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Thirteen Baptised at Aore

At the conclusion of Aore Adventist School's (Vanuatu) 1992 Week of Prayer held by Dr Ray Wilkinson, the education director for the Western Pacific Union Mission (pictured congratulating candidates), 13 students were baptised and another 31 publicly indicated their desire to be baptised.

The school reports that it is making progress with its physical plant, but needs funds to supply senior textbooks. According to Aore's principal, Pastor Titus Rore, the school needs approximately \$A10,000 to purchase up-to-date senior texts, considered crucial to the students' study.

Aore has made its mark on Vanuatu, the present speaker for parliament and finance minister are both ex-Aore students.

Future Perfect



The future is good news and good business these days. The "prophecies" of Nostradamus and others have caught the headlines around the world. Bookshops are already offering several new titles focusing on the coming new millennium, now only seven years away. Undoubtedly there will be more as the year 2000 approaches.

Few areas of human existence or life on earth escape the speculations of this current wave of futurologists. Economists examine the future of the world's economies. Sociologists speculate on the future of society. Environmentalists are concerned about the future of the planet. Scientists still dream of new discoveries and new inventions that will better the lot of the human race.

Planners predict that the future of humans is in the sky. Tomorrow's cities, they say, will rise three kilometres above the face of the earth. These vast, incredible towers will be filled with human activity of every kind. Within the lifetime of many now living, it is predicted, 300,000 people will live, work and play in such constructions. Homes, factories, offices, theatres, churches and schools will all be built in these towers—battery humans, so to speak.

And it's all in the cause of that elusive, perfect future humans have always dreamed of.

Many ordinary, thinking people are concerned, however. They increasingly question the wisdom of the scientists, specialists and speculators. They are more concerned with their own future and that of their children and grandchildren. In their saner moments, they wonder if indeed there is any future.

They may have read Gordon Taylor's *The Biological Time Bomb* in which there is a chapter with the provocative title "The Future, If Any." They would like to believe that tomorrow will be better than today. Yet they wonder. Where hope was once a basic ingredient of human existence, now

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doubt, fear and even despair predominate. As someone recently wrote, "The future is nasty, brutish and short."

Christians, especially Seventh-day Adventists, have always been interested in the future. We would agree the future is in the sky. And with good reason too. Our God is essentially a God of the future. The core of the Bible's message to earth-bound men and women is of resurrection, new life and a new world. It portrays the work of Jesus as unfinished until He comes again to bring to glorious fruition and finality His work of redemption.

While many theologians and religious leaders place increasing emphasis on the Bible's relevance to our present life (not to be overlooked, for sure), its

message to humans can only be fully comprehended in terms of its future dimensions and promises. Here indeed is assurance of a perfect future.

Today, the future beckons us forward once more. Another year stretches before us with all its hidden surprises. It may not turn out to be perfect. Yet our Christian hope leads us to look positively and expectantly to the year ahead. The God of the future promises to walk with us individually down the untrodden path of this year.

Some readers will have heard before the following words. They say something reassuring about our future.

"And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

To put our hand into the hand of God and thus walk safely into the unknown means making some specific decisions. It is more than a figure of speech, more than a picture of a personal relationship with our God.

May I suggest that it means to read your Bible regularly. It means to pray each day. It means a conscious decision every day to walk with Jesus and live in the light of His Word. It means a cultivated longing to grow in grace, to overcome temptation, to seek to do the will of God.

Thus the future will be as perfect as we have any right to expect it to be, and that eternal future for which we long. And toward which we move, will become a brighter hope and a more assured reality. Bryan Ball, President South Pacific Division

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Verbally Inspired

I have been reading my Bible for 70 years. For over 50 years I have studied the Word with particular emphasis on its inspiration. In the article "The Authority Crisis" (November 21), a sentence highlighted in heavy print said: "We as Adventists believe in thought inspiration rather than verbal inspiration."

I wish to state that I am a confirmed believer in verbal inspiration. I believe the whole Bible from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation was under the control of God so that there is not one text, one word or one letter out of place.

The Bible is the only production of its kind. The Master Mathematician who ordered creation is the author of the Word that bears the signs of His work.

The numerical marvels of the Word indicate unequivocally that an eternal God of infinite wisdom is in control. The fact that over 1600 years, 40 authors united in their inspired efforts to produce a Word that apart from its particular message is formulated with amazing mathematical skills beyond their comprehension, proves the point.

I'm not critical of the article, but I wish to record that I am an Adventist minister who believes in verbal inspiration.

George W Rollo, NSW

One More Point

I wish to add one more point to the comments on abortion ("The Abortion Debate," November 21). Any health professional has the right not to participate in the termination of pregnancy if it transgresses his or her conscience.

Roland Ostring, SNZ

A Good Translation

As a migrant from a non-English-speaking country I found it extremely difficult and time consuming to understand the Shakespearian English of the King James Version. I purchased several modern translations. They helped me to learn the English language. They are easy to read and easy to understand, but many of the texts are not the same as the translation I was using in the old country.

To make sure that I got the correct teachings, I finally purchased a Jewish translation, for to "them were committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2).

In the preface I read, "The Jew cannot afford to have his Bible translation prepared for him by others." I just wonder, how can we afford to use the translations of others? I strongly urge our leaders to produce, as soon as possible, a correct translation in the current language.

Harry Anders, Qld

The Big Fizz?

Even a pseudo-intellectual like myself would have no difficulty in answering the inconsistencies of the big bang theory ("God and the Big Bang," October 24). It was with amazement that I read the articles on the big bang. What's next? A burst on evolution? Astrology?

How wrong can astronomers be? Like when they predicted Halley's Comet: the predicted orientation of the comet was wrong; every camera and rocket was programmed to focus on the whitest object, but the comet was velvet black, and they were way out in their calculations on the density of the tail.

Let's learn to read the bold type in front of us, preferably out of the Bible, before trying to read commas and full stops on the moon.

Julius Kudrynski, NSW

John Stehn need not worry (Letters, November 21)—the second law of thermodynamics and the law of conservation of momentum are hardly a problem for the big bang theory.

Who are we to tell God what He can do? In answer to Einstein's objection to the quantum theory, Neils Bohr commented that it isn't our job "to prescribe to God how He should run the world." If God's act of creation involved an explosion, can we now tell Him that He should not have done so for it confuses us? We still have much to learn about nature and its laws.

The letter mentioned three problems. The key to the problem of the second law of thermodynamics is in the expanding universe. Entropy increases with time, but in an expanding universe the maximum allowable entropy increases even faster, leaving enough room for local orders.

On the law of conservation of momentum, a river flows in one direction, yet it forms whirlpools. The sources quoted in the letter claim that that is impossible.

George Smoot, an astrophysicist from the Berkeley Laboratory, offered a reward—an airline ticket to anywhere in the world—for anyone who could find a fault in his analysis of "ripples" from the COBE data. No one has yet claimed the prize.

Ron Nielsen, ACT

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Just a Coincidence...



Mercy Killing?

During the recent South Pacific Division year-end meetings it was voted to approve a statement of consensus regarding the care of the dying. The statement outlines the following: Adventists support the use of modern medicine to extend human life if used in compassionate ways that reveal God's grace by minimising suffering. God has given us the freedom of choice; this freedom extends to decisions about medical care. A person who is capable of deciding should determine themselves whether to accept or reject life-extending medical interventions. While Christian love may lead to the withholding or withdrawing of medical interventions, Adventists do not practise "mercy killing," or assist in suicide. The statement says, "Because of their vulnerable condition, special care should be taken to ensure that dying persons are treated with respect for their dignity and without unfair discrimination. Care for the dying should be based on their spiritual and medical needs and their expressed choices."

Caring for Creation

An Adventist statement on the environment was also voted during the South Pacific Division year-end meetings. It states that the preservation and nurture of the world are intimately related to our service to God. "Because we recognise humans as part of God's creation, our concern for the environment extends to personal health and lifestyle." The statement commits Seventh-day Adventists to improving the quality of life for all people. As human poverty and environmental degradation are interrelated,



Large Baptism Held in Romania

More than 350 people joined the Adventist Church at the conclusion of two evangelistic meetings held in Northern Romania by the Amazing Facts Evangelistic coordinator, Louis Torres, and his wife. More than 2500 people witnessed the closing session on October 10. Besides the baptisms, more than 1000 people made decisions for Christ and for further study. The Torres team conducted a stop-smoking clinic, a nutrition school and a family-life seminar. To accommodate those unable to attend during the harvesting season, satellite meetings were held in surrounding villages.

"Our goal is a sustainable development of resources while meeting human needs."

Offering Areas

The 13th Sabbath Offerings for 1994 will be sent to the following divisions:

First Quarter—South American Division, March 26.

Second Quarter—Eastern Africa Division, June 25.

Third Quarter—Trans-European Division, September 24.

Fourth Quarter—Trans-Africa Division, December 17.

WORLD CHURCH

French Students

More than 150 university students met at the Saleve Adventist Institute in Collonges, France, to found a new students association. At the same time they participated in a colloquium on "Reason and Faith." Guest speakers were G Siegwalt, theology professor at the Strasbourg University, Austria, and Pastor Philippe

Augendre, Adventist pastor and psychologist.

GM Finance

Global Mission initiatives will be financed by allocations from the net amount of tithe received per year. Three per cent of the total 1992 tithe is the Global Mission budget for 1993. This percentage will increase by 1 per cent a year until 1995 when it will be 5 per cent. This money will be specifically targeted to Global Mission projects. Other funds will still be used for other evangelistic projects.

South Africa

The Southern African Union Conference held its first midyear executive and subcommittee meetings during 1992. It was reported that a positive attitude and spirit of oneness reigned despite the difficult issues that had to be resolved. Plans are well under way for the merging of conferences in South Africa. The Southern Publishing Association has already

merged its publishing program into two regions—southern and northern.

Project Sunlight

In South Africa seven million persons live in squatter camps and ghettos within the community. Conditions in these areas are indescribable. "Project Sunlight" is a program launched by the South African executive committee aimed at helping these people help themselves. The project will be the biggest undertaking of this type in South Africa.

Beirut Evangelism

About 60 non-Adventists attended the first series of evangelistic meetings held after more than 16 years of war and violence. The programs were held in the Bousrieh Arabic Adventist church. The meetings were conducted by Middle East Union church ministries director Pastor Sven Jensen, in cooperation with the Middle East College Theology Department. Through the evangelism series ministerial students from the college are receiving field experience for the first time in many years.

No Churches

Moscow in 1990 had only 700 Adventists. Now there are more than 3000 members, but no Adventist church buildings. This church building crisis is repeated across Russia. With the Russian economy in a shambles, it is impossible for members to provide for themselves places to worship.

PUC in Top Ten

Pacific Union College (PUC), USA, has been named as one of the top-10 colleges whose graduates are accepted into medical school. According to a national guide to colleges,

The Right College 1992, PUC ranked between Johns Hopkins and Princeton universities. Prepared by the College Research Group, which was founded by Harvard University Graduate School of Education, the guide ranks the colleges on the percentage of the graduating class that are accepted into medical school. Six per cent of women and 14.3 per cent of men in the PUC graduating class are able to continue on to medical school.

Indian Churches

During the past year and a half 127 new churches have been established in India—91 of them in previously unentered areas of the country. This growth is primarily due to the efforts of literature evangelists.

Evangelism School

The General Conference plans to conduct an International School of Evangelism in Russia during 1993, in connection with a city-wide evangelistic crusade. The crusade will be held in the 35,000-seat Olympic Stadium, Moscow, with Mark Finley (from *It Is Written*) speaking at the meetings. The organisers aim to baptise 4000-5000 persons and open 6-10 churches. The two-week International School of Evangelism will run concurrently with the evangelistic crusade, providing training and inspiration.

Global Mission

Voted in at the recent Trans-Australian Union Conference Executive year-end meetings was the Global Mission Statement of Purpose. The statement recommends that Global Mission becomes the all-inclusive initiative of all entities of the church, not just

the function of a specific department within the church. It is also suggested that the Division Global Mission Advisory Committee develop a priority list of unentered areas or population groups in the South Pacific Division, together with a plan projecting what areas will be entered, in what order and for what period of time. Union Global Mission Advisory Committees should also seek ways of more effectively involving local conferences, departments, services, organisations and institutions; and that all levels of church administration evaluate the effectiveness of existing services to see if any funds can be saved for use in Global Mission initiatives.

Church Newsletter

Albury and Wodonga churches (border of NSW and Vic) have published the second edition of *Across the Border*, their church newsletter. The newsletter contains local church news, children's stories, recipes and other items.

NEWS EXTRA

Women Ordination

The ordination of women priests in the Church of England has been voted in Britain. All three houses of bishops, clergy and laity voted in favour, but in the house of laity the difference was only 1 per cent. A mixture of jubilation and dismay has greeted the historic decision—as it did in Australia. Hundreds of priests, including a number of bishops, are considering a mass defection from the church—with one clergyman commenting, “I cannot continue in an apostate Protestant denomination.” Another British bishop considers that “the

church is being pursued by secularism, including feminism.” The Vatican has stated that the vote is a “new and grave obstacle” to relations between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. Italy's often anti-clerical newspapers have hailed the Anglican decision as a “second Reformation.”

Bibles in Ethiopia

According to Paulos Gulilat, of the Gospel Radio Service based in Nairobi, Kenya, Ethiopia should be flooded with Bibles. “We get about 40 letters per day, and 80 per cent of these are requests for Scriptures,” he says. Ethiopia was a country where Christians were in the minority. But active evangelism by many churches is changing that.

GC Music

The 1995 General Conference Session in Utrecht, the Netherlands, will provide an unprecedented opportunity to enjoy the best of European Adventist music. Approved musical items will be included from all parts of the world. Any individual or group interested in making an application to provide music for this event should write to the Secretary, GC Session Music Committee at the South Pacific Division office for information and guidelines to the selection of musical items. All applications will be screened through the division's music committee.

Creation Museum

More than 2700 visitors attended the three-day opening of the new California Creation Museum. Displays, science experiments and live-animal presentations help to teach the principles of biblical creation. The president of the Institute for Creation

Research, Dr Henry Morris, said he was delighted at the numbers who arrived for the opening tours. “So many people turned out that guided tours had to be given every seven minutes during some of the afternoon sessions,” he said. Staff believe that the museum will become a major tourist attraction in the San Diego (USA) area. The museum is designed to present evidence that the Bible's account of creation is reliable and that the theory of evolution is scientifically bankrupt. The museum is located in San Diego, USA, at 10946 Woodside Avenue North, Santee, off Highway 67.

Bibles for Orphans

A private publisher has produced 100,000 Bulgarian Children's Bibles. This project is in response to the demand for Scripture knowledge that has arisen among young people after the many years of Christian suppression under communist rule. The United Bible Societies supported the printing of 50,000 of these Children's Bibles, and is distributing 20,000 to children in 132 children's homes throughout Bulgaria.

Slovenia Bibles

With the break-up of Yugoslavia, Bibles can no longer be shipped direct from Belgrade, where the Bible Society is based, to the now-independent nation of Slovenia. The books have to be transported through Hungary, which increases transport costs by at least 50 per cent, and then face high customs duties as they enter Slovenia.

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

Is the Church Babylon?

by Ellen G White

One hundred years ago, in 1893, Ellen White was in New Zealand when she prepared this manuscript to expose the false teaching of two church members (S and C in the published manuscript) who were circulating a tract called the Loud Cry, denouncing the Seventh-day Adventist Church as Babylon. The article has been abbreviated for reasons of space. A complete (and free) copy is available from the E G White/SDA Research Centre, Avondale College, PO Box 19, Cooranbong NSW 2265. Ask for Manuscript 21, 1893.

Those who have published the *Loud Cry* tract have not consulted me upon the subject. They have quoted largely from my writings and put their own construction on them. They claim to have a special message from God to pronounce the Seventh-day Adventist Church Babylon, proclaim her fall, and call the people of God to come out of her, and try to make the Testimonies substantiate their theory.

These publications are misleading minds, and increasing the prejudice already existing, and tend to make it more difficult to get access to them to present the message God has given in warnings to the world of altogether a different character from the ideas presented in the pamphlets.

I arose at half-past two o'clock; I could not sleep; the burden was upon me. The history of the children of Israel urged itself upon my mind, and many points were so clearly pressed upon me that I dared not keep silent. I wrote 23 pages between three o'clock and half-past twelve o'clock. My spirit was stirred within me.

I felt a burden for the people of God, not on account of this one production, but because of many such matters which are coming to the people, claiming to be messages from God. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

I understood that both these men were at the General Conference [held

in Battle Creek, February 17–March 6, 1893], that is, S and C. Could they not discern the revealings of the Spirit of God? Could they not see that God was opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a blessing? Why was this?

Testimonies had been given correcting and counselling the church and many had made a practical application to the Laodicean Church, and were confessing their sins and repenting in contrition of soul. They were hearing the voice of Jesus, the heavenly Merchantman, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

How could they come from that meeting where the power of God was revealed in so marked a manner, and

There are plenty of opportunities in the church to walk in Christ's lines.

proclaim that the loud cry was that the commandment-keeping people were Babylon? Satan was saying that same thing to Christ when Joshua stood before the angel. Satan was declaring his sins to be so great that he should not be restrained from destroying him. The words of Christ are applicable to these brethren, and to all who would advance similar sentiments.

"The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel." Who clothed him with the filthy garments? "And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

"And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set their mitre

upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of Hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

The work of Satan is to cover the repentant, believing, commandment-keeping people of God with defiling garments; Jesus Christ commands them to be clothed with His righteousness, garments woven in the loom of heaven.

In all ages of the world there have been men who think they have a work to do for the Lord, and show no respect for those whom the Lord has been using. They do not make right applications of Scripture, they wrest the Scriptures to sustain their own ideas. Whatever may be the claims of those who draw away from the body to proclaim theories of their own invention, they are in Satan's service, to get up some new device to divert souls from the truth for this time.

Beware of those who arise with a great burden to denounce the church. The chosen ones who are standing and breasting the storm of opposition from the world, and are uplifting the down-trodden commandments of God to exalt them as honourable and holy, are indeed *the light of the world*.

How dare mortal man pass his judgment upon them, and call the church a harlot, Babylon, a den of thieves, a cage of every unclean and hateful bird, the habitation of devils, making the nations drunk with the wine of her fornication, confederating with the kings and great men of the earth, waxing rich through the abundance of her delicacies, and proclaiming that her sins have reached unto heaven and God hath remembered her iniquities?

Is this the message we have to bear to Seventh-day Adventists? I tell you No! God has given no man any such message. Let these men humble their

hearts before God, and in true contrition repent that they have even for a time stood by the side of the accuser of the brethren who accused them before God day and night.

It seems almost impossible that anyone who had a genuine experience in the faith should suggest such erroneous applications of Scripture as applicable to God's commandment-keeping people. Supposing this spurious message is the one everyone must hear for this time, "Come out of her, my people," where shall we go to? Where shall we find the purity, goodness, and holiness where we shall be secure? Where is the fold where no wolves will enter?

I tell you, my brethren, the Lord has an organised body through whom He will work. There may be a score of Judases among them; there may be a rash Peter who will under circumstance of trial deny his Lord; there may be persons represented by John whom Jesus loved, but he may have a zeal that would destroy men's lives by calling down fire from heaven upon them to revenge an insult to Christ and to the truth. But the great Teacher seeks to give lessons of instruction to correct these existing evils. He is doing the same today with his church. He is pointing out the dangers. He is presenting before them the Laodicean message.

He shows them that all selfishness, all pride, all self-exaltation, all unbelief and prejudice, which lead to a resistance of the truth and turn away from true light, are dangerous, and unless repented of, those who cherish these things will be left in darkness as was the Jewish nation.

Let every soul now seek to answer the prayer of Christ. Let every soul echo that prayer in mind, in petitions, in exhortations, that they all may be one even as Christ is one with the Father, and work to this end. In the place of turning the weapons of warfare within our own ranks, let them be turned against the enemies of God and of the truth.

Echo the prayer of Christ with your whole heart: "Holy Father, keep

through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. . . . I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Also this prayer which He offers to interpret the process through which His followers are sanctified: "Sanctify them through thy truth."

The Bible sets before us a model church. They are to be in unity with each other, and with God. When believers are united to Christ the living vine, the result is that they are one with Christ, full of sympathy and tenderness and love. When anyone is drawing apart from the organised body of God's commandment-keeping people, when he begins to weigh the church in his human scales, and begins to pronounce judgment against them, then you may know that God is not leading him. He is on the wrong track.

Constantly, men and women are arising who become restless and uneasy, who want to set up some new contrivance; to do some wonderful thing. Satan watches his opportunity to give them something to do in his line. God has given to every man his work. There are opportunities and privileges in the church to help those who are ready to die, and to inspire the church with zeal, but not to tear the church to pieces. There are plenty of opportunities in the church to walk in Christ's lines. If the heart is full of zeal to press onto a deeper sanctification and holiness, then work in that line in all humbleness and devotedness.

We are as a church to be wide awake, and to work for the erring among us, as labourers together with God. We are furnished with spiritual weapons, mighty to the pulling down of the fortress of the enemy.

We are not to hurl the thunderbolts against the church of Christ militant; for Satan is doing all he possibly can in this line, and you who claim to be the remnant of the people of God had better not be found helping him, denouncing, accusing, and condemning. Seek to restore, not to tear down, discourage, and destroy.—Manuscript 21 □

Sabbath Meeting

Why is it important for church members to meet together each Sabbath? Here's what some Adventists think.



"Friendships can only grow face to face. Our congregation is so scattered and phone calls are not enough." **Terry Mitchell, teacher.**

"Meeting with fellow church members is important because of the fellowship and love we experience in belonging to the family of God."

Febronija Rijavec, housewife.



"I like to discuss things with others who think and understand the same as I do." **Lance Smith, railway fitter.**

"We share our beliefs and support each other, which strengthens our faith. We can know each other's needs and be a help." **Greg Mann, fruit retailer.**



"The interaction with Christian friends gives me inspiration and encouragement for the week ahead and for keeping my relationship with God." **Rhelmae Hebbard, teacher.**

With special thanks to members of the Rosewood and Esk churches in Queensland.

World Series C . . .

by Ken Long

In the 1960s, cricket, like religion, was a way of life.

Remember when cricket was really cricket. The 438th Test between Australia and the West Indies at the Brisbane Gabba in December 1969 illustrates what cricket is really about. After 1495 minutes of action-packed drama, the result hinged on a sensational last over.

The West Indies had batted first and amassed a mammoth 453 runs. Australia replied with 505.

The Windies didn't fare well in the second innings, finishing with 284. This left Australia 233 runs to score in 310 minutes. After 70 minutes Australia was 2 for 7. The Aussies didn't look happy until all-rounders Richie Benaud and Alan Davidson came together at 6 for 92 and then proceeded to amass 134 for the seventh wicket.

In the second-last over of the match Australia needed just six runs to win. Benaud called for a single; tiny West Indian Joe Solomon pounced on the ball and threw down the wicket with

Davidson out of his ground.

Paceman Wes Hall began the last over (in the days of eight-ball overs) to wicket keeper Wally Grout. Grout managed a leg bye. Six balls to go. Five runs to win.

Benaud tried to hook the next ball, but only succeeded in snicking it to the Windies keeper Gerry Alexander.

Ian Meckiff came to the wicket. He blocked the first ball and scrambled a run off the second. Four balls. Four runs. Grout spooned up what should have been an easy catch—but Kanhai and Hall, in their enthusiasm, collided and put it down. One more run.

Three balls remaining. Three needed by Australia. The sixth ball was lofted deep by Meckiff. Grout and Meckiff were scampering between wickets. One run. Two. And off they went for the third and winning run. Conrad Hunte fielded the ball 80 metres from the stumps and sent a radar-like return to Alexander. Grout run out.

The sides were now equal. The last man, Lindsay Kline, was at the crease.

Kline played the seventh ball firmly towards midwicket. Meckiff came charging down—but Solomon calmly threw down the wicket.

The Test had been tied. No one—players, spectators, journalists—could believe it!

Now that was cricket. In the 1960s, cricket, like religion, was a way of life. A test cricket match, with rest day, absorbed an entire week.

On January 5, 1971, 46,000 eager but bemused fans saw the birth of limited-over cricket. The cricketing way of life was to be condensed for the first time at international level into one day. The traditional Melbourne Test had been a wash-out, so the Australian Cricket Board, in an endeavour to appease the disappointed public, staged a limited-overs match.

Australia was the victor. The crowd buzzed with excitement. Then the revolution came on May 9, 1977. World Series Cricket. The elevation of limited-overs cricket to a new, dynamic art form. White balls. Coloured uniforms. Under lights.

In the 1960s Seventh-day Adventism was a way of life. Church and its associated activities dominated our life and our lifestyle.

In Papua New Guinea Seventh-day Adventists are often referred to as "Seven Day" Christians. This pidgin English corruption of the church's name conveys a fundamental truth: the need to relate our Christianity, seven days a week, to the everyday tasks of living in the world.

While there has not been a visible revolution, there has been a dramatic overthrow of godliness and spirituality in our church. A gradual and steady increase in nominalism and materialism. To many, Sabbath is the only day of the week when their minds consider Christ and Christianity.

To a large degree, the "seven day" Adventism has been replaced by the World Series Christian. The one-day limited variety. □

Ken Long writes from Sydney, NSW.

STARTING POINT

Making Changes

Comments about the Sabbath school lesson for January 23.

Reflection

- Countless thousands die each year because of poor health habits.
- This week's lesson looks at how to change unhealthful behaviour—a must for parents, children, teachers and students of the Word of God (Romans 8:12-15; Galatians 5:19-24).
- Some earnest Christians see improved health habits as a way to earn salvation.
- Making sensible changes involves letting God take control and letting Him be the guiding force (James 4:6-10).
- Teaching others about how Jesus has helped your personal wellbeing could involve following the Master's suggestion to one He healed (Mark 5:19).

Action

- Choose one positive change in your lifestyle that would improve your health and sensibly pursue it—today.

This lesson is important because it illustrates how changes may be made as I grow into Christ, not to achieve salvation, but to allow God's love to be more graciously reflected in my life. □

Prepared by Dr Percy Harrold, the Adventist health director for the South Pacific Division.

For My Son

by Belinda Baron

The years have flown and all of a sudden you're almost an teenager.

Can this be my little boy? You're growing so fast I hardly dare turn away from you for an instant in case I miss something significant! Having been through this with your sister I thought I'd be prepared, but it's all so different. Girls seem to mature in a much more genteel fashion.

When you were born eleven and a half years ago, I remember feeling a twinge of what felt suspiciously like disappointment. A boy! What did I know about little boys?

From my observations, they became boisterous, noisy and obnoxious as they grew, could never stay clean for two minutes and seemed to have no appreciation for the finer things of life. What would I do with a boy?

Fortunately for you, that niggle of apprehension lasted but a few moments. As I held you, fed you and studied you, my heart warmed with the knowledge that you were a special gift from God—just as your sister was. You would become a reflection of the influences you were subjected to. What a responsibility.

You were what is termed a "good" baby, in that you caused very little disruption. Happiness and contentment reigned. You loved people and lapped up attention (that hasn't changed!).

You responded warmly to your sister, even though she is four years older than you, and vice versa (that *has* changed!). You smiled, gurgled and snuggled your way into many hearts.

After two and a half years of watching you grow, guiding and teaching your active mind and learning, after all, that little boys *can* be lovable, I nearly lost you!

On a midwinter's day, obeying a strong urge to check your whereabouts in a friend's backyard, I found you floating face-down in a swimming pool. It was partially hidden by a fence, and because it wasn't the swimming season I guess no one had given it a thought.

Somehow I found the physical strength to haul you out. Even now I shudder as I remember how you looked.

You'd stopped breathing.

All I could think to do was to thump your back as hard as I could. Those 30 seconds or so seemed endless as I thumped and prayed, thumped and prayed. You responded eventually, then recovered amazingly quickly—more quickly than I did.

You reflected the trauma a few weeks later, though. You stopped in mid-play. A glazed look came to your face and you kept repeating, "Mummy, I can't get out. I can't get out!"

I had to hold you close and reassure you that you were safe. Nine years on and you can still remember that incident. I pray that whenever life gets tough and you feel there's no way out, you'll recall how the Lord got you out when all seemed hopeless. What you did learn was a tremendous respect for water.

We all make mistakes in judgment and you'll be no exception, but give your mistakes to the Lord and learn from them. This is how we grow.

There will be many times when you'll be convinced the Lord is "hitting you," when in fact all He is doing is trying to save your life—this time for eternity.

The years have flown and all of a sudden you're almost an teenager. I've learned one thing about boys—they're a strange mixture at this age. You're trying so hard to grow up yet you're still so much a little boy in need of cuddles and reassurance.

You tell me you never intend to outgrow the need for hugs. I want you to know that's just fine with your father and me. We'll never pull away from you when you need us.

You have so many fine qualities. In this past year you've shown us new trends in responsibility, stickability and reliability. But we can also see a young rascal whose mouth is sometimes too quick for his brain and whose energy is tiring to watch. The next few years will prove challenging to us all. □

Belinda Baron is a pseudonym.

Angel's Sermon

by John Silver

"Show me how to walk with God,"
I asked my angel guide
As I, in dreams of troubled sleep,
Met him last eventide.

"Come," he said, "unto the place
The saints of God know well."
And in a fleeting flash of thought
There stood the gates of hell.

Each scrolled "Welcome. Be as God."
Those beckoning gates swung wide
To show a trembling, cross-crowned hill
And One hung crucified.

"Who," I asked, "removed the cross
To this unholy place
Where love and life are never known
And hate is called a grace?"

"Calvary's cross," the angel said,
"Has never been moved at all.
It's always stood in the gates of hell
As planned before the Fall.

"For that's the price on Redemption's scroll
And that's the place to pay
The blood of the Lamb made next-of-kin
To men who didn't obey.

"And Satan rejoiced with exulting hate
As Christ was made to be sin;
Shuddering under millennial guilt
Heaped age upon age upon Him.

"The unleashed fury of judgment's wrath
As heaven was torn apart,
Banished the Father's face from Him
Who died of a broken heart.

"And mourning in unspeakable grief
The Father wept that day;
Wept for the Son as the Son had wept
For men who had gone astray.

"That's where you start your walk with God
At the place the saints know well;
There with a broken and contrite heart,
At the cross at the gates of hell.

"For those who stand in the gates of heaven
When Jesus comes again
Must first have knelt in the gates of hell
At the cross where He was slain."

John Silver writes from Brooklyn, NSW.

Youth Against Drugs in Russia



American temperance ambassadors gather in front of a Russian country church.

Ten American youth travelled to Russia with the aim of helping combat the alcoholism and drug dependency that is controlling the lives of millions in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

"Our goal was to take the drug-prevention concept to the CIS and train young people to spread the message of a healthy drug-free lifestyle," reports

Thomas Neslund, executive director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency (ICPA).

The need for the program in Russia was readily apparent. "When I looked around during the first week, I saw an 11-year-old boy so drunk he had to have two friends help him walk," said Brendan Prutzman, one of the

Americans. "I also saw a six-year-old smoking. I wondered if we could help at all."

The three-week training session was held at the Zaoski Adventist Theological Seminary in Veligorsk, about 200 kilometres from Moscow. The trainees attended a two-day mini-conference to introduce the concept of Adventist Youth to Youth (the name of the program).

Three weeks of intensive training followed. Trainers and trainees worked together on ideas such as drama, family group leadership and developing local drug-prevention clubs.

Response was slow. The idea of alcohol and drug prevention was totally foreign. The cultural barrier left behind by communism had to be overcome. The Russian trainees initially found it difficult to accept their own creativity. But they were soon creating and staging drug-prevention skits.

After graduating from the three-week training session, the Russian youth held their own Youth to Youth Conference in Moscow, which attracted 165 people.

"It's important that the people do not become dependent on Europeans or Americans," says Pat Mutch, director of the Andrews University Institute on Alcoholism. "We want those 45 Russian trainers to 'Russianise' the Youth to Youth program and make it fit into their culture."—Curt Dwees

Results of Pathfinder Program Survey

During 1992 a survey was carried out among randomly selected Pathfinder clubs in Australia and New Zealand. Over the past decade the Pathfinder program has been upgraded and developed to ensure that it remains relevant and applicable to the changing needs of our cultures.

The survey was designed to assess the thoughts and attitudes of directors, staff members and Pathfinders concerning the curriculum of the Pathfinder classes, and some other general aspects of the Pathfinder program.

Several trends became apparent through the results. These included:

1. Pathfinder leaders continue to see Pathfinders as an effective way of passing on SDA values.

2. These values are particularly discovered and tested in camping situations, and also in other special outdoor activities.

3. Both directors and class teachers believe that current Pathfinder curriculum is meeting needs of both juniors and teens. The Pathfinders are also generally satisfied with class material.

4. The Pathfinders saw friendship as an extremely important aspect of the overall Pathfinder program.

However, survey results also indicated the need for ongoing assessment and review. Some of these included:

1. The desire by Pathfinders for more outdoor activities and camping events.

2. Although the overall program remains effective, some rote-learning requirements could be reduced.

3. Some thought could be given to checking common material taught in

SDA schools and Sabbath school programs.

4. Some of the Church Heritage and drill and marching requirements appear to be less attractive than other Pathfinder requirements.

The results of these surveys have been studied and analysed by the members of the South Pacific Division Youth Ministries Commission, consisting of conference, union and division youth ministries directors, with local church Pathfinder directors.

In order to ensure that Pathfinders continues to provide a large number of exciting opportunities for Pathfinder members in personal discovery and development, spiritual growth and enhancement of personal skills and abilities, several adaptations and alternatives are currently being considered for inclusion in the Pathfinder program. They are designed to help fulfil some of the wishes expressed in the surveys. The committee is confident that any changes made will help to maintain high interest in Pathfinders, especially for teenagers.—*Barry Gane*

Ministries Causing Concern Are Named

In an unprecedented move, the *Adventist Review* has published a 16-page insert entitled *The Seventh-day Adventist Church and Certain Private Organisations* that names independent ministries causing concern in the Adventist Church in the North American Division.

In prefacing a discussion on the independent ministries, the magazine's editor, William Johnsson, says, "The church is large and encompasses a variety of ministries. As a people from the beginning we have encouraged individual freedom of expression."

Private supporting ministries of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, operating worldwide, were mentioned with gratitude by church representatives at the 1992 North American Division Annual Council recently held in Silver Spring, USA.

Members of some supporting ministries have requested an official way of displaying their affiliation with the

church, identifying themselves as supportive, rather than critical of the church and its members.

Due in part to requests such as this, and also because some groups have undermined confidence of church members in the leadership and beliefs of the church, the 16-page insert was prepared from a book of the same name.

Dialogue with the groups mentioned took place before this action was undertaken.

"After much prayer, study, and repeated discussions with the leaders of Hope International, Hartland Institute, Prophecy Countdown, and Steps to Life Church in Wichita, Kansas, and Rolling Hills, Florida, it has become apparent to the church that these private organisations have displayed an unwillingness to operate in harmony with denominational procedures and protocol. This has been evidenced by the materials they produce, verbal representations and in-depth discussions with many denominational leaders over a long period of time," reads the action voted on at the North American Division year-end meetings.

The inserted booklet ends with an appeal. "Let's work together—in unity, but not necessarily in uniformity—to finish our mission. We love you."

Health Director Is Excited About 1993

The director of the Adventist Health Department, Dr Percy Harrold, is enthusiastic about the prospects of a whole quarter of Sabbath school lessons being devoted to a study of health.

"The lessons, entitled 'Look Up and Live—A Guide to Health,' and featuring such topics as 'Body Building,' 'Belief and Cleansing,' 'Why Be Healthy?' '130 Years Ago,' 'The Very Best Medicine' and 'Character Building,' is a must for every church member's library," he says. "Never before has the Adventist Church, worldwide, taken a whole quarter to study the Adventist health message and its relevance to our personal lives, our mission and our salvation."

The lessons, dealing with practical approaches to health maintenance and prevention of disease, have a strong biblical basis.

"The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a powerful health outreach in the community and in nations around the world," he says. "To those outside the church, many of our institutions witness of God's love and care for the health of individuals."

"Within the church we, each one, need to know where we stand, why we stand and how to stand in relation to the health issues of today."

"Are unclean meats permissible in the 1990s? Has temperance gone out of style? Does the medical profession think a little alcohol does you good? These are just some of the questions the lessons will endeavour to answer."

Nutrition Education for Hospitals in Brisbane

The Brisbane (Qld) Branch of the Nutrition Education Service (NES) has been providing information and recipes for chefs, caterers and dietitians from surrounding hospitals.

A program especially for head caterers and dietitians introduced nutrition information through cooking demonstrations and a smorgasbord meal. As a result many of the hospitals have implemented a vegetarian menu.

The Catering Officer at Sunnybank Private Hospital (Brisbane) contacted the NES for more recipes due to the fact that "meat eaters are now ordering vegetarian meals because they are so tasty." The Dietitian and Catering Officer from the Mater Hospital have also experimented with new vegetarian recipes, and in their words, "there is much more to a vegetarian diet than vegetables."

Adventists Care in Uganda

Adventists from Australia and New Zealand have helped with the work

of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in Uganda.

Australian volunteer Ian Butler, from Sydney, is assisting ADRA-Uganda in the implementation of several projects. Recently he worked on a project in Bugangaizi in a resettlement program for 30,000 people where eight bore holes were drilled and eight hand pumps installed in 10 days.

New Zealanders Alan and Felicity Stone have made a major impact on the people in Bulaago village, Mount Elgon, Uganda. They have offered two and a half months of their time as vol-

unteers to work on an Australian-funded ADRA project.

Bugema Adventist College is receiving a facelift, thanks to ADRA-Sweden who are funding the rehabilitation of the classroom block and staff houses. The construction of a new eight-classroom block and the rehabilitation of the water system is also funded by ADRA-Sweden.

Bussi Island Clinic in Lake Victoria is about to have its roof completed by ADRA-Uganda through funding from ADRA-Australia. The clinic should be operational early 1993.

Thanks to many Australians, New Zealanders and readers of the RECORD, many pastors in Uganda can now preach in new suits. A request for suits for pastors had a wonderful response, reports Barry Chapman, director of ADRA-Uganda. A number of pastors have been in Kampala for a three-month training course and at the end of the course have received one suit, two shirts and a pair of trousers. They were extremely grateful to their brothers and sisters in Australia and New Zealand. And, he says, more suits are required.

Isolated People Contacted Through Global Mission

God's work is spreading rapidly throughout some Third World countries and gaining momentum in others, reports Pastor John O'Malley, currently working in the Hill Tract areas of Bangladesh, but previously of the Greater Sydney Conference.

He is involved in working with the Hill Tract tribe of Arachori. The 16 families inhabiting the remote Arachori village, descendants of the ancient Mongolians who travelled through the area to Burma, Laos, Thailand and Cambodia, were, five years ago, 50 per cent Christian and 50 per cent Buddhist/Animist. None were Adventist. Today 14 of these families are Seventh-day Adventists. This area is the greatest challenge for missionaries in Bangladesh.

"It is by no means easy for people to live in these areas," reports O'Malley. "They have various problems ranging from elephants, a violent rogue tribal gang, the Shanti-Bahini, to two kinds of killer malaria and a lack of good drinking water.

"Just recently I visited as close as our people were allowed to go and was denied access to enter the Hill Tract area. The reason given was the same as always: the Shanti-Bahini were killing people again; they had just shot and killed four policemen. They have not, as yet, killed any for-

eigners. They have captured several for ransom and to embarrass the government.

"Pastors Roy and Das were permitted to enter the area to visit Arachori for one day. Sabbath morning they drove the first 50 kilometres from Chandragona to Rajatholi over a four-wheel-drive trail and two ferry crossings (two dinghies strapped together).

"Then they hiked seven kilometres over three mountains to the village where our people were waiting. They enjoyed the fellowship, conducted a church service and baptised seven precious people. They were informed another 14 were ready for baptism in another village.

"We arranged for these people to get permits and visit us at Chandragona the following Sunday.

"That Sunday we had such a wonderful time together. We conducted an ordination service, ordaining the local minister, Simon Halder, to eldership and ordained Arun, the village worker also to eldership.

"It was a pleasure to see Arun stand as a man of God, with commitment shining from his face, and to see his wife stand to support her husband as the charge was read and as we laid hands on them.

"For the first time, many of our people then celebrated the Lord's Supper. I took

Arun as my partner for foot washing and we taught the people what to do. They were overcome to see a white man wash one of their brother's feet, but they soon followed suit—all 27 of them.

"My wife and Martha, Simon's wife, showed the women what to do. Two Hindu people who had been helping with the food preparations asked if they could have their sins washed away by joining the event—we invited them and found out that three weeks later they requested studies with the intention of being baptised.

"A few kilometres from Arachori is the village of Silochori. These are wild people who worship trees and other objects. They live in giant trees to escape elephants and other predators. I hope some day soon I can write some good news about them, as we intend to reach out to them with the gospel.

"Please pray for the fledgling church of Arachori, Bangladesh."



New Plymouth, NNZ



Photo: K Moore

Three young people were the first to be baptised in the New Plymouth church. The church was opened in February last year. The font of the relatively new church was hastily completed to accommodate the baptism. Pictured (from the left) are the candidates: Andy Adlam, Daniel Rea and Diana Langley. The church's previous pastor, David Theile, conducted the baptism.



Camden Haven, NSW

Large batches of vegetarian products sold at the Kendall country market are cooked by Pathfinders, their mothers and friends in the church's kitchen. At their regular market stall vegetarian food is sold, *Signs* magazines are promoted and vegetarian cooking classes are advertised. Profits from the stall are used for Pathfinders and promoting vegetarianism in the community. Pathfinders Renee Hall, Robynne McElvey and Cathy Howe are pictured caring for the stall.

Queens Park, WA



For the Queens Park church's Heritage Day on November 7, a worship service was held at Sister Kate's Chapel, where the original Queens Park church group met from 1938 to 1946. The history of the church was recalled by Adrian May of the church's research committee, from the beginning of the company in 1935 to the building of their current church in 1953. "Pastor Jim Tonkin presented a challenging sermon to the congregation," he reports. "This was a day of fellowship and reunion as former church members came together on this historic Sabbath."

Photo: J Webster



Warragul, Vic

Em Gurung, a former Red Beret paratrooper, SAS soldier and British Army Gurkha, was baptised on October 31 by Pastor Jeff Webster. Gurung, already interested in Christianity, was advised to go to the Adventist church to find out more about Christ. Pictured with Gurung are (from the left) Gloria Chatto and Moira Irvine.

Anniversaries

Carter, Jack and Nancy (nee Faulkner) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party hosted by their daughter, Julie. They were married on July 31 in the old Wellington church, Moncrieff Street, Wellington, New Zealand, by Pastor George Burnside. Nan and Jack have both been active in local church work throughout their married life, with Jack being a sales representative for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for 30 years. They are now living in retirement in Auckland, New Zealand.



Jackson, Ray and Rose (nee Fraser) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family members and friends at the AutoLodge in Christchurch. They were the first couple to be married in Dunedin church, New Zealand—on October 27, 1932, by Pastor S L Patching. They have three sons, Fraser, Bruce and Graham, and have been members of the Papanui Church, Christchurch, New Zealand, for over 50 years.—Fraser Jackson

Appreciation

Opetia. The Opetia family would like to thank all those who helped their mother during her last days in Samoa, and also friends and relatives in New Zealand and Australia for their kindness. God will repay.

Weddings

Beamish—Quinan. David John Beamish, son of Jim and Zena Beamish (Morisset Park, NSW), and Michele Marie Quinan, daughter of Walter and Carol Quinan (Massachusetts, USA), were married on November 1 at Brightwaters SDA church, NSW. David and Michele plan to set up their home in Durham, North Carolina, USA. J N Beamish

Jones—Mulholland. David Geoffrey Jones, son of Geoff and Barbara Jones (Nunawading, Vic), and Kathleen (Kate) Mulholland, daughter of Ken and Estelle Mulholland (Launching Place), were married on November 29 at the Nunawading SDA church. David and Kate plan to set up their home in Blackburn. A D Campbell

Kilby—Streicher. Jeffrey Alan Kilby, son of Peter and Lillian Kilby (Nambour, Qld), and Kerstin Georgina Streicher, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hartwig (Nambour), were married on November 29 at the Nambour SDA church. Jeffrey and Kerstin plan to reside in Nambour. John A Skrzypaszek

Mazur—Arnold. Les Mazur, son of Bruno and Zofia Mazur (Melbourne, Vic), and Angela Arnold, daughter of Tom and Pat Arnold (Ballarat), were married on November 22 at the Ballarat SDA

church. Les and Angela plan to set up their home in Melbourne. Roger R Nixon

Obituaries

Barber, Margaret (nee Delaney), 83, died November 12 at her home in Clarence Gardens, Adelaide, SA, and was buried at the Centennial Park Cemetery. Margaret was born in Kalgoorlie, WA, just before her mother accepted the Advent message. For over 47 years Margaret had been a member of the Adelaide City church. She worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company Retail in Adelaide for 22 years. She is survived by her daughter, Colleen Schnieder (Adelaide). C R Stanley

Bugeja, John Mary (Jim), born September 28, 1930, on the island of Malta; died November 6 at the Mater Hospital, Mackay, Qld. Jim emigrated to Australia at the age of 19 and settled in the Mackay district. He was baptised in 1964, and at the time of his death was a member of the Dalrymple Heights church, Eungella. Jim is survived by his wife, Teresa (Finch Hatton); sons, Charles (Finch Hatton), Joseph (Sydney, NSW) and Patrick (Finch Hatton), and their spouses; and daughter, Phyllis (Finch Hatton). Gilberto Dias, Cedric Hess

Daniels, Myrtle Minnie (nee Gernet), born December 21, 1905, at Oakleigh, Vic; died November 4 at the Goulburn Valley Hospital, Shepparton. Myrtle was a gentle woman with a desire to serve and help people. She accepted the SDA message in 1951 in Shepparton as a result of the preaching of Pastor Leo Rose, and studies with Pastor Austin Fletcher. She is survived by her daughters, Margaret Millett, Doreen Newbegin, Jean Andrews, Yvonne Shaw and Glenda Allen; son, John; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. Merv Sparrowhawk, Gary Shelton

Eyeington, Gladys May, born November 11, 1905; died November 25 at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW. She was born and educated at Gunnedah, where she became an Adventist. For the last several decades she lived at Swansea. She was a charter member of the church there, and one of the prime movers for its establishment. She is survived by her sons, Claude and Douglas. Her husband predeceased her in 1985. Len Barnard

Hansen, Astrid, born March 27, 1948, in Bayout, Germany; died November 16 at Wollongong Hospital, NSW. Astrid spent most of her life in the Wollongong area, where she worked as a nurse. She joined the SDA Church after attending a Revelation Seminar in 1985. She is survived by her daughters, Vanessa and Elvina; son, Darryl; and one grandchild. Ross Chadwick

Mezei, Andras, born 1911 in Maros Vasarhek, Hungary; died November 20 in Adelaide, SA. In the 1980s he and his wife, Iren, migrated to Australia to be with their children. A quiet man, Andras was interested in nature, the God of nature, and in particular animals. He was a member of the Trinity Gardens SDA church. He is survived by his wife; son, Andrei; daughter, Maria Eiserle; and their spouses; two grandchildren (all of Adelaide); and sister, Rose. Graeme Olson, Geza Vajda

Opetia, Louairasa, born May 29, 1912, in Samoa; died September 6 in Samoa. In 1959 she moved with her younger children to New Zealand to be with her husband and children who had moved there previously. Loua returned to Samoa late in her life. She is survived by her 17 children; 50 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Pastors Ripine and Papaofa officiated in the service.

Parker, Roy Allan, born June 18, 1914; died November 21 at Mannum Hospital, SA. Roy loved the

Lord and his church. He enjoyed his garden, and helping others with whom he shared his faith. He is survived by his wife, Rita; daughter, Gloria Hancock; son, Brian; and their spouses; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Isabella; daughter, Val; and grandchildren, Debbie and Brook. Bryce Andrews

Prior, Thomas Walter, born July 20, 1906, in Buntingford, Hertfordshire, England; died November 17 at the Fremantle Hospital, WA. During the second world war, Wally served with the British Army in the Middle East. After his discharge, he worked as a chef at the Stanborough Hydro, Watford, then at Kodak for 20 years prior to his retirement. He was baptised in 1948. His first wife, Lilian, died in 1966. In 1976 he migrated to WA to marry Ivy Ellis, a long-time friend. He is survived by his wife (Sherwin Lodge, Rossmoyne); son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Gertrude (Watford, England); one grand-daughter; and two great-grandchildren. Merv Chapman

Advertisements

Diesel Mechanic Required. Aore Adventist High School, Vanuatu, seeks the services of a volunteer diesel mechanic to overhaul a number of diesel generators. If you are able to assist, or require further information, please write to the Volunteer Services Department, South Pacific Division of SDA, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076, or telephone (02) 489 7122 during business hours.

Applications Are Invited for head of Stanborough Secondary School (Watford, England), starting from September 1993. The school accepts day and boarding pupils between the ages of 11 and 18. The school has recently been rebuilt and has need for an innovative and forward-looking head. The school is multicultural and serves children of many faiths (approximately 50% are Adventists). Applicants should have some administrative experience and, preferably, be acquainted with the British education system. They should also be able to get a work visa in their own right. Please send CV and letter of application to: The Education Director, British Union Conference Office, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts WD2 6JP, England UK.

Position Available. The Information Systems Department at the hospital requires an experienced person to fill the position of Analyst Programmer/Technical Specialist. The successful applicant will be versatile and able to work through complex problems across multiple platforms. Computing qualifications (or actively pursuing qualifications) essential. Minimum of two years experience in at least two of the following four areas:

- * RPG programming;
- * In-depth DEC Microvax, IBM AS/400 or PC operating system support;
- * Network set-up, support and trouble-shooting;
- * DEC, IBM and PC hardware support for trainee personnel.

Send your *curriculum vitae* to: Personnel Department, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076. Fax (02) 489 2990.

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For Sale or Rent. Three-year-old, 4 B/R, home with double lockup garage. Five minutes from Lilydale Adventist Academy and Croydon Primary School. Also close to public transport. Phone (03) 739 5521.

Position Vacant. La Mancha Health Centre needs a female massage therapist who has a caring attitude and an interest in people. For details phone Matthew Steel on (066) 29 5138.

Attention Singles. Join our Cairns group at Lake Tinaroo for a retreat weekend, February 5-7. Share worship, discussions, activities and great fellowship. Write Coral, Box 333, Westcourt Qld 4870. Phone Hugh (070) 55 9048.

Caloundra Company. To church members visiting Caloundra. The company meets from 10 am. Caloundra Indoor Bowling Association hall, Burke Street, Golden Beach. Contact Grace Harrison on 92 2295.

Art Sale. Original watercolour landscapes. Framed or unframed, any size, colour (by commission). Prices start at \$35 unframed. 25% of proceeds donated to ADRA. For more information, contact Michelle Roy; (02) 489 4588 B/H, (02) 476 6027 A/H.

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Lilydale Academy Uniform Shop supplies a full range of SDA uniforms from Prep to Year 12. For inquiries and/or price list, phone (03) 728 2211 (academy) or A/H (03) 725 4322 (Joan Mitchell). The uniform shop will be open during the week of camp-meeting, January 18-22.

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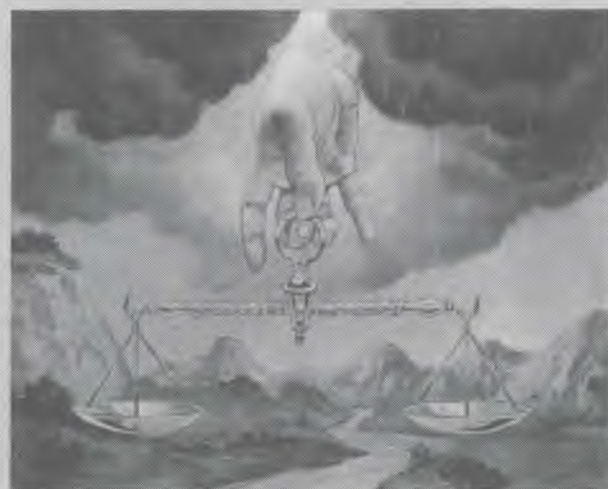
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