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BRITAIN ON THE MOVE!



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by **K. H. GAMMON**

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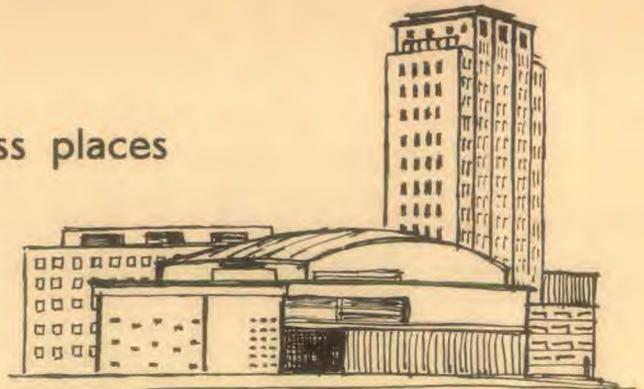


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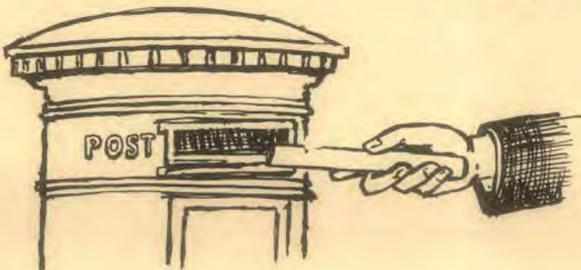
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SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



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Welfare Night

It is welfare night once again. Who will need our help this evening! We pray that we may have the things to supply the needs of those who come for help. Here is a sad sight—a family have arrived, the parents both blind, are led in by their twin sons of about thirteen years of age. Our hearts are deeply touched, for they are so cheerful and bright. We anxiously search for things to fit, and with God's help we are able to supply all their needs in a most wonderful way. How was it, the only two pairs of boy's shoes we had were the right size; or how was it when we looked for two blazers, and having found one, another seemed to turn up mysteriously—we had no others—just the two only!

On evenings such as this we thank God for the joy of working with Him in the welfare service. We believe these dear people are being led by the Holy Spirit. They conversed with us on the Bible and our faith, and the father remarked: "Yours is the only church which keeps the true Sabbath."

We have invited them to join in our worship on Sabbath and pray they may be won for Christ. We ask for your prayers on their behalf.

E. OLIVER,
Welfare Leader.

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GLOUCESTER

Baptism

In the presence of a capacity congregation, baptism by immersion of three persons was witnessed in our Gloucester church, on Sabbath afternoon, August 5th. Mr. Angel and Mrs. Stirling, both from Jamaica, have for some months expressed their wish to be received anew into fellowship of the Advent family, from which they had dissented. Mrs. George, the third candidate, is the deputy headmistress of a local primary school. All three, having given evidence of increasing spiritual responsibility, were warmly welcomed.

The church wish them every blessing as Christ is seen to grow in their lives, and His constraining love urges them into active service for the Advent cause. Pastor J. H. Bayliss spoke words of timely counsel and administered the rite.

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—"Colporteur Ministry," page 145.



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YOUTH

SEPTEMBER, 1967

8,000 ADVENTIST YOUTH ATTEND CONGRESS

BRITISH GROUP VISITS CZECHOSLOVAKIA

by our special correspondent

VIENNA, romantic capital of Austria, was host to over 8,000 Seventh-day Adventist youth meeting in a truly International Youth Congress during the last week of July. Sponsored by the Southern and Central European Division of their church, these young people met daily in the vast, well-appointed

Wilmer Stad Halle. A delegation of seventy young people led by Pastors S. Howard Parkin and Peter Read represented the Adventist youth of Britain. Featured speakers included Pastor Theodore Lucas, World Missionary Volunteer leader, Pastor E. L. Minchin formerly of Britain and Australia, and Pastor J. P. Sund-

quist, MV secretary of the Northern European Division.

Key purpose of the Congress was expressed in the motto "WACH-ET"—"WATCH" displayed in six languages above the mammoth platform. This Biblical concept was chosen because of its contemporary relevance. By sermon and tableaux



Motorcampers exploring the shops in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

the theme was reinforced. If youth will finish their God-given task and take others with them to the Kingdom then constant readiness must be the pattern of daily living.

The most impressive presentation of this theme for many was the five-part pantomime given one evening. Preceded by months of planning its success was certain. A nurse on night duty fails to answer just one of many emergency calls. Though her response had been prompt, on this occasion there is neglect and the patient dies—"WATCH." A railwayman neglects to close the gates of a level-crossing just once and a fatal crash results.—"WATCH!" A girl refuses again and again to grant her female favours before marriage, and she is the only one out of an otherwise promiscuous group to be married happily.—"WATCH!!!" A sleeping sentry fails in his duty to warn his companions of the enemy's approach, and dies with his friends.—"WATCH!!!" In a place of so many languages, this pantomime was



Karin Ohman photographing a friendly Czech guard at the border.

Minibuses returning from Bratislava—inside Czechoslovakia.



the easiest to understand. The masterful timing and good sense shown in the lighting also enforced the watchword.

Thursday night was designated International Night. Each major group gave a characteristic performance which often resulted in a physical reaction from the audience. Fingers clicking, hands clapping and feet tapping gave evidence of audience appreciation. In their glittering garbs Poles and Czechs presented their folk music as did the Yugoslavs. The Germans brought a brass band and two choirs; the French their choir; the Swiss their yodellers; the Italians—the inevitable, but most delightful, tenor; the Spanish and the Portuguese their folk-dancers. The Moroccans in their baggy-type trousers contrasted with the American academy brass band in the maroon blazers. The host Austrians brought on their young ladies in pastel coloured crinolines and bonnets singing the "Blue Danube." They were like so many little ships sailing sedately onto the stage escorted by their gallant partners.

High point of inspiration was the closing service on the Sabbath evening. Pastor Lucas appealed to the youth to specifically pledge themselves for God's service within the framework of the denomination. God's presence is not necessarily automatic in these great assemblies

but on this evening the Holy Spirit was certainly seen at work. "If you were scared, you wouldn't be here," was the world youth leader's challenge. Hundreds responded to the call to train for full-time work as ministers, colporteurs, businessmen, medical missionaries and teachers. The dedicatory prayer for this consecration, which was also the conclusion of the congress, was given by Pastor Marius Fridlin, President of the Southern European Division of Seventh-day Adventists.



John Bayes and Karin Ohman at the "food business."



Happy delegates typifying the international nature of the congress.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA VISITED

Seventy British MV's crossed over into Czechoslovakia for a day visit during the recent Vienna Youth Congress. Their destination was Bratislava (population 260,000) one time former capital of the Hungarian Empire, now a provincial city of Czechoslovakia, a few miles east from the Austrian border. Their point of entry was Berg and after only one and a half hours of necessary border formalities for such a large group of people and vehicles, the convoy was on its way.

The tourist brochure described Bratislava as a prosperous and happy place since its liberation by the

Soviet armies in 1945. Certainly the measure of prosperity seen was a credit to the people of that country so often down-trodden and oppressed in the past. The swift Danube flows past the castle on the hill, the flower beds blossom in the centre, and the large new industrial area flourishes south of the modern bridge. Plenty of good public transport is provided by smart new buses taking folk through the wide, cobbled streets past buildings and churches of great beauty.

Fruit was cheap by British standards and records of best quality at half the price of a comparable disc

at home. Great kindness characterized the inhabitants. One lady actually took our group about a mile out of her way to show us to a money-exchange bureau.

Quaintness best describes the old part of the city. In one street are two houses visited by Liszt and Haydn. There was definite evidence that Bratislava is still a great, cultural centre and the MV's regretted that their stay was necessarily so brief. It did provide a background of understanding and appreciation of our Adventist youth from this country.

ROUND AND ABOUT

With the MV Societies

LONDON young people have been inspired by the crusading spirit of the young American students from the Adventist, Andrews University. This group has travelled from church to church seeking to inspire youth to work for youth. One of the first churches to respond was **EDMONTON**. Their efforts are reported by **Gwenda Rogers**.

"Many of the young people of the Edmonton church attended the Youth Rally at the New Gallery Centre, and, inspired by Pastor Minchin's address, decided that it was time to start youth evangelism in Edmonton. We met with the group of young men from Andrews University and they suggested that we conduct a religious survey among the young people of our area as they were doing among young people in other parts of London. The aim of this survey was to find the climate of religious feeling and to invite anyone showing interest in Bible Study to a discussion group held in a churchmember's home. Here the significance of the Bible's teaching at the present time would be considered.

"We met on a Thursday evening to go out with the survey forms for the first time. Some of us were understandably apprehensive. It is not easy to approach someone in the street and ask them for their views on religion, but this is what we had to do. Most people would have been only too happy to participate in any other survey, but a religious one—oh no!

"There were many different reactions to our questions, but by far the most common was, 'Religion? You must be joking, that went out years ago!' Apparently Christianity just is not psychedelic enough for this generation. There were some who were interested though, and thirteen of them promised to come to the discussion group held by Dr. Heppenstall and Gary Stanhiser of the American group. Unfortunately, only two people came. Once again we went out with the survey and four people attended the following week.

"At this stage it is too early to know the results of this venture, but all of our group would like to urge other young people to embark on a campaign such as this because, although you will probably be met with hostility by some, you will be blessed as you work to bring others to Christ."

Well there's the report and the challenge. How about the other groups? Please write and tell us how your faith-sharing activities are progressing. Your accounts will bring encouragement to others.

MV's from Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire recently broke new ground in their activities by a week-end camp. **Lorraine Frost of SPALDING** reports:

After much excitement and planning, the youth camp took place over the week-end of July 14th-16th. For some of us this was the first Adventist camp we had ever attended. Also, it was the first camp to be held in the Lincolnshire area for many years.

The site itself was at the Vicarage, Great Casterton, three miles north of Stamford, close to the A1, yet in very beautiful surroundings. (Great Casterton being an old Roman fort.)

Young people from Kettering, Northampton, Wittering, Stamford and Spalding joined together in worshipping God and enjoying various activities over the week-end. Everyone made the best of the good weather. The meetings, taken by Pastor P. Read, the camp leader, were held out in the sunshine beside a winding stream. We had fun trying our hand at cooking our own meals and sleeping under canvas. After Morning Watch and

Peterborough and district MV's
at their local camp.



breakfast on Sunday morning we all took part in a recreational period. Finally, the packing had to be done and the tents were lowered and rolled away ready for another camp.

As the transport to our different homes arrived, all of us, I think, were very reluctant to leave. We thank Pastor Read for the time he spent with us and the inspiration we all gained and we look forward to another camp—God willing—next year.

The JMV's of **NEWBOLD CHURCH** put on a concert-style music programme on Sunday, July 16th, in the Salisbury Hall. The artists taking part were aged 8-13 years. Directed by Mr. R. W. Scarr, Mrs. E. Scarr and Miss Elizabeth Vine, they presented a variety of music to an appreciative audience of parents, friends and summer school students.

In addition to piano solos and duets there was a very creditable performance by a Brass Ensemble playing two Handel marches. The young musicians were Martin Scarr, first trumpet; Ian Graham, second trumpet; Graham Scarr, horn; Robert Priestley, first trombone; and Marcus Shrimpton, second trombone. In addition, each of the ensemble played a solo during the evening's programme.

Other pianists were Valmae Graham, Ulla Luukko, Alison Lindsay, Carolyn Hales, Shirley Hall, Ann Priestley, Edward Vick, Jr., and Elizabeth Woodfield.

This programme was a most fascinating indication of the value of musical training and we would encourage other societies to develop the musical talents of their juniors as far as is possible.

Here is an account of the first **GRANTHAM** Investiture, reported by **D. McClure**

IT was on Sabbath, June 24th, that the first investiture service was held in Grantham. Nineteen happy children came marching into the Stanborough Press chapel, carrying their banners.

After the prayer was offered by one of the JMV's, Gordon Lethbridge, a welcome was extended to all by the acting JMV leader, Graham Nicholson, who stated that we were very happy to have Pastor Peter Read, North England Conference MV

secretary, present for this occasion.

It was then the children's turn to demonstrate how well they had been trained and had learned the various requirements for their courses. The four Busy Bees recited and sang and looked really "grown up" with their uniforms on. Next came the Helpers and Friends. It was thrilling to hear the children repeat the Scripture passages, and we pray they may always be fortified in their spiritual lives by the Word of God.

There was also a practical demonstration of tying knots, and it was clear that all the children had been working hard for after Pastor Read had presented the scarves and badges to the group, he had over forty honours and pre-junior honours badges to give out.

This work was accomplished because of the dedicated leadership of Brother G. Nicholson and Sisters V. Meredith and B. Lethbridge. These two ladies often stayed behind after teaching all day in the church

Happy Grantham
JMV's with their
leaders after their
investiture.



school to help train the children, and Brother Nicholson gave up many evenings over the weeks, which was truly appreciated by the parents as well as the children.

Pastor Read gave an inspiring talk to the juniors, encouraging them to

follow the Master in diligent service. After the closing hymn and benediction, the children all marched out in an orderly manner, happy to have accomplished something worth while, and inspired to be true Missionary Volunteers for Jesus.

WHEN YOU'RE SO FAR DOWN

by M. WALTON

From time to time scripts are submitted to YOUTH unsolicited. Here **Mike Walton**, camper extraordinary and teacher at Hyland House School, Walthamstow, takes the line of a popular song as the starting point for his meditation.

"When you're so far down the gutter looks like up to you."
Bob Lind.

EVERYBODY craves friendship. Not even those who claim to prefer their own company would be happy if left entirely on their own for a really long time. Each of us needs the companionship of other human beings. Each of us needs the stimulus that is given by exchanging ideas and by recreation in the company of others of similar tastes. It would be a poor man indeed who voluntarily kept himself to himself, to the extent of never joining in any communal activity.

There are people who very rarely enjoy company. This is not their own choosing: they are misfits or outcasts. Perhaps they have never reached farther than the fringes of companionship because of a disease or deformity that prevents effective communication. Perhaps their mental equipment prevents them from

sharing other people's ideas. Or, perhaps they are that one person in a thousand who tries to fit into society, but whom society rejects.

Our human society is essential to us, and valuable: through it we become what we are.

We are also members of a wider society. We are members of God's many intelligent creations, and as such, we should be able to enjoy society with them. This is our right by our creation, and our privilege by our faculty of intelligent thought. It is a right that we very rarely use, for we are outcasts from this Universal Society. We suffer from a disease more deadly than tuberculosis, polio, and cancer rolled into one, and the healthy members of Universal Society must make us outcasts lest they, too, be infected with our sickness.

We have allowed ourselves to sink so far below the intellectual level enjoyed by our fellow created beings, that we are unable to appreciate the things that please them. Our gnarled and diseased intelligences are so limited that useful communication has become impossible. We are, indeed, "so far down" the gutter should "look like up" to us. But so often, we no longer have the mental equipment even to recognize our state.

Happily, our disease (which spiritual physicians call "sin") has a more hopeful prognosis than the dreaded earthly diseases to which I have likened it. No permanent cure has yet been found for tuberculosis, though people are frequently saved from the effects of it. By the time a sufferer from polio reaches medical help, it is often too late to help him. But this disease of sin has a simple and permanent remedy. Jesus said: "Healthy people have no need of a doctor, but those who are ill: I have not come to call just men but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31,32, Moffatt's translation.

The divine physician has prescribed, and dispensed, the remedy for the disease of sin. "God proves His love for us by this, that Christ died for us when we were still sinners." Rom. 5:8, Moffatt's translation. From where you lie—lower than the gutter—look up to Jesus. You need only trust Him for His remedy to cure you for time and for eternity from the ghastly disease of sin.

Then, made spiritually healthy, you can leave the degradation and filth of your gutter and rejoin Universal Society, knowing that you can be accepted into its perfection.

Have you looked up to Jesus today?

2,000 MILES BY MINIBUS TO VIENNA

FROM Watford to Wien, a fleet of white minibuses followed by faithful OCO, the supply van, were the amazement of Europe. One minibus filled to capacity with happy, waving British young people is enough to shock any staid German policeman, but five vehicles all bearing a crowd of exuberant waving folk caused dreamers to wake up and stare—even to wave back, for Motorcamp 1967 to the youth congress at Vienna was on the move.

In all, the fleet consisted of eight vehicles—five minibuses, one car, OCO, and the food van. However, our little convoy was not always so compact. A few hundred miles driving on the Autobahns with various stops along the way gradually separated us out into groups of about two, except for OCO, which was always a "group" on its own.

by MONICA VINE

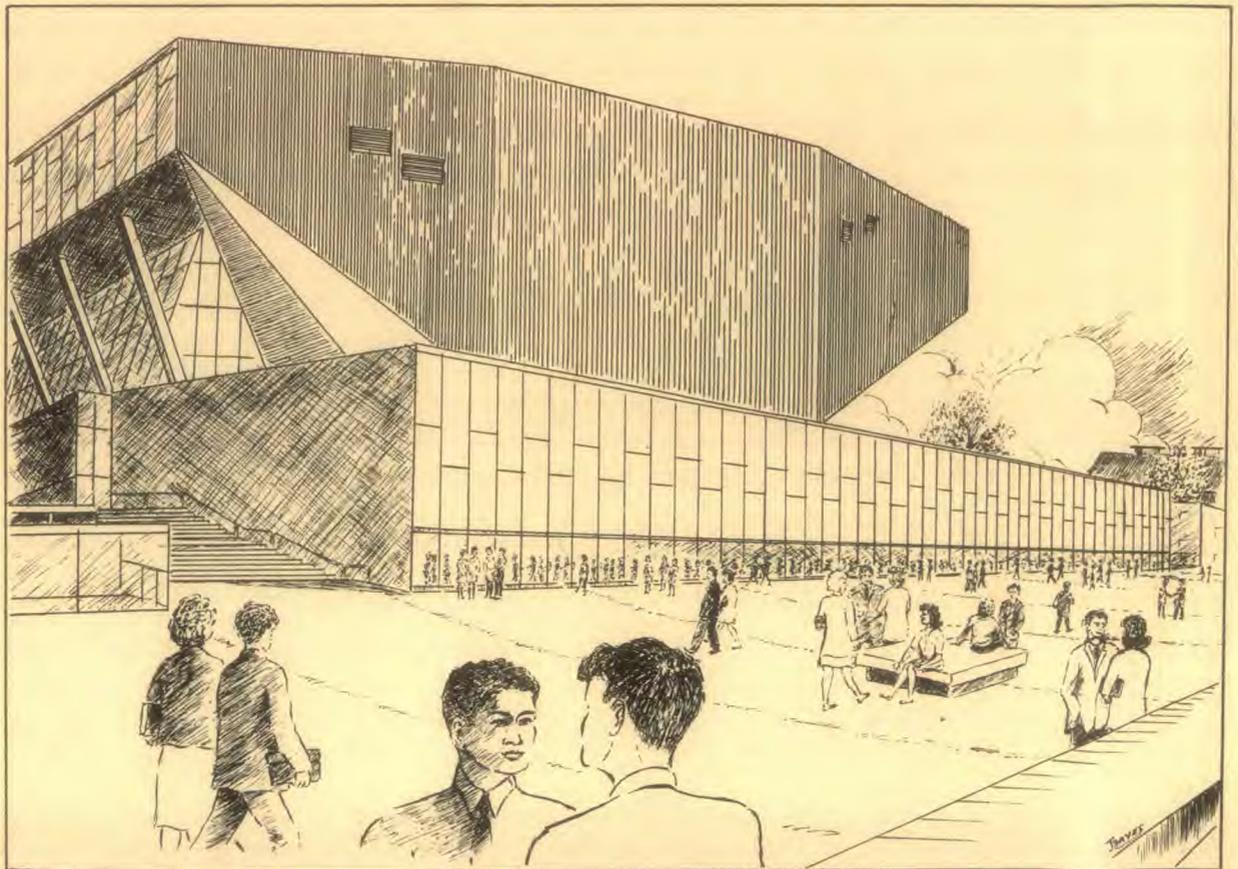
The theme of the camp was "Marching to Zion." It is said that an army marches on its stomach, and after two weeks of repeated separations from the food van, we began to realize the truth of this statement. As the days passed, we learned to march on sheer determination and enjoy every minute. The laughter and singing in the minibuses proved that we were succeeding. Talk centred around men versus women and Britain versus the world—two thought-provoking subjects which kept us going for hours between singing and dozing sessions.

Sometimes our determination was sorely tried as on our first night when we, complete novices, found

ourselves pitching tent in the dark; and the time we lost Pastor Parkin on a visit to Cologne; on the day the fan belt came off; the many times we lay helplessly in the sweltering heat, our feet on the kettle-hot engine; and the occasion when we drove all night after a six-hour session with OCO. All experiences strengthened rather than weakened our determination to keep marching, to be cheerful and to enjoy it.

The little hardships we experienced were amply counterbalanced by the wonderful time we had enjoying the scenery of the places we visited. Through magnificent pine-clad mountains, past flower-decked chalets and sparkling mountain torrents, we journeyed to Vienna.

Each campsite seemed better than the last as we went deeper into the mountains. After one particularly



Sketch of John Bayes of Stadthalle, Vienna.



Brian Jeffrey's car which led the motor cavalcade.

YOUTH LEADERS AT VIENNA STRESS CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGE

"How can we differ from the moonfaced thousands in Trafalgar Square? How can we face the challenge of godlessness and crime?" questioned Pastor E. L. Minchin at the recent Vienna Youth Congress. "Only by allowing God to take control again in our own lives," was his answer. "As with Esther, so with us—we are called to the Kingdom for this very time. We are to come to the world with our Bible in one hand, the newspaper in the other, and relate the two, thus giving to the world this heaven-born, heaven-blessed, heaven-bound message," counselled the beloved pastor.

Referring to Sir Francis Chichester's epic voyage, Pastor J. P. Sundquist reminded the youth that among this intrepid mariner's instruments was a brown box—an off-course alarm. This sailor could not afford to be wrong. "In this day of moral laxity how much less can we afford to be off-course standard-wise," implored the speaker.

VIENNA VIGNETTES

- Following the pattern of recent Adventist Youth Congresses, the proceedings at Vienna were translated simultaneously into German, French, Italian, Czech, Spanish and Portuguese. Transistor receivers complete with headphones were provided for each delegate.

- While to some of the British delegation the vast congress group was simply faces without names, those who had studied at Newbold found frequent recognition possible and numerous reunions took place. Particularly Robert Vine met his former college room-mate Milan Sudareyevich, who conducted the large Yugoslavian choir. "I never had an inkling he knew any music,

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hot day, we arrived early at our campsite, and were overjoyed to find a beautiful lake surrounded by mountains. Within minutes the camp was deserted, every camper was submerged.

That night, under the wonderful starry sky, we were able to listen to, and truly appreciate the evening worship talk. We had been on a strenuous march, but it was worth it. If marching on earth brought us to so beautiful a place, surely our spiritual marching would take us even further.

Brussels, Passau, Nuremberg, Vienna, Bratislava, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg, Zurich, Rheims; from Belgium to Czechoslovakia, bright jewels strung across the breadth of Europe—and we had visited them all. A continuous march, demanding at the time, was a small price to pay for the sun and flowers of Salzburg, the spiritual fellowship at the Congress, the fun at camp. We began to realize that each time we banged in our bent tent pegs with shoes, through lack of a mallet; every time we peeled potatoes with blunt knives by torchlight; every time we fought through a forest of guy-ropes (and guys); we were enjoying every min-

ute. If life's little hardships are so pleasant, we surely can march to Zion rejoicing.

A holiday consists of more than places, and on this one, personalities played a strong part in making it so enjoyable. Ken Hill, the field-marshal of our army, managed (with our help) to fit ten tents into a space big enough for five at Innsbruck. Every morning he led us through a ceremony of litter-lifting, to the amazement of other campers.

John Bayes, the imperturbable Englishman in charge of the food van, served out rations with unflagging cheerfulness, aided by Bible worker Miriam Davies.

The drivers of OCO must surely be remembered with particular admiration, being the ones who had to nurse the weakest vehicle back to health many times.

We all appreciate what a monumental task of organization this motorcamp was, and our particular thanks are due to Pastor Parkin which were shown tangibly in the beautiful leather brief-case presented to him as a reminder of the holiday of a lifetime—but our greatest thanks are to God for travelling mercies, and spiritual blessings.

MV ANNOUNCEMENTS

★ EVER WONDERED IF ANGELS STILL VISIT MEN TODAY AS IN BIBLE TIMES?

Watch the next issue of YOUTH for a first-hand up-to-date account of an amazing recent experience. A YOUTH special.

★ DID YOU ATTEND CAMP THIS YEAR?

If you did you'll want to read the reports and see your pictures. If you didn't you'll still want to read all about it as you gather enthusiasm for next year. See it all in the October issue of YOUTH.

★ HOW ARE YOUR "SHARE YOUR FAITH" PROJECTS DEVELOPING?

Autumn is the golden time for these endeavours. Plan and work now so that some friend will be ready to join the Church in the spring.

★ ARE YOU FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE?

Are you a young man? If so there is a young man in Germany who would like to have you as a pen-pal. Please send your name and address to: The Editor, YOUTH, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts.

★ WANT TO READ SOMETHING THRILLING?

Something that will make you feel proud to be an Adventist? Try "The Man Who Refused to Die" by Barrie Wynne.

Talking Point

"To His servants Christ commits 'His goods'—something to be put to use for Him. He gives to every man his work. Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—**Christ's Object Lessons**, page 326, 327.

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let alone his being a conductor," Robert is reported as exclaiming. "But conduct Milan did, superbly!"

- A "Youth in Action" session at the Congress reported that in Rome three MV's have been unashamed to testify of God in clubs, dance halls, and on the street. In South America the ministers are hard put to trying to keep pace with the examining and resultant baptizing of those brought to the faith by enthusiastic MV's sharing their faith.
- MV's report that the Danube is

not blue after all. Varying shades of brown would be a more accurate description, but it's too late to change the image now! Most agreed that Vienna was much larger and more open than they had expected.

- British delegates to the Congress were housed in the Poetsleinsdorf Youth Hostel. Set in beautiful grounds the facilities were described as "excellent." Comfortable beds and the luxury of sheets were enjoyed by the motor campers. The food was described as "generally good."

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TAUNTON

Youth Evangelism

AFTER a month's hard work, these four young people from the Taunton church collected their prizes.

They have been taking part in a competition, to see how many people they could enrol in the young people's VOP Bible studies. The winner, Stephen Creech of Dunster, Somerset, received an illustrated children's Bible; while the three runners-up had fine book prizes.

I am very proud of these young lads, none of whom is a churchmember. All that remains now is a follow-up plan of letters and visits, to over forty young boys and girls.

This is the kind of work which will draw people to Christ in these last days.

BARRIE A. LEETE,
Y.P. Leader.

TROWBRIDGE

Another Light in Wiltshire

WILTSHIRE is a large county and a thriving one, but it has been almost a "dark county" with regard to the Seventh-day Adventist message, having only one church, namely Swindon in the north-east, and a small company at Salisbury. Now however, we have great cause for rejoicing in that a strong company has been formed in the west in Trowbridge, which is the administrative centre of Wiltshire.

The handful of churchmembers who live in Trowbridge, and have been meeting together for some time now, had worked hard without seeing any fruitage for their labours—until recently. Now other members have moved into the district, and there are very promising prospects of new members coming into the church. Altogether an average of twenty-five souls, adults and children, meet together from Sabbath to Sabbath.

On Sabbath, July 29th, we were made very happy when our South England Conference President, Pastor E. H. Foster, came to Trowbridge and organized the company. This event has moved every member to go forward with increased zeal to spread this last message to the perishing world around us.

Wiltshire is the prehistoric heartland of these islands, and is full of interest, with its stone circles at Stonehenge and Avebury, its long barrows and round barrows, not to mention famous houses, such as Longleat and Wilton among others; ancient churches,

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beautiful villages (Castle Combe is claimed to be the most beautiful in Britain!) and historic market towns. Edington, near Trowbridge, is said to be the site of Ethandun where Alfred the Great finally defeated the Danes.

Why not explore Wiltshire? It would be very rewarding. And if you are around Trowbridge on a Sabbath, you will be more than welcome to meet with us at:

The Friends' Meeting House,
Shails Lane,
Trowbridge.

This little meeting house is just behind the Bus Station. Services are at the usual times, namely:

Sabbath school at 10 a.m.
Divine service at 11.15 a.m.

JOAN SWAINE.



New Zealand Veteran Visits Press

It's not often the Press is visited by an ex-M.P., but such was our privilege recently when New Zealand's Brother J. B. Donald, J. P., with his two daughters, Miss Doris Donald and Mrs. Leoni Lawson, dropped in to express their good wishes and interest. (August 30th.)

Brother Donald is a youthful 88, has more vigour than men forty years younger, is director of the large trading firm of A. B. Donald Ltd. with eleven branches

around New Zealand, and which serves the South Sea Islands. He plans to retire at 90.

Brought up a Presbyterian, he became an Adventist at 40. Contributing factors were a copy of *Bible Readings* bought by his mother-in-law, and a sermon by the Bishop of Auckland in which he said: "Sunday is not the Sabbath." Brother Donald was convinced of the Sabbath truth after studying *Bible Readings*.

He was elected Liberal Member of Parliament for Auckland in 1930. Prime Minister Sir Joseph Ward called him his "white haired boy." For some years he served as Minister of Customs, Industries, and Commerce and was Postmaster General in 1930.

He was elected for parliament at the same time as New Zealand's present Prime Minister, Keith Holyoake, with whom he is on Christian name terms. He has twice declined knighthood.

Brother Donald had with him the script of a book he has written on the Advent Message. He testified that the truth has always meant more to him than anything else.

We asked him his formula for success in life. He replied: "Give yourself fully to Christ, and then don't worry."

His favourite texts: "Your life is hid with Christ in God," Colossians 3:3.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matthew 6:34.

"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:11.

EDITOR.

NORTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE



WOLVERHAMPTON

Farewell Service

A SAD farewell was said to Pastor Brian W. Ball at the Oxford Street, Wolverhampton church at a special service on Saturday evening, August 5th. As token of the affection and regard with which he is held, the church was full. The three speakers that evening had two things in common: sadness at the reason for which they had met and the fact that none had notes. Pastor Ball, in his address, said that this was the first time in his sermons and talks at that church that he had not prepared what he was going to say—he wanted it to come from the heart and bade us "stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught." 2 Thessalonians 2:15. He said that Wolverhampton would always have a special place in their memory and esteem as this was where the two youngest children were born.

The church elder remarked that in fifteen years this was the first farewell service he could remember; and whereas ministers usually stopped but two or three years, Pastor Ball had remained for six.

The leader of the West Park church paid tribute to Pastor Ball's leadership and yet patience in Bible studies. Pastor Ball was asked to come back and preach to them in the near future. He was wished every success in the advanced studies that he is undertaking at London University.

C. H. GREAVES,

Press Relations Secretary.

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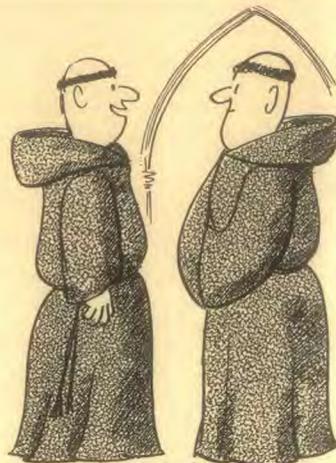
INSTEAD of the usual divine service on Sabbath, August 5th, Pastor G. Emm had arranged at short notice to baptize Miss Barbara Cowling, a nurse who was about to leave Bradford to take a course of midwifery in Watford. She desired to be a member of the church before she left.

Barbara first heard our message through a fellow Seventh-day Adventist nurse. Her baptism was the culmination of faithful seed-sowing by her friends.

The right hand of fellowship was given by our pastor, and elder, Brother Schofield. We pray God's richest blessing will ever be with her.

G. GRANT,

Press Relations Secretary.



Noel Watson.

"Let's be sporting and suggest that Jerusalem be administered by the Seventh-day Adventists."

WE thought MESSENGER readers would be interested in this "Road to Unity" feature published in a recent issue of the *Methodist Recorder*. In the light of Jerusalem's traditional troubles one might question the "sporting" nature of the suggestion; yet we appreciate its friendly connotation.—Ed.

Fruitage of Lay Campaign

LAST autumn the members of the Liverpool church organized a lay evangelistic campaign, in which Brother W. Cowin led out, assisted by Brother W. Voce. A number of non-members attended these meetings. Through the excellent presentations, Miss N. Bridgewood was led to make her decision to be baptized. Miss Bridgewood first came into contact with the church through a Voice of Prophecy card, and has studied with the Voice of Prophecy school during the past two years. For about a year she has most faithfully attended Sabbath school and church. During the six months prior to her baptism, after she had expressed her desire to be baptized, the minister held weekly Bible studies with her, which culminated in her baptism on Sabbath, June 24th, by Pastor R. V. Edwards. The warmth with which the Liverpool members welcomed Sister Bridgewood into their fellowship was shown by the exquisite floral decorations of the church for this special day. It is our desire that God will grant Sister Bridgewood His abiding blessing with good health and the strength to work for Him and witness to His grace.

RONALD V. EDWARDS.

Courageous Witness

WE took a recent opportunity to hear the Rev. Ian Paisley, a man being heard about more and more outside his native Ulster. He was addressing a Gospel

meeting in Derbyshire, prior to a "Great Protestant demonstration and Reformation rally" in Trafalgar Square on September 2nd. Rev. Paisley is the Moderator of the Free Presbyterian church in Northern Ireland and has an increasing following. We listened to his account of his imprisonment last year through holding fast to his conviction. Since this witness Rev. Paisley was invited to a nation-wide tour, and spoke at rallies through Canada and the U.S.A.

Rev. Paisley has a powerful voice, accustomed to open air preaching, and he is using it not only against Roman Catholicism with its blasphemous doctrines, but against the World Council of Churches and the current trend everywhere to get as close to Rome as possible.

Each issue of the Rev. Paisley's fortnightly newspaper, *The Protestant Telegraph* carries reports of Roman Catholic actions and heresies. "Our union with Rome will mean the end to Christian liberty. . . . The individual will be subject to the authority of the priest. . . . This is the unity you will eventually get when you work for unity as advocated by the World Council of Churches, who are fast heading to Rome." The latest issue reports on the recent formation of the "English Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin as a means of subverting the last vestige of Protestantism within the Church of England. This society is setting out with the avowed aim of promoting mariological dialogue at various levels and to encourage ecumenical devotion to 'Our Lady.'"

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witness, especially those involving politics, but here is a man who has the courage of his convictions to speak against the trends of today, which he sees as a fulfilment of Bible prophecy. Pastor R. D. Vine and I were interested to listen to the "positive" side of his witness in the "old fashioned" Gospel tent meeting style and his presentation of the grace of Christ.

May we, as Adventists, be unafraid to witness to the saving grace of the Gospel in our lives and be as devoted in leading others out of the current Romish and apostate Protestant darkness into the light of truth.

D. McCLURE,
Assistant Editor,
Stanborough Press Ltd.



WHEELER-HANDYSIDES.—On July 2, 1967, the wedding was conducted in the Kingsview Seventh-day Adventist church, Toronto, of Vernetta Ann Handysides, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. D. J. Handysides to Dr. Charles Wheeler, of Rhodesia. The bride was dressed in a gown of white organza with a long matching veil and carried a white orchid surrounded by white roses with stephanotis and ivy. Bridesmaids were: Meldra Joy Choban, Anita Rodgers, Janet Handysides, and Rose Savatovich; and best man was Dr. Graham McMorland of Hamilton. The service was conducted by the bride's father Pastor D. J. Handysides. The happy couple, after greeting the 200 guests, bade farewell to begin, first their honeymoon to England, then their trip to South Africa, where Dr. Charles will be registrar of the King Edward Hospital, Durban, Natal, for a six months' period, before they return to set up their permanent home in Willowdale.

To them we give our best wishes rejoicing that yet another Christian home has been established.

MRS. L. STERRIT,
Press Relations Officer,
Kingsview Village Church.

HODGES-DUNBAR.—Bristol Central church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the morning of Sunday, August 6, 1967. Alan Hodges, young minister in the London area and a son of Bristol church, exchanged vows with Thelma Dunbar of the Irish Mission before a well-filled church of relatives, friends, and fellow believers. The bride, wearing a white classic gown and carrying deep cream roses and stephanotis, looked lovely as she walked slowly down the aisle on the arm of Mr. C. Small who gave her away. She was attended by her sister Ruby. The service was conducted by Pastor Roy Graham who afterward gave excellent counsel to the young couple. He was assisted by Pastor T. H. Fielding, the resident minister, who also officiated at the registry. The best man was Dalbert Elias. After the reception, the happy couple were given a rousing send-off as they left by car for a honeymoon in South Devon before taking up their united ministry in the New Gallery Centre, London. Our prayers for God's blessing follow them.

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ERRATUM

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Change of Address

WOULD all members and friends please note that the Scarborough members now meet at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5 Prospect Road.

Times of Services: Sabbath school 10.30 a.m.; Divine Service 11.30 a.m.; Prayer meeting 7.30 p.m. alternate Thursdays.

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A. COOPER, Pastor.

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