Brian) and Elizabeth (Esperance) and Tony and Merilyn (Perth); five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Bryan Wood.

Allso, Doris Hilda, born 1899 in Birmingham, England; died April 13 in Adelaide, SA. She lived a long life and bore a most impressive testimony to Christ as her constant companion and Saviour. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret (Melbourne, Vic), Dorothy and Rita (both of Adelaide); son, Reg (Tasmania); grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pastor Brian Pepper was associated with the writer in the services.
John H. Wade.

Boyd, Jeannette (nee Fraser), born March 4, 1916, in Maymyo, Burma; died April 14 at her home in Kenmore,

Qld, and was buried beside her husband in the Cleveland Cemetery. Following the death of her father, Captain James Fraser, a doctor in the British Colonial Army, Jeannette came to Australia in the mid-1930s with her mother and three sisters. While nursing at the Sydney Sanitarium, Jeannette met Dr George Boyd, a staff physician, whom she later married. They served several communities in general medical practice, before developing the Loma Linda Private Hospital at Wellington Point, Qld, where Jeannette served as matron until her recent retirement. She is survived by her stepdaughter, Loanne Haffner (USA); and her four children, Ian, Gordon, Merilyn D'Evlin and Nola Dennington.
R. W. Taylor.

Camp, Vesta Gladys, born September 18, 1897, in Christchurch, New Zealand; died April 11 at Kressville Hostel, Cooranbong, NSW. Vesta was the third daughter born to James Henry and Mary Camp. From New Zealand, the family went to South Africa, then to Battle Creek, USA, and later to England, where Gladys was educated at Stanborough Park school. The family came to Australia in 1920. Gladys taught at the Auburn, Wahroonga and Avondale primary schools in New South Wales, retiring in the early 1960s. For several years she lived in Port Macquarie, then moved to a unit at Kressville, Cooranbong. Gladys is survived by her sister, Marjorie Smith (Coffs Harbour); niece Wilma Shinn; nephew, Don Johanson; their families; and close friend, Doreen Syme. She was predeceased by her sisters, Hilda and Olive (Johanson).
Les C. Coombe.

Fraser, Lily, born July 25, 1900, in Bunbury, WA; died April 19 at Sherwin Lodge, following a short illness. Lily attended Carmel College, where she met Leslie Fraser. In September, 1925, they were married in the Perth SDA church. Lily is remembered as a kindly, dedicated Christian. Her love for her Lord and His church was evidenced in her willing service in church activities. She is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Good (Perth) and Loloma Pepper (Elizabeth Field, SA); sons, Leslie (Perth) and Raymond (Dalby, Qld); 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.
Maurice C. Bland.

Guthridge, Ronald Haywood, born December 25, 1914, in Digby, Vic; died April 25 at his home in Hamilton, Vic, after a prolonged illness. Ron married Dulce Campbell in 1938 at Merino. After working in Melbourne, he moved to Hamilton, where he became well-known as a postman. Later he transferred to the Department of Social Security, and worked there for 15 years, until his retirement in 1979. Dulce was baptised by Pastor Ray Swendsen in 1971, and Ron was baptised by Pastor Mayo Logue in 1985. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Fay Rankin (Portland) and Cherrille McQueen (Sydney, NSW); four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister, Eva Barr (Digby, Vic); and brothers, Jack (Hamilton), Les (Digby), Len (Dartmoor) and Bert (Digby).
John Jackson.

Loman, Johann Herbert, born December 17, 1899, in the Cambrai district, SA; died March 26 at the Mannum Hospital. Johann lived all his life in the Mannum area. After being led to a greater understanding of the truths of God's Word, he was baptised in the 1950s by Pastor W. N. Lock. Services were held in the Mannum church and at the Mannum Cemetery. Among those present were his sons, Stan and Kevin; and sister, Laureen McCutcheon (Papua New Guinea).
Harold Josephs.

Martin, Martha Dickson, born January 18, 1912; died suddenly on April 2 in Cooranbong, NSW. Martha served the church in Fiji, Vanuatu and Bougainville, as well as in Australia and New Zealand. She shared in the ministry of her husband, giving Bible studies and in home-to-home visitation. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lorna and Les Johnson of Cooranbong, with whom she had lived for the past few years; son, Roy (Melbourne, Vic); grandchildren Andrew and Chandelle; and sister, Agnes Dowdell (Collie, WA).
S. R. Goldstone.

Morton, Douglas Charles, born April 1914 in Ladywood, Midlands, England; died February 11 at Midland, WA. He was nine years of age when he came to Aus-

tralia with his mother and brother. In 1946 he married Yvonne Meryl Roy. Working first as a turf inspector, he then moved to Adelaide, SA, to work for the Sanitarium Health Food Company. Returning to WA, he farmed at Jindong for 11 years, then worked in the joinery department of a firm until ill health forced his early retirement. He joined the SDA Church many years ago, following studies with Pastor David Speck. He is survived by his children, Terry; Caroline, Rosemary and Heather (all living in Perth); and 18 grandchildren. Bryan Wood.

Nicolson, Neil Mervyn, born October 12, 1957, in Bowen, Qld; died April 3 in Bowen when a large steel tank he was working on exploded. Neil gained honours during his apprenticeship as a motor mechanic. He was working as an engineer at the time of his death. Neil was baptised when he was 12 years of age. He married Jayne Golby on January 31, 1977. He is survived by his wife; children, Quinten, Natalie and Carlisle; parents, Mervyn and Alice; brothers and sisters-in-law, Colin and Lyn and Steven and Leanne; and grandparents, Gillies and Win Menkens. Ray Givney, a close family friend assisted the writer in a memorial service held at the Bowen SDA church, and attended by hundreds of friends and relatives. Alwyn N. Goldsmith.

Robbie, Isabelle Florence Ada ("Ella") (nee Walton), born November 23, 1906, in Preston, Vic; died March 29 at Tweed Heads Private Hospital, NSW. An Adventist all her life, Ella lived in Warburton, Vic, and worked at Signs Publishing Company for some time before attending Avondale College. In 1932 she married Gordon Robbie. They lived in Adelaide, SA, where Gordon was employed by the Sanitarium Health Food Company. Later they moved to northern NSW and south Qld, where they lived until Gordon's death in 1962. In the late 1960s Ella was a telephonist at Sydney Adventist Hospital. Following her retirement, she returned to northern NSW, her last residence being with her son, Bruce. She is survived by her sons, Murray (Tallai, Qld); Bruce (Condong, NSW), and Graeme (Gold Coast, Qld). Pastor Clive Butcher conducted the service. Bruce Robbie.

Sharpe, Edward Henry Charles, born January 26, 1902, in Norwich, England; died March 28 at Charles Harrison

Home, Cooranbong, NSW, and was buried in the Avondale Cemetery. Ted served with the British Army in India, where he met Natalie ("Nettie") Powell, who was his first contact with Adventists. They were married in 1927 and had three children, Pamela, Jim and Peter. In 1940, following Nettie's death, Ted married Celene Culley, also an Adventist. The family moved to Australia in 1946. Five children were born to the second marriage: Lucille, Basil, Jennifer Ann, Winston and Rodger. Ted worked for a time at the SHF Company, Lewisham, NSW. In 1972 they moved to Cooranbong and were members of the Dora Creek church. Ted is survived by eight children, 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Celene predeceased him in 1978. Pastor Paul Von Bratt conducted the service, assisted by Pastors Coombe, Landa and Rice.

Ron E. Rice.

Advertisements

Charge Nurse Position—Bethesda Adventist Home, Mount Eden, New Zealand. Salary and conditions of employment as per the Private Hospital Award. Some on-call duties. Accommodation available. The person would relieve the Chief Executive Officer when necessary. Two years nursing administration experience preferred. Experience in "care of the aged" an advantage. Inquiries to: Principal Nurse, 27 Esplanade Road, Mount Eden, Auckland, New Zealand. Phone 61 5519. Curriculum Vitae required. Applications close Tuesday, June 4.

Innisfail Church 50th Anniversary—June 1. Former members and ministers invited to attend. A booklet containing a brief summary of the church's history will be available. Pastor Jim Cherry will commence a campaign in the church that evening. Names and address of those living in the area welcomed. Contact Pastor Mark Pearce on (070) 61 1221.

Ayr Welcomes You. Past ministers, teachers, students, members, friends come, help us celebrate our 65th birthday. Fun and fellowship guaranteed on this auspicious occasion. August 24. Information: Secretary, PO Box 10, Ayr Qld 4807, or phone (077) 83 1303.

Anniversary Celebrations in Mackay! The week end of September 13-15 will be a time of fellowship and celebration for past and present members of the North Mackay church and past and present students and teachers of the Mackay SDA School as they celebrate their respective anniversaries. RSVP by July 15: Arthur Willersdorf, 15 Fatmowna Street, Andergrove, Mackay Qld 4740. Phone (079) 55 1033.

Preventive Medicine Conference for lay people, Warburton Health Care Centre, August 4-11. Speakers: Dr Richard Neil, Loma Linda; Dr Ray Swannell, Health Dept, Qld; Pastor Don Bain, South Pacific Division. Inquiries: Health Promotion, Warburton Health Care Centre, Warburton 3799.

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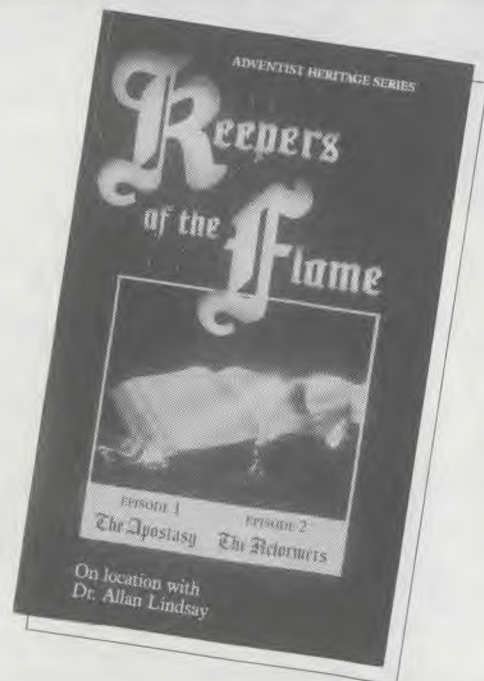
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