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## ABC IS ALIVE AND WELL and living at The Stanborough Press

*Pastor Philip Anderson, newly appointed ABC manager, describes the service offered to the constituency by his organization.*

Despite what you may have heard, the ABC – Adventist Book Centre – still continues to serve the churches of the British Union. Recently the ABC has been integrated with The Stanborough Press to provide a complete book and magazine service. In this way it is hoped that both the literature-evangelists and the members will have access to all the literature the Church has to offer.

Our service has two parts. First we want you all to know what is available by way of good Adventist literature. We hope to have opportunities of showing it off by displays in the churches, at special days of fellowship, and at 'Open Days' in Watford and especially on 9 September at The Stanborough Press in Grantham. If you would like us to visit your church, please

ask your minister to invite us.

The second part of our service is involved in the supply of the literature which is ordered. For this we rely on the good services of the Lay Activities secretaries. Their orders are processed as soon as possible, and the dispatch department is constantly concerned to ensure that orders are sent as quickly and economically as possible. The current stock listing contains over 1,750 different items, so be sure you know what is available and please specify exactly what you require, then we can meet your needs. If you want information please write to me – Pastor Philip Anderson – at The Stanborough Press. I hope to have the opportunity of meeting you when I visit your church and am looking for ways of

improving the ABC service to you and your church.

Recently we tried a new idea of sending to each church a supply of the missionary book for 1979, *The Power and the Glory*, by Raymond H. Woolsey. In this way we tried to avoid the delay between the announcement of a new book and actually having it in hand. We plan to try the distribution of the new missionary magazine FOCUS in the same way. Of course, if a church can use more than we send, please order again as more are available and can be sent immediately.

The ABC and its staff exists to serve. We might take as our slogan one I saw recently in a large chain store: 'If we please, tell others. If we fail, please tell us first.'

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LTD.



*The Stanborough Press Ltd., is a successful institution providing a vital service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Britain; especially its valiant team of literature-evangelists and the dedicated Lay Activities departments of its congregations. These are the faces of the folk who provide the service. Among them, Dennis Archer, the manager, Tony Crouch, the treasurer, and Pastor Philip Anderson, the ABC manager; together with the highly-skilled work force who, under God, help make the Press the most modern — and they would say the most effective — institution in the British Union.*



## News in pictures



During the month of August the new building for the Adventist-owned rehabilitation hospital in Tromsø) North Norway, will be occupied. The project includes eight new houses for the staff and is the greatest single project undertaken in the West Nordic Union's history. It has cost about £18,000,000. It will be one of the most modern rehabilitation centres in Europe. Situated in beautiful surroundings, it is about three kilometres from the old institution which it will replace. The ninety-bed new institution has a floor area five times larger than the old building. The manager, Helge Andvik, reports that he is in desperate need of qualified staff to work as physiotherapists, nurses, secretaries, gardeners and drivers. If you require further information he invites you to write to him at this address: Nornorges Kurbad, PO Box 715, Tromsø, Norway.



Dr. Olavi Kari-Koskinen, the medical director of the Nigerian Union, reports the purchase of two mobile clinics. The vans, and the medical equipment they contain, were bought from the proceeds of the Missions Extension Campaign of 1977. The Nigerian Union want to express their special thanks to all who helped make this purchase possible.

This year the Missions Extension campaign will take place between 22—29 September. The Stanborough Press is preparing a special magazine — *FAMILY LIFE* — to be sold from door-to-door during this campaign. The profits from its sale will go to purchase other much-needed aids and supplies for the Church's world mission programme. We are looking to you for support.

PEKKA P. PELTONEN, Lay Activities director, NEWAD.

**QUESTIONS** — There are some questions that no one can answer — and most five-year-olds know which ones they are.

## FOCUS

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### Three Hundred New Bible Students in Birmingham

Members in the Birmingham area who were engaged earlier this year in the 'Go By Air' VOP distribution campaign will be delighted with news from the Bible School director. Following the Three Phase newspaper advertising, card distribution, and home visitation programme, 900 applicants have been received from the area and 307 have become active Bible students with the Correspondence Courses. Pastor K. F. Taylor estimates that if this programme could be duplicated in all our churches reflecting a similar response there would be 25,000 applications per year. This would be 11,000 more than all other sources of applications, including student recommendations, that are received at the present time. Churches interested in a similar outreach should contact their conference LA department or the VOP director.

G. MARTIN BELL

NBC Lay Activities director



# THE WAR IS OVER

The city itself looks like it was built yesterday by some giant who freaked out on Leggo. High-rise flats, rectangular blocks set on end, little boxes and big boxes made of tikki takki, as in the song, dominate the skyline.

But by the river, on the fringe, in the dock-land area time has stood still. The refuse of bygone ages shifts in the wind through the arteries of a once-thriving commercial community. Now the Georgian façades, crumbled and melancholy, hide the haunts of old soaks, loons, jades and vagabonds of every description.

Time was, and not so long ago, when – in search of higher learning among the Leggo – I picked my way delicately through the soaks and the loons, the Georgian façades and the bomb-sites twice a term to and from my homeward-bound ferry. The water-borne division of British Rail being even less reliable than its land-based division, I spent many luggage-encumbered hours by the gangway to the floating pontoon peering into the fog of the estuary for the appearance of the familiar paddle steamer. These hours gave me more opportunity than I welcomed at the time to imbibe the salt-spray, the ozone and the atmosphere.

## HUMAN JETSAM

By the gangway was a sea-shaken, brick-built shelter facing seaward. Around it slunk more of the city's human jetsam who looked as if they might disconnect my freckles for the price of a whisky. In it sat one solitary man. *Always the same man.* Rain, shine, snow or blow he was always there. On wild, winter nights when the ambitious ocean's salt flood threatened to sweep his shelter out to sea, he was there. On bitterly cold mornings when Jack Frost had been out riming the railings with his stiff brush, he was there. On balmy summer evenings, moon-dry, silent and airless, the shadows black without shading, the open places white without colour, he was there.

He was in late middle age, tall, and dressed in a shabby raincoat. His eyes were always fixed on some distant point on the rim of the horizon. What was he looking for? Why was he there? No matter what foulness the elements were discharging this voyager gave that man and his shelter a wide berth. There was deep unhappiness engraved on that face. And

something more – undefinable, ghastly.

## DUNKIRK

One day in late summer, when tides were unusually low, I munched on a British Rail sandwich and sat on an outdoor British Rail seat. My mind was full of Calvin, Bunyan and Baxter while thunder rolled and reverberated over hills of cloud . . .

'They're coppin' it at Dunkirk.'

In my pre-occupation I had been only dimly aware that a presence had settled down beside me. I was now only too aware that it had a voice. It was *him*.

The first scatters of rain were beginning to fall and I made my move for shelter; but he followed me.

'You got back all right then? So did I. There was bombs and shells and bullets. Don't know how we made it but we did . . . Got back home . . . whole street bombed out . . . our house, a direct hit . . . wife and kids gone, mother buried alive . . . George and Frank, me brothers, still in the thick of the shindy . . . expectin' 'em back . . . This might be them now.'

As the ferry disgorged its human cargo – trippers, shoppers, commuters – he searched the face of every man in the crowd pouring through the barrier for the features of George and Frank . . .

How many times had he gone through this ritual? How many times had that look of abject disappointment set in? What kept alive the hope that two long-lost brothers would return? Where did he spend his nights? Who fed him?

In the earnestness of youth, and before I realized that he sensed and felt and thought and experienced, but did not hear, I tried to tell him. The war was over. It had been over for more than twenty years. Dunkirk had receded into history.

All that filled his ears was the sound of gunfire, shells thundering, bullets whining, voices calling, frantically . . .

The war was over. But not in *his* head.

## TWO INTO ONE

'By his sacrifice (Jesus) . . . made in himself out of the two, Jew and gentile, one new man, thus producing peace. For he reconciled both to God by the sacrifice of one body on the cross . . . Then he came and told both you who were far from God and us who were near *that the war was over*' (Ephesians 2:15–17, J. B. Phillips).

The war between Jew and gentile – over. All barriers between man and

man – broken down. The battle to *earn* salvation, *deserve* what is beyond our deserts – ended. And all through the free gift of God's grace expressed in the cross. A gift wide open for all men to choose – Jew or gentile – that out of the two might be made one.

No longer Jew or gentile – but Christian. No longer bond or free – but Christian. No longer male or female – but Christian. No longer black or white – but Christian. No longer management or labour – but Christian.

No longer nation against nation, class against class, man against man; even a panacea held out for that unceasing civil war *within* man. All disunity, disharmony, differences, iron curtains, bamboo curtains, Berlin walls, and barriers of separation of all types and descriptions, torn down, crushed, dissolved, resolved, abolished – in Jesus.

In Jesus all are gathered into one. One Cause. One Mission. One all-encompassing purpose. One Voice. One Mind. One Fold. The cause, the mission, the purpose, the voice, the mind – of one Shepherd.

## PROGRESS TO NOWHERE

Through the Shepherd all life is not a downward road to cataclysm, a progress to nowhere, a treadmill to oblivion. It is an upward way to glory. It is a hope, live, burning, inextinguishable, in all experiences, through upturn and downturn. It is a joy that no man taketh from you. It is love that serves and wins and is catching. It is a peace that is lasting. It is unity and reconciliation, oneness. A progress in the family of God to the Kingdom of God.

Through Jesus the war is over.

But it lives on in the minds of some. The bullets still whine. The shells still rumble. The walls, the barriers that divide and enclose are still there. The treadmill is still in motion. The battle to earn what is beyond our power to earn, to deserve what is beyond our deserts rages, and takes its toll in dead and wounded and those who fall by the wayside unable to continue the fight.

No one has ever tried the religion of Jesus and found it wanting. Many have tried and found it difficult. And they have found it difficult because they have failed to grasp the first essential of the Gospel. The war is over. It was won at the cross on a green hill. Salvation has nothing to do with doing but with what has been done, nothing to do with achievement but what has been achieved. It is a gift to be accepted. Right living, a natural response to gift and Giver.

'Even though we were dead in our sins God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, gave us life together with Christ – it is, remember, by grace and not by achievement that you are saved – and has lifted us right out of the old life to take our place with him in Christ in the heavens.' Eph. 2:4–7, J. B. Phillips.

D. N. MARSHALL



The British Union has an excellent team of ministers. Men who are dedicated to the Cause of God, the completion of His work, the salvation of souls Jesus died for who live among the smoke-stacks, concrete jungles, neon-lit vanity fairs, green vales and stony hills of these islands perched off the northern shores of Europe. And the work in these islands is often hard, the terrain unyielding, the soil unproductive by comparison with other areas of the world field.

Britain has lost many workers to other lands, and is sorry to have lost them. Gaps have been left in the ministerial ranks.

Those who have graduated from Newbold have been insufficient in number to make up for those who have left for other lands and those who retire or die in harness. The ministry of every conference and mission has been under-strength.

Under these circumstances Britain has eagerly welcomed a not inconsiderable number of Avondale graduates to the ministry, citizens of Australia and New Zealand. They have adapted well to the tough conditions and lower living standards in Britain and are doing an excellent job.

In addition to the shortage of ministers there has also been a further problem. The ethnic balance among the ministry has not reflected the ethnic balance among the members. Britain has some black ministers, all first-class men; but we need many more.

This need has been voiced at a succession of Union and Conference sessions. The leadership in Britain have come to realize that, in order to right the balance, they must put out a Macedonian call to other fields: 'Come over to Britain and help us'.

The men who have been recipients of this call have, to a man, been – in the phrase of the Division secretary – of 'top drawer' quality. They have also been men of courage because they have seen the need and accepted the call. Some arrived in the middle of a bitterly cold winter, a few just before it, others in the chilly spring.

In every case they are men – and women; let us not forget their talented wives – whose worth has been demonstrated by experience. Britain is proud to have these men, their wives and families and MESSENGER is proud to welcome them. Their enthusiasm, ability and drive are, we are sure, the vital ingredients necessary to help invigorate the Cause in Britain.

EDITOR

There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.

FRANCIS BACON

# Welcome!

Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. David Hughes.



Pastor and Mrs. Hughes have come to Britain from California where Pastor Hughes was minister of three churches. He and his wife arrived on 28 March, and we trust they are settling in at their new home at Bexley in Kent. Pastor Hughes will care for Lewisham, Deptford and Peckham churches.

Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. Louis Randolph Preston and their four children.



The Prestons arrived on 2 April from Virginia Beach. Both the Prestons have high academic qualifications and a wide experience of the varied aspects of ministry. R. D. Prime has already welcomed them on behalf of the Holloway and Tottenham churches where they will minister. We now welcome them on behalf of the constituency as a whole.

Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. C. R. Perry and their three children.



Pastor and Mrs. Perry and their three children arrived amid deep snows and arctic blizzards on 12 January. We wish them a fruitful ministry in Battersea and Brixton. Pastor Perry entered denominational work in 1960 and his ministry has included the headship of the largest Adventist high school in the Inter-American Division, the secretariat of Sabbath School, Educational, Youth and Lay Activities departments at Conference level, as well as pastoral and evangelistic work. Immediately prior to coming to Britain Pastor Perry was secretary of the West Jamaica Conference.

Welcome to Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Reid and their two children.



The Reids arrived on 13 April. Pastor Reid, president of the West Jamaica Conference from 1966-75, has been at Andrews University, where he has been working on a doctorate. The Reids have settled in Bushey and Dr. Reid is now serving as secretary and Sabbath School director for the South England Conference. May God bless his leadership.



Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. B. E. Flynn and their two children.



Bruce and Pauline Flynn began work in Birmingham in October of last year. Pastor Flynn came to Britain from Washington DC. His ministry has been in both the USA and Jamaica. He has been headmaster of a school in Columbus, Ohio, and head of the Bible department of a college. The Flynn's are already proving their worth in Birmingham and enjoying good success.

Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. D. W. McFarlane and their daughter.



Donald and Mary McFarlane commenced work in the North British Conference in October. They came from Kingston, Jamaica, where Pastor McFarlane was minister of eleven churches! Since their arrival in Britain their daughter, Jodie, has been born.

## JOTSAM

Tradition means giving votes to that obscurest of classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to surrender to the arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking around.

G. K. CHESTERTON

Welcome to Pastor and Mrs. E. W. Howell and family.



Pastor Howell has been a principal, teacher, district pastor and departmental director at conference and union level in the Caribbean. We wish him and his wife Audrey, a teacher, and their children Richelle and Siegfried, God's richest blessings as they settle in Britain. Pastor Howell is to be Lay Activities, Welfare and Stewardship director of the South England Conference.

**It is our earnest prayer that God will prosper the ministry of these brethren and sisters as they labour for Him in the London and Birmingham conurbations and, in the case of Pastors Reid and Howell, in the position of leadership in the South England Conference. The challenge is great; may the fruits of their labours be many.**

## Viewpoint

### WARD END: Determination and Effort

In a school with which I have some connection, once a year, on Speech Night, they award a special cup. It is awarded to the student who, in the past twelve months, has distinguished himself or herself by dint of sheer hard slog, nose-to-the-grindstone and shoulder-to-the-wheel. We called it the 'Award for Determination and Effort'.

If the MESSENGER had the right to make an award for determination and effort above and beyond the commonly accepted frontiers of endeavour, it would herewith and heretofore be awarded to Pastor Stanley Hensman and the Ward End church, Birmingham.

In fact, to be frank, I might have awarded it twice or three times this year already . . .

to Samuel Nugent who, in foul, wintry weather, went on a sponsored walk from Nottingham City Centre to Gretna Green to raise money for Top Valley's building fund. The journey was two hundred miles and the money raised was £950.

to Langley members who, twice a year, contribute their entire wage packets to their building fund.

to the great many more moving stories of self-sacrifice I have received this year and forgotten, but will doubtless be reminded of in writing, by those who read this piece and feel left out.

To all I would say, may you not escape the blessing that is coming to you.

But at this moment Ward End are through to the finals and the team most likely to take this month's cup.

Why so?

Pastor Hensman and a part of his congregation have just completed a one-hundred-mile round-trip-marathon from Birmingham Ward End to Oxford - on their bikes. Despite bike problems, they made it back in record time. Breathless and exhausted, Pastor Hensman was on the telephone to tell me so a minute ago.

When all the money is in they hope to have raised £500 for Ward End's building fund.

And that's not all.

On 29 July they are planning a sponsored twenty-five-mile walk.

On 5 August there's another sponsored bike ride, this time to Stratford-on-Avon.

At the end of August, there will be a sponsored swim - All in aid of the Ward End building fund.

In the ride to Oxford Pastor Hensman was sponsored by his next-door neighbour for £100.

And in case you think that they are after getting all the money from *other people's pockets*, you might like to know that every wage-earning member at Ward End is planning to contribute £100 out of his or her own pocket; and that pre-wage earning youngsters are going to give £40.

So who said the spirit of the pioneers is dead?

In case it's catching, I shall tactfully slip in the address to which donations may be sent at this point:

Mrs. Hamilton, Ward End Building Fund,  
c/o Pastor S. D. Hensman,  
73 Marpit Lane,  
Four Oaks,  
Sutton Coldfield,  
W. Midlands, B75 5PJ.

At times and in *some* quarters one can derive the very strong impression that the modern Adventist is rich and increased with colour tellies, posh cars with all the optional extras and is hoping to snore his way through the Second Advent (watch out for letters in your next MESSENGER taking me up on this phrase from those whom the cap has fitted).

At such times and in *this* quarter it is great to hear news of a church who have found themselves a cause and are fighting no-holds-barred to see it accomplished. Not satisfied with talk, they get out and *do* great things for God. May their example inspire you, as it has inspired me. We shall look forward to the successful realization of Ward End's objective and the erection of a representative Seventh-day Adventist church in that quarter of Birmingham.

EDITOR



# Church news round up

## SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS FOR 150 YEARS



*It is a rare and special privilege to be able to say 'I've been a Sabbath School member for 75 years'.*

*It is even more remarkable when a husband and wife can both say the same and can recall 150 years of faithful Sabbath School attendance between them.*

*Glasgow church can boast such a special couple in Brother and Sister Andrew Barr, who have attended Sabbath School since childhood.*

*We were pleased to have the president of the North British Conference, Pastor K. A. Elias, in Glasgow to add his congratulations to 'Andrew and Katie', when we paid them special tribute. We presented them with chocolates and flowers on this very happy and important occasion.*

*Brother and Sister Barr are a real encouragement and a shining example to those of us who are younger, to be faithful in Sabbath school attendance and Bible study. We wish them God's blessing. May our Sabbath School long be blessed with their presence.*

*MRS. R. LOGAN, Sabbath School superintendent, Glasgow*

## CAMP HILL: Community Service

The Community Service Department of the Camp Hill church, led by Sister Cole, presented to a substantial audience an enlightening and occasionally humorous 'Rally' at their home base on 14 May.

Sister Cole first presented a brief report of a welfare weekend spent recently at Eastwood Grange. This had highlighted and emphasized the need for Seventh-day Adventists to become much more involved in the community in which they live. It was obvious that in this way many more opportunities to present and introduce Christ to the community would be created.

This was a good cue to introduce the visiting speaker, Mr. Jordan, from the Voluntary Services Section of the Social Services Department. He gave some very enlightening suggestions as to how the church could help in the particular area of work in which he was involved. It was emphasized that community work of any type requires sacrifice to ensure success. Once this was appreciated the church could respond by identifying things which were going wrong in the community, and by speaking out loudly and clearly about them. A slightly more ambitious task – and perhaps a more urgent one – would be to help to provide directly for some of the needs which are apparent.

Mr. Jordan emphasized the need of an educational programme to cope with the large number of children who are in care. He also spoke of ways of helping folk through the problems, traumas and loneliness of old age.

There is a need for short stay accommodation for the elderly and lonely, staffed by well-trained, sympathetic personnel. The church could consider helping in this area. It might be possible to work alongside or together with the Local Authority in such matters – a situation which the Local Authorities are becoming increasingly enthusiastic to support.

It was intimated that a recent appointment by the Local Authority of someone to work in situations of marital stress had been filled by a Seventh-day Adventist. This provided a golden opportunity for the church actively to support and encourage this worker.

The audience listened to a stirring poem about the Master's search for willing helpers and were amused by a sketch based on the story of the Good Samaritan.

To end this inspiring rally there was an exhibition of work which included items made sacrificially to help others by a badly crippled arthritic non-SDA.

J. R. and J. P. MITCHELL  
Communication secretaries

## CAN YOU HELP?

The British Union Temperance department is interested in learning of the names and addresses of Seventh-day Adventist members who joined the Church as a direct result of being helped to stop smoking, perhaps through the 5-day Plan. Also those who first gained an interest in the Church through an interest in our health message and work. Any such persons in your church? Think for a moment, and write to Pastor Rex Riches at the British Union Conference.



Mr. and Mrs. Hart.

## VISITORS FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

Annie and Harry Hart came to Coventry from their native Lancashire in 1937. Soon after, they had their first introduction to the Seventh-day Adventist Church from neighbours Mr. and Mrs. William Winterton and Mrs. Jean Risk. In fact, they later discovered quite a colony of Adventists living in their area!

It was in the early war years that the Harts were baptized into the Church and quickly became involved in Lay Activities and Welfare work.

In 1955 the family uprooted themselves yet again and made their way to New South Wales where Harry worked at a joiner until his retirement five years ago. Their son, Derek, also began his career in accountancy.

Recently Annie and Harry travelled thousands of miles, after an absence of twenty-four years, to visit relatives and friends in Lancashire and Coventry. They were delighted to be home again and frequently commented on the beautiful trees and green lawns. Such a contrast to the parched land of Australia!

God's love and His work are still uppermost in the Harts' lives. They speak of the Lord's sustaining hand last autumn as they collected for medical missions in temperatures of 90° F. Harry is assistant elder at The Entrance church in New South Wales but he and his wife sometimes travel the twenty-five miles to Avondale college for special events.

Derek is now a qualified accountant, living with his wife Margaret, and three children in Castlehill, New South Wales. They continue to support the work of the Church and all their children attend church school.

On 10 June, Annie and Harry returned to Australia. Having made contact with the Old Country, they would love to hear from any friends they were unable to see during their brief stay in Britain. Their home address is: 50 Hopetoun Street, Forresters Beach, New South Wales, Australia.

It is encouraging to hear news of yet another family who have remained faithful to the Lord over the years.

MARY BARBER



## EDINBURGH: Special Guest

On 30 June our Edinburgh church was privileged to welcome, as guest speaker, 92-year-old Pastor Alfred Vaucher, a third-generation Adventist from Switzerland. His sermon, delivered in French, was ably translated by our own Sister E. Binns. Pastor Vaucher was for many years teacher of theology, the principal of our Seventh-day Adventist College at Collonges, France. He told us the now fairly well-known story of Michael Belina Czechowski, the Pole and one-time priest, who became an Adventist in America during the last century. Of his own volition, and against the wishes of the General Conference, he had crossed the Atlantic and landed in Northern Italy and it had been through him that our speaker's grandmother became the first European Seventh-day Adventist.

SARA E. S. FERRIER  
Communication secretary, Edinburgh

## TORQUAY: Church Takes on Marks and Sparks

As a private citizen how much interest do you take in social and civic affairs? Are you by any chance concerned about the grave increase in alcoholism, particularly among women, and the alarming reports of under-age drinking? Do you think there is nothing you can do about it? *If so, you are mistaken!*

As citizens you can act to curb the granting of new licences in your area – and you may be surprised to know that Licensing Magistrates are glad when applications are opposed in Court!

The Borough of Torbay has well over 800 outlets for the sale of alcoholic beverages and, when an alert member of Torquay church observed in the local Press that an application for an Off-Licence had been made by Marks & Spencer, the local Temperance secretary went into action. She alerted our own churchmembers, local ladies in the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union and a Congregational minister who is a known Temperance advocate.

On the day of the hearing, seven went into Court, four of whom actually registered their opposition.

Marks & Spencer employed a most eloquent advocate, and although the police had at first objected to the application, they had withdrawn their opposition.

The outcome of the hearing? The application was *refused*. The Chairman thanked the objectors for their courtesy, and said the Bench wished to adhere to their policy of not allowing the sale of alcoholic beverage on a self-service basis.

The objectors felt it had been a most worthwhile effort, and the outcome gratifying, especially as it is probable that Woolworths – next door to Marks & Spencer – would have made an application next.

If you feel you should exercise your rights as a good citizen, but have doubts of your ability, and are ignorant of procedure, there is an excellent four-page booklet obtainable from United Kingdom Alliance, 12 Caxton Street, London SW1H 0QS, entitled *The Private Citizen's Powers in the Field of Liquor Control*. Get it, and have a go!

MRS. DOREEN CLEMENT

## Press Coverage Helps Collectors

The Torquay churchmembers got off to a very good start this year with their Ingathering, helped by the coverage of one of the local newspapers.

Despite the fact that several of the usual collectors were unable to do as much as in other years, and the very poor weather, the result was a real record-breaker – £1,560. An increase of £160 on the previous year. Many people passed comment on having read of the collection in the press, and several said to collectors, 'Can you tell me what I gave last year? Well! With inflation being what it is we will double it this year'. It certainly pays to advertise and also to take a record book around with one when visiting offices and shops.

MRS. DORIS JORDAN

## Walthamstow Baptism

Five young people publicly dedicated their lives to serving Jesus on Sabbath 19 May. As the sun shone in through the windows upon the greenery and flowers which surrounded the baptistery, it indeed seemed a sign of heavenly approval.

Dr. L. G. White, who conducted the service, drew the baptismal candidates' attention to Deuteronomy 30:19: 'I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.'

In the words of a true practitioner Dr. White went on to Colossians 2:12: 'The operation of God' for soul sickness, the circumcision without hands.

Pastor Paul Smith then baptized Janice Williams, Gillian Francis, Baffour Antwi, Pauline Thompson and Dreen Somasundrum. Dreen gave her testimony in song by singing, 'I surrender all' while standing in the water.

Walthamstow church are happy to extend the right hand of fellowship to these five young people. We wish them God's richest blessings. 'Heavenly Father take your son and daughters. They are yours.'

CARROLL HENRY

## NEWPORT: Youth Achievement

Newport Pathfinders have had a very enjoyable year, despite the hard winter. Their joy has been in service as well as study and pleasure. The older members assisted in Pastor Currie's evangelistic effort in Cardiff, giving out bills and leaflets and helping 'behind the scenes'. Several travelled in very bad weather to assist Pastor M. Walker to prepare Port Talbot for his campaign. They also helped give the Heads of the Valleys church grounds a face lift for brother Peter Sayers.

The Pathfinders entered wholeheartedly, where age permitted, into the Ingathering campaign and collected over £100. Other work included giving out VOP cards, and cleaning up Newport church after re-decoration. Now to report on outdoor pleasures, which included hikes, grass skiing, riding and swimming, with camps to enjoy in the immediate future.

Study classes culminated in an investiture on Sabbath evening, 16 June, with the children each giving an item. Pastor R. Vine finished with a very interesting talk on sea-shore life.

Those invested were:  
Sunbeams: Daniel Vine, Nadene, Rosemary and Christopher Scott, Sharlene Robinson.  
Builder: Deborah Ward.  
Helper: Douglas Vine, Hazel Morris.  
Guide Explorer: Judith Robinson.  
Companion: Hilmer Nathine, Andrew Ward.

Guide: Kevin, Nigel and Meryl Courtney, Robert Martin, Jacqueline Ward.

Thirty Honours badges were awarded. Special awards were given for *Best Effort* to Nadene Scott; *Good Conduct* to Rosemary Scott; *Endeavour* to Daniel Vine.

Our classes terminated with a party tea and games. Our aim is to so inspire our children and youth to love Jesus and their fellow men, that they want to teach others all they have learned; to work for others by being welfare-minded from an early age, and to bring joy into their own homes. Grateful thanks go to Mrs. V. Machell, Pastor Vine, and Brother Hilmer Nathine for the time they devote to the Pathfinders.

LYN MORRIS, Newport church

## Petticoat Lane

On 18 May, the members of the Welfare Department of the Great Yarmouth church once again had a part in the town's annual Petticoat Lane.

Fifty pounds was raised. A cheque for this amount was sent to John Groom's Association for the Disabled. We have received a very warm letter of thanks from the director, who says we are unique in that six senior citizens manned a stall from 7.30 am until 2.30 pm on that day.

MAY SNEED, Communication secretary

## University Witness

On Sabbath 30 June, Pastor Richard Vine baptized John Pestall.

John came in contact with Adventists while studying at Lancaster University, through the witness of Janice Little. Janice gave John Bible studies, and together they stood up for their faith when it was tested over examinations on Sabbath and in other ways. Janice was there to see the result of her witness.

We would also like to congratulate them both on passing their finals. Janice gained a BA Honours degree, in spite of a distressing illness during her last year at University. Janice gives the credit to God, through the prayers said on her behalf. She now goes to Preston for a probationary year in Social work.

John gained a BA Honours degree in Accounting. We wish them both God's richest blessing in the work they have chosen, and are very happy to welcome John as a member of the Newport church.

LYN MORRIS,  
Communication secretary, Newport

## Children at Prayer

During the afternoon a mother had had to spank her four-year-old daughter because she had deliberately disobeyed her. That evening the little girl said her prayers in the usual way, but ended with these words, '... and Dear God, please help me to understand my mother. Amen.'





# SPOTLIGHT ON THE

## SO WHAT'S NEW AT THE PRESS?

► You cannot fail to have heard about the trouble they have had at 'The Times'. It was about the introduction of new technology – computerized type setting to be exact. This is the greatest stride forward in printing since Caxton. In the belief that nothing but the best is good enough for the Lord's work, the Press management have invested in this new technology and it has been in production for two months.

► In the last twelve months we have acquired a Sovereign, four-colour litho printing machine. The paper goes in white at one end, and comes out at the other in four-colour print. Again, the fastest and the latest. Only the best is good enough for God.

► A streamlined ABC service is now being operated from the Press by Pastor Phillip Anderson and his staff. See front page story.

► 100,000 copies of the new FOCUS magazine have been printed and await your orders. This magazine is a brand new venture and tells it like it is. It retails at 5p per copy. Order from your Lay Activities secretary now – while stocks last.

► A brand new magazine – FAMILY LIFE – will be published in September to coincide with Missions Extension. It contains an interview with Shella Hocken, authoress of No. One best seller 'Emma and I'. Shella was born blind and, at 32, has recovered her sight through a 'miracle operation'. Since becoming sighted she has 'discovered God'. Other articles include 'A Square Meal in a Round World', 'Let's Raise Our Standard of Loving', 'Do You Want to Stop Smoking?', 'Gurus, Gods, and the Good News' – and much, much more. This is a pilot project. The magazine is written by professionals in language the man in the street can understand. It will be a top-quality magazine, retailing at 30p. If more than 30,000 are sold it will be published as a periodical from January 1980.

But it will fail unless you support it.

► A new edition of BEDTIME STORIES will be published in September.

► A new issue of HAPPY HOURS will appear in November.



**Top:** John Sutton sets the type old-style by the hot-metal system, basically unchanged since the 1870s.

**Above left:** Anita sets the type new-style, keying onto a 'floppy disc'.

**Above right:** Barry Bell reads and corrects the material before film-setting.

**Left:** Information from 'floppy disc' being photo type-set.



# STANBOROUGH PRESS

**BARRY BELL** compares James White's situation when the word came to 'publish a little paper', with the crucible of advanced technology that is today's press. The pioneers built great things from small beginnings. But do we have their kind of faith?

And God said: 'Write, write, write, write . . .'  
It was a hard beginning.

A beginning carried along by faith and prayer; dogged by disappointment and discouragement; wrought by hard work . . . and fraught with failure.

James was told he should publish a 'little paper'. He was penniless, almost destitute. The family survived by his manual labour – and he was not a fit man. Nothing was ever sure for the casual labourer in those days. Social Security and the dole were unheard of, and James found himself being hired to mow a hundred-acre field – *by hand*.

On one occasion he gave his wife what little money he had, and her part was to decide how to spend it – would it be on a piece of material to keep the baby warm, or on some milk? The material won.

## AN INFANT BORN

Publish a paper! What with?

Printers are expensive you know! Magazines don't just happen.

Then it was that God's instructions came again.

'If you go ahead and print – other people will send the money to continue publishing.'  
*Faith* – James and Ellen – *faith*.

So the job was put in hand down at the printers. James, the manual worker, took on the daunting task as editor of *Present Truth*. To fulfil the task involved him in an eight-mile walk to the print shop, and eight miles home again in order to see the job safely 'to press'.

The print machine was hand inked, hand sheet fed, and hand operated. Likewise all the type matter was set by hand.

Their faith ran to a thousand copies, with eight 6" × 9½" pages. When James went to take delivery, he borrowed a horse and buggy to carry the sheets home. Friends were called in, the sheets laid out on the floor, and a prayer circle formed around them. They prayed, with

tears, for God's blessing on these few sheets, and the birth of this infant paper. Everyone then went to work, carefully folding the sheets by hand into finished 8-page magazines.

How must James have felt as he walked the eight miles back to the post office, carrying the precious load of wrapped and addressed papers in a carpet bag?

The money came in as promised. Souls were

*James White carrying the first edition of 'Present Truth' in a carpet bag to Middletown, Connecticut.*



*The Sovereign 4-colour press.*





also embracing the message as a result of *Present Truth*. After four issues, however, he stopped the work for a time. When he tried to bring out Nos. 5, 6, he 'learned that continuity in a paper is a virtue, and its absence a calamity'. He was 'discouraged and gave it up for ever'.

It was not to be that he should give up though, for God spoke again and said: 'You must write, write, write, write, speed the message and let it go'. James was roused from discouragement and continued with the task.

Was this first tentative venture successful?

Ellen told James that, 'From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world'. Now there are fifty-two publishing houses scattered round the circle of the globe.

## MODERN TECHNOLOGY

If James could walk round The Stanborough Press today he would be baffled by what he saw. The 'streams of light' are energized by modern technology: computerized type setting, programmed camera equipment with the latest know-how, and automatic film processors. Our presses are printing up to four colours at one run through. Our bindery equipment is capable of folding sheets by the thousand in the time it took James and his helpers to fold by hand. Machinery producing book covers, and others automatically 'casing' them in - producing books that are a pleasure to hold and open.

James would be spellbound.

If he had a little paper to produce now, he would find the process far more complex than it was in the days of hand-set type and hand-fed presses.

## CARPET BAG TO 747

His carpet bag has given way to modern transportation, the new technology of the Post Office, and high speed trains. Exports by container ship and air mail by 747.

There is a staggering difference between his day and ours. The message, though, is still the same message of hope - only now it is more urgent. We are in the enviable position of having the tools. We can produce literature befitting the message it contains. Everything is set up and ready to go, we have the capacity - but those who step forward to carry the printed page are few.

## LAODICEA

One wonders how the churchmembers in the town of Laodicea would react to the promotion of a new magazine.

Maybe they would complain whatever was published... some want it glossy and cheap... others want it just cheap... If a kind benefactor gave the church a few thousand copies for free distribution, those magazines would probably sit in the vestry *ad infinitum*.

We were shown an Elin church magazine/bulletin from somewhere on the south coast. The week's programme contained something for most days of the week. Missionary work was an on-going activity, uppermost in their planning.

Zealous, enthusiastic, unembarrassed? - hot, not lukewarm.

If James sat in your congregation next Sabbath and observed the reactions to your minister or LA leader's promotion...

There is Someone who is always an unseen Guest... maybe we also need faith to publish today.

## A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

I have just come from the press room where sheets of our 1980 'Morning Watch' are rolling off the four-colour Crabtree printing machine. 'Morning Watch Calendar' is very much appreciated everywhere and we look forward to receiving your orders for this in our ABC Department at The Stanborough Press. By the way, these make excellent Christmas cards for your friends.

As you read these words FOCUS magazine will have been printed and is available to the field.

Now friends, both these items will be obtainable on our OPEN DAY, 9 September. We give everyone a cordial invitation to visit us in Grantham on that day. You will be able to see our new photo-typesetting department. This is one of the first Linotype installations with the floppy disc system in this country. The Stanborough Press is in the vanguard again.

On Open Day many bargains will be available. Again we will have two marquees, one for the books and one for health foods, operated by Life and Health Foods Ltd. In the book section various versions of beautiful Bibles can be purchased at pleasing prices. Several denominational departments will be exhibiting their services, and all in all, we are expecting a very good day.

Come and make new friends, meet your old acquaintances, and have a good day of fellowship together.

We look forward to seeing many people on 9 September. The Stanborough Press staff will be on hand to assist in any way they can.

DENNIS ARCHER

ABC manager Pastor Philip Anderson shows visitors around the Press.

## RECORD SALES

The Annual General Meeting of The Stanborough Press Ltd., which was held in the BUC Board Room on 13 June, was indeed a day for praise and thanksgiving, and we would take this opportunity of sharing with the constituency the blessings that God has bestowed upon our Institution during 1978.

Sales of £711,000 were the highest on record. Our fifty or so employees have worked hard to bring the Company a reasonable trading profit to help finance the modern equipment that is being installed. We were particularly grateful for a donation from the Review and Herald of £15,790 and from the British Union of £6,666. The Press certainly appreciates the practical way in which our Church supports the Publishing programme.

The Stanborough Press still has a long way to go to become the strong viable institution it should be. We must continue with our modernization programme if we are to remain competitive, and it is imperative that we build up a strong market in the British Union so as not to be too dependent upon our exports which, although profitable, are also very unstable.

Please remember us in your prayers, there is still a great work to be done and so little time in which to accomplish it.

A. CROUCH, treasurer

'If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures.'

'Testimonies' vol. 4, page 390.

Could you play a part in this work?





## SUBSCRIPTIONS

'Just what is going on with our subscriptions?'

'Am I ever going to receive a bill for my last year's *Review & Herald*?'

These are just two of the many questions being asked by our churchmembers.

I suppose of all the areas of responsibility that The Stanborough Press has taken over from the ABCs, this one area has been the most difficult and problematic. The decision that faced The Stanborough Press was to try to work out a system that would accommodate both the South England Conference method of working and the North British Conference method. It was found that to adopt either the North or the South system would so dramatically affect the other that an effort was made to create a completely new system that was somewhat of a compromise. This will no doubt mean that the service you receive during 1979 for your periodical subscriptions has deteriorated slightly, and for this we apologize.

However, after a twelve-month period has elapsed we will have re-created a completely new filing and charging system and we believe from that time everything should be plain sailing, but we do ask our churchmembers to note these very important points:

1. All new orders are payable in advance.
2. All perpetual renewals are payable in advance.
3. Because of delay last year in billing you for your periodicals, a bill received in advance now will probably mean only a few months gap between. Please understand you are not being charged twice in one year for the same periodical.
4. We appreciate the peculiar problems in trying to obtain Sabbath school material, and we are working towards a programme where this will automatically be stocked at The Stanborough Press. This will mean that you can order direct from the Press, and not have to wait three or four months for the material to arrive from America. We will not, however, be able to implement this for the next few months.

It is our aim to give you a much improved service, but during this interim period we ask your sympathetic consideration for the many problems that we must solve. We are sure that you will appreciate that the service cannot yet be up to the standard we would like to give.

A. CROUCH, treasurer

'Success is what gives us the confidence to put into practice what failure has taught us.'

Pablo Carrasco

*The big Adventist  
get-together is here again*

## SEE YOU AT GRANTHAM FOR THE STANBOROUGH PRESS

# OPEN DAY

### SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

9 am – 5 pm

- \*Have a look at our amazing computerized photo typesetting equipment – the revolution in the print industry.
- \*A great opportunity to purchase books and magazines before prices rise. Many special offers for Open Day only. Two thousand book titles on display.
- \*Beat inflation, stock up from Life and Health Foods. Special one-day-only offers. Free samples. Cookery demonstrations.

**SEE YOU THERE — IT WILL BE  
A GREAT DAY!**







# STANBOROUGH SC

With soaring building costs, the Thirteenth Sabbath Special Project Offering has failed to cover the cost of a new hall/gymnasium for Stanborough School. To help them raise an additional £10,000, 15 September has been set aside as a Special Offering Day. Here MAURICE BROOKS, Sport and History master, explains the reasons behind Stanborough School's great need . . .

Why a new assembly hall/gymnasium at Stanborough Park Secondary School?

Visitors to the Park who have looked around our Estate Hall will be in little doubt as to the reasons why. For those of you who have not, a quick glimpse behind the grey, corrugated iron walls would be in order.

A low roof, with unguarded lights and many unguarded windows make it difficult to play ball games with any gusto. The many holes in the walls will testify to that.

With a new hall will also come added floor space. This will relieve the cramped conditions in many PE lessons during the long, wet, winter months. As well as the playing area, we hope to add some new storage space for our games equipment. In the past it has suffered as a result of being in damp, outside sheds.

'But you've always managed in the past - why not carry on?'

Well, yes. We have managed in the past - but only just. And each year it is becoming more and more difficult. Ask any of the four PE teachers. In any case, just 'managing' is not good enough for any school which tries to set high, all-round standards. We at Stanborough Park appeal to you to help us finish the work the Thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering has helped us begin.





# SCHOOL'S GREAT NEED

**Opposite page, top:** The School provides a balanced programme of study integrating the physical, the intellectual and the spiritual. Here Mr. L. H. Hill teaches a sixth form chemistry class. Mr. Hill, an Ulsterman, is one of the many degreed teachers who forego higher salaries in State education to teach at Stanborough.

**Bottom left:** The secondary school at night. The school has sixty boarders who live in the main school building and two semi-detached houses on 'Holy Row'.

Photo: Frank Blewitt

**Bottom right:** The agony and the ecstasy... James Dunn puts the shot.

**Top right:** Form Three Domestic Science. A number of students in this class have recently been baptized, including Alison Clay from a non-SDA background.

Photo: Paul Sundquist

**Centre:** David Southcott, son of preceptor Pastor Watson Southcott, will be going to university in October.

Photo: Frank Blewitt

**Bottom:** Four girls in a boarding school bedroom.

Photo: Frank Blewitt



Part of the school's need is for a better environment in which to worship. No one should ever underestimate Stanborough as an evangelistic medium. Not only are the Adventist students baptized, but some of those from non-Adventist homes too. Here DR. DAVID MARSHALL describes...

## HOW WASHERS FOUND THE LORD

Everybody called him 'Washers'! It wasn't his proper name but it will do for today.

And Washers in his days at Stanborough School was a one-hundred-per-cent, dyed-in-the-wool, card-carrying rascal. He had two friends, Whitewash and Rainmore, and between them they comprised the Terrible Three. One of their teachers remembers reflecting that if he had had a fiver for every man-hour they spent on the carpet in front of the headmaster, Stanborough would have been paying him a living wage.

In their class was a young lady called Maxine, whose voice was often raised in loud exhortation that they should behave themselves.

The headmaster would be walking along the corridor and find Washers standing outside a classroom door. Upon enquiring whence he came there, he would discover that Washers had been forcibly ejected from the classroom and been bound over to keep the peace in the corridor. On making this discovery the headmaster would invite him to 'step below' to his study.

Now Washers, although from a good home - his father was a lay reader in the Church of England - appeared to have little time for Christianity. Not that he had any objection to the Christian climate of the school. Indeed he could often be seen in morning assembly, head uplifted, singing lustily. Or shinning down a drain-pipe whistling 'Onward Christian Soldiers'. But his teachers were not aware that the Christian climate of Stanborough had had any lasting effect on him when he left at the end of Form Five. True, he had taken up antiques - and that was a turn up for

the books in itself - but it was not quite the same thing.

Time passed. Rumours came to Stanborough that, of the Terrible Three, Whitewash was in jail, Rainmore had become a traffic warden and Washers had joined the RAF and gone North. These rumours may not have been true in all particulars, but it was beyond doubt that Washers was in the RAF and had gone North.

The time came when one of their teachers, in pursuit of a new calling, arrived late one Sabbath to a preaching appointment at an unfamiliar church in the North. As he took his seat, Sabbath School was already under way. The superintendent was announcing that Sister So-an-So would lead us to the Throne of Grace in prayer. The superintendent's voice sounded familiar. When this erstwhile schoolmaster looked up after the prayer had finished he was astonished to find the superintendent was Washers. *Transformed almost beyond recognition!*

When the service was over Washers explained that, while in the RAF, he had encountered the Adventist Church again and, remembering Stanborough, despite all, with great affection, he had re-encountered old truths. He had learned the Nicodemus lesson and had come to live life brimful through the rebirth experience.

Washers - who has not lost his sense of humour - and Maxine - she of the loud exhortations - had married and become the leading lights in that Northern church.

And Stanborough is proud of them both.

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## HOLIDAYING IN SCOTLAND THIS YEAR?

Make **ROUNDELWOOD** your centre. Located in lovely Strathearn with splendid views of the hills and within easy distance of Lock Earn, the Trossachs and many other beauty spots. Excellent accommodation with or without private shower or bath. Vegetarian cuisine. Physiotherapy treatment, sauna and solarium available. Guests can be met by arrangement at Gleneagles Station.

Normal full board and room from £98 a week, but *special* rate for SDAs from £70 a week or £10 a day. (Children 9-15 years £49 a week or £7 a day.) We regret we cannot accommodate children under 9 years of age or pets.

*Reservations and enquiries to:* Administrator, Roundelwood, Drummond Terrace, Crieff, Perth. Telephone: Crieff 3806.

## CENTENNIAL: The Queen's Telegram

On 23 June, Bournemouth's oldest member, Louise Anthony, celebrated her one-hundredth birthday.

When the churchmembers, along with Pastor and Mrs. McEune, arrived at Leybourne House to give her a birthday surprise, they found that the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth, Councillor and Mrs. Pat Kelleway, were already there.

Telegrams arrived from Her Majesty the Queen and from the Home Secretary. They were read out to us. Many flowers and gifts were showered on our veteran sister who, though advanced in age, 'can put many a younger resident to shame', says Mrs. Joanne Poore, assistant officer in charge of Leybourne House.

Says Mrs. Poore, 'She is mobile and can do everything for herself, including washing and dressing. She can walk around the home and recite the odd piece of poetry from memory. Though a bit deaf and partially blind, Mrs. Anthony is very much with it.'

DOROTHY BEACH

## BUC NEWS NOTES

Following the resignations of Richard Poulton and Brian Davison as general manager and acting treasurer respectively of Granose Foods Ltd., Ivan Carter has been appointed as managing director, with David Colledge serving as accounts controller.

Granose had a record year for sales in 1978 - with sales exceeding £1,000,000. However, the installation of a new Sunnybisk plant at a cost exceeding £200,000 has produced severe cash-flow problems. The prayers of God's people are requested as the new management team, and indeed the whole Granose family, endeavour to meet one of the biggest challenges in the company's history.

The next British Union session has been

scheduled for 8-12 July 1981, with Nottingham University being suggested as the venue. However, definite word about the location will be given at a later date.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the world-wide membership of the Sabbath school for their generous support for the 13th Sabbath project of the second quarter. As you know, part of this overflow offering was appropriated towards the new Assembly hall/gymnasium at the Stanborough Secondary School. This anticipated figure is in the region of £50,000, but the estimated costs are in excess of £80,000. Further funds have been raised by the school, but there is still a need for sacrificial giving on the part of all who have a concern for Christian education and the future of the Church in Britain. In order that we may have a Union school building of which we can all be proud, another special offering will be taken up on Sabbath, 15 September (in churches not on the 'budget plan'). We apologize for this additional appeal for funds, but trust that the MESSENGER readership will appreciate this very real need, and respond accordingly.

For family health reasons Pastor Watson Southcott is transferring from preceptoral duties at Stanborough School to the ministry in the South England Conference. Pastor Mike Stickland has been called as a replacement.

Nigel Naidoo, a successful literature-evangelist

in North London, has responded positively to an invitation to serve as Area Publishing director in South East England, following Tudor Watts' 'semi-retirement'. Sven Ohman will continue as Publishing leader in the South-West of England.

For personal health reasons, Peter Hinks has transferred from the SEC Treasury to the Car Insurance Department at the BUC.

In an effort to build up clientele for the Church's health-care centre at Crieff, Pastor Bernard Kinman has been appointed as a London-based 'promoter' for the institution.

In harmony with the wishes of the two Conferences and The Stanborough Press, the ABC distribution programme of trade-books and general supplies to the churches, the dispatch of all literature to colporteurs, and the HHES credit office for colporteurs' customers is all being undertaken from the ABC branch of The Stanborough Press at Alma Park, Grantham. Assurances have been given that there will be no diminishing of the service to the constituency. Pastor Phillip Anderson, as reported previously, will superintend the programme. All queries, therefore, relating to literature supplies should be directed to: The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs., NG31 9SL.

W. J. ARTHUR  
Communication director, British Union Conference

## Ladies' Corner

### DON'T MOAN ABOUT IT

If you want to be popular, or even accepted beyond the confines of your own family, you don't go around moaning and complaining. Not unless you are really out of touch with the human race, that is.

However, I'm not going to moan - at least, I don't think I am - so you can keep on reading.

If you keep your ears to the ground, or 5'4" off the ground where I keep mine most of the time, you will know that a lot of moaning and complaining goes on. Older members beef about the younger members. Younger members beef about the older members. Everybody moans about the minister - or the flowers, or the sermon, or the noise of young children in church. If 'moans for the day' are in short supply, they will complain about the weather or, regardless of the day, the price of sprouts or the cost of Junior's romper suit.

You name it and someone - perhaps it was me you heard, or was it yourself? - moans about it!

As a young mother I understand fully the statement that you are as old as you feel. We moved house yesterday with three children under five, so today I could pass as 97. Even at the end of a normal day, I could notch up 77.

Those of you who are on the same road, or have travelled the road before me, will know exactly what I mean. You don't need lessons from me on the joys and traumas of young motherhood... the elation, the satisfaction, the exhaustion, the state of your nerves at the end of a long day, that knocked-up feeling as you struggle to keep them quiet in church - and are rewarded by fierce stares from the old stagers when your efforts do not achieve total success.

Chances are that, as you wade through this epistle, it is Sabbath. And Sabbath is a day above all days when we can count our blessings. So let us young mothers in particular belay the complaining, forget fractured sleep, frazzled nerves and hard stares and accentuate the positive...

First, let's be thankful for the Sabbath itself. A day set apart for a real change. Not necessarily the day of rest we would like it to be; but if it's sometimes short on rest, at least there's the gladness... fellowship, company and the blessing God reserves for those who make His Sabbaths 'a delight, holy, honourable...'

Then let's thank God for the children. Many married couples are unable to have children when they want them and sometimes, not at all. Some young people in the church are not as young as they used to be - and still can't find a partner. Why is there such a shortage of Mr. Rights? Let's thank God for the privilege of being parents, that He has given us the responsibility of pointing our children towards His kingdom. Forget the daily repetitions and reprimands and savour the good times...

Baby Joelle laughing at 'big' brother. All he is saying is a load of dull rubbish but she thinks it is marvellous and funny, and she loves having his attention... He is grinning from ear to ear, thinking she's the greatest invention since sliced bread... Todd saying his prayers: 'Dear Jesus, Thank you for keeping us safe when it rained and rained and rained and rained. Amen.'

In these hours of sacred Sabbath, let's thank God that He has given us all the joys, the responsibilities, the satisfaction of parenthood. Even when there are nappies that need washing but will have to wait, fights to be sorted out, food to be prepared, a phone that needs answering once you have grown your third arm - be thankful and ask yourself if you would have it any other way. The same Lord who said, 'Let the little children come unto me' offers His love and assistance.

TABITHA COOPER



## ACCESSIONS TO THE CHURCH FOR JUNE

### NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE Derby

Mr. S. Dixon, Miss C. C. Lynch  
Mrs. D. O'Neill, Miss Z. Shuttleworth  
Mr. A. N. Smith, Miss M. Thomas  
Miss J. E. Treece

#### Handsworth

Mrs. B. Gooden, Miss C. Jackson  
Mr. P. Jackson, Miss J. Jackson  
Mr. A. Lawrence, Mr. H. Lewis  
Mrs. L. Lewis, Miss S. McIntyre  
Mr. I. McKenzie, Mrs. E. Rose  
Mr. E. Rose, Mrs. C. Simpson  
Miss D. Swaby, Mr. L. G. Wellington

#### Leeds

Miss G. Browne, Miss J. Gaskin  
Miss L. Gaskin, Mr. E. Herbert  
Miss E. Hill, Mr. H. Hines  
Mr. G. Maynard, Mr. G. Roper

#### Leicester Bodnant

Mrs. O. B. Brade, Mr. A. Conroy  
Miss D. Conroy, Mrs. M. Harris  
Mr. B. Robinson

#### Manchester North

Miss P. James

#### Manchester South

Miss Leonora Bailey, Miss E. Hitchmough  
Miss V. Patrick, Miss C. A. Robinson  
Miss D. K. B. Robinson, Mrs. I. M. Robinson  
Mrs. I. K. Wild

#### Oldham

Mrs. M. Acquah, Mr. S. Acquah  
Miss M. Leach, Mr. T. Marrie

#### Rotherham

Mr. S. Atkinson

#### Sheffield

Mr. C. C. Clarke, Miss G. Y. Williams

#### Stoke

Mr. D. G. Hatch, Mrs. P. G. Hatch  
Mr. K. Mosedale, Mrs. M. Mosedale  
Mrs. E. Ransome-Block, Mr. J. C. Ransome-Block  
Mr. S. S. Tham, Mr. L. Thomas  
Mr. E. Thompson, Mrs. S. Thompson

#### Wakefield

Mr. I. Dada, Mr. Samson



**J. G. C. B. MUNSON**

It is with profound regret that we record the death on Thursday, 12 July, of Pastor J. G. C. B. Munson in the Westminster Hospital, London, after a brief but painful illness. 'Pastor Geoff' was loved and respected by all who knew him and his ministry included a very practical aspect. His knowledge and skill in building resulted in the erection of the Reading youth hall, the High Wycombe church, the rebuilding of Canterbury church, and very recently the remodelling and restoration of the Willesden church.

At only 46 years of age his passing is all the more keenly felt because of the effort and energy with which he applied himself to the Lord's work.

The funeral service was conducted on 18 July, at Willesden SDA church, by Pastors E. H. Foster and K. H. Gammon. The committal was at North Watford Cemetery.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Valerie, his three children David, Kevin and Andy, as well as to his parents, Pastor and Mrs. H. K. Munson, and his sister Cynthia. Together with them we look forward to the soon return of our Lord on the day of joyful resurrection and reunion.

Pastor K. H. Gammon

Mrs. Valerie Munson wishes to thank all those who have offered prayers for Pastor Geoff, herself and the family. In addition she wishes to thank those who sent floral tributes or - at her request and in Geoff's memory - contributed to the Willesden church central heating fund instead of sending flowers.

## Legal Meetings

### Life and Health Foods (Grantham) Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Life and Health Foods (Grantham) Limited, will be held on Thursday, 13 September 1979, at 2.15 pm in the North British Conference Offices, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

E. JOHNSON, Secretary

### Adventist Book Centre (North) Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Adventist Book Centre (North) Limited, will be held on Thursday, 13 September 1979, at 2.30 pm in the North British Conference offices, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

E. JOHNSON, Secretary

## OBITUARIES

**SEWTER, Gladys, d.**—The York church lost another member by the death of Sister Sewter after a short illness. Although we did not see her at church very often, we believe that she loved the Lord and was always faithful in her tithes and offerings. She also looked very eagerly for the coming of Jesus. The funeral service was held in the church and was conducted by Pastor R. G. Vine.

G. Hanson, church clerk

**WHITLOCK, Emma - d.** 18 May 1979. Reading church records with much sadness the death of Sister Whitlock, one of its original charter members, at the age of 86. Sister Whitlock died at the Royal Berkshire Hospital after an operation. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Mike Stickland.

E. D. Hughes, PR secretary

**DEAN, Hilda - d.** 18 June 1979. Sister Dean, aged 82, wife of retired literature-evangelist John Dean, died in her sleep from a heart attack in her home at Amesbury, Wiltshire. She assisted John in a remarkable 'ecumenical' ministry in many churches and chapels - a ministry which continues despite John's being well into his ninth decade. This ministry of the pure Word has been so appreciated that expressions of sympathy have come from 'shepherds' and 'sheep' who are not yet of that 'sheepfold' otherwise known as the Remnant Church. We thank God for the blessed hope which mellows the bleakness of bereavement and makes it serenely endurable.

Pastor R. D. Vine

**CECIL, Leonora - d.** December 1978. Sister Cecil had been unable to attend church for several years after falling in her home. She had three operations on her hip, but she never recovered from the last one, and died in hospital. Sister Cecil was quiet, resigned and prepared, and death brought relief from much pain. To her husband and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy.

Edith Scott, church clerk, Hereford

**LLOYD, Ivan - d.** 10 April. Brother Lloyd was baptized by Pastor Burgess in 1968. He was elder of the Hereford church, but because of ill-health and concern that he was unable to attend church as often as he would have liked, he requested the members to choose another. It gave him much happiness that his daughter and family returned home from New Zealand, and spent the last month with him and his wife. He was looking forward to the church dedication, but sadly his funeral service was held there ten days before that event. It was conducted by our minister, Brother K. Lethbridge. Brother Lloyd will be missed by all. Our deepest sympathy goes to Sister Lloyd, the family and friends.

Edith Scott, church clerk, Hereford

**BRACKSTONE, Vivian Ernest John - d.** 11 March 1979. A kind, considerate man, one would hardly have guessed that he had spent many years as an army officer. Major Brackstone was awarded the MBE after World War 2, for his services to the troops. Just before his death he expressed his confidence in the soon return of his Lord and his readiness to meet Him. Our dear brother was laid to rest in the Collingham (Notts.) cemetery to await the call of the Life-Giver. To his wife and children we express our deepest sympathies.

Frank Cantrell, minister

**BOLTON, Ruby - d.** 25 May 1979. Sister Bolton, of the Cardiff church, was baptized in 1944 by Pastor S. G. Hyde. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Stewart Finlay at Roath Court on 1 June and our sister was afterward laid to rest in Cathays cemetery to await the resurrection day. To her devoted family we extend our sincere sympathy and look forward with them to seeing our sister again.

B. Newell, church clerk

## WEDDING

**WILSON-HILL**—The wedding took place in the Dublin church on 5 June of George Wilson and Evelyn Hill. The bride, gracefully dressed in white, was given away by her father, and attended by her sister Mrs. Frances Moody, matron of honour, and two flower girls Jennifer Hill and Josephine Vine. Pastor Robert Vine conducted the marriage service, assisted by Pastors Surridge and Freeman. The church was well filled with relatives and friends. We wish George and Evelyn much happiness and God's blessing as they set up another Christian home.

M. Ponder, church clerk

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Brother Vincent Goddard on obtaining his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, USA. Brother Goddard is at present working in the Manchester area with Pastor D. M. Marley. He will mainly be looking after the Oldham and Manchester churches. We wish him and his family success in their new task in the UK.

R. Patrick McKerron, Communication Secretary

## PERSONAL ADS

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**PASTOR L. JOHNSON**, recently arrived from Mauritius, wishes all his friends to know that he can be contacted at 39 Clarendon Street, London SW1, Tel: 01-828 3085, and will be happy to hear from them.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

to Pastor Peter Cooper on obtaining the degree of Master of Public Health,

to his wife Betty (née Campion) on obtaining a BSc in Public Health Science and on being given the coveted Weseman Award for academic excellence

to Jean Warrender on obtaining a BSc degree in Nursing.

All three are 'Brits' who have been studying at Loma Linda University.

to Rona Wood on gaining a BA degree in Music from the University of Hull.

to David G. Munson on gaining a BSc Honours degree in Economics from the University of Wales, Cardiff.

Editor

### YSTRAD MYNACH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The former Gelligaer and Caerphilly companies are happy to announce that as from Sabbath, 21 July, they will be meeting in their own church building in Ystrad Mynach.

The newly organized church will be known as the 'Bethania Seventh-day Adventist Church', Twyn Road, Ystrad Mynach, Mid-Glamorgan, South Wales.

Service times are:

Sabbath School - 10.15 am  
Divine Worship - 11.15 am  
Youth Service - 2.30 pm

Any members visiting the area will receive a real Welsh welcome from the 'Chapel in the Valley'. The church is located on the south side of the town, just off the main road to Caerphilly.

Pastor Neil Robertson



# KATIE BOYLE AND GRANOSE



Granose, pioneers of healthier foods in the UK, were represented at The Plymouth Sound Health Exhibition. The venue was Plymouth's stately Guildhall — one could say that it was beauty from the ashes of the bombings in World War II.

As will be seen above, Miss Katie Boyle, famous TV personality and health and beauty expert, chatted to our representatives, Brother Ray Howard, and Brother Malcolm Turner.

Katie Boyle is a real believer in our Temperance Message and has given the name of Bernard Kinman in many magazines to those who write to her for help with their smoking and drinking problems. We thanked Miss Boyle for sending such people to us for help.

Miss Boyle was most gracious with an obvious love for her fellow beings. She accepted our gift of a Carob Bar and Peanut Butter and was amused when told that Elton John had sent one of the directors of Watford Football Club to Granose to receive a jar of our Peanut Butter for every member of the team and one for himself.

(Incidentally, a signed photograph of the team and one of Elton John was forwarded to us).

Pray for our work here at Granose — and keep going to your local health food store and demanding the best — Granose of course.

KAY MILLER, Public Relations officer

## RETAIL MANAGEMENT House of Natural Foods

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## Letters to the Editor

### Operation Ulster

Dear Editor,

I was sorry that MESSENGER article 'Operation Ulster' (84/11) contained the same misrepresentations of the Northern Ireland situation and the character of the Northern Irish people which I am used to reading in the English press.

'Old feuds continue to separate the people from each other.' The struggle in Ulster is not the continuation of an old feud. The issue is simply the refusal of Ulster Protestants to submit to Roman domination, which an all-Ireland republic would bring about. The Ulster trouble is between right and wrong, truth and error, freedom and tyranny. What is happening in Ulster today is further evidence that popery is rising again, its deadly wound healed. In believing that the forces of Romanism are fighting a just cause in Ulster the whole world is 'wondering after the beast'.

The article spoke of 'bigotry'. The charge of bigotry is constantly levelled at the Ulster people, in particular the Protestant population. Ulster Protestants are steady people — they are not blown about by every wind of doctrine, they do not fear the threats of Rome, they will not surrender their faith. This is not bigotry, it is spiritual courage. Until Seventh-day Adventists declare that they are an evangelical Protestant Church, they will never make much headway in Ulster.

Londonderry was described as a city in which the Protestant and Catholic populations are divided. This is not the case at all. Protestants and Catholics live together and work together despite religious differences. Affairs on the city council are handled in a most harmonious manner.

In Ireland you have the most devout Catholics in the world, while I sincerely believe that Ulster is the last stronghold of true Protestantism in Europe.

One final thought... The angels entertained by Abraham were not satisfied with reports on the situation in Sodom and Gomorrah. They went to explore the matter for themselves. When the early Church in Jerusalem heard about the evangelization of Samaria, it sent Peter and John to investigate what was taking place. I would advise you to take a similar course of action in regard to Northern Ireland.

DAVID McKIBBEN, Co. Down.

**Editor's Note.** In defence of the writer of the article you are at odds with, it is only fair to point out that he has already taken the course of action you recommend — he both lives and works in Ulster. Indeed, he lives and ministers in Londonderry. Having had recourse to friends in Ulster, I discover that his analysis of the situation in Londonderry is supported by them rather than your own. In addition, while it may be argued that one has to live in a situation to understand its implications, it is also possible that at times one has to look at a situation from the outside to see its broader aspects clearly. There are dangers in parochialism.

Those who have ministered in Ulster have opined that apostate Protestantism is at least as great a hindrance to the Cause of God there as Catholicism, perhaps greater. Seventh-day Adventists are part of a unique movement with a unique message; in the past their enemies have often been among those groups nearest to them in the ecclesiastical spectrum.

Whatever their analysis of the nature of the Ulster problem, members in other parts of the United Kingdom pray earnestly for the welfare and progress of the work there.

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.



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