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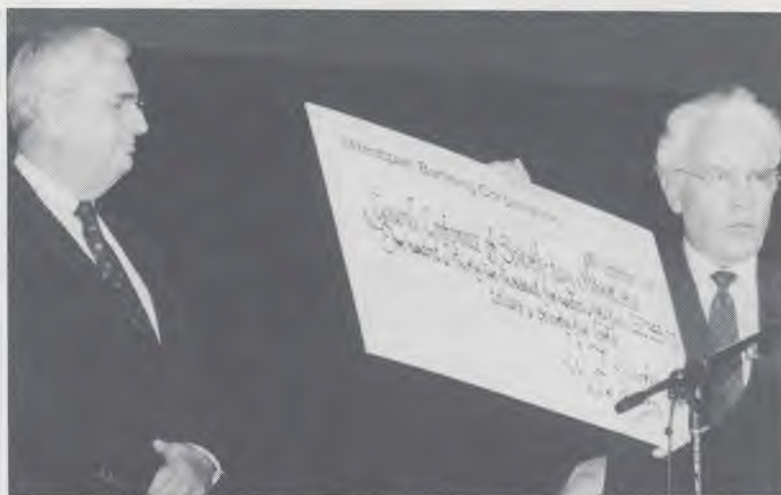
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Maxwell Simi directed the Kukum Kukum church choir in presentations during the Annual Council meetings. Maxwell's father was one of the first Adventist ministers on the island of Malaita.

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Pastor Michael Kulakov, president of the Euro-Asia Division, was presented with a cheque for \$A232,566.75. This was the proceeds of the South Pacific Division's Bibles for Russia offering, and was the largest offering received in this division.



The South Pacific Division report featured a dramatic display by Aboriginals.

**Missions Extension Offering  
Next Week**

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**Cover:** Highlights from the Perth  
meetings.



## EDITORIAL



# Perth: A Perspective

Many years ago Noelene and I, married only three weeks, sailed from Australia to serve in India. Our ship arrived at Fremantle and we went up to Perth. Prior to reboarding, I plucked some leaves from a eucalyptus tree and put them in the pocket of my jacket. There they stayed for months, still fresh with the scent of home.

And now, Perth again. This city of a million people hosted the 1991 Annual Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. More than 300 representatives from around the world gathered for the council.

Some 20 years ago, due to international church growth, we occasionally held major councils outside the United States—in Toronto, Mexico City, Vienna, Manila, Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi, and now Perth. We settled on a site that, flying east or west, lies farthest from Washington, DC.

Perth's isolation made its choice as an Annual Council venue controversial. Cost factors dictated its selection. Hotel prices in the Sydney area are much higher, and couldn't be locked in for three years ahead—something necessary when planning a major conference.

I must confess to misgivings when I heard of Perth's selection, particularly when the financial strains on the church began to surface. Was travel to such a distant venue justifiable? Should the General Conference signal its seriousness about cutting costs by cancelling the Perth Council?

Leaders of the world church faced these questions when they met last April at GC headquarters for the spring meetings. Eventually they decided to go ahead with Perth. I think they decided rightly. Here's why:

● The worldwide character of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today—less than 12 per cent of members reside in North America—mandates that we don't favour one geographical region. The South Pacific Division (SPD) provides a strong Adventist base. Ellen White lived in Australia for nine years, and the church growth is strongest here of all

world divisions. With 220,000 members drawn from the 27 million peoples (spread over 17 nations) that comprise the SPD, you find one SDA for every 106 people. In the Solomon Islands, the ratio is one for every 15.

● The unity of the worldwide church—always fragile—mandates that we work hard to maintain the common faith, life, mission and hope that bind us together. Annual Councils, with representatives from all the world, play a major role.

The most sweeping overhaul of the GC structures since 1901 occurred at this council. "We can't run the seven million church of the 90s the way we ran the half-million church of the 40s," said GC president Robert Folkenberg, calling for action on the Governance Commission report. The report was voted (after two days of intense discussion) with only minor changes [see page 12].

The council addressed the threats to theological unity from both sides—from those who would dilute or ignore some of the fundamentals of the Adventist faith, and from those who, claiming to represent historic Adventism, set themselves apart in private ministries, promoting individual views on theology, mission and finance. From these concerns arose the Perth Declaration voted by the council [to be printed in next week's RECORD].

The expense of the council? Perth was heavy on the budgets of North American participants, but less heavy than usual on those from Asia.

And what price unity? What might we have lost if we had cancelled the Perth Council?

The delegates are on their way back now. I doubt that any dropped a few eucalyptus leaves in his or her pocket. But they take precious memories—the fragrance of a host city and country that flooded them with sunshine and hospitality. And more—the fragrance of God's people drawn together in love and fellowship from every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

William Johnsson,  
Editor, *Adventist Review*.



# LETTERS

## What's New?

Re Angus McPhee's letter querying the New World Order and the connection of this with the New Age movement (October 12), I quote from Lola Davis: "What will happen to present day religious groups? . . . Religions of today probably will continue to function initially such as they do now. . . . As concepts of the world religion are scientifically validated, learned and spread about, present religions will begin to make changes and evolve into centres for the world religion" (from *Towards a World Religion for the New Age*, page 25). If we sit back and let this happen, Lucifer will indeed have a field day.

(Mrs) Dorothy Murnane, Vic.

## No to a Green Church

A green church Pastor Manners? (Editorial, October 5). To be "green" in the 1990s means being political. It means protesting over issues like abortion and homosexuality. It means getting involved in "state" issues and the One World Movement.

Is this what you envisage for our church in the 90s? Are you really trying to hasten church-state laws before God is ready? Let's all care for our planet, as God would have us do, without placing the political term "green" to it.

(Mrs) Elaine Glover, Tas.

*It's just possible that the editorial reflected more The Macquarie Dictionary definition of "greenie" where it describes a "green" person as "sympathetic with moves to conserve the environment, produce whole foods organically, and live more simply. . . ."*

## A Certain Sound

Concerning the cartoon (October 19) the inference is that the speaker has not been giving a message of present truth. Had he done so, *no one* would have gone to sleep. The message for today is in Isaiah 40: 3, 4; Revelation 14:9—it's the message of Elijah. David S. Mason, NSW.

## Addressing the Issues

It's heartening to see the church addressing the issues of separation and divorce within our church, and not simply hoping that it may disap-

pear. It is, sadly, a modern day phenomenon that is greatly affecting our church.

I am thankful to my church family. They have been understanding during the dark times. They uplift, affirm and encourage.

But the real burden we should share is the one that the children and young people of these families carry. Their lives are completely turned upside down. Not only has a parent left their family, but in most cases the parent has left the church. The children are thrown into confusion.

This is when the church family needs to play a vital and active role. The church needs to be perceptive about a broken family's hurts—to be there when the family members need someone to, in a gentle and non-judgemental way, love them through their pain. Sue Robinson, NSW.

## Rabbit-Skin Hats

In Flashpoint (October 5) I noticed that our Pathfinder clubs are about to add to their uniform Akubra hats made from rabbit skins. Could you please tell me why we're going to disregard God's Word to do this? Hasn't God told us that this animal is unclean, even its carcass, and any who touch it is unclean until evening (see Leviticus 11:6, 24, 25).

I'm a Pathfinder Director and I for one will not be adding this hat to our

uniform. Our Pathfinders will continue to wear a legionnaire's caps to protect them from the sun.

Laurel Hooper, SA.

*Didn't John the Baptist wear camel hair? (See Leviticus 11:4, 24, 25.)*

## Tolerance or Laodicea?

The True Witness of Revelation 2 and 3 condemns lukewarmness. The editorial "The Third Generation" (October 12) appears to condone it under a plea of tolerance. Those who know history know that history repeats. Winston Churchill said, "The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see."

On looking back into history we find that the devil invariably has succeeded in subverting every divine institution resulting in apostasy by the third and fourth generation. Judges 2:7-13 is one illustration.

Our problem as a people is to maintain zeal and faithfulness to our allotted mission, and at the same time to show love and forbearance to all.

Winston Kent, Vic.

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# Alcohol: An Obsession

by Noel Clapham

**Five per cent of all Australian adults are alcohol dependent.**

**Y**ou're going to be the odd man out." John Whitlow, lecturer in charge of the course, was quite belligerent. "We expect to be entertained by some of the large organisations we'll be visiting this week and they will be serving wine or spirits. You'll be an embarrassment both to them and to us."

"I've never partaken of alcoholic beverages," I countered. "I'm sorry to appear difficult, but I've no intention of starting now."

The occasion was part of an administration course I was pursuing. It was a rather intense and certainly unexpected confrontation. As it turned out, our hosts were much more sensible; they had provided non-alcoholic alternatives.

As a very raw undergraduate I shared a tennis court bench with a science honours student and part-time lecturer. He represented ability and authority far above my humble station. "Why don't you smoke?" he demanded. "What religious fanaticism has taken hold of your family to induce them to reject so wholesome and pleasurable a habit as drawing on a cigarette or puffing a rich fruity pipe."

I'm sure that sort of remark wouldn't be made today; there's too much vigorous condemnation by prominent and knowledgeable people against the use of tobacco.

Yet alcohol has an even worse track record than tobacco in the destruction of human life. "Alcohol is the greatest cause of drug related deaths for young people under 24, and is responsible for 71 per cent of drug induced deaths in the 15-34 age group. The majority of these alcohol related deaths result from road accidents, to which teenagers contribute out of all proportion to their numbers." (Bruce Jones, *Sun Herald*, April 7, 1991).

Bob Brown, the Federal Minister for Land Transport, commented in the same article on the relatively large number of young people killed on the roads as the result of alcohol and speed. He said that Australia has the highest rate of alcohol consumption in the English speaking world. And the cost of alcohol abuse is conservatively estimated at more than \$6 billion a year.

This figure is calculated on the basis of health care, industrial accidents,

## The consumption of alcohol is a cancer in Australian society

absenteeism, welfare costs, law enforcement and so on. Alcohol is closely associated with crimes of violence—including homicide and rape—and suicide.

In the report of the Commission on Black Deaths in Custody, much has been said about the attitude of the police and of the general public, of the importance of land rights and other matters. But the media has said little about the fact that the report revealed that alcohol was heavily involved in every one of the 99 cases of aboriginal prison suicides investigated.

The New South Wales Centre for Education and Information on Drugs and Alcohol [CEIDA] estimates that 5 per cent of all Australian adults are alcohol dependent. That means that alcohol is central to their thoughts, emotions and activities.

CEIDA also estimates that 500,000 adults in Australia are drinking "alcohol in quantities large enough to risk damage to their health, or developing alcohol related illnesses." Similarly, agencies close to the alcohol problem variously estimate the number of alcoholics in Australia as being from 250,000 to 500,000 in number.

At the present time, tobacco companies are being targeted (and rightly so) for pushing their products. Smokers are being shunned. Yet cricketers, footballers, yachtsmen and others in team sports, are depicted in the media as indulging in winners' celebrations with alcoholic binges.

This problem isn't unique to Australia or New Zealand. A recent article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* (May 11, 1991) entitled "Beer and Sport a Volatile Mix," tells of alcohol-related accidents in which top American athletes, mainly footballers, have lost their lives or have been seriously hurt.

Tammy Wedden, national spokeswoman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, comments: "Our biggest concern when athletes are involved is how young people look up to them." The impression is given that to be a worthy sportsperson it's necessary to be a fervent bender of the elbow.

Virginia Chadwick, the New South Wales Minister for Education, in opening a detoxification centre in Newcastle on April 29, 1991, declared "Alcohol is the second greatest drug problem in Australia." Perhaps she should have called it the first.

Mrs Chadwick and other prominent people know the truth of the matter. But they find it difficult to swim against the current flowing from the big breweries upon which the financial empire of so many of Australia's entrepreneurs are built.

It's long since time that we recognised that the consumption of alcohol is a cancer in Australian society. No-one, especially a committed Christian, should fail to take action against it. **✶**

*Noel Clapham is a former lecturer at Avondale College. Now retired, he's writing a history of the college.*



# An Avondale Education

by Lyn Bartlett

**The criterion for determining a "top" university is its ability to place graduates in the workforce.**

Judging from a number of inquiries received at Avondale College recently, some church members have the perception that work opportunities for education graduates are declining.

Even a cursory look at employment figures throughout Australia and New Zealand shows that many professionally trained young people between aged between 20 and 25 are unemployed. And general employment trends in society are usually reflected among church members. And it is true that today there are fewer primary and secondary teaching positions available for Avondale graduates within Adventist schools in the South Pacific Division.

However, Avondale College's Education Department has responded to this situation by ensuring that education graduates can compete on the open market.

This means that after the education employment needs of the church are filled, Avondale graduates also have access to employment within the various state systems of education and other Christian schools. And in addition, many education graduates are using their Bachelor of Education degree as a stepping stone into other career paths.

Dr Don Roy head of the education department comments on a recent

*Bulletin* magazine article entitled, "Australia's Top Universities." This article suggested that the one criterion for determining a "top" university is its ability to place graduates in the workforce.

One institution in New South Wales

recorded placing 85 per cent of its graduates. The second "top" institution (in Queensland) placed 83 per cent of its graduates. All other education institutions were in the 40 to 50 per cent range or lower.

What about Avondale College's success in employing education graduates? Early this year 87 per cent of the 1990 education graduates who had applied for employment were in the workforce. By August this statistic had grown to 96 per cent.

Dr Roy believes that the church at large can be proud of its education graduates from Avondale College. He cites comments made by state education officers who were interviewing prospective applicants for teaching positions. Completely independent of each other, these officers commented that Avondale education graduates possessed a poise and commitment to their vocation that was markedly noticeable. R

Lyn Bartlett is Director of Public Relations and College Development at Avondale College.

# Strobie

by Karen Miller

Strobie and Chloe were my fat, fluffy cats. Strobie was the boy cat and Chloe the girl. They were brother and sister. Strobie was a big cat who always took care of Chloe, except when there were storms. Poor, big Strobie was always afraid of storms.

One night Chloe curled up to sleep. Strobie was outside playing king of the jungle. A cold wind began to blow. Thunder grumbled and growled. Then down came the rain.

I opened the door and called out, "Strobie, Strobie, come inside!" But he didn't come. I was worried. Even Chloe had a worried-cat look on her face. We knew he'd be scared out there—all alone.

It was late. I was sleepy so I got ready for bed. I was almost asleep when I heard a loud thump. I listened. There it was again—th-u-mp!

The noise came from the lounge room. With Chloe beside me I went into the room just in time to hear another thump. I saw Strobie slide down the window. He was scared. He had tried to jump inside through a shut window—poor, soggy Strobie.

I opened the window and lifted him inside and sat him beside Chloe. She licked and licked and licked her brother until he was dry. Then she purred him off to sleep.

Strobie had done such a silly thing. If cats could laugh I don't think Chloe would have. Strobie had such a sore head. Sometimes I've done silly things too, but I've never tried to jump through a closed window.

People can do really silly things, like Strobie did, but sometimes instead of hurting ourselves we hurt other people. Being selfish or rude—that hurts others. And gossiping—now that's being really silly.

When I do something silly I'm glad that my friends still love me. And, more importantly, God still loves me. He'll help me not to be so silly. R

Karen Miller is an assistant editor of the RECORD.





# Restoring Erring Adventist Ministers

by Roger R. Nixon

**S**everal months ago I had need to contact a close friend who was formerly a credentialed minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Sandy (a pseudonym) had lost his right to function as a pastor due to a moral lapse.

This man, still a Seventh-day Adventist, demonstrates no animosity towards the church or those who found it necessary to remove his credentials. He freely acknowledged that the church administration had a responsibility to do what it did.

Nevertheless, what saddens this ex-minister, his family and those near him, is that no one directly connected with the case and consequent decision to remove his credentials has had any further personal contact with him.

To quote Sandy, "I haven't been ministered to in prayer nor by the opening of the Word."

## The High Cost

Possibly one of the greatest expressions of pain that can be experienced by any person comes from a man who has lost his ministry, integrity and self-respect. Adultery is never a private sin, and pastoral infidelity has even more far-reaching effects. These include not only his calling and the church, but also his wife and family; the other person and her family; and even some who are not church attenders.

Adultery isn't a sin that the Bible takes lightly. The Bible says that becoming "one flesh" with anyone other than ones husband or wife is a sin against the person's own body (1 Corinthians 6:18). It's likely that any sincere minister of the gospel who falls can feel nothing but sorrow, humiliation and devastation. Some believe that such a man should receive a double penalty for his unfaithfulness. If only they could witness the man, his wife and children during their time of

agony. If only they could see him weighed down with a grief that reduces a once effective pastor to tears for days and weeks.

This is the picture of a man who recognises that his ministry is gone and that his life will never be the same.

It's devastating for the pastor's wife. Her life is changed. Her dreams are dashed. Her ministry modified. The costs are high: for the marriage, children, the congregation, and even those who do not belong to the body of Christ.

## The Current Procedure

Knowing the best way to handle a pastor in such circumstances is never easy for administrators, work colleagues and others affected. Usually steps are taken to minimise the hurt for the church, the congregation, the pastor and his family.

Presently our church follows a procedure which usually includes:

- An investigation of the case
- Calling for the minister's resignation
- Negotiation of a financial severance package
- Assistance in relocating
- Pastoral care for the congregation
- Ministry to the man and his family

## What does the Bible say?

There doesn't seem to be a scriptural passage either clearly forbidding or approving the restoration of a former fallen minister to gospel ministry. Possibly this is why there is such a divergence of views on the issue among Christian leaders.

Some reason that a person who betrays such a sacred trust has automatically lost the right to be restored to the ministry. Such clearly conclude that a pastor's ministry is forever finished if he is found guilty of adultery.

Another group hold the view that no

such specific prohibitions appear in the Bible and that the only unpardonable sin is that of rejecting the Holy Spirit.

They contend that a number of characters found in the scriptures fell into sin, yet God forgave them and the Holy Spirit went on to use them mightily. On the basis of this, they believe that God gives a second chance.

A third group reason that the circumstances of each case should be very carefully investigated. They consider that certain "falls" require an appropriate recovery period and that each case should be prayerfully considered to determine whether the individual should be restored to his former or similar ministry.

They would say that a number of factors should be carefully and compassionately considered. For example: What is the minister's attitude? What was the timing of his repentance? How long did the affair last? How many people were involved?

## Scriptural Qualifications

The qualifications for pastors are clearly stated in Titus and 1 and 2 Timothy. According to these biblical guidelines the pastor is to set a good example, be serious in his teaching, unworldly, temperate, gentle, manage his family well, be above reproach, the husband of one wife, must have integrity and a good reputation with unbelievers.

No gospel minister could honestly claim he was always above reproach. Were Peter and Paul above reproach when they confronted each other? (Galatians 2:11-14.)

Believers in restoration could well argue that God hates many sins, pride included—it's one of the seven listed sins that God despises. If a minister is puffed up with pride and struggles with this sin, should he be disqualified?

Tim La Haye raises the question: "If



our Lord were to say to every minister who forbids restoration to a fallen colleague after due discipline 'He that is without sin cast the first stone,' who would be left to oppose it?"<sup>1</sup>

### Fallen People God Used

The list of truly righteous men in the Bible is short. We'd probably want to include Enoch, Isaiah and Daniel in the list and possibly Joseph. But what of characters like Peter, John, Jonah, David, Samson, Moses, Abraham, and so on? This isn't meant to justify adultery, fornication, murder, disobedience, denying the Lord, etc. God judges His servants, but He doesn't hold a grudge.

Some of the most productive ministry of King David's life followed his sin against Bathsheba and Uriah and his repentance. It was after his king-size sin, which included lying, betrayal, murder and lasciviousness, that he wrote some of his most beautiful psalms. During this latter period of his life he consolidated the kingdom of Israel and prepared the way for the building of the Temple.

### Restoring the Fallen

Two points should be made:

1. As a denomination we need a well-laid policy or process to help rebuild the lives of erring ministers, their wives and families. Some have seen themselves as having been dealt with kindly and fairly. But others are disillusioned, distressed and, in some instances, have shipwrecked their faith.

2. Our church must establish a process wherein our position on discipline is maintained. But that discipline should have a positive effect on the pastor's spiritual and moral life to the point where, in some cases, he would be equipped once again for the ministry. Some denominations already have a well laid out policy.

Without exception, fallen pastors need forgiveness and spiritual rehabilitation. Galatians 6:1 reminds us that Christian believers and the church are responsible for the restoration process. God forgives sinners and, according to 1 John 1:7, Jesus blood cleanses.

Forgiveness is an instantaneous experience but spiritual restoration is a process—it takes time. In practical terms it should start by helping the pastor to rebuild his spiritual life, his marriage and his family. It should also include his fellowship in the church family. Ultimately, depending on the

circumstances of the case, it may well extend to restoration in pastoral ministry.

Tim La Haye, in his excellent book on the subject, recommends the establishment of a "Restoration Committee"<sup>2</sup> (small in number). This committee would be carefully selected. Members would obviously be spiritually mature and qualified to:

1. Assess the genuineness of the pastor's repentance, confession and commitment to God.

2. Help rebuild the fallen pastor's spiritual life, marriage and family.

3. Help the pastor's congregation to work through their hurt, disappointment and anger.

4. Assess the pastor's progress and hold him accountable.

5. Consider related concerns like helping him find alternative work and the possible need to relocate.

6. Offer an ongoing, strictly confidential, counselling and redemptive ministry.

7. Determine if and when the pastor would be able to resume pastoral responsibilities.

8. Help minister to any other parties who have been hurt.

Committee members would need to be persons of integrity. They would need to be objective, compassionate and in no way antagonistic to the concept of restoration nor to the pastor himself.

The above suggestions are less than ideal. But we need to seriously consider this matter. I acknowledge that such a process as suggested in this viewpoint article is fraught with some risks and failures. But I believe that the risks are well worth taking.

A particular church invited a "restored pastor" to be their minister. He was totally honest about his past. They responded, "If you're a broken person, then we've got a place for you, because we're a congregation of broken people." **R**

1 Tim La Haye, *If Ministers Can Fall, Can They Be Restored*, page 109 Zondervan, 1990.

2 Ibid, pages 97 & 169.

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## Sabbath Morning Prayer

by Stephen Taylor

Dear Lord,

Thank You that we can be in Your house this morning, enjoying a rest from our everyday occupations. We've come because You asked us to.

We want to cheerfully worship You while we remember Your promises and Your sacrifice.

We like the earth You've made for us, though we're sorry that we've spoiled much of it's beauty. We want to take time today to appreciate the perfection of Your creation.

Please forgive our sins and help us to learn to leave our burdens with You. And as we overcome our problems help us to discover the fact that they build our perseverance.

Keep our hearts young and our minds open to simple and pure things that we can share with others, particularly those who may be attracted to You because of our lives.

Help us to learn something today, through Your Spirit, that will remain in our hearts and strengthen our faith.

Thank You for the salvation freely given at such cost. Help us to learn to give. Help us to share ourselves and Your love.

Please bless us today. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Amen.

*Stephen Taylor writes from Melbourne, where he attends the Lilydale church.*



## Youlden Mission

Thirty people requested baptism at the conclusion of a mission conducted by Pastor Geoff Youlden in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. The series, conducted especially for Polish-speaking people, ran from August 23 to September 1 and climaxed with an all day seminar. The Polish Adventist community is targeting the 60,000 Polish residents of Melbourne for evangelism.

## No Booze

Free non-alcoholic drinks for designated car drivers at nightclubs were recommended by Auckland City Council's liquor inspector John Perring earlier this year. The requirement has been seen as reasonable and may be applied to other councils in New Zealand.

## Blind See

For the first time visually handicapped Russians will soon be able to read the scriptures in their own language, thanks to the Bible societies worldwide. Hungarian publishers will print 25,000 each of the four gospels, using specially adapted typeface in which all letters are thick and dark and the spaces between are equalised.

## Minchin Gift

A Sub-Saharan chief requested a mission to be run in his village after attending a series sponsored by the E. L. Minchin Youth Evangelism Fund. The fund's grant of \$500 enabled the Burkina Faso Mission in Africa to send a literature evangelist into an animist district. The outreach resulted in 11 baptisms. Four other projects supported by the fund were:

a study tour for a Philippine University group, a youth ministry in Bangladesh, another in North Uganda and support for an already established camping program for inner city children in Sydney, Australia. Intending to further Pastor Minchin's spirit of youth evangelising youth, the fund is earmarked for people rather than equipment.

## Missionaries

Two Avondale College students, Calvin Dever and Simon Lewis, are devoting a year to assist Helen Hall at Eden Valley School for Karens in Thailand.

## Diet Kills

Bad eating habits contribute to six out of 10 deaths in Australia, and half of those die prematurely because of their diet, a home economist told a public forum in Melbourne on October 16. Vikki Leng, from Deakin University's Victorian Food and Nutrition Program, said work was being done on

Australian dietary guidelines to help prevent diet-related diseases. "It is estimated that diet-related diseases account for almost 60 per cent of deaths in Australia, of which about half are premature deaths," she said.

## Youth in Europe

Puppets, which the people had never seen before in their lives, were an instant hit and the biggest attraction created by Australian youth who recently evangelised in Europe, according to Matthew Peterson, who accompanied a group to Szeged, Hungary. "On our first day in the city mall, the people crowded around so much they spilled over and totally blocked half the street as well," he says. The youth invited people to sign up for Bible studies and each day between 20 and 30 did so. They also supported a mission conducted by South Australian Conference president Malcolm Potts, which on

the first night attracted more than 2,000 in three sessions. "Some people waited outside for more than two hours and even then had to be turned away because all the seats were full," says Mr Peterson. "The morning worships we had as a group, consisting of prayer, praise and a short reading, brought an atmosphere that defies description. It was incredible—we could feel the Spirit of God."

## Jewish Interest

An adaptation especially for Jews of Ellen White's book *Prophets and Kings* can be ordered from Adventist Book Centres. Called *Israel: Its Captivity and Restoration* the book was edited and annotated by Sanford Howard, a former Orthodox Jew. It wasn't until they became Seventh-day Adventists that Mr Howard and his wife learned to really understand Judaism and their Jewish heritage, according to a news release regarding the book. Clifford Goldstein, editor of *Shabat Shalom* and author of a number of books, says he would definitely recommend it to people for their Jewish friends. A retired businessman, Mr Howard is currently working on a similar adaptation of *Steps to Christ* to be called *To Life*.

## Others Thanks

Several non-Adventist congregations have written to Adventist World Radio-Asia expressing thanks for broadcasts in Burmese. Members of a Baptist church report they gather every night to hear the AWR program aired from 8.30 to 9.30. The pastor of this church—and a number of others of different



## Fijian Women Learn New Skills

More than 40 women from Vanuatu and Tuvalu were among 400 Dorcas women from all over Fiji and Rotuma who attended Federation meetings at the Fiji Mission headquarters in Suva from October 3 to 7. Among skills demonstrated to the women were vegetarian cooking (pictured, with Mrs Val Ferris and Mrs Vera Sleight, right) and paper recycling.

Photo: Wapole Talemaitoga



denominations—indicates he uses material from the broadcasts in sermon preparation.

## Singles Meet

Application forms for the Adventist Singles Ministries Convention are available from local conference youth directors and local ASM chapters, and according to Pastor Bob Possingham, Youth and Family Ministries director for the Trans-Tasman Union Conference, indications are that about 200 will attend. The convention, planned for singles 21 years and over, will be held at Avondale College from December 30 to January 5. Guest speakers include Gene Anderson, ASM president for North America, and Pastors Athal Tolhurst and Bryan Craig from the South Pacific Division.

## TRANX

The Alcohol Recovery Program at Warburton Health Care Centre has introduced a chemical dependency program entitled TRANX. It will cater for the growing concern in the community among those who are chemically dependent. Inquiries should be sent to: WHCC, PO Box 300, Warburton, Victoria 3799. Phone (059) 66 9010.

## Bolivian Tragedy

Three Adventist Development and Relief Agency employees were killed in a car accident in Bolivia on October 11, reports Lamar Phillips, ADRA director for Bolivia. Four other passengers escaped with minor injuries. The group left a Food for Work camp in predawn darkness and while driving along an unfinished road, the roadbed collapsed, throwing the pickup truck down a cliff. After sliding about 25 metres, the vehicle



Photo: M. Iene.

## Samoa Camp Features Ordination

More than 1000 people attended the 1991 Samoa Mission campmeeting held at Pago Pago, American Samoa, from August 6-11. Petaia Matautia (third from left, with his wife, Puipui,au,) was ordained to gospel ministry. Pastors (from left) Papafo Taala; John Gate, ministerial secretary of the South Pacific Division; Ripine Rimoni, president of the Samoa Mission; Samuelu Afamasaga, secretary of the Samoa Mission; and Uili Solofa participated in the service.

hit a shelf of rock that bounced three Indian women and a baby from the vehicle before it plunged another 1000 metres killing twin brothers Hector and Victor Chuquimia and Fernando Villafan. Hector supervised about 300 people involved in a road building project. Villafan was his assistant and Victor was an ADRA truck driver in La Paz. All three had worked for ADRA for about five years and according to Mr Phillips, will be sorely missed by both ADRA and their local churches. Each left a wife and children.

## Big Top Success

Youth from Sydney, Newcastle and Muswellbrook assisted with a tent program held recently in Gosford on the central coast of New South Wales. Billed "Megalife," the outreach offered a range of programs and activities including health assessments, Sabbath rallies,

motivational night for teenagers, films, and children's activities. Mt Colah church pastor Wayne Krause encouraged youth to assess their beliefs and to give Christianity a go. The program followed months of planning by conference youth assistant pastor Graeme Fraunfelder and local youth leaders, with young people playing a major role in staging the event. At the conclusion of the week, a number requested ongoing Bible studies or to join other activities.

## Sopas Outreach

Some 300 people recently attended a week-long outreach program covering spiritual and health aspects of life conducted by Sopas Hospital staff. "Sixty-five per cent of those attending were not Adventists," says medical superintendent Dr John Wallace. The programs, held under canvas on the hospital's basketball

court, were led by the hospital chaplain, Charles Barekas.

## 85th Anni

Around 1200 people attended a sight and sound presentation on October 20 covering district history that was organised to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Warburton Adventist School, Victoria. Produced by retired pastor Kenneth Mead and Signs Publishing Company manager David Woolley, the ambitious program delighted attendees with presentations featuring aboriginal dancers and reenactments of the arrival of explorers, the goldrush, the timber-getters and the Adventists. District schools combined to present a final bracket of choir items.

## AAA Anni

The Adventist Aviation Association of South Queensland are planning ahead for a celebration of 25 years of aerial and ground evangelism to be held at Kallangur camp on March 20, 1993. "We hope to have over 1,000 present at that time," says president of A-Double-A Lawrens Adair. "We'd love to meet people from all around the South Pacific Division who are interested in this type of outreach."

## Christmas Signs

Esperance church (WA) plans to letterbox 3000 of the December *Signs of the Times* as part of a literature outreach program just before Christmas.

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



# GC President Calls for Renewal

**D**uring the keynote address for the Annual Council held recently in Perth, General Conference president Pastor Robert Folkenberg said it was about time the church had a transforming presence in the world, and he called for loyalty to the church of God.

It's time," he said, "for the church to turn the world upside down." He was reflecting on the devotional theme for this year's Annual Council—"Turning the World Upside Down."

"Isn't it time for some action when the church comes to town?" he asked. He pointed out that when Paul visited a town there seemed to be riots and conversions. While admitting that we might not want the riots, he added that there should be some reaction from the community.

In a call to his listeners and to the wider church, he asked: "What will it take to have a transforming presence? We won't have a transforming presence until we are transformed."

He asked the world leaders of the church to renew their spiritual dedication. "A revival here means a revival there," he told those present, referring to the impact that they could have on



The meetings were held in the Perth Concert Hall. About 2000 people attended evening meetings to hear reports from the world divisions.

the world church.

He spoke of a "delicate" matter—loyalty and authority. He said that for some time there has been pressure for individual rights that made loyalty and authority distasteful. But "true unity is impossible without the loyalty that binds and the authority that results."

He asked for loyalty to God's word, God's truth and God's church. And he asked for a recognition of the authority of the church. He said that when the church acts in accordance with God's word, it is ratified in heaven. "The authority of the church is not to be trampled on or ignored," he said.

Pastor Folkenberg said that he regretted that the church sometimes focused on the wrong things. He asked the listeners to give an "unwavering witness to the fundamentals of our faith."

The focus is obviously wrong, he said, when a program gathers dust in the cupboard; or if it uses Madison Avenue marketing techniques. The focus should be the powerful, simple message of scripture.

"We urgently need to preach righteousness by faith," he said. "People need assurance in Christ and victory over sin. . . . You in Christ on the

cross—that's justification. Christ in you—that's sanctification." He maintained that without that balance the church develops either permissive or legalistic Christians.

He warned against abusing the authority of the Bible. He suggested that some abuses "make us the ultimate arbiters of what portion of scripture is inspired." That, he said, is dangerous.

He expressed concern about attacks on the authority of Ellen White's writings. Whereas, in the past, attacks on her credibility had come from outside the church, he now sees men and women within who create doubts. Some simply ignore or abandon the feast of good material within her writings.

There was danger, he said, for those who take only half a loaf—who take only one part of Ellen White's writings without having concern for the balance that she may offer elsewhere.

He said the judgment-hour ministry in the sanctuary is a message important to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "We must preach the judgment-hour sanctuary message. It's a message needed for this age," he said. In relation to this he maintained that the "gospel trumpet must be sounded clearly and distinctly."

"It is time for change in the church," he said, "but that doesn't



Some meetings at the Annual Council were translated into sign language for hearing impaired.



Former South Pacific Division President Pastor Walter Scragg attended the council. Pastor Scragg now heads Adventist World Radio.



mean the fundamentals. . . . The church that we love must be designed for the 90s and beyond."

He said those present would be considering some changes over the following days. He stated that some procedures designed for a church of half a million in the 1940s were no longer adequate for a church of seven million in the 1990s.

## Council Reports Dramatic Growth

**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church has grown dramatically during the past 10 years, according to a report to the recent Annual Council in Perth by General Conference Archives and Statistics director Dr Donald Yost.

A decade ago 200,000 people were being baptised by the church each



Pastor Tom Andrews, the South Pacific Division treasurer, received one of the first copies of *The Great Controversy* in the Samoan language. The new translation of Ellen White's book was launched at the Annual Council.

year. Now the number is 450,000.

Dr Yost reported that, at the present rate, there will be two Adventists for every 1,000 people by the year 2000. By contrast, when Global Mission strategy began at the 1990 General Conference session, there was only *one* Adventist for every 1,000 people.

"We're not growing in numbers as much as the world population," Dr Yost reported, "but we're increasing at a faster rate." He said that if the present rate continued, and time should last, every second person would be a Seventh-day Adventist in



The General Conference president Pastor Folkenberg presented a medallion to Dr Gerald Clifford (the administrative assistant to the South Pacific Division president, but formerly the SPD's education director) in recognition of his work for education in two divisions. The education system had doubled in size in the South Pacific Division under his leadership.

150 years.

He reported that the Soviet Union has had the largest net increase (16 per cent) over the past year. The figures for China are much more dramatic (254 per cent), but the adjustment has come as more information about Adventist believers has become available.

Dr Yost said there are now about 75,000 Adventists in China. This figure may rise to 95,000 as more information comes from inland China. One independent university investigation suggests that China has 200,000 Adventists.

In an aside, he said that the church's baptismal figures go down every year that there is a General Conference Session. He felt this needed to be noted.

## Notes from the Annual Council

**S**ince the setting of the Global Mission goal to baptise one person per minute, the Adventist Church has seen an average of 1.08 people baptised each minute.

Pastor Carlos Aeschlimann, from the GC Ministerial Association, reported that the church was on target for its goal of 2.6 million people baptised for the years 1990 to 1995.

The first year has seen 569,975

accessions to the Adventist Church. The church's present world membership is 6,879,571.

He also reported a worldwide increase in churches. About 1.5 churches are built every day. Next year he hopes to see three churches each week. This will happen, he said, with church-centred evangelism.

● The USSR Division has had a name change. With most republics in the Soviet Union now independent states, the division has been renamed according to its territory. It is now the Euro-Asia Division.

● The last Sabbath in May has been listed as Annual Global Baptism Day, beginning in 1992. Some divisions may choose another date.

● The 1990 Annual Council recommended that the operating expenses for the General Conference be 4.85 per cent of gross tithe received. The 1992 budgeted cost is 4.6 per cent (a saving of more than \$1 million on the 4.85 per cent level).

● A Pan-African consultation on the family will be held in Kenya, Africa, in 1992.

● 1993 has been listed as The Year of the Pastor.

● A commission has been set up to evaluate the "state of the church." It is expected to take several years and will be a comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of the world church.

● Another commission (expected to involve the same people) will look at world church organisation.

● The average number of people baptised by active ordained Seventh-day Adventist pastors in 1990 is 51.2.



Katrina McClintock was worn out by Annual Council activities. Her father, David (principal of Carmel College near Perth) gave her support.



## Governance Report Adopted

**A**t its recent Annual Council in Perth the General Conference executive committee adopted, with minor modification, a major commission report on governance.

The commission report was an attempt to streamline and simplify the decision-making processes of the General Conference.

GC president Pastor Robert Folkenberg, who chaired the meeting, told those present that the commission report was unusual because it had not been reviewed by other committees with authority to change it.

"I assured the commission on the first day that what they had to say



The GC president Pastor Robert Folkenberg was kept busy between the scheduled meetings.

would arrive undiluted on the floor of this council," he said.

The "General Conference Commission on Governance" was established by the GC Executive Committee at Pastor Folkenberg's recommendation. He asked the commission to study ways to improve credibility between leaders and those in the pew; to find more effective ways of communication with the world church; and to streamline the decision-making process to more effectively fulfil the church's mission.

The first three recommendations were voted through with minimal discussion. The first called for fewer and, in most cases, smaller standing committees (with a suggestion that the 85 committees could be reduced to 22).

The second recommendation gave GC vice-presidents administrative responsibility "to assure the effective

operation of assigned General Conference departments and services." This recommendation delegated what was once solely presidential authority to the vice-presidents.

The third recommendation called for all departments and services to have clearly defined authority to accomplish their mission.

In introducing the commission's report Pastor Folkenberg noted that some might speak against it. He stressed that "this does not mean in any way division within the administrative team."

The appointment of an in-house operations manager, responsible to a general vice-president who would chair an in-house operations committee, proved to be a contentious issue. The point of concern was whether that person should be responsible to a vice-president or to the GC treasurer.

Pastor Robert Osborn, a member of the commission, was first to his feet. He moved an amendment making the in-house manager responsible to the treasury.

During a lengthy debate dominated by GC staff, Pastor Donald Gilbert, the GC treasurer, said he was embarrassed that this had developed into a major issue.

The debate ended when Pastor Jan Paulsen, the president of the Trans-European Division, said, "This debate is getting out of control. We have now spent more time on this than we did on Global Mission. Our sense of priority seems to be out of proportion."

The committee voted that the in-house operations manager would be responsible to a vice-president.

The commission report recom-

mended that the GC Executive Committee meet two times a year and at the call of the chair.

"Let us not lose, in the name of streamlining, what we have always had—shared leadership," said Pastor Gerald Christo, past president of the Southern Asia Division. He said he feared that collective leadership and accountability could be watered down. He moved that the executive meet at least quarterly.

Pastor George Johnson, president of the Southeast Asia Union, said, "We handle paper too many times. Bureaucracy has cost us much." But he supported the quarterly executive meetings in the name of democracy. "Democracy is inefficient and time-consuming—and it's slow. But it's way ahead of what's second-best," he said.

Pastor Paul Gordon, secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate, responded: "We're not autocratic, we're not hierarchical, we're not democratic, we're representative. Two executive meetings a year maximises the representation."

Pastor Folkenberg said he felt comfortable with a proposal that asked for two or four meetings a year, but doubted the value of one a month. The committee voted for at least quarterly executive meetings.

The group also granted authority to the GC administrative committee and defined for the first time the boundaries of its authority.

The Annual Council also adopted what Pastor Folkenberg called the "most inspiring innovation" of the whole report—the establishment of a clearly defined strategic-planning and budgeting process.



South Pacific Division's Sabbath school director Pastor Eric Winter presented a cheque for more than \$6000 to the president of the Eastern Africa Division Pastor Bekele Heye during Sabbath school in Perth. The money, gifted by an Australian member, is to buy bicycles for African pastors.



# NOTICEBOARD

## Appreciation

**Friend.** Doug and Ruth Friend of Brisbane wish to express thanks to all who so lovingly supported them in prayer, by attendance at the funeral service, by letter, card, telephone and flowers following the recent death of their much-loved daughter Beth. The love shown has been a continuing source of comfort and will remain so until Jesus returns.

## Weddings

**Anderson—Yates.** David Anderson, son of Stephen and Denise Anderson (Sydney, NSW), and Tanya Yates, daughter of Gordon and Carolyn Yates (Sydney), were married on October 20 at the Wahroonga Uniting church. David and Tanya plan to establish their home in Sydney. R. E. Possingham.

**Baker—Lesich.** Duane Roderick Baker, son of Arthur and Hazel Baker (Grafton, NSW), and Mariana Danielle Lesich, daughter of Pedro and Maca Lesich (Grafton), were married on October 6 in the Grafton SDA church. Duane and Mariana plan to set up their home in South Grafton. Wayne French.

**Ellis—Krejar.** Darren Ellis, son of Kelvin and Helen Ellis (Mooroolbark, Vic), and Kimberley Krejar, daughter of Helga Krejar (Glen Iris), were married on September 29 at Olinda, in the Dandenongs. Darren is an accountant and Kimberley is a nurse. They plan to set up their home in Armadale. Merv Sparrowhawk.

**Lamb—Lau.** Andrew Lamb and Candy Lau were married on September 15 at the Parramatta SDA church, Sydney, NSW. They desired a Christian wedding in Australia with their friends rather than in their homeland of Hong Kong. Andrew is a registered nurse, and Candy is an accountant, both working at Sydney Adventist Hospital. Adrian J. Flemming.

**Nowalinski—Toepfer.** Steven Nowalinski, son of Kazimierz Nowalinski and Julianne Nowalinski (Sydney, NSW), and Sally Joan Toepfer, daughter of Barrie and Elizabeth Toepfer and the late Carolyn Toepfer, were married on October 6 at the Avondale Memorial church, Cooranbong. Barrie, a foreman carpenter, and Sally, a word processor in a legal office, plan to set up their home in Gosford. G. B. Scott.

**Rath—Lawson.** Graham Vernon Rath, son of Chris and Joan Rath (Canberra, ACT), and Shelley Maree Lawson, daughter of Neil and Frances Lawson (Canberra), were married on October 6 at the Canberra National SDA church. Graham, a dental technician, and Shelley, who works at Sanitarium Health Food Company Head Office, plan to set up their home in Sydney. Pastor David Lawson, uncle of the bride, assisted in the service. R. Neil Lawson.

**Thoresen—Contarino.** Niall Thoresen, son of Earl and Maureen Thoresen (Brighton, Qld), and Sonia Contarino, daughter of Concetto and Essie Contarino (Hendra), were married on September 22 in the Pine Rivers SDA church. They plan to set up their home in the North Brisbane suburb of Banyo. Gordon W. Oaklands.

**Tindal—Walter.** David Lewis Tindal, son of Thomas and May Tindal (Adelaide, SA), and Karen Linda Walter, daughter of Wilfried and Linda Walter (Cooranbong, NSW), were married on October 6 in Adelaide. David and Karen plan to set up their home in Adelaide, where David is self-employed. Philip Gredig.

**Watson—Eastwood.** Lowell William Watson, younger son of Stuart and Norma Watson (Port Macquarie, NSW), and Kayleen Melba Eastwood,

youngest daughter of John and Esme Eastwood (Blacktown), were married on September 22 at the Blacktown SDA church. Lowell and Kayleen plan to set up their home in Blacktown. B. C. Grosser.

**Weekes—Quirk.** Derek John Weekes, son of Beverley Weekes (nee Richards) (Harrington, NSW) and the late Victor Weekes, and Annali Kaye Quirk, daughter of Barrie and Margaret Quirk (The Basin, Vic), were married on October 6 in the East Prahan SDA church, Melbourne, Vic. Derek and Annali plan to set up their home in Sydney, where Derek is a greenkeeper and Annali is a medical representative. Bryan Craig.

**Wright—Campbell.** Alistair Wright, son of Ron and Maureen Wright (Taihape, New Zealand), and Carolyn Campbell, daughter of Alwyn and Edna Campbell (Sydney, NSW), were married on October 6 in the Galston SDA church, Sydney. Alistair and Carolyn first met while they were employees at the South Pacific Division office, Wahroonga. They plan to set up their home in Sydney. Ian M. S. McKean.

## 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.

**Anderson,** Grace Evelyn (nee Bailey), born December 20, 1896 at Dubbo, NSW; died October 1 at Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. When she was 22, Grace began nursing in Sydney. In 1922 she married Clifford Anderson and they had three daughters, Isabel, Elaine and Heather. They accepted the Advent message in 1928. Grace moved to the Charles Harrison Nursing Home in 1987. She is survived by her daughter, Heather Gillette (Canberra, ACT); 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. L. C. Coombe.

**Baggaley,** Ronald Leslie, born September 20, 1931, in Hamilton, New Zealand; died August 20 in Bundaberg, Qld, and was buried at the Bundaberg Cemetery. Ron retired four years ago, following his first heart attack. He was born and raised in an Adventist home, and attended Longburn College. Ron and his wife May (nee Neill) were married in the Manuera SDA church, New Zealand. The Bundaberg Woodturning Club, of which Ron was a member, formed a guard of honour at the church. Ron is survived by his wife; daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryll and Jim Parkinson (Sydney, NSW) and Heather and John Liddall (Bundaberg); and son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Karen (Brisbane). A. J. Bath.

**Budz,** Marek, born April 22, 1941, in Warsaw, Poland; died October 15 at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA. Through the sponsorship of the College Park SDA church, Marek and his family migrated to Australia in 1983. Baptised with his wife in 1984, Marek was a faithful member of the church. He is survived by his wife, Kira; daughter, Beata and her husband; mother-in-law, Olga Ulianowa (all of Adelaide); and brother, Janusz and his family (Poland). Pastors Jerzy Lipski and Allan Croft assisted in the services. E. J. Majchrowski.

**Buik,** John Henry, born May 9, 1917, in Wallaroo, SA; died October 9 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woodville. Some years ago, he worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Hackney. Jack was a long-time member of the Queenstown SDA church. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; children,

Kaylene Willshire (both of Adelaide), Patricia Staley (Morgan), John, Rosalind Stevens, Ian (all of Adelaide) and Michael (Balthannah); and 14 grandchildren. Angus McPhee.

**Fairall,** Frederick Robert, born 1908 in Surrey, England; died September 24 at Armidale, WA, after a short illness, and was buried at the Kairakatta Cemetery. Fred married Margaret ("Meg") Watson, and following her death in 1948, married her sister Rebecca ("Becky"). She also predeceased him. Fred served as drum major in the Perth Advent Band and the St John Ambulance Band. For many years he served as a deacon, and took an interest in the church youth activities. Fred was a gentle and practical man. He is survived by his son, Arthur (Forest Hill, Vic); daughter, Elaine Chadwick (Perth, WA); seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and brothers, Arthur, Bert, Bill and Percy. Ian H. Royce.

**Slater,** Florence (affectionately known as "Auntie Flo"), died September 5 at the Coronella Retirement Village, Nunawading, Vic, and was buried at Stratford. She was a foundation member of the Traralgon SDA church. The last 10 years of her life had been spent at Coronella. She is survived by her children: June Dundek (Traralgon) and another daughter living in England. John Bartlett.

**Tooley,** Walter, born December 30, 1901, in South Canterbury, New Zealand; died September 26 at the Nurse Maude Hospital, Christchurch, and was buried at the Rua Lawn Cemetery, Bromley. One of eight children, Walter grew up in South Canterbury. In 1936 he married Muriel Rogers. She predeceased him in 1961. Baptised by Pastor Aubrey Mitchell in 1948, Walter served as an elder at Timaru and Rangiora. He was the school board chairman at Timaru. In his later years he was a successful literature evangelist. He is survived by his second wife, Nyra (nee Bryant), whom he married in 1968; children, Ian (Montalto), Roger (Rangiora) and Doreen Howse (Brisbane, Qld). E. S. Kingdon.

**Towler,** Letitia Irene, born July 4, 1916, in Ayr, Qld; died October 10 in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane. She accepted the Adventist message through the ministry of a literature evangelist in 1953 and was baptised the same year by Pastor H. D. Halliday in the Burdigan River near Charters Towers. She is survived by her daughters, Merlyn Morgan, Lorice Stace, Beverley Hampton and Jennifer Kersey; and son, George; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Pastor Phil Starr assisted in services at the Adventist Retirement Village chapel, Victoria Point, and the Redlands Lawn Cemetery. S. A. Bartlett.

**White,** Myrtle Evelyn, 90, died September 23 at Cessnock Hospital, NSW. Brought up in an SDA home, Myrtle was a faithful member of the church all her life. She was a charter member of the Cessnock church, where she held office up until a few years ago. Family and friends gathered at the Aberdare Cemetery, Cessnock, to say farewell to a much-loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. W. V. Fedorow.

**Woodward,** Fiona May, born January 14, 1968, in Bendigo, Vic; died suddenly on September 17 at the CWA Hostel in Ipswich, Qld. Fiona had been happy and active the previous day in her responsibilities at the hostel, where she was appreciated for her friendly and helpful attitude. She is survived by her parents, John and Zona; brother, Stephen; and sister Carmel (Sydney). Following a service in the Harrisville church, Fiona was buried at the Warrill Park Lawn Cemetery, near her sister, Dianne, who died in January 1989. Gordon W. Oaklands.

**Wright,** Doris Fay, born September 7, 1930, in Kempsey, NSW; died September 20 in Kempsey Hospital, after a prolonged illness. Doris accepted the Adventist message in 1979, under the ministry of



Pastor Lance Hooper, and was baptised in the Macksville church by Pastor W. A. Baines. She is survived by three brothers and five sisters. Her husband, William, predeceased her in 1977. Pastor David Edgar assisted in a graveside service at Nambucca Heads.

H. E. Edmunds.

**Correction:** Mrs Jean Dobson (Obituaries October 5) was not the last of the foundation members of the Lakemba church. Elsie Dillon and Robert White are also foundation members.

## Advertisements

**Physics/Maths Volunteer Teacher** for Betikama, Solomon Islands. A volunteer to teach physics and maths to Form 6 (Year 11/12) is needed at Betikama Adventist High School in the Solomon Islands for 1992. The appointment would be from 13 January to 27 November. Other responsibilities would be to teach maths and/or science to other forms as arranged by the principal, and to carry out supervision duties and other responsibilities as arranged. The school is the senior school for the union, with an enrolment of 350. Betikama is walking distance from the Western Pacific Union Mission compound, and 15 minutes drive from the capital, Honiara. The Solomon Islands does not have a security problem. The volunteer would be provided with a house and living allowance as per division policy. For information and inquiries, contact the Education Director, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

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**Health Evangelism Tour.** The Adventist Health Department of the TTUC is organising a 21-28 day conducted tour of health institutions and programs in USA from June 19, 1992. Places are available for health professionals and others active in health evangelism. Tour will include Loma Linda, Weimar Institute, Pritikin Center, Battle Creek, New York Van Ministry, International Congress on Vegetarianism, Washington DC and a Chemical Dependency workshop, Andrews University. Anticipated cost of \$A3,900 includes airfares, transportation and accommodation. Meals an extra expense. For further details contact Dr Terry Butler, TTUC, PO Box 14, Gordon NSW 2072.

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