

# RECORD

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Next Week



## Church Member Receives Honour

Ipswich church member Don Craig was awarded the Order of Australia Medal by the Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell, at a ceremony at the state's Government House on November 22, 1991. The award was given in recognition of Mr Craig's dedication and unselfish service to young people.

Mr Craig has completed 37 years of service to the scouting movement in Queensland and is currently an area representative to the Queensland Branch Executive for the scouts. He has previously received the Scouts' Medal of Merit and the Queen's Medal for community services.

He has also given 29 years of leadership to Pathfinders. He serves as a district director for the South Queensland Conference.

For 19 years he has worked with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. He has been chairman of the Ipswich area awards committee.

He and his wife, Frances, have also fostered 25 young people in their home over the past 25 years.

In nominating Mr Craig for the award, Pastor John Wells, the youth director for the South Queensland Conference, said that he had known Mr Craig for 17 years. "He is a very dedicated, hard-working and knowledgeable man," he said. "His contribution to the committees that he represents is very much appreciated by those in leadership."

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## EDITORIAL



# It's in Your Hands

We need your support. The RECORD can't continue without it. And next week you'll be asked to show your support by giving for the annual RECORD offering.

Because I'm so new as the editor of the RECORD I can't say to you, "Look what we've already done; hasn't it been great? Now we plan to do better."

Instead I feel like a politician who's campaigning on a "trust me" slogan. Or like a used-car salesman—you know the line, "Would you buy a used car from the man pictured in the top right-hand corner?"

This year presents some major challenges. Last year we had four editors working on the three magazines (RECORD, *Good Health!* and *Signs of the Times*) we produce at the Signs Publishing Company. James Coffin is now working as a pastor in Orlando, Florida; Joy Totenhofer is enjoying retirement; and Gary Krause will soon move to Sydney to take up responsibilities at the Adventist Media Centre.

It's unfortunate that these changes came at the same time. Jim, Joy and Gary have served the publishing house, and the church, well. But it's obvious that losing people of this calibre will have some impact on our magazines—including the RECORD.

Over the past few months we've been building a new team. The team isn't quite complete yet, but we're making sure that it will be a strong one (meet the team on pages 4 and 5).

The editorial team is committed to producing quality magazines for the Adventist Church in the South Pacific. But more important, each individual has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and is committed to upholding Adventist teachings and lifestyle.

We think that we know what you, the reader, expect from the RECORD. We do read our mail. And at the beginning of last year we invited all RECORD readers to participate in a survey. We're taking that survey seriously.

The strong message we received from the survey—from all sectors of the

church—was that you want openness within the pages of the RECORD.

But, with a new year, a new editor and a new editorial team, we're very much in listening mode. If you have a suggestion/concern/comment you'd like us to consider, now is the best time to write to me. While I can't promise that your idea will be adopted, I do promise that we will seriously consider every idea.

I work on the basis that the RECORD is the church's magazine. It's not *my* magazine. I have a responsibility to make sure that you have it in your hands each Sabbath. And it's true that I have to make certain choices about what is and what isn't printed. But it's still the church's magazine. That's why I'm happy to listen to what you have to say about *our* magazine.

Naturally we've set ourselves some goals and objectives for 1992. In general terms they look like this: We plan to keep you informed about what's happening in your church—locally and worldwide. We plan to print and commission articles that will build our faith, deepen our understanding of Bible teachings, challenge our commitment to service and stretch our thinking. We plan a ministry that will attempt to reach all age groups and segments within the church.

You'll be the ones to judge if we adequately meet our goals or not.

But we need your support for the RECORD offering on February 22. It costs \$23 a year to have a copy of the RECORD waiting for you at your church each week.

You may not be able to support the RECORD offering to that extent, but we'd ask you to dig as deep as you can. Or you may be one of those who can put in the offering enough to cover your own RECORD and help to sponsor the RECORD for someone who can't. They, and we, will appreciate that.

I'd like to think that we could have another record RECORD offering this year. Thank you for the support you plan to give to the RECORD.

Bruce Manners.

# LETTERS

## Point Them Up

Re the letter "Church Under Attack" (January 18, 1992): May I offer a solution to the dilemma of the extreme right and left wings that the writer feels are harmful appendages?

While talking with a Qantas pilot friend one day, he told me that the wing tips are a problem on aircraft as it is here that most turbulence occurs. Wing tips tend to destabilise and cause drag.

But what can you do with them? They're a fact of life. Chop them off and the plane won't fly, or will be even more unstable and turbulent at best.

No, the airlines have the answer. The new long-range aircraft have the wing tips pointing up. This cuts drag and turbulence and makes the flight more efficient.

If our extreme right and left wings could look up and point to Him who is seated in the heavenly places, then maybe we might get to our destination on time (whatever our ETA may be—but that's another letter!)

David Taylor, NSW.

## Bury Themselves

I read with amusement and some sympathy the letter "Still Searching" (December 14, 1991) regarding the legitimacy of rabbit-fur hats.

At one time these propensities to pettiness, of which some Adventists are fond, used to niggle me, too. But the fact is, they're not worth our worry.

The only question for us is, "Do you know God and do you continually experience His presence?"

Let the dead bury themselves.

David Hancock, NSW.

## Take Off the Gloves

I have read letters from Adventist wives telling of what they've suffered from their Adventist husbands, and that when they've appealed for help from the church they haven't received any. Instead, their husbands have been sheltered.

Now in the RECORD I read the news article "Sexual Violence and Adventists" (January 18). It suggests that we "approach victims and perpetrators with the knowledge that sexual violence destroys their spiritual capacity."

But God's Word doesn't say to handle them with kid gloves. 1 Corinthians 5 deals with many sins and Paul finishes by saying, "Put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

Because of the disobedience of the church, we now have many male church members involved in this sin. It wouldn't have grown to this extent if church leaders had dealt with the ones committing the crimes and removed them from the church.

(Mrs) J. Nerney, NSW.

## Rest and Assurance

I rejoice with Ida Hoult in her experience of finding the Sabbath ("How I Found the Sabbath," January 18). But my joy would be more full if she had described her new experience of rest in Christ and assurance of salvation which, according to Hebrews 3 and 4, is what the Sabbath truly signifies.

Her comments on Revelation 14:12 give the distinct impression that the commandments of God are given precedence over the faith of Jesus. I have no brief for antinomianism, but commandment-keeping exalted above faith in Jesus' finished work is pure legalism.

Sister Hoult says, "I asked God to show me the day He wants us to honour." That's important, but even more important is why and how we keep it. For a good answer to these questions I recommend the article in the same

edition entitled "What Is Appropriate on the Sabbath?" V. J. Heise, NSW.

*Mrs Hoult does refer in her article to the "love in abundance" found in the commandments. And her article wasn't a theology of the Sabbath; it was about how, as a Christian, she came to discover it.*

## Humanist Propaganda

Re the news article "Sexual Violence and Adventists" (January 18): The point is made that "denial perpetuates this widespread problem."

Yes, and it also allows blind acceptance of the unsubstantiated/unsupported/unstatistical, largely anecdotal humanist propaganda put about by government agencies. (For example, point three in the box says, "...evidence, although not conclusive, suggests...")

Paul says to test all things. So we should not allow ourselves to be useful, well-meaning fools.

Peter Baddams, SA.

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



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## THE EDITORS

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# Meet the Editorial Team

by Bruce Manners

The editorial team is only one part of a much larger team.

**Name:** Bruce Manners  
**Position:** Editor-in-chief.

Editor: RECORD, *Signs of the Times*.

Associate editor: *Good Health!*

**Background:** Bruce is a South Australian. He worked as a professional fisherman for five years before studying theology at Avondale College (1971-74).



He pastored several churches in Victoria and South New South Wales before joining the editorial team as an associate editor to the

magazines in 1988. Early last year he became the editor of the *Signs of the Times*. In October he was appointed as the editor of the RECORD.

Last year he completed a graduate diploma in publishing and editing at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

He's married to Margaret (nee Oaklands), and they have two children, Travis (19) and Kristel (16).

**Editor's comment:** What can I say? Some words do come to mind; handsome, intelligent, compassionate . . .

**Editorial team's comment:** Oh, yeah!

**Name:** Alan Holman

**Position:** Editor: *Good Health!*

Associate editor: RECORD, *Signs of the Times*.

**Background:** Alan was born in England near Stratford-on-Avon. Later he lived in Coventry. His family came to Melbourne in the early 1950s.

He began work as an apprentice jewellery designer in Sydney, attending the National Art School.

However, a football accident meant that he had to find another trade. He became a bank clerk and teller in Narrandera, New South Wales. While there, he became an Adventist through an evangelistic program conducted in the area by Pastors Ray Stanley and Athal Tolhurst.

He attended Avondale College (1961-62) and studied accountancy and art. After leaving Avondale he held various jobs in country New South Wales and Queensland before beginning work with the Sanitarium Health Food Company.

In 1965 he began work at the Signs Publishing Company in the Art department, where he became Art director the following year. In 1980 he went to the Adventist Media Centre in Sydney as Production designer. He was with the media centre for five years before becoming Assistant to the Marketing director in the Sanitarium Health Food Company. In 1987 he was appointed SHF



Advertising manager.

Alan is married to Ngaire (nee Behrens). He has five children: Peter (28), Vickie (26), David (24), James (6) and Benjamin (3).

**Editor's comment:** Alan's a bit of a go-getter who livens up the editorial team. You'll find that he has a lively writing style that has been sharpened by his experience in advertising and marketing.

This experience will be particularly helpful in our marketing of *Good Health!* and *Signs*.

**Name:** Karen Miller

**Position:** Assistant editor/News editor: RECORD.

Assistant editor: *Good Health!*, *Signs of the Times*.

**Background:** Karen is a Melburnian and first-generation Australian. Educated in state and Adventist schools she studied secondary education at Avondale College (1978-79; 1981-82).

Having taught English in Adventist high schools for nine years, Karen values



Adventist education and the student-friends she made while teaching. Some of her most treasured times were spent travelling for a year through

Asia with her family as a teenager. She lived in Thailand as a student missionary in 1980.

In October last year Karen was called to Signs Publishing Company as an assistant editor. Her main role is as News editor for the RECORD.

**Editor's comment:** Karen is a delightful person to have around the office. She has had to quickly learn the routine of being the News editor and has done well. She has an excellent way with words. You'll appreciate her creative style.

The thing I've noticed about the news since she has been here is that she likes to emphasise our schools and Adventist Christian education. I guess that's to be expected.

**Name:** Yvonne Sutton

**Position:** Temporary assistant editor: *Signs of the Times*.

**Background:** After completing a degree in English at Victoria University, Wellington, in 1968, Yvonne (nee Denne) taught in Adventist high schools in Australia and New Zealand for over 10 years.

More recently her interest has focused on supporting her husband, Keith, in his literature ministry. Formerly Publishing director in South New Zealand, Keith is now Publishing director for the Trans-Australian Union Conference—a move that has brought them closer to their family in Sydney.

Yvonne joined the Signs team in January, on a part-time basis, and says that she's enjoying the challenge of editorial work.

**Editor's comment:** We're glad Yvonne is here. We're still working through who will come on to the team to be either the *Signs of the Times* editor or an assistant editor mainly responsible for the *Signs*. Yvonne is filling that

position for a few months and she's doing it extremely well.

While most of her work is with *Signs*, she also helps with planning our other magazines, including the RECORD.

Yvonne is enthusiastic about whatever she does. She's also very good at English grammar—guess who's teaching who in that area.

**Name:** Graeme Brown

**Position:** Book editor; Copy editor.

**Background:** Graeme grew up in the western suburbs of Sydney. He attended Auburn and Strathfield Adventist Schools before studying at Avondale College, graduating from the secondary teacher's course with majors in English and History in 1963.

He considers one of the most challenging and satisfying periods of his life was the seven years spent as a missionary-teacher at Kabiufa Adventist High School in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea (1967-73).

Since that time he has worked in the editorial department at Signs Publishing Company, first as proof-

reader, then as Copy editor and Book editor. He casts a critical yet careful eye over the company's publications.



He's married to Carole (nee Harvey), and they have two grown children: Sheri and Laurie.

**Editor's comment:** Graeme tries to keep the editors on the straight and narrow as far as accuracy and style is concerned. And he's good at it.

Actually his job is to try to save the editorial team from embarrassing themselves in print. Now that's not always easy.

**Name:** Glenda Fairall

**Position:** Editorial secretary.

**Background:** Born in Adelaide, South Australia, Glenda (nee Hunt) worked at the Adelaide Sanitarium Health Food Company before spending two years at Carmel College. She graduated from the business course in 1954.

She still remembers her Carmel days as a special time where lifelong friendships were made. Glenda met her husband, Ray, when she was



working in the office of the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Cooranbong, New South Wales. At the time, Ray was a student at Avondale College.

Ray and Glenda have lived in Warburton for 32 years. Glenda has been the editorial secretary for 15 years. They have two children, Keryn (King) in Brisbane and Kym in Sydney.

**Editor's comment:** Glenda has a tough job. Not only is she secretary to five fairly demanding editors, she's also the one who takes care of weddings, obituaries and advertisements for the RECORD.

She's now working with her fourth RECORD editor. The stories she could tell.



## Are you the new team member?

Signs Publishing Company is accepting applications for an **assistant/associate editor**.

The successful applicant will work mainly on *Signs of the Times* magazine.

Please send résumé showing qualifications, experience, examples of writing and a summary of why you think you're the person we're looking for, to:

The Assistant Manager  
Signs Publishing Company  
Warburton, Victoria 3799.  
Applications close March 16.

It's important to remember that the editorial team is only one part of a larger team. Many more could be mentioned.

There's Murray Howse who does the typesetting and layout on his big-screen Apple Mac. And the team in photolitho who prepare the plates for the press. And the men on the printing press. And those who cut, fold and staple the magazines. And Cherylin Anderson and Donnie Wareham who make sure that the magazines get into the post.

Then there are those in the periodical department and the office. They're all part of the large team that makes it possible for you to have the RECORD each week. **R**

Bruce Manners is editor of the RECORD.

# Put the Engine Back

by Errol Webster

Some prophetic interpretations that surface in our church make one wonder.

I can't vouch for the figures; in fact, I sincerely hope they are wrong," writes Carl Henry. "But one writer recently said that 95 per cent of the members of evangelical churches in the United States would fail a biblical literacy test."<sup>1</sup>

The term "biblical literacy," of course, is about having a knowledge and understanding of Scripture. How would we fare on a biblical literacy test?

Some prophetic interpretations that surface in our church make one wonder. That prophetic teachings could rise in Adventism that centre latter-day prophecy in Jerusalem and the Gulf War in the Middle East is staggering in view of our understanding of spiritual Israel.

It's an indictment for those who have been known as "the people of the Book."

There are some who want to reinterpret the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and have the historical fulfilments repeated *literally* today.

There's no biblical basis for saying that the four beasts of Daniel 7 represent America, Russia, a Far Eastern Alliance which includes Japan, China, Korea and Australia, and a European Common Market united with apostate religion.

Neither is there a biblical basis for saying that the ram of Daniel 8 represent modern Syria and Iran, and the he-goat represents a Western alliance (ie NATO) with America as the notable horn between the eyes of the goat. Or that the Middle East and Jerusalem are the centre of prophetic interpretation in the last days.

Or that the temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem, and the antichrist, Satan, will rule the world from there for three and a half years?<sup>2</sup>

Such teachings are futurism and dispensationalism with Adventist trap-

pings. You'll find similar speculations in Hal Lindsay's book *The Late Great Planet Earth*<sup>3</sup>—virtually the prophetic textbook for Pentecostals and Evangelical fundamentalists.

Even former US president Ronald Reagan "has read and repeatedly discussed" this book. Gerry Falwell says it's "one of the sources for his eschatology."<sup>4</sup>

The Adventist Church has consistently rejected the literalistic fulfilment of prophecy, centring in Jerusalem, as advocated by futurists. The *SDA Bible Commentary* says, "The NT applications show that prophecies given literally to ancient Israel may have a non-literal fulfilment for the church under the new conditions in the Christian age. . . ."<sup>5</sup>

Those who advocate a literalistic fulfilment of prophecy in the Middle East look for support in Ellen White, where she says, "Past history will be repeated. . . . Study Revelation in connection with Daniel, for history will be repeated. . . ." "The visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfilment. . ." (*Testimonies to Ministers*, page 116; *The Great Controversy*, page 36).

Ellen White is crystal clear that the

destruction of Jerusalem took place in AD 70<sup>6</sup> and that this was a miniature enactment of what is to happen *world wide* when the majority reject the grace of Christ as did the majority of Jews in Christ's day.

Notice: "Christ saw in Jerusalem a symbol of the world hardened in unbelief and rebellion, and hastening on to meet the retributive judgments of God. . . . Jesus, looking down to the last generation, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem.

"The Saviour's prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have *another fulfilment*, of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the *doom of a world* that has rejected God's mercy and trampled upon His law.

. . . The world will then behold as never before, the results of Satan's rule.

"But in that day, as in the time of Jerusalem's destruction, God's people will be delivered. . . . As He warned His disciples of Jerusalem's destruction, giving them a sign of the approaching ruin, that they might make their escape; so He has warned the world of the day of final destruction and has given them tokens of its approach, that all who will may flee from the wrath to come" (*The Great Controversy*, pages 22, 36-37, emphasis added).<sup>7</sup>

In the New Testament the focus shifts from the Old Testament's literal



geographical Israel and Jerusalem to spiritual Israel the church, which is worldwide, and to the New Jerusalem, which is above (see Matthew 21:43; Romans 2:28, 29; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:21-31; Hebrews 12:18-24; Revelation 14:1; 21-1:27). Opposition to spiritual Israel, the church, comes from Babylon which is also spiritual (Revelation 17:1-5).

The final conflict in the last days is a worldwide conflict over true versus false worship. In Revelation chapters 13, 14, 16 and 17 reference is made to the entire world in such terms as "every tribe, people, language and nation," "the earth and its inhabitants," "the earth," "the whole earth," "the kings of the earth," "the inhabitants of the earth," "peoples, multitudes, nations and languages." In these chapters the word "worship" (or "worshipped") occurs seven times.

The last war is over worship of the beast. A choice will have to be made to worship either the creature or the Creator. It occurs when "the kings of the whole earth" are marshalled by demonic power (Revelation 16:13-6) to give their allegiance to the woman "dressed in purple and scarlet" (apostate religion), in order to persecute the followers of the Lamb (Revelation 17).

It's a real conflict over the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:11-18)—some lose their lives (Revelation 20:4). But the issue is spiritual, not political or economic. It may have to do with the oil of the Holy Spirit, but not with Middle East oil.

This is not to say that political and economic factors don't play a part in causing all the world to be squeezed into one mould of behaviour. They do (see Revelation 13:11-18). But New Testament prophecies don't centre in these things, nor in literal, geographical Israel.

New Testament prophecy is centred in Christ and His worldwide church. The error of futurism is that it takes the Old Testament prophecies concerning Israel and applies them literally to Palestine today, bypassing the New Testament application to Christ, the cross and spiritual Israel.

Many of these prophecies still apply in principle. History will be repeated in principle. What happened to Jerusalem will be repeated worldwide

when the great majority reject God's grace.

The teaching that the temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt in the last days, where the antichrist will rule for 3 1/2 years and that the last battle will be centred was first popularised by the Jesuit Ribera around 1590. It was part of the Counter-Reformation to draw attention away from the teaching of the Reformers that the Catholic Church was the antichrist of prophecy.

Froom, in his monumental work *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, writes: "Thus in Ribera's commentary was laid the foundation for that great structure of Futurism, built upon and enlarged by those who followed, until it became the common Catholic position. And then, wonder of wonders, in the 19th century this Jesuit scheme of interpretation came to be adopted by a growing number of Protestants, until today Futurism amplified and adorned with the rapture theory, had become the generally accepted belief of the Fundamentalist wing of popular Protestantism."<sup>8</sup>

The problem with such prophetic schemes is that they are based on speculation and sensationalism, rather than on Scripture. When they don't work out as expected, people become disillusioned and lose their way.

The late Pastor Arch Hefren once said, "Adventists are known as 'people of the Book.' But we're like Ford cars, living on our reputation after the engine has fallen out."

What's needed is a revival of true Bible study among Adventists, based on scriptural principles of interpretation, rather than on speculation, or the news media. Let's put the engine back in. [R]

*Errol Webster is a church pastor. He writes from Griffith in New South Wales.*

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3. Hal Lindsey, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1970.
4. Reagan's *Armageddon*, ABC Program, 1984, page 9 of transcript.
5. *Volume 7, page 887. See also Volume 4, pages 25-38.*
6. *See The Acts of the Apostles, pages 379, 569; The Great Controversy, page 36.*
9. *Volume 2, page 493.*

## NATURE

# Talking Animals

by Rob Durward

Animals communicate in a lot of different ways. Those with good eyesight use signals that can be seen to "talk" to each other. Others use sounds and even smells.

Rabbits have a lookout that watches out for danger. It's usually a male, and his job is to warn the others if he sees or smells anything that could be dangerous.

If he does, he thumps a back leg on the ground. That warns the others of the danger. They all run down their burrow to safety.

The tree hyrax is an animal that keeps in touch with his neighbours in the forests by letting out a blood-curdling scream. Usually it happens in the middle of the night. That can be frightening.

The opossum does the same. And there are a lot of others in the bush that can make it come alive at night.

You might have heard frogs singing in a creek. When you get close, some of the frogs stop singing. But those further away keep singing.

When you move, those where you were will start singing again, but those near you will stop. In this way the frogs always know where you are.

Animals communicate for many reasons, but mostly to save their lives. God speaks to us in many ways because He wants to save our lives—forever. Can you hear Him? [R]

*Rob Durward writes from Mittagong, NSW.*



## Baptisms Result

More than 200 people attended each meeting of a month-long evangelistic series recently held in the Muslim city of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. As a result of the program 12 people were baptised and many more are taking Bible studies.

## Pastors Study

More than 30 pastors and ministers met for five days over the New Year period at Western Samoan church headquarters at Lalovaea. Despite the recent devastation caused by Cyclone "Val," ministers attended leadership meetings held by Pastor Doug Robertson from the division office.

## Recession Effect

Adventist book sales for 1991 in Australia and New Zealand dropped by \$415,000 from 1990. The drop in sales figures has been linked to the economic recession facing both countries. This is expected to affect the profitability of the Signs Publishing Company and income for literature evangelists.

## Counselling Course

Avondale College hosted 25 candidates for the MA degree course in counselling with La Sierra College, USA, from December 29 to January 9. During the 12-day workshop Dr Roger Handysides, a clinical psychologist from La Sierra College, screened the candidates.

## Quit Video

Adventist Media Centre's anti-smoking video "If I Can . . . You Can" features actor Anne Tenny as a participant in the *Quit Now!* program. The video is to be included in the *Life Plus*

*Quit Now!* programs kit designed for the workplace.

## Teach On

The year 1991 has seen the lowest teaching resignation rate on record, reports South Pacific Division education director Dr Les Devine. Since the Central Staffing Committee began its work last September, 166 calls have been placed and of those 104 have been accepted.

## Appointed

Lionel Smith—president, North New Zealand, to field work Greater Sydney.

Bill Townend—president, South New Zealand, to president, North New Zealand.

Gordon Smith—associate director Church Ministries Department (CMD), South New South Wales (SNSW) to, Lilydale Academy.

Paul Bogacs—CMD director, Central Pacific Union Mission, to associate director, SNSW

## ADRA Supplies

Vanuatu regions affected by Cyclone Betsy are

receiving from ADRA 16 cartons of tarpaulins, five cartons of mosquito nets and five tonnes of rice in addition to \$10,000 cash.

## Eyes Opened

More than 500 patients were examined recently by Drs J. and R. Raju at the School for the Deaf and Blind in Karmatar, Bihar, in India. Doctors conducted 160 cataract operations at eye camps for TEACH (To Educate And Create Hope) International. Those doctors attending the first camp were from Vellore Medical College. Ranchi Adventist Hospital supplied doctors for the second camp and performed 54 cataract operations. Dr and Mrs C. Sukachevin of Washington Adventist Hospital supplied funds for the camps.

## SAH Excels

Sydney Adventist High School Year 12 students excelled in their final exams for 1991 with 18 per cent of students' Tertiary Entry Rank (TER) scores in the top 10 per cent of the state. Darryl Chau received a

TER score of 99 per cent. Nine mathematics students received 100 per cent. Highest score for each subject are as follows: Physics 95 per cent, English 89 per cent, Biology 91 per cent, Chemistry 97 per cent, Economics and Modern History 92 per cent and Engineering Science 91 per cent. The school average was consistently above the state average. "The results speak clearly for the quality of an Adventist high school's education," says David Faull, principal of Sydney Adventist High School.

## New Churches

Aboriginal churches are to be built in Western Australia due to a gift of \$80,000 from the Annual Council in Perth last year. One church is to be built at Meekatharra and the other on the Karralundi school campus.

## Ex-pastors

There are 10,000 ex-pastors in Australia, about the same number as those serving in parishes, according to a report from the John Mark Ministries, a support ministry for ex-ministers of all denominations. For most ex-pastors the emotional and spiritual strain involved with leaving the ministry has caused great stress. Divorce and suicide among this group is unusually high. Up to half no longer worship regularly in any church. A survey conducted among 30 Baptist ex-pastors found that two years after relinquishing their pastorate 50 per cent were not attending any church regularly. Among Seventh-day Adventist pastors the incidence of non-involvement in any church is much higher.



## Adventist Students Receive Honour

Port Macquarie State High School honoured nine Adventist students for excelling in academic achievement during the 1991 school year. All had attended the local Adventist church primary school before moving on to the high school. The students are (standing, left to right): Jim Shelton, Hayley Mullan, Graeme Beattie, Zelma Hoskins, Andrew Hall and Nathan Howell. Kneeling (left to right): Nicolas Copertino, Joel Rosendahl and Bradley Ralph.



## Australian Retires

The Far Eastern Division communication director, Pastor Ray James (an Australian), has retired from office in Singapore and is to be replaced by a new director, Pastor Akinori Kaibe. Pastor James has given direction to communication and AWR broadcasters for more than 16 years, as well as organising and recruiting the student missionary program throughout the Far East.

## Harrisville 50th

Harrisville church, south Queensland, is to celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 1, 1992. All past members and pastors are invited to attend the special day of praise prepared. For more information phone Mary Schoenfisch (07) 812 1437 or Wendy Pearce (047) 63 5741.

## SWAT Fights

On October 21 SWAT (Society Without Alcoholic Trauma) placed a small advertisement entitled "Has Your Life Been Damaged by Alcohol?" in the newspaper the *Australian*. Media and individual responses are numerous. Many contacted SWAT believing they have cause to take legal action against the alcohol industry. "Clearly it's time the makers, dealers and pushers pay for the misery they cause," says SWAT president Don Strickland.

## Vietnam Suffers

The Government of Vietnam has appealed for assistance after the country was struck by gale-force winds on December 28. More than 150 people are dead and 97 missing, many more are injured. The livelihoods of more than 10,000 were lost as 1000 fishing vessels were damaged.



## Fijian Youth Camp Is a Success

More than 700 Fijian young people attended their annual youth camp held at Tebara, Fiji, December 26-31. The 42 members of the Beulah College Band (pictured) led the youth group on a march through the township of Nausori on the second day of the camp.

## Samoan Cyclone

Tropical Cyclone Val has left many in Western Samoa destitute. Some villages on north west Savai'i have been totally destroyed. Tarpaulins sent for shelter are used to collect water—there are few upright trees on which to tie the them. Western Samoa will need supplementary food supplies for the next six months according to predictions made by their government reports the United Nations Development and Relief Organisation.

## "Betsy" Strikes

Tropical Cyclone Betsy struck the Vanuatu Islands on the morning of January 10. Reports indicate damage to be less than expected. Clinics will be restocked and water and shelter will be provided by Australian relief agencies. Badly affected areas are Efate, Makura, Buninga, Tongariki, Ewose Tongoa, the southern tip of Pentecost and the western tip of Ambrym.

## Church Awarded

Wollongong Adventist church recently received an award for community education programs to promote good health. A committee

representing three local councils and the Wollongong University decided on the winner of the award. Guests at the presentation were Olivine Cose, who organised *Quit Now!* programs for 10 years and Jeanne Brown, co-leader of the Wa-Rite program, vegetarian cooking demonstrations and welfare president.

## Christmas Gifts

Christmas trees held gifts of money in projects organised by youth at Toowoomba (Queensland) and Murray Bridge (South Australia) churches. Toowoomba supplied \$235 to the Toowoomba and District Youth Shelter. Murray Bridge supplied \$270 for lamb shelters for those of the Apotiko church in Papua New Guinea.

## Russian Mission

Pastor John Carter and his team were asked by the president of the Euro-Asia division, Pastor M. P. Kulakov, to return to Moscow for a large evangelistic crusade "as soon as possible" following the success of their program run in 1991. Pastor Kulakov was exiled to Siberia for five years during the time of

Stalin. "Millions died during those terrible times," says Pastor Kulakov. "My brother, who was exiled with me, failed to survive."

## Numbers Grow

Enrolments increased in the 13 Adventist colleges and universities in North America by 2.1 per cent from the last school year (current figure is 14,785). This is the highest full-time enrolment for the institutions since 1982.

## Retold Story

Adventist pastor and author Maylan Schurch's allegorical description of the great controversy entitled *The Sword of Denis Anwyk* is currently appearing in the widely circulated *Guide* magazine. The 26-chapter story will conclude on February 29. "I want readers to see the human face of God," says Pastor Schurch, "a God who is working for our good, a king who wants desperately to live 'personally' among His people one day."

## Presidents Meet

General Conference president Robert S. Folkenberg and his wife Anita met with Philippine president Corazon Aquino on his recent trip to the Far East. Mrs Aquino was briefed on the global mission of the church through its schools, hospitals, colleges, publishing houses and humanitarian programs. Pastor Folkenberg offered a prayer for Mrs Aquino and her country at the close of their 30-minute visit.

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# A Year of *Pitcairn* Celebrations



The *Pitcairn* leads a parade along Avarua's main street on Rarotonga, Cook Islands, during last year's centenary celebrations. The Cook Islands prime minister, attended the celebrations.

**D**uring 1991 celebrations were held in various parts of the Pacific to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of the Adventist missionary ship the *Pitcairn*.

On September 25, 1890, during the California camp meeting, more than 1500 people attended the dedication of the *Pitcairn*, the Adventist Church's first mission ship.

The *Pitcairn* took less than a year to make and cost \$22,098.38, including furnishings and mission books.

From 1890 to 1900 the *Pitcairn* made six missionary voyages with various crews establishing missions in many South Pacific islands.

The length of the ship was 30 metres (100 feet), breadth of beam eight metres (27 feet), depth of hold 3.5 metres (10 feet); and it was about 122 tonnes (120 tons) burden. It was made of high-quality timber. The ship had two masts, foremast and mainmast, each 24 metres (79 feet) long. It was capable of spreading to the breeze 1440 metres (1576 yards) of canvas.

A large crowd in Tahiti witnessed the opening of the new Avera church, and listened to Pastor Verfaillie speak of the history of the Adventist mission on the island.

The prime minister of the Cook Islands, Geoffrey Henry, attended the Cook Islands celebrations. There was

a parade through the centre of Avarua on Rarotonga and a commemoration march and service at the *Pitcairn* Memorial near mission headquarters at Titikaveka.

Lieutenant-Governor of American Samoa, Galeai Poumele, and the president of the Senate, Letuli Toloa, attended a commemorative Sabbath sermon where a large memorial stone was unveiled. Retired missionary John Howse was speaker for the day.

Western Samoa's head of state, His Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II, and the prime minister, Tofilau Eti Alesan, and a member of the council of deputies, were present for the

opening ceremony held at Central Pacific Union Mission headquarters of the centenary celebration. Division treasurer Tom Andrews and retired missionary Ron Taylor contributed to the centenary celebrations.

Tongan princesses, Princess Siulikutapu, Princess Taone and Princess Ofeina declared the time of *Pitcairn* celebrations begun and the Beulah College band led a variety parade. In a national radio broadcast Pastor Gordon Lee spoke of the development of Christian belief through to the present day.

Fiji's celebrations were attended by South Pacific Division president Dr Bryan Ball. Both Dr Ball and the president of the Republic of Fiji, Sir Penaia Ganilau, presented messages of encouragement to the Fijian Adventist Church for the future. Later more than 1500 people attended the re-enactment drama of the arrival of the *Pitcairn* at Savusavu on the island of Vanua Levu.

The final celebration was held on Norfolk Island, where the Australian appointed Chief Administrator read a Scripture passage to the Norfolk Island congregation on Sabbath and Pastor Athal Tolhurst from the South Pacific Division presented the main message. A copy of the family history of those who first came to Norfolk Island from *Pitcairn* Island was made to the island's administrative authority.



Pastor Verfaillie speaks to a large crowd in Tahiti during the centenary celebrations of the arrival of the missionary ship the *Pitcairn*. SPD president Dr Bryan Ball was present during the celebrations.

## New Areas Opening for Kiribati

**K**auma Adventist High School, on the island of Abemama in Kiribati, had 20 students baptised on November 23. Pastor Baraniko, Kiribati Mission president, conducted the baptism.

Students from four unentered islands in the Kiribati Mission were baptised. These students expressed a willingness to assist Pastor Baraniko in evangelistic campaigns in their home islands.

"We strongly believe that the Lord has opened the way to reach these precious souls on these unentered atolls," says Harold Panda, a teacher at Kauma Adventist High School.

## Bulgarians Receive Christianity

**B**ulgaria's second Adventist public evangelism effort in 40 years drew capacity crowds on January 7 in the city of Kazanluk.

An American field evangelist, Robert Wagley, spoke through an interpreter to the more than 600 people attending the first meeting in the Kazanluk cultural centre. Of those attending the meeting only 100 were Adventists.

The first night of the meetings was held on the eve of a political rally and organisers anticipated attendance for the forthcoming meetings would require two sessions. The evangelistic program will run for 25 nights.

Kazanluk is a city of 78,000 where 90 Adventist members meet in a rented hall. They have located property on which a church can be built to seat 275-300 people for an estimated cost of \$30,000.

Five Bulgarian pastors are currently studying English in the United States to enable them to translate for English-speaking evangelists who will teach them to conduct their own crusades.

Ministerial secretary for the Euro-Africa Division, Johannes Mager, pre-

sented a two-week introduction to Adventist beliefs late last year. He was the first Western evangelist to work in Bulgaria since its reopening. More than 300 people are attending baptismal classes as a result of that program.

## Global Mission Inspires Church

**T**he Global Mission emphasis in the Adventist Church resulted in 569,975 baptisms in its first year, reports Carlos Aeschlimann, a General Conference associate secretary of Evangelism—Global Mission.

"Global Mission is inspiring the leaders, pastors and church members," reported one union president to him. "It is a dream come true because

Global Mission emphasises all stages of growth. Conversations centre on baptisms, new churches, new companies, entering new areas and erecting new church buildings. Now as never before the baptisms are coming in. Ministers and congregations are happy."

Global Mission aims to take the gospel to unentered areas and to evangelise.

"The unentered areas or penetration objectives of the Global Mission must be in addition to, not in place of, an ever-increasing emphasis on the soul-winning mission of the church," says General Conference President Robert Folkenberg.

The goal of one baptism per minute was reached during the first Global Mission year.

## Adventist Church Featured in Paper

**T**he December 10 issue of the *Esperance Express* (Western Australia) featured an interview with Pastor Roger Millist of the Esperance church as part of a two-page article on the beliefs of local Christian churches.

Pastor Millist gave a brief history of the church from its inception.

"Worldwide revival led many to believe and preach that Jesus was about to return to the earth," quoted the paper. "When by 1850 this event had not transpired the revival died.

"But some continued to study. . . . One of these groups was organised in 1863 as the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Lifestyle, Christian education, community services offered by the church, commitment to family and a description of the Sabbath worship format were all included in the feature.

"Anyone is welcome to attend any service or activity of our church," was the invitation made by Pastor Millist.



Esperance church was involved in the community over Christmas by packaging 3000 envelopes to be sent to Ravensthorpe, Hopetown and Norseman. The envelopes contained a Christmas gift calendar, an Encounter Christmas message, Christian magazines, a recent *Signs* and a letter from Pastor Millist (pictured right with other willing church helpers) on behalf of the Esperance Church.

# Two Ministers Ordained in Sydney



Pastor Adrian Craig, Pastor and Mrs Humberto Rivera, Pastor Peter Joseit and Mr Peter Brewin stand together at the conclusion of Pastor Rivera's ordination in Sydney on December 7.

Two pastors in the Greater Sydney Conference were ordained into the ministry of the Adventist Church late last year.

Pastor Humberto Rivera was ordained on December 7 at the Cabramatta West Spanish church, where he has ministered since his graduation from theology at Avondale College in 1987.

Dafne and Ingrid Rivera sang at their father's ordination, and Manuel Carrasco, the family's initial Adventist contact in Australia, recounted their first meeting. Born in Santiago, Chile, Pastor Rivera worked as a technical teacher before emigrating to Australia in 1976.

Mrs Sonia Rivera (nee del Carmen) had been raised by her Seventh-day Adventist grandmother.

Upon arrival in Australia, Mrs Rivera made inquiries at the migrant centre about the Adventist Church. Bible studies began with Manuel Carrasco and as they continued, Pastor Rivera, a keen history student, marvelled at the accuracy of Daniel 2.

Sonia was baptised at the Spanish church in 1977 and Humberto was baptised the following year by Pastor Ken Bullock.

Humberto and Sonia Rivera went to Avondale College where Humberto studied theology. During this time Mrs Rivera supported her husband and their children by working at the Sanitarium Health Food factory.

Pastor and Mrs Rivera, after work-

ing in Sydney for five years, are moving to Brisbane where they will care for Spanish-speaking Adventists. They have four children: Dafne (23), Ingrid (20), Igor (11) and Jenny (9).

Robert Stanley Borrenson was ordained on December 14 at the Hoxton Park Adventist church.

Pastor Borrenson, son of Adventists Henry and Ellen Borrenson, spent his childhood on the Atherton Tablelands on a dairy farm near Malanda, in northern Queensland. He then moved to Townsville where he worked in the clerical section of the Queensland Government Railways for 21 years.

In September 1958 Pastor Borrenson married Audrey Macklin. They have five children: Wendy Doeblin of Brisbane; Mark, of

Auckland, New Zealand; twin daughters Dianne O'Malley and Annette Lane, both of Sydney; and Janine Haora, also of Sydney.

In 1973 Pastor Borrenson entered denominational employment as conference accountant and Adventist Book Centre supervisor for the Northern Australian Conference. Since then he has worked in similar capacities in both Brisbane and Sydney.

All through his career in denominational work he has been actively involved in ministry, conducting Bible studies and youth meetings in his home. In 1989 he took up pastoral responsibilities at the Hoxton Park church.

## Cambodia Opening to Christians

Peace talks recently held in Cambodia may make it possible for thousands of Cambodian refugees living in Thailand to return to Cambodia. Among these refugees are several thousand who became Seventh-day Adventists while living in the camps. Many of these members are now trained as Bible workers and church leaders.

Pastor Thy San Sam, a convert from the refugee camps in the early 1980s and minister of the Cambodian



Those taking part in the ordination service, Pastor Peter Joseit and Pastor Adrian Craig, stand alongside Mrs and Pastor Borrenson at his ordination service at Hoxton Park church on December 14.

Seventh-day Adventist church in Lowell, Massachusetts (USA), visited Cambodia recently. Pastor Sam distributed Khmer Bibles and other literature, and invited people to his hotel room for studies.

Visitors to Pastor Sam's studies numbered 28 by the end of his four-week visit.

Cambodian government officials gave Adventist church leaders assurance that religious freedom will operate in Cambodia.

Retiree Charles Tidwell was appointed to serve as Director of ADRA-Cambodia and as leader for church work there. He has served for many years as a missionary in the Southern Asia and Far Eastern Divisions. Pr Tidwell has set up an office in Phnom Penh to serve members needs.

## Sanitarium Educates the Community

**S**anitarium Health Food Company's Nutrition Education Service in Victoria held a dinner on December 12 for participants of past programs who wanted to know how to prepare a vegetarian Christmas dinner.

"At first I found it difficult to charge participants the \$20 for the programs we conduct," says NES supervisor in Victoria, Sibilla Johnson. "But I find that people expect to pay for such a service, and what we offer is cheap compared to such services elsewhere."

Comments made by those attending the four-week courses through the year have been positive.

"So glad we came to your program," said one, "we have made many changes in our eating and lifestyle habits and are so happy with the results, we want to share this information with our friends."

"Thank you, and Sanitarium, for providing such an informative program," wrote another person who had attended the program. "My teenage daughter decided to follow a vegetarian diet without knowledge of dietary balance. I became very concerned when her health seemed to be affected.



## Students Reopen Historic Church

**S**tudents from Great Lakes Adventist Academy recently reopened Carson City church, Michigan, USA. Michigan Conference leaders approved the students' request to reopen the church that had been closed since 1988. The church was originally dedicated in 1876.

Students hold all leadership positions, teach all adult and children's classes, give special music, determine the budget, pay the bills and do most of the preaching.

The students are fully supported by their academy teachers and local church members who are reported to be delighted that their church is open and filled with youthful enthusiasm. Church members now believe their church has a future.

"I now have a better understanding and appreciation of the vegetarian diet, my daughter's health has improved, and we have a lot more variety in our food intake. Most of the family enjoy the vegetarian meals as well. I would be happy to come to any new programs you conduct in the future."

Some people are attending church and having Bible studies as a result of the programs.

## Retirement Village Opens Extensions

**F**ederal Minister for the Aged, Family and Health Services, Peter Staples MP, officially opened the new \$500,000 addition to the Adventist Retirement Village at Victoria Point Queensland, on December 11 last year.

An 11-bed hostel, a dining room

extension with lounge facilities and a multipurpose function room are now complete. Included in the multipurpose area are exercise and games facilities, a kitchen and a hairdressing area.

The 54-bed hostel will later be extended to include a further 26 hostel rooms and two more respite rooms.

Construction on the respite rooms for the nursing home has begun. These will provide temporary care for the infirm who usually live with their families.

The Victoria Point Retirement Village has 140 units, with another 10 to be completed early this year. More than 250 people are expected to reside in the retirement village units, with more than 100 residing in the nursing home and hostel.

"The Victoria Point retirement complex is nearing completion, with some 350 residents and many of the most modern conveniences and services," says John Golding, village manager. "It is a facility we can proudly name Adventist."

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## Life Sketch

**Taylor, Frederick Llewelyn**, born May 7, 1908, at Murgon, Qld; died December 15 at Charles Harrison Memorial Home, NSW. When he was 12 years old, his parents, Henry and Lily, moved with the family to Narara, near Gosford, NSW. Fred worked with the Sanitarium Health Food Company and then as a literature evangelist. In 1930 he commenced study at Avondale College, where he met Vera Clarke. After their marriage in 1936, the couple ministered in Broken Hill. Fred went door to door building a *Signs of the Times* subscription base and then launched a weekly prophetic news broadcast. The resulting interests soon necessitated an additional pastor. Fred and Vera later pastored in Wollongong and Mudgee before transferring to the Western Australian Conference to head up the Home Missions Department and the Tract Society. Fred established an Adventist book store in the heart of Perth. After his ordination to the ministry in 1944, he was called to direct the Home Missions and Sabbath School Departments for the South New Zealand Conference and later, the Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference. He introduced the first Vacation Bible Schools into Australia in 1953. In 1960 Fred returned to pastoring in Melbourne and then in Sydney. Vera died on March 7, 1971. A year later Fred retired from the ministry but continued to pastor two churches. He married Florence Hill on July 16, 1972. In 1975 they moved to Cooranbong, where he was actively involved as an elder and Sabbath school superintendent. After suffering a stroke in 1989, Fred was admitted to the Charles Harrison Memorial Home. He is survived by his children, Barry (Professor of Microbiology, Loma Linda University), Kelvin (high school teacher in Qld), Noeline Johnson (associate director, Church Ministries Department, North American Division), and Bernard (associate pastor Loma Linda University church), William G. Johnson.

## Weddings

**Dudgeon—Fraser.** Wayne Dudgeon, son of Melva Dudgeon (Melbourne, Vic), and Nicole Fraser, daughter of Don and Pat Fraser (Canberra, ACT), were married on January 16 at Montsalvat, a historic artist's colony on the edge of Melbourne, Vic. Wayne and Nicole are planning to set up their home in Canberra, where they will be teaching creative arts.

Bruce Manners.

**Miller—Rogers.** Keith Laurence Miller, son of Max and Val Miller (Wahroonga, NSW), and Kim Maree Rogers, daughter of Stan and Bette Rogers (Aberdeen), were married on January 6 at St Andrews uniting church, Scone. Keith is a transport manager, and Kim plans to continue to manage her craft business in Aberdeen. They plan to set up their home in Muswellbrook.

Henry G. P. Miller.

**Schick—Heys.** Glendon Schick, third son of Lyndon and Olive Schick (Sydney, NSW), and Debra Heys, daughter of George and Jan Heys (Cooroy, Qld), were married on December 15 at the Parramatta SDA church, Sydney. Glen and Debbie, both registered nurses, will continue their careers at the Sydney Adventist Hospital.

B. G. Whelan.

**Swannell—Hancock.** David Swannell, son of Ray and Wendy Swannell (Brisbane, Qld), and Cindy-Lee Hancock, daughter of Hank and Eunice Hancock (Murwillumbah, NSW), were married on December 29 at the Murwillumbah SDA church. David will continue teaching at Pine Rivers Adventist School, QLD, and Cindy will continue studying medicine at university. The writer is a long-time family friend. Allan Walshe.

**Whelan—Hancock.** Graeme Andrew Whelan, son of Barry and Faye Whelan (Nunawading, Vic), and Kerene Jodie Hancock, daughter of Alan and Julie

Hancock (Mildura), were married on January 12 at Mildura. Both Graeme and Kerene have been actively involved in Pathfinders and youth programs in the church. They plan to reside in Melbourne, where Graeme is doing residential care, and Kerene will continue with nursing.

B. G. Whelan.

## Obituaries

**Austin, Leslie Norman**, born March 24, 1920, at Grenfell, NSW; died January 10 at Auburn District Hospital, NSW. Les and his wife, Grace (nee Harpley), were married in 1943 by Pastor Reuben Hare at the Stanmore SDA church. Les worked for the railways from 1941 to 1978. He lost his eyesight after a brain tumour in the mid 1950s. Les's association with the SDA Church began in the early 1940s when he attended a mission at Grenfell with his mother and two sisters. He and his wife joined the Stanmore church and from 1952 were members of the Auburn church, where Les served as a deacon, elder and Sabbath school teacher. He had been a regular Red Cross donor for 40 years. Les is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Mary (Sydney) and Norman and Valerie (Hodgsonvale, Qld); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife in 1980.

Tui J. Rosevear.

**Barritt, Lucie Gabrielle** (nee Tardent), born August 13, 1895, near Roma, Qld; died December 28 at Ipswich. After joining the Queensland Education Department, she taught at small schools. Lucie and her husband, Rex, were married at Wynnum on October 28, 1915. As well as living on the land for a number of years, Lucy spent time as a literature evangelist, managed a hostel, and worked at Signs Publishing Company before retiring in Cooranbong, NSW. She was active in welfare work, and a supporter of AAA. She is survived by her children, Joy Paxinos (Tingira Heights, NSW), Clive (Cooranbong), Letty Walsh (Hornsby) and Marjorie Entermann (Ipswich, Qld); 17 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and son Jules. Pastor Len Barnard was associated with the writer in the service.

L. C. Coombe.

**Broadhurst, Mavis Esma** (nee McClaren), born October 18, 1915, at Preston, Vic; died suddenly on December 22 at the Royal Perth Hospital, WA. Mavis was very young when her parents, Pastor and Mrs Gilbert McClaren, went to Fiji as missionaries. Her father was a sea captain and skippered the mission boat *Veilomani* on many trips. Later the family moved to Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, where she met and married Richard Broadhurst, who predeceased her by 31 years. After retiring to Sherwin Lodge (WA), Mavis was an active member of the Rossmoyne church, where her musical talents were especially appreciated. She is survived by her children, Robyn Beardsell (Kalamunda), Kevin (Sydney, NSW) and Allan (Bermagui); five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister-in-law, Miriam McClaren (Cooranbong, NSW). Pastor Maurice Bland assisted in a memorial service at Sherwin Lodge chapel.

M. A. Chapman.

**Burns, Dennis Joseph**, died December 9 at the Warragul Hospital, Vic, after a short illness. The large number of people who attended a service at the Longwarry SDA church indicated how much Dennis was loved and appreciated in the community. The burial service was at the Bunyip Cemetery.

B. C. Smith.

**Calvert, Ronald Walter Page**, born August 1, 1906, at Waterloo, Tas; died December 17 at Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. Ron married Ruby Bromley on January 2, 1936, in St Pauls Church of England, Launceston. After studies with Pastors Len Dyason and Reg Millsom, Ron was baptised in 1947 by Pastor Millsom at Launceston. Following his retirement he worked in a voluntary capacity as care-

taker of the Sawtell Youth Camp, NSW. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; children, Anne Prichard (Dora Creek, NSW), Margaret Ballew (Gympie, Qld) and Christopher (Crows Nest, Qld). Anthony Cox assisted the writer in the service.

L. C. Coombe.

**Cassamatis, John**, born 1930 on the island of Kythera; died December 13 after getting into difficulties and suffering a heart attack while swimming in the ocean. John was 17 when he migrated to Australia and found his way to the country town of Rosewood, Qld. He established a cafe business there, and married Gwen Hawkins. They had recently retired to Kawana Waters. A large congregation of Greek friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ, gathered for a service at the Ipswich SDA church. He is survived by his wife; son, Bill; and daughter, Helen Mann; their spouses; and eight grandchildren. John was buried at the Warrill Park Cemetery.

Cedric J. Trower.

**Coombes, Leonard George**, born 1927 in the Hastings Valley, NSW; died suddenly on December 20 at his home in Port Macquarie, and was buried at the Port Macquarie Lawn Cemetery. With his wife, Olga, he had recently attended a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Geoff Youlden and church pastor Graham Allen, and was planning to be baptised early in 1992. He is survived by his wife; one brother and three sisters; one son, four daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Peter Saunders, minister of the Camden Haven church, assisted the writer in the services.

V. J. Heise.

**Drabsch, Norman Paul** (affectionately known as "Poppy"), born June 6, 1910, in Vic; died December 3 at Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, NSW. A large number of people attended a service in the Muswellbrook church to honour a man known for his hard work, kindness and Christian strength. Norman was a founding member of the Muswellbrook church. He also played an important part in the construction of the church some 22 years ago. Norman is survived by his wife, Jean; children, Norma, Kay, Joy and Lynette; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pastors Paul von Bratt and Oliver Twist were associated with the writer in services at the church and at the Muswellbrook Cemetery.

Steve Wold.

**Duffy-Watson, Phyllis**, died December 10 at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Wentworth Falls, NSW, in her 89th year. She was the second daughter of Pastor C. H. Watson, who was a president of the General Conference (1930-36). Phyllis's husband, Reg Duffy, who predeceased her in May 1980, served for six years as accountant of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, DC, USA. On their return to Australia, he was employed with the SHF factory in Cooranbong, NSW. In recent times, when visited by the writer, Phyllis gave positive expression of her faith in Christ. She is survived by her daughter, Frances (Winmalee); elder sister, Beatrice Lemke-Watson (Boddington Hospital, NSW); and brother, Cyril (Qld). A graveside service was conducted at the Springwood Cemetery.

J. T. Knopper.

**Giblett, Betty**, born January 1, 1928; died December 26 at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth, WA, after a prolonged illness. She was baptised by Pastor R. H. Abbott in 1949, during the time he and Pastor Ken Bullock were working in Northam. Betty and her husband, Harold, were married on February 22, 1951. She is survived by her husband (Northam); sons, Graeme (Perth) and Ken (Mount Newman); daughter, Velma Clements (Northam); and four grandchildren.

Les Barrett.

**Gray, Percival Sutton**, born December 8, 1916, at Akaroa, New Zealand; died December 19 at his home in Hastings, after a prolonged illness. Percy grew up in Taranaki, Manawatu. He served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and had a lifelong interest in radio. He and his wife, Noeline, were married on December 26, 1947. Through the ministry of Pastor John

Colheart, Percy joined the SDA Church in 1955. He served as deacon and elder, and was an active soulwinner. He is survived by his wife; and daughter, Anne Lewis (Waimarama). He was predeceased by his younger daughter, Helen, in 1971. Paul Gredig.

**Sheridan**, Norman Francis, born June 14, 1907, in western Victoria; died December 10 at Governor Phillip Hospital, Penrith, NSW, after a prolonged illness, and was buried at the Castlebrook Cemetery. Norm was a printer by trade. He loved the outdoors, and was a long-time member of the Epping SDA church. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; children, Robin, Mark and Maureen; and grandchildren. Lindsay Sleight.

**Tripovich**, Mavis Naomi (Behrens), born January 6, 1922, at Leeton, NSW; died December 9 and was buried in the Moama Lawn Cemetery, near Echuca, Vic. Her grandparents were charter members of the North Fitzroy church. Mavis attended Avondale College from 1939 to 1941, completing the business course. She worked at the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Brisbane, Qld, and at Windsor, Vic. This was followed by two years at the South NSW Conference at Wagga, then at the Victorian Conference office, Hawthorn. She married Peter Tripovich of Deniliquin in July 1975. She served as treasurer of the Shepparton and later at Echuca churches. She is survived by her husband, Pastor George Southwell and John Stafford assisted in the service. L. W. Ritchie.

**Wallas**, Jean, born 1923 in Armidale, NSW; died December 11 at the Nambour General Hospital, Qld. Baptised in 1939 by Pastor O. K. Anderson, Jean was a member of the Armidale church. Her condition demanded continual care, and for most of her life this was provided by her loving parents, Walter and Evelyn. For the past 15 years Jean was cared for by the Dormans, members of the Nambour church. Jean is survived by her brothers, Les, Dudley and Owen; and sisters, Millie, Hazel and Heather, Pastor Rex Tindall was associated with the writer in the service. John Skrzypaszek.

**Wasilewska**, Lydia, born February 2, 1959, in Krakow, Poland; died October 29 at the Peter MacCallum Hospital, Melbourne, Vic, after an unsuccessful battle against leukaemia. She is survived by her husband, Leszek; her parents, Maria and Czeslaw Malec; brothers, Peter and Darren; and her two little daughters, Tamara and Natasha, to whom she was deeply devoted.

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