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EDITORIAL



Care for Creation

We live in a world of rapid change. Anyone old enough to read these words has seen enough changes in their lifetime to wonder what's next.

And it isn't only because of the technological revolution and the dramatic social changes. More subtle changes have taken place in our physical world.

Our planet is far from being the same world that our Creator brought into existence by the power of His spoken command.

Environmentalists warn that the consequences of our late-twentieth-century lifestyle are catching up with us. We have increasing evidence of ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect, acid rain, destruction of forests, species extinction, land degradation and polluted air, water and soil.

Someone has said that Nature is very forgiving. True, but she still makes us pay the consequences of our disregard for her laws. This is often referred to as "nature's revenge."

Holbrook Jackson states that "the great revolution of the future will be Nature's revolt against man."

If we neglect to do what we can to preserve the earth's natural resources and to prevent environmental contamination, are we not in danger of forgetting the words of the psalmist when he declared that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof"?

Just because we plan to occupy a "new earth" some day, doesn't mean we should show a lack of concern for the present world for ourselves and future generations.

We sing, "This is my Father's world," but often treat it almost as something that is disposable or, at best, something that will automatically renew itself.

As *Adventists* we may be eagerly awaiting the return of Christ to this world, but are we truly *Christians* if the world we leave for our children is less habitable than when we came into it?

You may ask, *What can I as a single person, or any minority group, do to*

alter global trends?

We consumers can play a part in regulating the use or non-use of products that have a negative impact on the environment. We may even affect the marketplace by boycotting environmentally unfriendly products.

And you don't need to be uncertain about the safest products to use. Publications such as *The Green Consumer Guide* (Penguin) give considerable detail to assist shoppers. Naturally, you'll read the fine print on product labels so that you really know what you're buying.

This is all a part of being a good steward of the earth. After all, do we want to live with the guilt of knowing we have helped the progressive destruction of our planet?

What we, as individuals, do or don't do may seem to have little impact on the future of our planet. But seen as part of a mosaic in the whole pattern, everyone's actions really do count.

Not that I'm suggesting we should become street-marching, banner-waving demonstrators campaigning against the wrongs in the world.

We may never initiate any significant program for the preservation of the environment. Yet they deserve our support. Individual church members should be *seen* to support such initiatives. Didn't Jesus say, "Let your light so shine . . . that they may *see* your good works . . . ?"

God clearly states that He "will destroy them that destroy the earth." But we don't become green to avoid His wrath. Nor do we espouse such principles because we believe this world will go on forever if we treat it right. We "look for new heavens and a new earth."

We adopt conservationism because we have a responsibility as caretakers for what the Creator has given us.

But we have a weightier responsibility through our consistent, ethical behaviour to prepare humanity for a better world to come.

Are we ready for the challenge?

Graeme H. Brown,
Book Editor.

LETTERS

TEGO Important

I'd like to thank James Coffin for his insights in the article concerning the TEGO factor (RECORD, February 8). Our concentration is affected and determined, to a degree, by the way the sermon is presented and by the time it takes. I hope that our ministers will heed his advice.

Being a trained teacher, with 13 years experience, it has often amazed me that ministers take little notice of the variety of age groups in their congregation. The only concession may be a children's story. Neither do preachers plan sermons to cater for maximum individual attention or use audience feedback to gauge their communication.

Are ministers aware that the most effective way to get a message across is to plan for minimum words to get maximum effect? If they have been trained and know about TEGO, they have obviously forgotten. I suggest that ministers learn more about their congregational needs and be alert for symptoms of the TEGO factor.

J. Mondy, NSW.

Worn Out

James Coffin's article on TEGO contains some excellent advice for those of us who take our turns in the pulpit. I would like to add to his quote from Mark Twain, while "few sinners are converted after 12 o'clock," many saints are worn out well before.

Bruce Lo, NSW.

Exotic Food?

The idea that vegetarianism in the Pacific islands is exotic (RECORD, January 18) and reserved for visitors, highlights a significant issue for both church health and education in the islands.

The church should advocate vegetarianism for developed countries because it is usually associated with healthier life. However, this is not always the case where there is poor knowledge or choices in diet selection as evidenced by the syndrome of "white" rice, flour and sugar.

There is not the same ability to be clear cut about diet in the Pacific islands as in Australia and New Zealand. Naturally occurring fruits

and vegetables, often scorned by expatriates—and more recently by many nationals, are now recognised as some of the most nutritious in the world. The use of fish is a more complex issue. In many of these cultures it should not be frowned on, particularly in a natural village environment.

There is increasing evidence that Pacific Adventists, as well as the general population, who leave their village diet and adopt "western" foods will develop more lifestyle (and "deathstyle") diseases than if they had continued with their traditional foods. Those who move to cities and adopt Western dietary patterns may need to consider vegetarianism based on sound nutritional principles if they are to avoid the consequent increasing incidence of diabetes, obesity, heart disease and cancer.

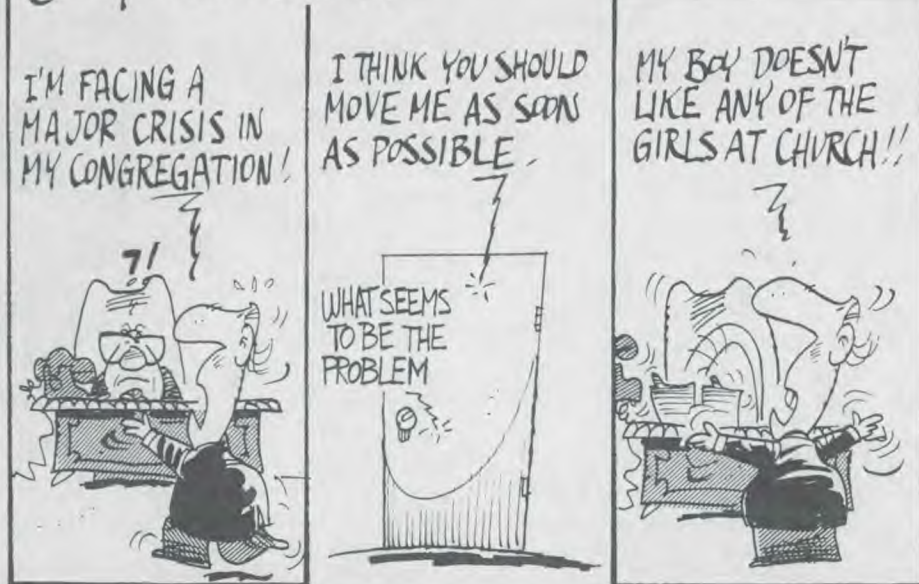
This is a matter of great concern to church health leaders and will receive increasing attention.

Dr Harley Stanton,
Associate Health Director,
South Pacific Division.

Lampooned?

I enjoy the RECORD every week but I am puzzled by "Just a Coincidence." It is always having a go at the more mature members. Without exception, we are depicted as tithe-dodgers, bludgers, old, tired and

Just a Coincidence...



sleepy, miserable, stupid, negligent—you name it. Why?

Is this another attempt to indulge the youth of the church? There was a time when older people were respected, but now anyone over 60 is fair game for ridicule, such as in "Let's Drown the KJs."

I know many mature members who are welcoming and loving, the result of years of accumulated experience and wisdom. Please lay off the members, who, after all, help to keep the church going. And if you're going to have cartoons, be fair and stop lampooning the older generation.

James Westhorpe, NSW.

"Let's Drown the KJs" had little to do with age—it's main concern was with attitude. Obviously a person doesn't have to turn 60 to become a killjoy. Some 18-year-olds are well qualified.

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REPORT

The Facts About Lab I and II

by William G. Johnsson

"The denomination has taken a position against hypnotism, and if any workers were teaching it, they would be disciplined."

What about NLP—is it or is it not endorsed by the church?" wrote *Review* reader Tony Russo of Clovis, California. "Are Lab I and Lab II part of John Savage's strategy for more advanced labs that lead to mind control, or are they not? These questions will not go away until the membership has some answers to them."

We aren't in the business of chasing rabbits, but we take seriously questions that concern members of the Adventist Church. It's time to share the facts with the people; so, Brother Tony, here are your answers.

First, let me say that if it could be shown that hypnotism in any form had found a place in Adventist ministry I also would be deeply troubled. We Adventists put high value on the mind and freedom of choice; we seek to avoid any substance or technique that would weaken or fetter the will. This understanding, we believe, finds strong support in the Scriptures (see Romans 12:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 10:1-5); Ellen White also underscores it (see *Selected Messages*, Book 2, pages 349-353).

But what are the facts? The North American Division (NAD) leaders have been investigating this matter. They've summarised their findings in a study paper to be published in a later issue of *Ministry*. I've drawn upon this unpublished document in preparing the answer to your question.

What is NLP?

NLP stands for "neurolinguistic programming." A technical term, it describes the way individuals process information.

NLP itself isn't a sinister concept. It recognises that people have different thinking patterns because of genetic inheritance and environment; they think and learn differently. In recent years much research has probed the functioning of the brain and has identified at least three major patterns of information processing.

Could NLP be put to sinister use?

Probably. Several organisations have developed a method of counselling based on NLP information. They claim to be able to cure bad habits in a single session. Of this NLP therapy, which comes with an NLP certification, the NAD paper notes: "Many of the ideas they espouse are speculative, and cannot be encouraged or supported by the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

In other words, steer clear of anything that smacks of mind control.

What are Lab and Lab II? Who is John Savage?

In the 1970s an interdenominational training organisation, L E A D Consultants, Inc., developed a curriculum to teach pastoral visitation skills. The president of the organisation is Dr John Savage, a Methodist minister.

Savage's curriculum is called "A Laboratory

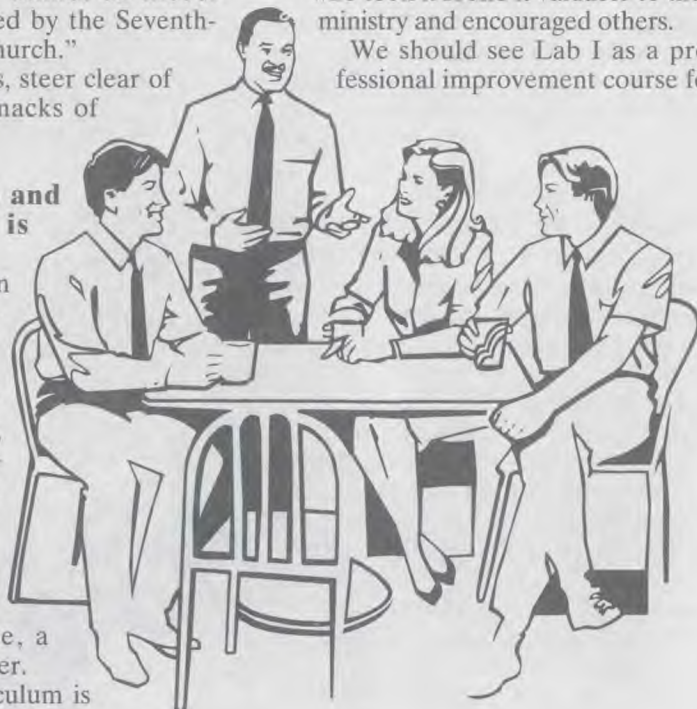
School on Skills for Calling and Caring." The common term for this course is Lab I. The instructor training course for the same program is called Lab II.

I haven't taken Lab I, but I've been present at ministers' meetings where it was offered. It teaches how to make visits to active and inactive members, and how to help members who are experiencing pain from personal loss. Lab I emphasises listening skills so that ministry may be more effective.

How many Adventist ministers have taken Lab I?

Many—probably hundreds—and some laypeople. Information about Lab I spread by word of mouth; those who took it found it valuable to their ministry and encouraged others.

We should see Lab I as a professional improvement course for



ministers. It met a need, providing materials at a time when the church had nothing of a similar nature.

Note: Lab I is practical in nature, not theological.

Does Lab I introduce NLP techniques?

One page in the Lab I manual presents NLP, suggesting that visitors observe the NLP of the person they are visiting and adapt their language to that person. But that simply makes good sense. For instance, it's like visiting a person who has little education; we should avoid high-flown vocabulary if we're to communicate effectively.

Does Lab I teach NLP therapy?

No. Neither NLP therapy nor NLP certification is taught in Lab I.

However, in recent years LEAD has begun to sponsor NLP certification classes.

Why are some people agitated about Lab I?

Difficult to say. Lab I, as we mentioned above, is essentially a course to develop listening skills. It has no sinister content.

Perhaps concern has arisen because of confusion: When LEAD developed NLP certification classes, it circularised everyone who took its prior courses or bought its material. Presumably some Adventists have confused Lab I with the NLP certification program.

Let's hear it straight: Has hypnotism been taught to Adventist pastors?

I quote the NAD paper: "No! Not in any training program known to the NAD staff. The denomination has taken a position against hypnotism, and if any workers were teaching it, they would be disciplined."

A final word—mine. Honest speech demands that we don't pretend that things are better than they are, nor do we exaggerate problems in the church. And we should beware of any person or group that has a vested interest in disparaging the church and its ministry. R

William G. Johnsson is editor of Adventist Review. This article first appeared as an editorial in the February 20, 1992, issue of Adventist Review. Reprinted with permission.

STORY

An Amazing Ride

by Alan Holman

Howard was a colporteur. Today he would be called a literature evangelist, but it means the same thing. He was a bookseller. And the books he sold were about Jesus.

Howard worked in New Zealand where there are lots of steep, snow-covered mountains, lakes and glaciers. Glaciers are slow-moving rivers of ice. There are fast-flowing streams there too.

Howard sold books where it was very hilly. Dotted among the hills were beautiful farms with lots of sheep. He went from farm to farm with his books.

The books were strapped to a metal frame on the back of his bicycle. A bicycle? Yes, in those days, only rich people had cars. Howard wasn't rich. He was young, though, and very fit.

Howard had just visited a farm and sold a few books to the farmer and his wife. Happy with his success, he pushed his bicycle to the top of a steep rise and prepared to speed down the other side.

That was the best part. He'd lift his feet from the pedals and fly down the hills as the wind blew in his face and hair. This day was no different.

The bike gathered speed as it clattered down the slope. It wasn't a very good bicycle. Howard couldn't afford a new one. And it was a bumpy dirt road.

He was just beginning to enjoy it when he saw something he hadn't noticed before. At the foot of the hill, the road turned sharply to the left. Howard would have to use his brakes before reaching the bottom.

He placed his feet on the spinning pedals and applied the handbrakes. Nothing happened. He looked down. The brake cable had snapped and was waving in the wind behind the speeding bicycle.

When he looked up, he saw something else. It was the reason for the sharp bend in the rough, bumpy road. At the bottom of the hill was a fast-flowing mountain stream—deep and

dangerous. Howard was in trouble. Big trouble!

If he couldn't get round the corner he would keep going straight into the river—and possibly lose his bike, his books and his life. He glanced at the broken brake cable and *closed his eyes* in prayer.

Suddenly he felt as though he was floating. He dared not open his eyes, but he couldn't feel the ground under the wheels. Was he sailing through the air on his way to meet the wild river? He thought so.

Then, just as suddenly, he felt the wheels touch the ground. It was a soft, gentle landing. Howard opened first one eye, then the other.

He couldn't believe it.

He was round the corner, slowing down and safe. The books were still there, the brake cable still dangled, but he was out of danger. The road was level now and he could stop the bike.

Howard walked back to the foot of the hill and couldn't see any bicycle tracks. This was odd because it was a dirt road. He walked up the hill a little way and found his tracks deeply etched into the dirt. Then they suddenly stopped.

That must be where he "took off," he thought. That was where, he also thought, he had closed his eyes and prayed for help.

He scanned the road for bicycle tracks. Sure enough, they appeared again just as suddenly as they had stopped. But why no tracks around the corner?

Howard dropped to his knees and thanked God for saving his life. He believed that God had sent an angel to carry him around the dangerous corner.

Howard told me this story when he was a much older man. He never forgot the experience of being carried by an angel. R

Alan Holman is an associate editor to the RECORD.

Bringing Life to Work

by Val Charlton

Life Plus is constantly working to develop programs.

Do you know of a need for workplace-based health and lifestyle training? Can we help smokers who work in a smoke-free workplace? What can be done to reduce stress at work? Do simple lifestyle changes affect work performance and productivity? *Life Plus* can answer those questions.

Life Plus—The Church's Answer.

The Adventist Church has been conducting preventative health education programs for the workplace—particularly stop-smoking courses—for several years. However, there hasn't been an integrated standard in the style, quality, fee and participant materials used.

This lack of consistency has become more of a problem as the number of national and international organisations increases. These organisations want the same program presented in all their branches.

The need for specific workplace-orientated stop-smoking, lifestyle assessment and stress management programs, was raised with the South Pacific Division Health Department by the Western Australian Conference.

After discussion at the 1991 Adventist Health Department Advisory, it was recommended to the division executive committee that a service be established by the church to promote the Adventist health philosophy through such programs.

Life Plus began on August 1, 1991, with Don Bain as the director and Val Charlton as assistant director. This health service is to eventually be self-supporting through income generated from sale of resources and program fees.

Aim and Role

Poor health and lifestyle practices are directly related to low productivity and efficiency. Through on-site pro-

grams, *Life Plus* aims to address these issues. Regional *Life Plus* programs will be established by local conferences, health-care institutions and, in special circumstances, by self-supporting personnel.

The role of the *Life Plus* team in Wairoonga is:

1. To develop health education and lifestyle training resources for government, professional, business and industry groups.

2. To train presenters for workplace programs.

3. To coordinate and assure the quality of workplace programs.

4. To present programs.

The first task for the team was to develop a special participant package to be used for all workplace *Quit Now!* programs conducted in Australia and New Zealand. This package includes a video and audio cassette for each participant. The *Quit Now!* participant folder for workplace programs sells for \$55 per participant. Stocks will be held by local conferences involved in workplace outreach.

Life Plus projects for 1992 include developing program manuals and participant materials for stress management, health, lifestyle and productivity seminars and courses. Another program, already successful in the United States, provides assistance to workers with alcohol and other drug problems.

Potential

There's a growing awareness in Australia and New Zealand of the value of health in the workforce. Many organisations have implemented an ongoing occupational health program.

The introduction of the Training Guarantee Act in Australia in 1990 encouraged organisations not already involved in personnel training to introduce programs. *Life Plus* believes that its success, and that of the church, de-

pends on our ability to meet the health and lifestyle needs of the workplace.

How Can You Be Involved?

1. Promote *Life Plus* in your workplace and to work associates. Is your workplace smoke-free? If so, how much time is wasted with smokers taking frequent breaks to go outside for a cigarette? If your workplace isn't smoke-free, why not try to have it implemented?

The *Quit Now!* program for the workplace can help smokers to do something positive for themselves, and to become better workers.

Effectively dealing with stress in the workplace also improves productivity and wellbeing. The "Stress and the Workplace" one-day seminars and six-week courses have been hailed by key people in industry as the most practical approach to stress management they've attended.

The *Life Plus* lifestyle, health and productivity seminars address important lifestyle practices and issues that affect work productivity and efficiency.

Brochures and information is available from *Life Plus*, PO Box 738, Wairoonga NSW 2076. Phone: (02) 489 6626; fax: (02) 489 2886.

2. Share suggestions with *Life Plus* on health and lifestyle programs needed in the workplace.

3. *Life Plus* is constantly working to develop programs. The cost of programs offered to the workplace could be reduced by donations to assist with resource development or by giving time to assist your regional service.

4. If you have skills in marketing or program presentation and can assist *Life Plus* in workplace programs, please contact your regional service, or *Life Plus*.



Val Charlton is the assistant director of Life Plus.

INTERVIEW

The Editor Speaks

by Bruce Manners

Good Health! is "soft," but essential evangelism.

Alan Holman recently became editor of *Good Health!* magazine. Here's what he has to say about the magazine and his plans for its future.

Is there still a need for *Good Health!* with so many other health magazines available?

The fact that there are a number of good publications around tells me that health is a hot topic. Health and nutritional issues enjoy a higher profile than ever before.

A recent conversation with someone in the health industry, suggested that people would "line up" if they thought there was "dinkum" health information available. If ever there was a time for *Good Health!* to take off, it's now.

But a lot of these other magazines have stagnant circulations. How can *Good Health!* grow?

In spite of our magazine's low circulation, there are three aspects of *Good Health!* that encourages me. One is the surprisingly low percentage of renewals. Either the magazine is unacceptable, which I find hard to believe, or the technique of renewal needs overhauling. I suspect the latter. Retaining a higher percentage of subscribers would lift the circulation immediately.

I'm also hoping for a renewed confidence in the publication by those within our church organisation who are in a position to promote. I'm referring to our health departments and institutions. It's an important outreach market and if winning support means making some changes to the magazine, so be it.

I can well remember the days when *Good Health!* was in every Adventist home. Why not today? It can't be finance. Adventists purchase as many

magazines as anyone else.

The marketing challenge is to get *Good Health!* into the Adventist repertoire of magazine purchases. If just one *Good Health!* was in every Adventist home in Australia and New Zealand, the circulation would show a spectacular rise.

My immediate concern is to look at these three areas and see what can be done.

What are *Good Health!*'s main selling points?

I believe I've found two.

One is in the balance of *sensible* articles. A lot of the other so-called health magazines have moved into fringe areas like crystals, stargazing and healing by meditation. This New Age medicine may appeal to a minority of the population, but it has no place in an Adventist publication.

Good Health! is one of the few magazines, if not the only one, that has all of its articles screened by general practitioners or specialists in a variety of medical disciplines. Research tells us that people who know nothing about the religious side of Adventism, respect the Adventist position on health and lifestyle. We shouldn't be ashamed to nominate *Good Health!* as an Adventist publication. It is, in fact, a positive selling point.

And we're not compromised by advertising. The lure of the dollar has led many publications into the promotion of questionable products and services. *Good Health!* is not about to lose its credibility by doing that.

What about the subscription costs?

Good Health! stacks up well against similar magazines. A number are more expensive. But cost doesn't seem to be an issue. If people believe they're getting value, they'll pay for it.

If we expect people to pay hard-earned money for *Good Health!* we have to deliver *useful information*. And plenty of it.

What are your plans for the future?


Gary Krause, the former editor, did a fantastic job in bringing *Good Health!* into the 90s—both graphically and in content. There'll be changes. But they'll be based on calculated consumer response, and not necessarily on what I personally like. I'm planning to increase the amount of information that appears.

The next few magazines will look much the same as those we're used to, but with minor changes. One innovation, starting with the Spring issue, will be the introduction of a regular 16-page lift-out section on a specific topic.

Change for change's sake is disastrous. When it comes, and only if it has to, it will have been well thought out. On the basis of my confidence in the church membership, I believe we have a magazine with the potential to take the community by storm. At the moment, it's softly, softly.

Have you anything to say to readers of *RECORD*?

Good Health! is "soft," but essential evangelism. It's a non-threatening way to win people's confidence. Direct evangelism is more successful when prejudice is removed.

Evangelism aside, I believe it's a magazine we should read to benefit ourselves and our family. Not on the basis of, "This is the church magazine. I'll support it to keep my conscience happy!" But rather, "I like it. It fills a need in my life." 

Bruce Manners is the editor of the RECORD.

Wrong-point

To register for the Avondale High and Primary Schools' reunion (April 17-19), obtain the form by phoning (049) 77 2071 or (049) 77 1272.

Challenge Youth

A new youth program sponsored by *Insight/Out* magazine is challenging young people throughout North America with a call to discipleship and evangelism. "Through mixers, seminars, skits and small-group discussions participants experience what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today," says magazine editor Chris Blake. "Instead of mountaintop experiences the program challenges youth with witnessing and service activities to last the entire year."

Maranatha

More than 1200 volunteers from across America are involved in the largest volunteer construction project ever attempted by the Adventist laypeople's group Maranatha Volunteers International in the Dominican Republic (West Indies). The teams will build 25 new churches in 10 weeks. Containers of building supplies were delayed in customs for three months before being released on February 13. Many had prayed for customs to release the containers, and US congressman Thomas Foley interceded for the church through the US embassy.

Warriors' Word

The Bible has now been translated into the "language of heaven"—the language of the African warrior tribe, the Masai. "In the early days it was difficult to convert a Masai," says Masai pastor John Mpaayei,

Queensland Adventist Artist Opens Gallery



An Adventist artist from Mackay, Queensland, Jennifer Donnelly, has opened her own art gallery under her maiden name called "Jennifer Jowett Fine Art Gallery." The gallery displays many of her original works and two of her more popular pastels that have been made into prints depicting the construction of the Denimein Irrigation Channel using 10- and eight-horse teams.

one of the translators of the Masai New Testament produced in 1983. "They are a very proud people. Drought forced them to take our help. We made watering places for their cattle and told them the gospel. At first, mainly the women were converted. But then their husbands, not just one at a time, but in groups. The Masai men make decisions collectively, and that is how they started coming to church."

LEs Study

New Zealand literature evangelists recently attended a mini-institute in Christchurch held by John Brereton and Pastor Bruce Campbell. The meetings were structured to support literature evangelists and supply in-service training.

Atoifi Calls

A fly'n'build team is urgently needed to build an obstetrics ward at Atoifi Hospital, Solomon Islands. Tradesman needed are two carpenters, an electrician

and a plumber. All materials are on site and work can begin immediately. The hospital has 100 beds and was built during the 1960s. It is now having a major impact in the Christian development of people isolated from Christianity.

Bible Translations

At least one book of the Bible has been translated into 1978 languages, according to the scripture language report of the United Bible Societies. It is estimated there are between 3000 and 6000 languages in the world.

Longburn Decision

Longburn Adventist College Board is planning a special board meeting on April 28 to consider one agenda item: How the college can continue beyond the end of 1992. Longburn Adventist College has excellent facilities, dedicated and qualified staff, but declining student numbers. Submissions are invited on ways to increase enrolment.

Wesley's Growth

A 16 per cent increase in church membership has led the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia to appoint a full-time national superintendent for the first time. *New Life* newspaper reports that the current superintendent, Reverend Tom Blythe, will leave his Bankstown pastorate to assume the role.

Christian Sport

Sanctuary Lodge, a retreat for professional athletes and a rehabilitation and training place for teenagers, is to be built by a Christian ministry group to Australian sports (Sports Life Ministries). It is scheduled to be opened by leading Christian sportsmen Greg Chappell and Nick Farr-Jones on September 1.

Lutheran Action

An agency to help house needy groups such as Aborigines, the elderly, single parents, families in crisis and people with disabilities has recently been established in South Australia by the Lutheran Church. The state government is funding two part-time workers for the scheme.

Lo High

Adventist Year 12 student Reginald Lo, junior deacon of Lismore church (NSW), achieved a tertiary entrance rank of 99.45, prompting the headline "Lo Tops Shire's HSC" in the local paper. A student at the Alstonville High School, Reginald attended Avondale and Illawarra Adventist Primary Schools in the early 80s. He has been awarded a scholarship to study business information technology at the University of NSW.

Islands Unscathed

Cyclone Esau affected the outer Solomon islands of Rennell and Bellona, where there are Adventist schools and churches, during the first week of March. Indications are that damage was minimal. A small number of banana trees and taro gardens were washed away, but only a couple of houses destroyed. No injuries were reported.

Refugee Refuge

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees reports that the Thai government will be opening a "safe area" for 2000 Burmese refugees about 60 km from Bangkok, Thailand's capital.

Sanctions Killing

The situation for those affected by the Gulf War is worsening, according to a March 5 update of the Inter-Agency Humanitarian program for Kuwait-Iraq, Iran-Iraq and Turkey-Iraq border areas. There is a worsening of the situation in northern governorates affected by ongoing restrictions. Prices in consumer goods are skyrocketing; wheat flour is now 58 times higher and rice 22 times higher than at the same time in 1990.

Europe's Sunday

Sunday-keeping legislation is being discussed in the European Community. Some are stating that a "Brussels-administered Sunday" should be adhered to when coherence on Sunday trading laws are brought about throughout the European Economic Community. Adventists are urged to take issue with the "Keep Sunday Special" campaign, which stresses the sacredness of a sabbath Sunday.

Conspiracy?

Pope John Paul II, when

questioned on his supposed secret alliance with former US president Ronald Reagan to hasten the dissolution of Communism in Europe, said, "One cannot speak of an alliance or an understanding. My attitude was that of a pastor, and Bishop of Rome, responsible for the gospel." He said the "gospel contains many socio-moral principles, and my decisions were always guided by these principles."

Quetta Church

In four years the Adventist population of Quetta, Baluchistan, has increased from 20 to 70. They have a primary school built in one of Quetta's suburbs, Esa Negri. More than 110 students attend the school built by youth on a fly'n'build from the Trans-European Division.

Song Contest

A contest is being held for the most suitable song for the upcoming Youth Congress in Christchurch—December 29, 1992, to January 3, 1993. The congress theme is "Empowered" (by the Holy Spirit). Submissions should include written music and an audio tape and should be sent to Youth Congress Music Committee, c/- Dean Banks, Sydney Adventist High School, PO Box 270, Strathfield, NSW 2135, Australia. The competition is open to all ages and closes on August 31. The winner will be able to attend the congress free of charge or receive the cash equivalent.

Golden Wings

An Avondale College graduate has recently earned his commercial pilot's licence at the Avondale Flying School. Leighton White scored 90 and above in each of his examinations. "I am proud that my gold wings bear the

Avondale logo and are inscribed Avondale Flying School," says Mr White. Mr White is the son of Pastor and Mrs Eric White. His goal is to fly for the church; he and his wife, Sharon, are willing to serve anywhere in the world.

On Wheels

The Van Ministry is a witnessing-caring group of Adventists that operates in the North New South Wales Conference. They base their program on love. "God is expecting us to reach out and wrap our arms of love around the society that is pleading for help," reads their brochure. "He wants us to stop arguing amongst ourselves and being indifferent to a world that wants genuine Christianity demonstrated."

Bible Access

More than 80 per cent of the world's population has access to the Bible, or at least part of it, in a language they can understand. But this estimate is misleading when considering factors that hinder availability, such as geographical isolation, illiteracy, political and social problems and the difficulty of grasping meaning in a language that is not one's mother tongue.

Video Introduction

A video featuring North New South Wales Conference president Pastor Rex Moe has been used to introduce the Global Mission concept to the conference. Regional workshops will be held in the conference between March and May 1992. Local church leadership will be present at the meetings for planning purposes.

ASM Camp

The Adventist Singles Ministry group is holding an Easter Camp from April 16

to 20 at Yarrahapinni. All singles interested are invited to attend. Contact ASM Ministries at the North New South Wales Conference.

Media Centre

The programs "Focus on Living" and "Digging Up the Past," produced at the Adventist Media Centre in Sydney, are being aired by Adventist World Radio in China and Central Asia. The Adventist Media Centre has been asked to send tapes, including some back copies, to Darmstadt, Germany, where they will organise future broadcasts. "Digging Up the Past," Pastor David Down's program, is the most popular English-language program broadcast by AWR-Guam.

Sodom Found?

The city of Sodom is believed to have been found near the water hole named Ash Shisar in Oman. The archaeological team includes two Arabian experts, an American university professor and a British explorer. They have uncovered an octagonal castle with high walls and towers. The team theorise that 150 people lived within the city walls and thousands of lived in surrounding tents. Pottery dating to 2000 BC has been found. Frankincense was traded from Ubar—the Arabian name for Sodom—and archaeologists believe it may have been the source of the frankincense that the Magi brought to the infant Jesus—*The Bulletin*.

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.

Pacific Health a Real Concern



Attending the Island Union Health Advisory conference were (front row, left to right): Dr Percy Harrold, Elza Crawford, Dr Junilyn Pikacha, Mrs Esther Sale, Evelyn Ope, Lois Tanamia, Pastor Haikiu Baiabe. (Back row): Dr Geoff Gibson, Pastor Aisake Kabu, Dr Cedric Alependava, Dr Philip Kame, Dr Chester Kuma, Pastor Vern Parmenter, Dr Joeli Toai, Isaac Lewa and Dr Harley Stanton.

A three-day planning conference aimed at improving the health of people in the Pacific was held in Honiara from February 17 to 20 and attended by 17 key Adventists from government and church administration.

Concern was expressed for the health of the people in the South Pacific during the conference. Dr Harley Stanton, from the Adventist Health Department of the South Pacific Division, asks, "How does the church cope with the increasing incidence of non-communicable disease involving diet and lifestyle as well as the problems of infection, lack of sanitation, health care, hygiene and personal cleanliness?"

"The question is one that challenges many Pacific island members of the Adventist Church. We have brought the message of the gospel to the Pacific. But how much of an impact is the Adventist health message having in the Pacific?"

"I am more worried about health among Adventists in the Pacific than at any stage previously," says the secretary of the Central Pacific Union Mission, Pastor David Hay.

"We face a critical problem," adds Dr Stanton. "In so many areas of the Pacific the church is growing at a fast rate, but nurture in health and lifestyle seems to have taken on a lesser role in recent years."

Central Pacific Union Mission presi-

dent Pastor Aisake Kabu says, "We have to revive this department. For too long the church's health message has been neglected and regarded as just a tag-on. The health message needs to be emphasised among the denominationally employed before we even go to the lay people."

Acting Chief Dental Officer in the Solomon Islands, Dr Cedric Alependava, says, "There is an increasing use of sugar in the islands and as a result we are seeing an increase in dental disease. In the Solomon Islands we have only one dentist for every 50,000 people."

Pastor Vern Parmenter supports the move and comments that he would like to see some of the church's institutional work enlarged, especially dental work in the islands.

An emphasis on the laity expanding the health message and the need to spend more time and money on health work at the village level was a recurring comment made by various people attending the program.

"I am worried about church leaders who do not practise the Adventist lifestyle," says Dr Geoff Gibson, Pacific Adventist College lecturer and long-time member of the Nursing Council of Papua New Guinea. "I am not sure that large hospitals are the answer."

"I believe we have to know what we expect from our health workers and

ensure that we have the principles of 'each one, teach one.' There are plenty of opportunities."

"Some church pastors have no concept of health," says the Adventist health director for Papua New Guinea, Dr Philip Kame. "There is a need to share across departments. Unless we do this it will be sending a sign to say we do not care."

Currently there are 100 cases of AIDS in Papua New Guinea with 6000 people HIV-positive. There is a need to educate the community on the prevention of communicable disease and primary health care. With the potential of 1 million HIV-positive people in Papua New Guinea by the year 2000 the church will be challenged to use its resources in a forceful way.

Wanting to see church members practise their health knowledge was a point made by the head of the Maternal and Child Health unit of the Solomon Islands Ministry of Health, Dr Junilyn Pakacha.

Key points of action decided on by the advisory team include the following:

- a request for island nutrition training seminars for church leaders and members.
- the need for improved institutional food services particularly using island food.
- the need for health education to be introduced in all schools and institutional settings.
- a regular inspection of church facilities to ensure that they meet guidelines for cleanliness and hygiene.
- the urgent need for development of resources on alcohol, tobacco, nutrition, stress management and in other areas such as AIDS.
- the need to establish dental and medical facilities in the islands.
- assistance for those wishing to serve the church in health fields toward further education.

"A decided effort must be made to teach nutrition using locally obtainable foods. Clinics and health treatments should be made available on the village level," adds Dr Stanton.

"Medical missionary work was to be the 'right arm' of the church; it appears to have lost its importance recently. It is the plan of the conference to redress this situation."

Gold Award to Three Students



Wendy Timms and Murray and Andrew Whitson receive their Gold Awards at Sydney's Government House on February 19. The Duke of Edinburgh attended the awards ceremony.

Avondale High School students Wendy Timms and brothers Murray and Andrew Whitson were among 103 people presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award on February 19 at Government House in Sydney. The Duke of Edinburgh was present for the presentation.

Avondale awardees were accompanied by their coordinator, David Arthur, who teaches commerce and economics at the high school. The Governor of New South Wales, Rear-Admiral Peter Sinclair, John Hannaford (Minister for Family and Community Services) and members of the NSW Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme Committee were official delegates at the ceremony.

The Duke of Edinburgh spoke with awardees and their friends and families at the ceremony.

The Gold Award is given to students over 16 who, over a period of two years, have achieved in five areas: community service, skill acquirement, physical recreation, an expedition (4 nights and 3 days) and a residential project over a period of five days.

Wendy Timms chose youth work, learning to drive, cycling, a bushwalking expedition and involvement in Bike for Bibles as her selection in each area.

Murray Whitson was involved in junior counselling, learning driver skills, basketball, a cycling expedition in the Blue Mountains and a camporee to cover his requirements.

Andrew Whitson was a church deacon, studied computer literacy, played basketball and also cycled in the Blue Mountains. His residential project was participation in a school band tour to Fiji.

Baptisms Occur Through AWR

More than 71 people were baptised recently in Sarirejo, South Sumatra, Indonesia, as a result of Adventist World Radio-Asia Indonesian broadcasts.

Eliyas Subakir, a church-going Christian, was intrigued by the discussion on the Sabbath and decided to check the texts in his Bible. When he discovered that they were there, he

became a regular listener to the AWR broadcasts.

Although expelled from his church because he shared his new beliefs with fellow members, Mr Subakir kept listening to the radio every day. Soon others were listening as well.

Weekly Sabbath Bible studies began when he was put in contact with a group of Adventists from a nearby city. Between May and September 1991 a total of 57 people were baptised. Of these 38 were not Christians. A branch Sabbath school was begun and two months later 14 more people were baptised.

Session Calls for Union Restructure

The structure of the West Nordic Union was reorganised at a session held in Hammerlandsgaarden, Demark, on February 16 and 17.

The session was called due to the serious financial problems the union was facing, including the collapse of their health food industry, Nutana.

Candid discussion took place at the session. Church leaders were given opportunity to explain their decisions and present facts in order to acquaint church members with the causes of the church's poor financial situation.

Church leadership explained that many of the causes of their losses were due to decisions made decades earlier; others from the economic slump Denmark and Norway are experiencing. They admitted that a number of administrative mistakes had been made by different persons and entities over the years.

The union operates nearly two dozen complex institutions, including schools and health-care institutions. Loans to cover extensive operational losses and capital investments by Nutana were underwritten by Skodsborg Sanitarium. The collapse of Nutana meant that Skodsborg, a well-known and respected Adventist health institution, became a victim.

"The church in Denmark and Norway has enjoyed 60 years of joint organisation," says the president of the Trans-European Division, Pastor Jan-Paulsen. "The blessings of fellowship, planning together and sharing the resources has been great. However, to everyone's distress church membership has not increased in recent years."

"Furthermore, the time, attention and energy the institutions demanded of elected leadership left it with little time to devote to other aspects of the church's witnessing mission. Some felt the time had come to ask: Is there a better way?"

A new interim administration was elected. The new West Nordic Union president is Helge Anderson, for many years conference president in Denmark and once union president in Nigeria. Johann Johansson, currently

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the treasurer of the union, is to be secretary-treasurer.

The session favoured the separation of the union into two structures, one for Denmark and one for Norway.

"This step, if taken, will express the need for leadership in both Denmark and Norway to address and attend very closely to the spiritual needs and the witnessing programs of our church in each country," says Pastor Jan Paulsen. "Our concern is the finishing of God's mission. If there is a better way of doing it then the church must look for it."

Pastor Killed in Accident



A Seventh-day Adventist pastor was killed on the afternoon of Sunday, March 1, in a climbing accident. Anil Kumar Patel, aged 36, died after falling into a ravine on Mount Ruapehu, North New Zealand. He was with a church group at the time of the accident.

A memorial service was held at the Papatoetoe Seventh-day Adventist church on March 5. Ministers from the South Pacific Division office, Trans-Tasman Union Conference, North and South New Zealand Conferences were present on this occasion.

The funeral service was conducted on March 6 at the Bishopdale church in Christchurch. "The ministry and membership of the North New Zealand Conference lament the loss of another loved warrior of the cross," says Pastor Rein Muhlberg, ministerial secretary for the North New Zealand Conference.

Limited Opportunity to Build Church



Torres Strait Island church members are pictured outside their church on Moa Island. The church was the first Adventist church in the Torres Strait. Plans are under way to build more in the area.

Workers are needed immediately to help build an Adventist church in the Torres Strait Islands, reports Pastor Bruce Roberts, the coordinator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministries.

Pastor Roberts reports that plans have been made to build a church and headquarters on Thursday Island. And land has already been bought to build another church on the rapidly developing Horn Island.

"Several months ago we had a fly'n'build ready to begin building, but objections were raised," says Pastor Roberts. "Now we're ready to go. The builder will be here to begin on April 6 and most of the original fly'n'build team is now unavailable.

"We desperately need people to volunteer their time over the next few months to help with these buildings."

Australian legislation would not allow the Adventist Church to have a presence on the Torres Strait Islands until the early 1980s. Seventh-day Adventists had no church and no organised way of ministering to the islanders' needs during times of family crisis, deaths, funerals, marriages or for spiritual guidance.

In 1989 the first church was completed on the island of Moa. Small bands of Adventist believers are now worshipping on a number of islands.

In 1990 volunteers Clifton and Karen Noble helped to minister to the Torres Strait islanders. This year Ken Hisco, and his wife, Jill, will serve as the first full-time ministerial team in the area. They are based on Thursday Island.

Volunteers who are able to help with the building projects should make contact with Karen Sabo on (02) 489 7122 or Pastor Roberts on (065) 62 6357.

"He was a man who had an evangelistic fervour and a love for people. All those who worked closely with him appreciated his willingness to cooperate in very project that would advance the cause of Christ," says Lance O'Neil, Publishing Department director for the Trans-Tasman Union.

Pastor Patel was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 9, 1955. After completing his schooling he worked with his brother, Bill Donaldson, in a family garage until 1979. He then went to Avondale College. He graduated in 1983 from the theology course and began his

ministerial internship in the North New Zealand Conference.

He married Faye Frampton in 1981. Their work in the conference involved ministry in Lower Hutt, Porirua, Masterton, Dannervirke, Fielding, Henderson and Avondale. He was ordained at the 1990-91 North New Zealand camp meeting at Haskell Park, near Auckland.

He was known for his commitment to minister to people who were otherwise neglected. Pastor Patel is survived by his wife, Faye, and daughters, Patrice and Charmaine. A third child is expected in September.

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Anniversaries



Clarke, Denis and Doris, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on December 26, 1931, in the St Michaels Anglican Church, Tilehurst, England. They arrived in Australia in 1948 and two years later were baptised by Pastor Wood-Stotesbury and joined the Manly Adventist church, NSW. On moving to Murwillumbah Mr Clarke was involved in building the church. Later Mr and Mrs Clarke became foundation members, and helped to build the Tumbulghum church. Denis has served the church for many years as head elder and treasurer. Doris has worked as head deaconess and communication secretary. Their son, Don, and his wife, Dulcie, their daughter, Sylvia (Mantova), and husband, Peter, organised the celebrations. Mr and Mrs Clarke now live at the Adventist Retirement Village, Kings Langley, NSW. They have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Marlene Vogel.



Rutter, Thomas and Florence, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, receiving congratulatory telegrams from the Queen and other dignitaries. Their anniversary was celebrated by a gathering of family and friends at the Cooranbong Community Centre. The party was hosted by their daughters, Shirley (Paton—Murwillumbah), Margaret (Heath—Gosford) and Cheryl (Ivin—Gosford). Thomas Rutter and Florence Searle were married in the original Avondale church by Pastor H. K. Martin. Mrs Olive White had been a guest at the wedding and was present at their Diamond Anniversary Party. Mr and Mrs Rutter now live at Kressville, Cooranbong, NSW. Margaret Heath.

Townend, Les and Mavis, celebrated their 50th anniversary recently at a dinner held in the Prospect Town Hall in Adelaide, which was attended by many of the couples' friends and relatives. Mr and Mrs Townend were married in Mavis's home church of Palmerston North, New Zealand, on January 19, 1942,

by Pastor Stan Leeder. Suzanne, their youngest daughter, hosted the celebrations and her husband, Robert Van Buuren, acted as master of ceremonies. Mr Townend's three brothers, Austin, Max and Brian, with their wives and his older sister, Joan Millward, travelled from New South Wales for the occasion. A message was read from Pastor Calvyn Townend of Victoria, who had been their three-year-old pageboy. Les and Mavis each gave more than 40 years service to the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Les being a retail branch manager for many years. Today they are both officers in Prospect church and Les is a regular preacher in Adelaide Adventist churches. W. A. Townend.

Weddings

Adams—Bartlett. Cecil Ross Adams and June Bartlett were married on March 1 at Coffs Harbour, NSW. Cecil and June plan to set up their home at Kungala. Cecil is retired and June will continue her literature evangelism. Lance Hooper.

Elliott—Wood. Patrick Elliott, son of Jack and Francis Elliott (Ballarat, Vic) and Linda Wood, daughter of Alan and Fay Wood (Ballarat), were married on December 1 at Ballarat. Patrick is a nurse, and he and Linda have set up their home in Ballarat. Lin Burns.

Gommers—Adams. Richard Gommers, son of Gerry and Henny Gommers (Healesville, Vic), and Lee Victoria Adams, daughter of Don and Aynsley Adams (Healesville), were married on February 29 at Badger Weir, Healesville. Richard is a bricklayer, and Lee is the receptionist at Sanitarium Health Food Company, Warburton.

Haycock—Oorthuis. Lindsay Owen Haycock and Irene Martha Oorthuis were married on March 8 at the Tauranga SDA church, New Zealand. They plan to set up their home in Omokoroa, Tauranga, where they have both lived since retirement. The writer is a nephew of the bride. K. G. Amos.

Morris—Hallam. Craig Andrew Morris, son of Lenore Gai Morris (Brisbane, Qld), and Cassandra Joy Hallam, daughter of John and Elaine Hallam (Jimboomba), were married on January 5 at "Songbirds," Mount Tamborine. Craig, a property manager, and Cassie, a primary school teacher, plan to set up their home in Mount Molloy, North Queensland. David Jack.

Thorsen—Dixon. William (Bill) James Thorsen (Warrnambool, Vic) and Margaret (Peggy) Oriol Dixon (Warburton) were married on March 8 in the Warburton SDA church. Bill was a literature evangelist for 35 years and Peggy spent most of her working life in various positions at the Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital. Bill and Peggy will make their home in Warburton. Pastor Noel Bolst, a long-time friend, was associated with the writer in the service. Ed Totenhofer.

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.

Brewer, Olga Elizabeth, born December 5, 1909, at Te Awamutu, New Zealand; died December 31 at "Bethesda Adventist Home," Auckland. Olga was

baptised when she was 18 years of age. She attended Longburn College, where she completed the Bible Study course. She was a colporteur, and a community worker, active in helping people through the Dorcas Society. She is survived by her son, Douglas; and daughters, Kathy Anstiss and Janice Dixon (all of Auckland). She was predeceased by her husband, Douglas, and daughter, Grace. Anil K. Patel.

Chambers, Harry Stephen, born February 24, 1907; died January 21 at the Shoal Water Nursing Home, WA, and was buried at the Serpentine Cemetery. He was the eldest son of William and Frances Chambers, one of the earliest Adventist families in the south-west of Western Australia. Harry was baptised when he was about 17. He took up crown land and became a successful farmer. He and his wife, Edna (nee Corker), were married on May 16, 1934, by Pastor Lemke in the Mayanup Hall. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Frances Gersbach (WA), Helen Curnuck (NSW); son, William (SA); brothers, Albert and Syd. Merv Tonkin.

Davis, Janie, born January 13, 1904, in South Canterbury, New Zealand; died January 9 at Auckland Hospital. Janie lived a full and active life until she suffered a stroke three weeks before her death. Her husband, Wally, has been a long-time member of the Avondale church, Auckland. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Julie Hamilton (Canada) and Jeanette Halcrow (Oamaru, New Zealand). Anil K. Patel.

Markey, Kathleen May, born November 17, 1894, at Jumperding (via Toodyay), WA; died February 23 at St Camillus Nursing Home, Forrestfield. The Markeys were early Adventist pioneers in WA. Kathleen was nine when her parents and two older sisters were baptised. She graduated from the WA Missionary School (now known as Carmel College) in 1923. Her first appointment was with the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Perth. In 1926 she was transferred to the Newcastle branch. Later she was invited to join the staff of the North NSW Conference office, where she served for 14 years—three of those years as conference accountant. In 1955 she returned to her home state and, until her retirement, worked in the conference office in Havelock Street. Kathleen was predeceased by the members of her immediate family. She is survived by 10 nephews and nieces; and many grand-nephews and nieces. The writer is a long-time friend of the family. M. A. Chapman.

Mison, Sylvia Matilda, born November 15, 1902, at Coralville, NSW; died March 7 at the Lourdes Nursing Home, Port Macquarie. Sylvia viewed the arrival in 1908 of the first American fleet to visit Australia. She remained a faithful church member following her baptism in November 1962 by Pastor M. S. Ball. She is survived by her children, Iona, Arthur, Sylvia and Marcia. Graham Allen.

Morton, Thelma Alice (nee Shemeld), born February 20, 1921, at Horsham, Vic; died December 31 at Portland after a prolonged illness. Thelma attended school in Portland. She married Harold James Morton in 1940, and they resided in Gorae. Following her husband's death in 1973, she moved into Portland. With her eldest daughter, Lorraine, Thelma was baptised in June, 1954. She was an active church member, always thoughtful of others. She is survived by her children, Peter, Lorraine, Barry, Denis, Estelle, Graeme, Winston, Philip, Baden and Julianne; sister, Olive Stuchbery; and brother, Len. Two daughters died early in life. Alvin Schick.

Richardson, Geoffrey William, born January 6, 1910, at Nyngan, NSW; died February 15 at Nowra. Geoff grew up Bathurst. His father died in 1919, leaving his mother to raise five small children. Geoff started work at an early age in order to help support the family. He studied at technical college and completed a diploma in carpentry and joinery, becoming familiar with all aspects of the building industry trades. In 1928 he

attended Avondale College. Thus began a long association with the college as Geoff contracted to build the Avondale dairy, Central School and other projects, in order to pay his college fees. During the 1930s he was involved in building the Aymes Memorial Hospital and homes for the workers in the Solomon Islands. Geoff and his wife Isabel (Belle) (nee Reynolds) were married on February 2, 1938. Returning to Avondale College Geoff set up the Building Construction Academic Courses. He was responsible for such buildings as the Assembly Hall, extension of the old chapel, Girls Hall, and later the Avondale Memorial church. After moving to Cabramatta he established a building design service with his wife and son. He was responsible for designing many churches and schools. In later years Geoff's first love was the Cedarvale Health and Recreation Centre at Fitzroy Falls, NSW, built on land which he and his wife donated. He is survived by his son, Bryce; daughter, Jan Shean (both of Cooranbong); and brothers, Ted and Harry (Sydney). Pastor Ken Wright, Doug Easthope and the writer, all old friends of Geoff's, were associated in a service at Avondale Cemetery. L. C. Coombe.

Walker, Timothy Ian, was stillborn on February 21 at Mildura Base Hospital, Vic. He is survived by his parents, Alan and Kath (Mildura); brother, David (Mildura); and sister, Leanne (Mildura/Lilydale Academy). Paul Goltz, associate church pastor, assisted the writer, and Sylvia Hughes composed a poem, which she read during the graveside service at the Merbein Lawn Cemetery. Anthony Kent.

Advertisements

Urgent Appeal. The South Pacific Division is currently promoting a fly'n'build on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait. The project, to build a church and headquarters, begins early April and will continue over some months. Due to circumstances outside everyone's control, some who had previously committed

themselves have had to withdraw. We therefore urgently need missionary-minded volunteers who will take their place. If you can help, please contact the Division as soon as possible. Ask to speak to Karen Sabbo (02) 489 7122, or Bruce Roberts (065) 63 1335.

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