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VOP—THE TIME FOR ACTION

by PASTOR K. FRETSON TAYLOR, VOP PRINCIPAL

A few days ago my office telephone rang; it was a call from Mr. Pickering of the *Reader's Digest*. He had called to tell me that the VOP advert 'What of Their Future?' had been placed in the November issue, and he informed me that it was in one of the best positions, in front of the magazine on the right-hand page. This, I felt, was another indication of the Lord's blessing.

At the beginning of the year when we were working out our budget for 1980, it rather looked as if there would be little money for any autumn VOP Golden Jubilee Celebrations. In view of the cuts, the money allocated for advertising was reduced by 50 per cent, and we were forced to ask most of our staff to cut their working hours. In fact by June of this year, the money for promotion had all been used.

However, thanks to the financial support of members over the years, money had been saved for special

advertising projects, and this amounted to almost £2,000. Since we had not placed an advert in the *Reader's Digest* for eight years, and then only in local editions, I decided to make enquiries, and when I received the January 1980 Rate Card, I realized I could place a half-page advert nationally for about £2,000.

After discussing this on the VOP Board, it was finally decided to make this part of our Jubilee Celebration. We then asked advice from members who worked in the advertising field, such people as Terry Meacock, Bruce Potter, Robert Waller, Barry Alen and Tony Spearing, who submitted ideas for us to consider.

**'The harvest truly is
plenteous, but the
labourers are few.'**

**Jesus Christ quoted in Matthew's
gospel, chapter 9 verse 37.**

Eventually the choice was made, we were ready to book a space.

It was then I heard the disappointing news.

Since I had made my first enquiry the rate for a half-page advert nationally had risen to £2,700 – £700 more than we had available. I felt our plans might have to be dropped. Then I was impressed to ask, 'Do you have special rates for charities?' and to my surprise back came the reply, 'Yes, 50 per cent reduction.' This was answer to my silent prayer, *an advert for £1,350, cheaper than I originally thought*. This meant I had money over to get a special 'Jubilee' card designed that would go with the advert.

Now we had to share this plan with you, the members. The Stanborough Press designed an attractive 'Join the Celebrations' leaflet, and because the Press most generously paid for half the cost of producing it, we were able to send it out to ministers, Lay Activity leaders and secretaries inviting the churches to buy these cards, and to promise to distribute them during the month of November. Again the members made an encouraging response, and due to the orders flowing in to the Bible School, we were able to have 175,000 cards printed, which the Press had ready by Monday, 27 October. Orders ranging from 500 from individual pensioners to 25,000 from churches came into the School by post and telephone.

Now is the time for action.

Over seven million people will have an opportunity to read the advert in the magazine, and a further half million could read the 'Jubilee' card.

Let us go out working and praying for a good harvest.

We have ordered extra lessons from the Press in anticipation. We are expecting hundreds of applications for our popular doctrinal course GREAT TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE.

Is it worth the money and all the effort? Yes, when you get letters like Michael's. For sixteen months he has been studying

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Photo: Jane Miller

NEWS in pictures



FAITHFULNESS REWARDED

This is Brother Christophe Bogui in front of one of the locomotives of the Ivorian Railway system where he works.

Brother Bogui was baptized in 1974. Following his baptism he spent six years without any annual holiday in order to have his Sabbaths free. God has, however, blessed the faithfulness of one who counted the Sabbath more dear than personal rights and privileges.

Just recently Brother Bogui has been promoted to the position of rolling-stock inspector for the whole of the Ivory Coast. He now has the opportunity of arranging his work programme in such a way that he can have both Sabbaths free AND his annual holidays.

May this be of encouragement to us all and especially to any who experience difficulty as a result of taking a firm stand for the Sabbath.

MARCUS R. DOVE

'THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART ...'



Pastor Victor Hall baptizes Peter Plimmer.

Photo: Mervyn Leicester

NEW PASTOR AT CHISWICK



Pastor James Cuthell welcomes Pastor Horace Taffe to the Chiswick church.

Photo: W. Tolman

At a special social gathering held in the Chiswick church on Monday evening, 1 September, members were introduced to their new minister, Pastor Horace Taffe from Jamaica. He was welcomed by former minister Pastor James Cuthell, and head elder, Walden Dehaney.

Pastor Taffe has just completed a course at Andrews University where he obtained a Master of Divinity degree. Prior to this he had oversight of eight churches in the South Portland district of Jamaica.

He is accompanied by his wife Bridgette, now a teacher at the John Loughborough School, and by his two children Marie aged 7 and Sheldon aged 5. Mrs. Taffe formerly taught in both Kingsway and Portland High Schools in Jamaica.

In addition to Chiswick, Pastor Taffe will have charge of the Willesden church.

ENID TOLMAN, Communication secretary

The adage which begins with our title certainly proved true in the case of Rickmansworth's newest member, Peter Plimmer. Having become a vegetarian for health reasons, he was introduced to some of Mrs. White's books by a fellow vegetarian. Reading *Steps to Christ* and *The Great Controversy* brought conviction and Peter wanted to know more. After several months of Bible studies he was baptized by Pastor Hall on 4 October.

PAULINE SOUTHCOOT

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Reading church (1930-1980) celebrated its Jubilee Year in the best possible way - over £2,000 raised for Ingathering for the first time, and three baptisms in one year, also for the first time. The latest baptism was held on 11 October, when three more souls joined the Church under the ministry of Pastor Arthur Cooper. Those baptized were Brethren Williams, Michael Bent and Amos Burke. The visiting preacher was Pastor Walter J. Newman.

The church was built in 1930, the minister then being Pastor Tonks, and during its fifty years of history this church has made steady progress. The only members still remaining from those early days are Sister E. Etchells, Sister W. Bushell, Brother Eric Cowdery and Sister G. Allen, but many new members have been welcomed since that time and we are glad to say God's Word is preached to an overflowing church.

E. D. HUGHES

LAY ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CONVENTION

Eastwood Grange, 28-30 November

Have you just been elected to these departments? Do you know what to do? Would you like some good ideas?

- A chance for Christian fellowship? Help to make your church grow?

Perhaps you would like to come to share your experiences - or listen to some spiritual feasts.

But if you are elected to either of these offices, this is for you. Please contact your minister, or Pastor Clee at the North British Conference Office, for more details. Please hurry, as places are limited.

Put Christ into Christmas FOCUS ON JESUS CHRIST provides the remedy only if YOU provide the means . . .

Intended for mass distribution in your area this Christmas . . .

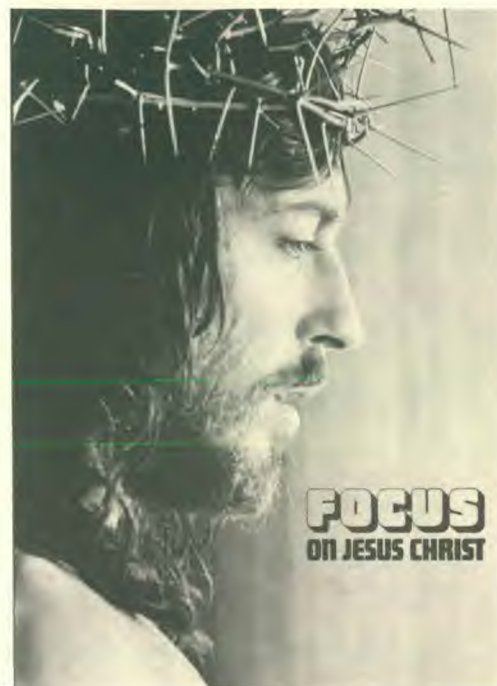
Christmas is the one time of year when the thoughts of a 'post-Christian' public turn towards Christ. They talk about Him. They sing about Him. They read about Him. They may even attend church for the one and only time in the year.

FOCUS ON JESUS CHRIST is in colour throughout – but still sells at 10p per copy. (This special issue has cost twice that amount to produce.)

'I, if I be lifted up,' said Jesus, 'will draw all men unto me.'

Lift up Jesus in your home area this Christmas by making sure that every home receives a copy of FOCUS ON JESUS CHRIST.

Order through your Lay Activities secretary. Buy in bulk – save on postage.



THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT – A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO FAMILY LIFE . . .

. . . beginning with the special, four-colour Christmas issue which contains, as well as its usual features, an article on the Good News of Christmas by Division president and internationally-published author, Pastor W. R. L. Scragg.

There are two ways you can do this:

EITHER (1): Take out, IN YOUR OWN NAME, the number of standing orders you require and deliver them yourself. This would cost 25p per copy plus postage and packing. For example, the total cost of standing orders for five magazines (price of magazines plus postage and packing) would be £1.60 every two months.

OR (2): Give your Lay Activities secretary the name and address of the relative or friend who is to receive the magazines, and the Press will post them direct. The cost (including postage and packing) for one such standing order would be £2.70 per annum.

COUPON

Give this coupon to your Lay Activities secretary.

I wish to take out a standing order for _____ copies of FAMILY LIFE which will reach me through my local Lay Activities secretary.

I wish to take out a standing order for _____ copies of FAMILY LIFE and would like the Press to post them to the names and addresses listed:

My name and address is
This standing order is for one year only.



HEALTH HOLIDAY 1980

by L. ACTON-HUBBARD
HEALTH DIRECTOR, SEC

Some familiar faces, many new ones, all with a look of expectancy. Rooms allocated, happy reunions, new acquaintances – all part of the settling in process as the Health Holiday 'Out and About at Broomhill 1980' got under way.

Some began to have their doubts as the weather closed in. However, with usual high spirits we determined that the programme would go ahead and nothing, but nothing would spoil it.

The morning devotions conducted by Pastor Martin Bell and the evening health lectures by Lionel Hubbard, not only provided a mental stimulus and food for thought but were carefully melded to make a whole.

Broomhill has a name for the provision of good food. Certainly Megan Hayes and her helpers did much through their culinary expertise to stimulate the alimentation of all.

Robert Lewis is really somebody worth knowing. He is a trained athlete and he was responsible for getting us going in the morning with a well-planned exercise programme. Robert certainly sharpened our consciousness in the weak points of our physique; but he was a gentle persuader and was much loved.

Although the day was a little damp, the hike with its associated climb from

Fingal's Bridge to Drogo Castle, was really lovely and the atmosphere led to closer fellowship as we made our way through the bracken and wild flowers. The good fellowship inspired by that walk set the tone for our entire holiday.

'Bicton Country Life Park' was visited again this year and the two museums, plus the tropical houses, the church with its 'Festival of Flowers' and the more than adequate restaurants provided us with all the shelter needed.

Hound Tor was explored. The Dartmoor Guide led us to ancient burial grounds and the excavated medieval village found in that area. Not only did we find much evidence of past occupation and civilization but we also discovered Dr. Harry Leonard and his wife Christine, who just happened to be holidaying in the area.

Who will ever forget the sea trip and the weather of that day? The sun really shone for us. We sailed from Torbay along the coast to the River Dart. There was enough motion on the voyage to tell us that we really were at sea, and at times a little of the sea came aboard. The scenery was grand, especially as we sailed close under the cliffs and were able to view the geological formations and the coves. The rocky islands covered with sea birds presented quite a spectacle. From the open sea we sailed up the River Dart past the Naval College and ships which have come to fame under the flag of *The Onedin Line*.

Dartmouth with Baynards Cove of Pilgrim Fathers' fame made a pleasant land expedition for a couple of hours before we headed back to Torbay. The goods brought aboard signified a successful raid on the local craft shops and boutiques.

Sabbath at Broomhill is a great experience. One could almost 'bite chunks' out of the quietness and peace. Yes, the sun shone on Sabbath. Lionel Hubbard taught the Sabbath School lesson and Pastor Bell preached the morning sermon. Both services were ably supported with special musical items.

The now 'traditional' stroll was our afternoon exercise – through the lanes and hedgerows of Christow.

Sabbath really did 'round off' our holiday and as the close came we enjoyed the screening of the film *Love Thy Neighbour*. A good film and much



Above: Who will ever forget that sea voyage — age range 18—87 years.

Left: We hiked from Fingal's Bridge to Drogo Castle, and took refreshment at Fingal's Bridge cottage restaurant.



Above: Broomhill has a name for the provision of good food.

Robert Lewis – athlete and musician.

appreciated. We were able to use this film by courtesy of Pastor R. D. Vine.

Impromptu does not mean 'without organization'. This was manifestly true of the concert arranged by Robert Lewis – not only an athlete but an accomplished musician. Guitar solos, pianoforte, vocal solos and the recitation of poetry, all blended to give joy and entertainment.

The week over, fond farewells, anticipatory remarks, 'You will be here next year, won't you?' 'Look forward to seeing you again' and the like, indicated that we had at last to go home.

Already enquirers are making tentative arrangements for the 1981 Health Holiday. **WILL YOU BE THERE?** Please note the date: 9–16 August, inclusive.



THREE DOWN – THREE TO GO!

Three down – three to go! The outlook seemed bleak. Only half of our work-force without leg or knee injuries after three days – and still 11,000 to put out – with only one-and-a-half weeks left! Of course, I'm referring to handbiling – this time for the Scunthorpe campaign, beginning on Sunday, 5 October.

The bombshell had first dropped several weeks earlier, when our minister, Martyn Saxby, announced that a minimum of 15,000 leaflets needed to be put out – and all during the fortnight preceding the starting date. **FIFTEEN THOUSAND** – with our small number? He had to be joking – but he wasn't. Granted, we'd covered the town with 27,000 VOP cards – but that had taken us several months.

Desperate situation – desperate measures: hence urgent 'Macedonian'

SOS sent to sister churches at Lincoln and Hull. Understandably no one was exactly 'jumping for joy' at the prospect of a Sunday handbiling, especially in a strange town. But to our great relief, and gratitude, we learned of the *possibility* of having up to eight helpers in all. However, the Christian spirit of our fellow-believers had been greatly underrated. As the big day drew near it seemed likely that we could expect several more, though no one could give an exact number.

Careful planning was needed. One-and-a-half hours in the local library checking through electoral lists gave our 'organizer for the day' the information he needed to divide the area into suitable lots. Another member acquired a pile of street plans. Then came the heavy casualties among our local handbillers, changing the situation from desperate to

critical! By how much *more* were we now relying on our friends!

At last, it was Sunday, 28 September – no chance for a lie-in that day! 10.20 am – the first car drew up – with four from Lincoln. Twenty minutes later, they were just leaving when the Hull contingent arrived, all ten of them, followed closely by two of our Scunthorpe youth.

One-and-a-half to three hours later the weary workers staggered in. All those bills out in only one-and-a-half hours? Then out came the secret of the *biotic* handbillers: bored with nothing to do, a group of local children had found handbiling a most novel experience!

By 3.45 everyone had eaten and the cars had left for home. Still ringing in our ears were the many comments like 'Thank you, I really enjoyed it'. Hey, but it is we who are thanking *you* – for coming!

'But we *did* enjoy it' came back the reply. And if the happy smiles on those weary bodies piling into cars were anything to judge by, we would *have* to believe them!

What a marvellous thing Christian fellowship is, and what a privilege to work together for God, especially with a team which included representatives from India and the West Indies, Zimbabwe and Australia. Thank you, Hull and Lincoln for accepting the call to 'come over to Scunthorpe and help us!' I. C. BUNTING

NOTTINGHAM: A 5-day Clinic can be only a beginning . . .

Twenty-eight Nottinghamshire citizens took part in a battle recently, led by the experienced Commander-in-Chief, Pastor Paul Clee and his lieutenant, Volney Ham-Ying.

The 'battle' takes place annually in the County Library and usually results in victory for at least 80 per cent of combatants.

Among all the currently available 'helps' to aid one to give up smoking, comes the 5-day Plan, described by one participant as the 'most sensible yet'. Appealing to the will and based on group therapy methods, the clinic has proved to be a 'winner' for twenty-five courageous persons who now join the ranks of the non-smokers.

Happily, the end of the clinic is really a beginning. Ten attended the ensuing reunion and enlisted for the VOP health course.

The reunion, held at the Nottingham Central church, provided them with a chance to meet again, exchange experiences and receive further advice from the team as to how to deal with stress and related problems they are likely to face as a result of the victory over nicotine.

Over the next six months these 'victors' will have the benefit of support and interest from the team so that their impetus towards healthful living will remain strong.

CATHERINE BURRELL

Round and About



TERRY JOSHUA

Terry Joshua, who graduated from Andrews University on 10 August, is the first European to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree from Andrews University, according to Dr. Arnold A. Kurtz, professor of Church leadership and administration.

Born in South Africa, Terry graduated from Newbold College in 1968 with a BA in theology. He was ordained in Stockholm by the Swedish Union in 1972. He received an MDiv from Andrews in 1979.

Terry worked as the preceptor at Stanborough School from 1962 to 1963. After completing his degree at Newbold in 1968, he joined the Swedish Union as the Publishing director. In 1972 Terry moved to Tanzania where he served as the Union Health director until 1975. He then returned to Newbold for post-graduate work in theology before continuing to the West Nordic Union to work as an evangelist in the Faroe Islands.

Terry and his wife Veronica have returned to the Swedish Union, where he is teaching Bible at Ekebyholmsskolan. He plans to implement the research from his dissertation, entitled 'Toward the Development of a Theological Critique of Church-Growth Principles from a Seventh-day Adventist Perspective', to foster Church growth in Sweden. He is scheduling seminars for ministers and lay-persons on the topic.

LINDA MORTON, Andrews University

sermon-type service, while enabling all concerned to praise God and be spiritually filled in a unique way.

We hope that as a result of this witnessing camp, many people will be led to praise God with us. Valerie from Peckham summed up the work and expectations of the young people with these words: 'We have sown the seed, and when the time is ready God will work, and these people in darkness will suddenly awake to find that the sun is shining after all.'

Here are Marilyn's (Holloway church) thoughts on the camp.

'I have never seen myself in action for the Lord as I was on the Isle of Wight. I know God has wonderfully blessed us for now I feel much closer to Him. There on the Island I was able to capture my vision of what God wanted me to do for Him. I think it is a wonderful experience to work for the Lord together with other young people. Therefore, I would encourage other young people to seek for ways whereby they can witness for Christ. My work was with joy and a wonderful smile.'

The Youth witness camp was a success. It brought Adventist youth together in spirit and love. It gave them a chance to share their faith with those without it.

JON BARRETT

ISLE OF WIGHT YOUTH WITNESS CAMP

It was on the Isle of Wight. They were young. They *did* witness. A camp it was *not*. Not unless you call packing six girls into a two-bedroom flat camping! It was the atmosphere that was camp-like. I think everyone enjoyed being there, even Irving, the only man among six girls. Maybe I should say, 'Especially Irving!'

Somehow they all managed to squeeze into the student missionary's flat without too much difficulty. A Holiday Bible School was held there too, for ten mornings, with about ten to twelve children attending daily. If the noise of the children and the worn-out expressions of the leaders were any indication, it was a successful venture which the youngsters loved.

Those who were not involved in the Holiday Bible School for a certain day spent their time talking to people at the doors. Health and religious surveys were the means used to stimulate thought and conversation. Magazines were sold or given away after the survey was over. This proved to be a good way to get our literature into homes. FAMILY LIFE sold well after a health survey, and FOCUS after a religious one. People were more willing to buy a magazine in this way than

if we had just knocked at the door and tried to sell it.

Another method used to leave literature in the homes was that of pushing a magazine through the letterbox, with a letter saying that someone would call back in a few days to take orders for future copies. Of the three hundred given out, ninety-one contacts were made. They included those wishing to give up smoking (we had scheduled a 5-day Plan in September), VOP requests, lonely old ladies, and repeat sales for FOCUS and FAMILY LIFE.

The young people encountered all types of belief and the lack of it. Atheists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Bahais, Mormons - you name it, they met them. Sandra from Derby excelled in talking with those of different faiths. Every day we eagerly awaited her return, wondering which strange cult she had encountered.

The Island's churchmembers greatly appreciated the two Sabbaths during the 'camp'. This was because the young people took divine service. They worked out programmes of Bible readings, singing, testimony and play sketches. It worked out extremely well, making a pleasant change from the regular



CHRISTMAS AT ROUNDELWOOD

Bookings are now being taken for our CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR holiday periods.

CHRISTMAS period from dinner WEDNESDAY
24 December to lunch on SUNDAY
28 December:

Special SDA rate for four days	£50
Children over three under twelve years	£25
Children under three years	Free

NEW YEAR period from dinner WEDNESDAY
31 December to lunch FRIDAY 2 January:

Special SDA rate for two days	£25
Children over three under twelve years	£12.50
Children under three years	Free

Each extra day outside these dates
charged at £10 a day.

Write to: Administrator, Roundelwood,
Drummond Terrace, Crieff. Tel: Crieff 3806.

NOTTINGHAM – Harvest

The Nottingham Central church was ablaze with the colour of the food, fruit and flowers which decorated it for the annual Harvest Festival.

The 'thanksgiving' theme which permeated all the Sabbath services began with the children of the Junior Sabbath School adding their gift parcels of fruit and vegetables to those already on display.

The morning message presented by Brother V. Ham-Ying served to direct our thoughts to consider the harvest of souls which the Lord Himself will one day gather in.

CATHERINE BURRELL

Bank Holiday Baptism

While many people were getting ready for their Bank Holiday activities, Sisters E. Bennett, E. Hilton, E. Mallins and her daughters Sharon and Paula; were making the final preparations for one of the most important steps in their spiritual experience – baptism by immersion.

These sisters once 'lost' have now been 'found' and welcomed into church membership, Sisters Hilton and Bennett into the Nottingham Central 'fold' and the Mullins family into the Top Valley company.

Pastor George Harris, minister of the Nottingham churches, immersed the candidates during the baptismal service which was attended by NBC president Pastor K. A. Elias, who gave the address, and the many friends and relatives of the candidates for baptism.

CATHERINE BURRELL

Nottingham Central helps Top Valley

On the afternoon of Sunday, 5 October 1980, a sacred concert was held at Nottingham Central in aid of Top Valley church building fund.

The congregation was welcomed by Paula Gray, a five-year-old, who put tremendous effort into her contribution, presenting the theme which was later developed. All the items rendered were delivered with power and precision.

One particular highlight of the concert was a poem entitled 'The Christian Straight Eight' which was delivered by Sister Claudette Elliott. The wording and intonations of the poem registered in the hearts of not only the churchmembers but also the visitors.

Top Valley church has obtained a piece of land from the Council at the cost of £9,000, on which to build a place of worship within five years. Two years have elapsed, and they now have three years left in which to build – not an easy task for this handful of enthusiastic members.

However, there was evident participation by the congregation at Nottingham Central, through the giving of a generous offering which amounted to £204.40, plus £26 from the sale of refreshments on the premises, making a grand total of £230.40.

DEZREEN VALENTINE

SDAs AT THE MANX ROYAL SHOW



The two-day Manx Royal Show this year lived up to its reputation of being two days of mud and rain. But despite the adverse weather people turned out to sample the delights of a country show and this year, for the first time, they were able to sample the greater delights of piping-hot Soya Burgers with onions, and washed down with hot Barleycup – an ideal combination to keep out the cold and the damp.

Our small tent was crammed to the seams with locals and holiday-makers from the mainland drawn by these tempting aromas, and curious to inspect Smoking Sam who, at great personal sacrifice to his health, demonstrated the harmful effects of tobacco. Twenty people signed up for a forthcoming 5-day Plan plus several from England. One lady, a schoolteacher from London, was busy gleaning literature as an aid in helping her pupils to understand the pitfalls of smoking. She will now be contacting the South England Conference office for someone to demonstrate Smoking Sam in her school.

Over the two days of the show we were able to sell two hundred FAMILY LIFE magazines and in addition a hundred copies of FOCUS were given away. Every magazine contained a Voice of Prophecy card and a leaflet with the minister's address, as an invitation to our services. In addition to the magazines, visitors to our tent were able to inspect a selection of books and displays depicting the various aspects of our work as a Church.

The interest shown in our small tent was really encouraging and many who had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists went away with a clear impression of the Christian standards which we uphold, while others were pleased to have some mistaken ideas concerning Adventists corrected.

The Manx Royal Show was another landmark in the accelerating process of recognition for the Church that we are making in the island. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we work to build up and establish the Church here in the Isle of Man.

PHILIP M. RHODES

STANBOROUGH PARK BLUEBELLS ON RECORD SLEEVE

Those who remember the bluebells carpeting the woods around Stanborough Park church, as they were some seventeen years ago, will be interested to learn that they are flowering again – this time on a record sleeve.

The colour picture, although not credited as such, is by Michael Cowen, now a member of the Grantham church. It was selected by RCA Records to illustrate the theme of 'Spring' in Schumann's Symphony No. 1.

Kurt Masur conducts the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra on RCA Gold Seal – GL25285.

A picture full of memories for those who loved the bluebell woods, and a touch of spring in the music too.

B. M. BELL, Communication secretary, Grantham

LAY ACTIVITIES LEADERS PLEASE NOTE . . .

Your complimentary copies of the special full-colour November/December FAMILY LIFE, together with promotional suggestions, have been sent to Lay Activities secretaries this time. Please ask your LA secretary for the magazines as they are intended for platform promotion.

HELP BUILD 500 CHURCHES IN TRANS-AFRICA NEXT 13th SABBATH

by NORMAN L. DOSS

FORMER TRANS-AFRICA DIVISION SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Across the plains, valleys and mountains of Trans-Africa live millions of waiting people. Today doors are open as never before for sharing the Gospel. Burgeoning cities offer one of the century's great challenges to the Church. And throughout the countryside – we call them village areas – where most of Africa's people still live, there are opportunities unlimited for preaching and sharing the good news.

In order to keep up with these opening doors, the Trans-Africa Division has asked that their next 13th Sabbath offering be used to build village chapels – five hundred of them! It's a big task! But it is decidedly possible, through a co-operative, shared plan of providing funds and materials!

Here is the proposition: Congregations urgently needing permanent church buildings (and there are thousands of such congregations, not just hundreds) will provide the bricks, stones, sand and labour. Hiring experienced brick-makers who will mould these by hand in simple frames, they will burn them in kilns, then gather foundation stones and carry them to building sites along with many baskets of river sand. Also they will hire the bricklayers and carpenters and provide all other labour, most of it donated. Funds from world Sabbath Schools will be used to purchase corrugated iron sheets, door and window frames and cement, which will be transported by any available means to building sites.

When the neat brick chapels, with whitewashed interior walls are completed, there will be dedication services throughout the lands. Just imagine, if you will, having a hundred church dedications in a month! And what joy will fill the hearts of homeland members to know that members in Africa, with thousands of friends, gather in these tidy little chapels week by week to prepare for heaven! Could any project be more meaningful?

Top: Rusangu Secondary School in Zambia has 650 students. Another 250 are enrolled in primary classes. Less than half are churchmembers. Evangelism is a challenge and each year 50 to 60 students are baptized.

Centre: In many areas of the southern African countries, the soil can be utilized for making bricks. Boys mix water into the clay with their feet. The mud is put into wooden moulds and hand tooled. In anticipation of your generosity this member has already begun preparing bricks to build his village church.

Bottom: The bricks are sun dried, then stacked and kiln fired. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will provide the funds and the churchmembers the labour to change these bricks into churches.



OCEANS OF FANTASY

Most of man's inventions have been time-savers.

Then came television.

Do you remember when the first one-eyed Monster raised its antennae beside the first chimney-stack in your street? How some saw it as the symbol of a new era, and others as 'the work of the Devil'? How the latter grouping, a minority, were laughed out of sophisticated conversation? (Are they still laughing?) But how the familiar H-like antennae became the ultimate and indispensable status symbol so that the Forces of Conformism decreed that every living-room in the street, including yours, should be presided over by a one-eyed Monster?

Have you ever tried to catalogue the effects of the Monster on your life and attitudes, on the way families live and interact, including yours, and on the outlook and progress of our Church?

You have, but you object to my use of 'Monster' and 'antennae'? Yes?

Well, I'm glad you are thinking the problem through. Because, if my mail bag is anything to go by, 'problem' it undoubtedly is by whatever name it is known in the intimate circle of your nearest and dearest.

And that should not surprise us.

Among major activities, only sleep and work consume more of the average person's time than TV. Those who have studied its effects on society over many years give it as their considered opinion that the impact of TV has been greater than that of the motor car. The car, they remind us, moves the body about the neighbourhood or across the country; but TV carries the mind around the world in an instant. The car affects where we go but TV affects what we think. Radio, books, magazines and newspapers exert a powerful influence on our culture: but TV is, without question, the greatest single force reflecting and moulding attitudes and behaviour in our society.

We speak of 'educational TV': *all TV is educational*. The question is, what does it teach?

Most adults have learned to eat what is good for them whether they like it or not. But, by the fireside, in front of the TV, how many of us become like children – and feed ourselves on a diet of junk viewing? What do we mean when we thumb through the *Radio Times* or the *TV Times* looking for 'something good'? If it entertains the eyes and ears, is it necessarily nutritious for the mind and spirit?

And upon what kind of mind-and-spirit diet are we feeding our children? To what extent are we responsible for the decline in scholastic achievement which has

paralleled the rise and rise of the Monster's power in our homes? How does the proportion of Bible study and scholastic study relate to the hours spent safely anaesthetized in front of the TV? Did I say 'anaesthetized'? Surely TV is far more than an anaesthetic which 'holds under' our ever-demanding, all-absorbing brood for x-number of hours each day: *it is filling their minds*. And with what? The mind is empty. The filling process begins early. It continues until death. But as the years glide by, the filling mixes with more and more of what has gone before, and makes less and less of an impression upon the mind. What comes first counts most. What are you allowing the TV impressarios to pour into the minds of your children, the children God has left in your charge 'as a sacred trust'?

These questions have fought their way into my mind over a period of months.

It has concerned me for a long time that the Church of the Laodiceans is having less success in discharging the Gospel Commission in our sector of the globe than elsewhere. A few months ago on the London train on my way to a preaching appointment, I found myself in the distinguished company of one of the Church's 'elder statesmen'. The problem surfaced and, *en route* to the smoke, we covered many facets of it in discussion. We had just begun to diagnose its causes (and were a long way from prescribing its cure) when we rolled into Euston. Over the heads of the Saturday morning shopping *mêlée* he intoned, 'Of course, TV is at the bottom of it.' And he was gone.

So how has TV affected our Church and its sense of commitment to the Gospel Commission?

'If any man be in Christ', says Paul, 'he is a new creature.' (2 Cor. 5:17.) This revolution in an individual's experience we call the new birth. This experience gives the Christian a new scale of values and a new view of himself and of everyone and everything else.

Is it possible that TV works against this experience?

Do TV models, even in programmes considered 'healthy' by secular standards, portray values and solutions to problems not in harmony with Christian standards?

Does TV take up the time we should be spending getting to know the Lord? If establishing a relationship with Jesus means learning to know Him, does this not take time? Does not our whole Christian experience depend on our maintaining a day-by-day, on-going relationship with Jesus, and does not this, in turn, depend on our spending time day-by-day sitting at His feet? Is there any

way a person can spend several hours a day watching TV, keep up with the other responsibilities of life and spend the time with Jesus necessary to maintain a healthy Christian experience? Is it possible that TV is an idol that will cost some Adventists eternal life?

Does TV have a 'stereotyping' effect? You know; making us all alike? Cloning us into Media Men and thus rubbing out that fine line between the Church and the World? At one time we were 'in the world but not of the world', a 'separate', 'peculiar' people with a strong sense of mission. Is this true anymore?

Are we involved in personal evangelism to the extent that we used to be? In the thirty years since the rooftops of our villages, towns and cities began to bristle with TV aerials, six evangelistic magazines in Britain have collapsed after agonizing years of declining circulation. The first of these, *Present Truth*, had, in its heyday, enjoyed a circulation of well in excess of 100,000 per fortnight. Did you catch that figure? In those days every churchmember would take his quota and ensure that each copy found lodgement in somebody's home. Adventists have argued that they are too busy to witness for Christ. TV has disproved that myth. We have time for the things we want to do. And we stretch our ingenuity to the limit finding excuses and rationalizations to avoid what we *ought* to do.

Having deprived themselves of the point and excitement of the Christian adventure, those without Christ seek second-hand adventure by identifying with the celluloid 'beautiful people' engaged in their synthetic adventures on the small screen. We have the aims and excitement of the supreme adventure of salvation by grace, through faith in Christ, but have we embarked on the same ocean of fantasy? Are we living life vicariously through the electronic miracle in our living rooms which, evening by evening, and every hour on the hour, dishes up our fantasy ration? Is the time we should spend getting to know Jesus and witnessing for His Cause taken up in absorbing the salacious comedy, passionate romance, wits-against-the-law, high glamour espionage, with plenty of on-going soap-opera escapism to keep us hooked, which the TV companies put out?

'If any man be in Christ', says Paul, 'he is a new creature.' And he went on to say; 'Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.' (2 Cor. 5:17, 20.)

Is the Monster in the corner detracting from your experience as 'a new creature' 'in Christ'? And standing in the way of your duties as His ambassador?

D. N. MARSHALL



Let us in on the method of witnessing you have found most effective in your area. Write to TELL BRITAIN, Editor, The Stanborough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs., NG31 9SL.

BELFAST

The difficulties of meeting at night for prayer meeting have led the Belfast members to form six house fellowships in various areas of the city, with approximately eight to ten members in each. The purpose of these fellowships is, first, Bible study and prayer, each group deciding what they will discuss; it may be doctrine, the beliefs of other faiths, health, how to share our faith, or some practical problems they have encountered in the course of their Christian walk. Secondly, the groups are eager to reach out and reclaim back-slidden members who are drawn into this family atmosphere. They also invite those contacted through the VOP and magazine distribution to join them. Thirdly, the groups plan their own evangelism for their area of the city. This involves visiting homes; and, sometimes, inviting people in their area into their homes for a special social evening. Some of the things they have invited people to so far are: 'Taste and See' cookery demonstrations, presentations of Holy Land slides, films, and children's Bible School-type programmes. But *evangelism in the home* is the key to their success.

The groups meet every fortnight, and the pastor has arranged it so that each group has its own leader. However, he visits four groups out of the six each fortnight to encourage them.

The Belfast members observe how encouraging this kind of 'home evangelism' can be. Some speak of the 'family spirit' it has produced. Others say it has made it easier for them to overcome barriers in sharing their faith. It is 'low cost' and can involve every church-member. In addition, it brings fellowship for the isolated and a rapid potential membership increase.

Pastor G. Martin Bell, LA director of the BUC, reports: 'I fully support and commend this work in Belfast as it is biblical, flexible and experimental. The Belfast members are currently inviting many other people in their various

communities to join their groups by placing magazines in their homes containing a letter of invitation to a fellowship meeting. *It is interesting to note that the Church Growth Movement in Britain points out that 93 per cent of the Churches that are growing, work on a system of house fellowships.* I believe that this could broaden our whole concept of lay evangelism in Britain and make it possible for even the most timid to join in.'

STROUD

Brother Fanstone, Stroud's elder, reports that the local membership are brave enough to go from door to door wearing large circular badges on their lapels with the statement, 'Ask Me About the Good News'. They then tell people that they are visiting from the Adventist church, and offer them the opportunity to see a series of slides on a 'television projector' about the return of Jesus Christ. Evidently, out of twenty-four houses, they have had two people invite them back for a presentation. They are very pleased with this response.

STANBOROUGH PARK

LA secretary June Coombs reports: 'FAMILY LIFE' subscriptions are growing almost weekly as people discover how useful it is as an initial contact magazine. I am having to raise the standing order for FAMILY LIFE yet again.'

LOWESTOFT

Pastor W. J. Newman reports that, following the example of Southend where ninety-five local clergy are in regular receipt of *Ministry* magazine, the same policy is being adopted in Lowestoft. In addition copies of *Confrontation* are being delivered, in person, to the professional people in the area, ministry and laity are joining Fraternals, the Women's Temperance Union and the British and Foreign Bible Society - all as a means of creating goodwill; and that books are being presented to local libraries.

LEEDS

'The book work in Leeds has had great impetus since the arrival here of Victor Harewood, our P.D.S. and his family,' reports Brother G. L. Copleston.

'Our own literature-evangelist, Lincoln Wray, started recently and is having good success in his new work. It was strange how things worked out for him. On the day following his decision to enter the colporteur ministry, Lincoln received his redundancy notice which would take effect the day before he planned to commence as an L.E. Some may say it was coincidental, but Lincoln knows different.'

Brother Copleston continues, 'Victor has two new prospective literature-evangelists in hand. One full time, the other auxiliary. Recently, he sold some of our books to a lady in Leeds. She has to date attended Leeds church three times and has expressed the desire to come

regularly. Surely, this is the real value of our book work - to bring souls to Christ. Victor, working in co-operation with our LA leader, Brother Brown, has also been instrumental in organizing the sale of many thousands of copies of FAMILY LIFE.'

Successful Evangelistic and Soul-Winning Methods Taken from 'Christian Service' and 'Messages to Young People' by E. G. White

Submitted by Pastor Everett Howell
LA director, South England Conference

'The Lord is calling upon His people to take up different lines of missionary work to sow beside all waters' (MYP p 217).

1. House to house (CS p 113.1).
2. Deeds of sympathy (CS p 113.2).
3. Words of sympathy (CS p 113.2).
4. Deeds of love and benevolence (CS p 113.2).
5. Sit by the fireside (CS p 113.3).
6. Bible readings and literature distribution (CS p 113.4).
7. Pray for the sick (CS p 113.5).
8. Relieve from suffering (CS p 113.5).
9. Acts of disinterested love and kindness (CS p 114).
10. Relieve physical needs first (CS p 114.1).
11. Heal sick, comfort mourners, soothe the afflicted (CS p 114.2).
12. Share personal Christian experience (CS p 114.2).
13. Take note of children and remember tired mothers (CS p 114.2).
14. Meet human woe with tenderness and gentleness (CS p 114.2).
15. Be a servant to all - bring hope and strength to all (CS p 114.2).
16. Present truth in love and simplicity (CS p 114.3).
17. Sing songs of praise (CS p 114.3).
18. Present heartfelt, humble prayer (CS p 114.3).
19. Visit those who live near you (CS p 115.1).
20. Visit neighbours in a friendly way, becoming acquainted with them (CS p 115.3).
21. Watch for opportunities to do neighbours good (CS p 116.1).
22. Carry the atmosphere of heaven (CS p 116.2).
23. Do not neglect the one-soul audience (CS p 116.3).
24. Spend more time in personal ministry (CS p 117.1).
25. Come close to men and women individually (CS p 117.3).
26. Become acquainted with people (CS p 117.5).
27. With personal effort witness in the home circle, at your neighbour's fireside, at the bedside of the sick (CS p 118.3).
28. Jesus sought people on public streets, in private homes, on the boats, in the synagogue, by the shores of the lake, and at the marriage feast (CS p 119.2).
29. Meet people in their daily vocations - manifest an interest in their secular affairs (CS p 119.3).
30. Mingle with people as one desiring good (CS p 119.3).
31. Go forth and witness two by two (CS p 128).
32. Medical evangelist approach will gather a great harvest of souls (CS p 128.1).
33. Teach people how to regain health and avoid disease (CS p 128.2).
34. Teach people how to farm their land successfully (CS p 129.1).
35. Establish industries so that poor families can find employment (CS p 129.2).
36. Skilled tradesmen should teach and help those unskilled and unlearned (CS p 129.3).
37. The efficient cook, the home keeper, the seamstress, the nurse, should teach others (CS p 129.4).
38. Bring children and youth into Sabbath School. The young may in this way labour for the Saviour (CS p 130).
39. Song is one of the most effective means of impressing truth upon the heart (MYP p 217).
40. Teach the people how to prepare healthful foods (MYP p 218.2).

Chiswick Baptism

Sunday 21 September was a very happy day in the Chiswick church when twenty-four candidates passed through the waters of baptism, making a public declaration of their faith in Jesus. A number of them had had studies in Pastor Cuthell's baptismal classes and a number had attended a short campaign run by Pastor Everette Howell over five weekends, followed by Bible studies with Mrs. Fleming-Noel. New Chiswick minister, Pastor Horace Taffe, officiated.

ENID TOLMAN, *Communication secretary*

Pastor's Farewell

Following a dedicated ministry of six years in the Chiswick church a special presentation was made to Pastor James Cuthell and his family on Sabbath afternoon, 30 August, by head elder, Walden Dehaney. After thanking Pastor Cuthell for his spiritual leadership, and for his untiring efforts in caring for the membership over a difficult period in the church's history, Brother Dehaney presented him with a cheque, his wife Maureen with a large bouquet of flowers, and thirteen-year-old daughter Helen with a book token. Pastor Cuthell will be helping with the work at the New Gallery Centre and will minister to the church in Fulham.

ENID TOLMAN, *Communication secretary*

Harvest Festival Helps Scanner Fund

The Cambridge church held its Harvest Festival on Sabbath, 4 October. The morning service was taken by Pastor Rees, our local minister. The theme of his address was from John chapter six. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The offering was in aid of the Cambridge Addenbrookes Hospital Scanner fund and amounted to £65.98. The harvest supper was well attended, after which the fruit and vegetables were auctioned. The amount raised was £40.23. A cheque for £111.21 has been sent to the Scanner fund.

DAVID PORTER

Manchester Pastor Helps in London

Sabbath, 4 October, was a very special day for us here in Hounslow, as this was the day we welcomed our new minister, Pastor Kendall Down, and his family. We all greatly appreciate the help and guidance of Pastor J. Cuthell, who has now left us.

Pastor Down, with the help of Pastor Derek Marley, is doing a great work. They are organizing and holding weekly archaeological meetings in the Ealing area. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed and we expect a favourable response. Pastor Derek Marley commutes between Manchester and London every week. We know that God will bless his efforts.

MARLENE SASS

HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH A DIFFERENCE



Stanborough Park's harvest festival on 27 September provided an interesting display, complete with a real waterfall and an unusual centre-piece — the children of the kindergarten division. Under their leader, Mary Dyason, they gave us a glimpse of what happens in their classes. The harvest festival display was painstakingly prepared by Sister Audrey Balderstone.

BRONWEN ATKINSON



Photos: Stuart Archer and Eric Dell

ST. ALBANS: Children's Programme

Sabbath 27 September was an enjoyable one for the members and visitors at St. Albans as nine children from the Junior Sabbath School presented a very thrilling and up-to-the-minute programme. It began at 9.30 am with a song service and special musical items consisting of a recorder duet by Clair Banfield and Sarah Archer, and a violin solo by Kristina Redfern. Our spiritual temperature was measured in the form of a dialogue. The poems rendered placed emphasis on our systematic giving towards the 13th Sabbath offering. The congregation caught the spirit of the morning as they joined the children in singing 'Showers of

Pennies We Need' and responded with a generous 13th Sabbath offering.

The programme concluded with Andrea Luxton presenting eight children with Perfect Honour cards.

JOYCE REDFERN

Record Offering

The Sabbath School department of the Grantham church reports a record offering for the third quarter of 1980 — £1,033.

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St. Augustine

A FIRST AT ST. ALBANS



A baptism was held for nine young people for the first time in Adventist history in the delightful old city of St. Albans. Since the company was formed some fifteen years ago several baptisms have been held but all in neighbouring Stanborough Park. As our new church, currently being built, was not ready, the members of Dagnall Street Baptist church lent us their beautiful church and baptistery for 28 June 1980.

The names of those baptized are: Mrs. Janet Banfield, Mr. P. G. Balisson, Mrs. M. R. C. Balisson, Mr. Peter John Cieslar, Miss Dale Cochran, Miss Lila Karpinska, Miss Hania Karpinska, Miss Lee Choo-Goh, Mr. Ian Redfern.

The members would like to take this opportunity of thanking Pastor Paul Cieslar for his unceasing toil and dedication to the leading of these young people and also for the care and attention he pays to all his 'flock'.

HEATHER MASON

NOTTINGHAM

Notable changes have been made in Nottingham Central's church leadership for church year 1980-81. Well over 60 per cent of the new appointees are female. The Adventist Church is clearly launching out into the deep while the other denominations are land-locked in debate.

CATHERINE BURRELL

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Secretary/registrar's note: You may be interested to know that Mr. Broome has left his work, sold up his home and removed his family to Newbold College so that he can train to become a minister in the Lord's work. We like to think that working through the Lay Preachers' Course helped to strengthen his decision to take this step.

V. PORTER



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MEET SAKAE KUBO – NEWBOLD'S NEW PRINCIPAL

by HELEN PEARSON



Man. Theologian. Writer. Teacher. Principal. Japanese. American. All these are the labels. But what about the man? What's he like?

When the news went around last April that we had a new principal, the labels were all we knew. But what's he like? We wanted to know. And how did he feel to be approached and asked to be principal of Newbold College?

When he got here and he'd had time to settle in a bit, we asked him. 'It was completely out of the blue', he recalls, 'and it took me some time to make up my mind. I felt established at Walla Walla College as dean of the Theology department and was very happy with the work I was doing there. But eventually I decided to take up the challenge of leading Newbold. It was a great honour to be asked.' And with the labels in mind we half expected him to put his hands together and nod his head in the Oriental manner!

Dr. Kubo arrived at Newbold in July and since then he's had a lot to do. Staff meetings, committees, correspondence, preaching and speaking appointments; plenty to keep him occupied! Recently he took time from all these commitments to give a short interview about himself to the student magazine, *Prism*. The students were also asking, 'What's he like?' This is what he told them.

'Most people want to know what nationality I am; I'm an American, a second generation US citizen. I was born in Hawaii, but both my parents were Japanese. The first time I went to Japan myself, was in 1979; it was quite alien to me, I feel more at home with American straightforwardness than with Oriental subtlety. I wouldn't say I was entirely Western in outlook, but I have problems understanding the Japanese mind; for example, I can't comprehend the idea of an honourable suicide, it's so strange. World War II was a difficult time; we had no question we were Americans, and

many Japanese Americans went out of their way to try and prove it. But it was worse for our parents, their loyalties lay with Japan and they were really torn up about it.

'My wife is Japanese too. I met her when I was at the Adventist academy in Hawaii. From there I went to Andrews for four years before returning to Hawaii as a teacher and minister. I did two years as a minister in Los Angeles but went back to the Seminary first as a student and later as a lecturer. Before coming back to Newbold I was the Dean of the School of Theology at Walla Walla, but most of my teaching career, twenty-three years in fact, was spent at Andrews. Most of all, I've enjoyed teaching Greek, it's my greatest interest.

'I spent ten years in Andrews' Library, chiefly involved with the selection of books to develop the resources of the Seminary to support doctoral studies. Working in the library I got to know what were the areas where new books needed to be written. I soon found out that some books are of dubious quality, so I tried to see if I could do better. My first book was a Greek textbook and since then I've written other books. I enjoy writing and reading too. I read books on all sorts of subjects – mostly theology of course, but literature as well.

'I haven't had time to formulate any plans of my own concerning Newbold. We hope to be able to develop the Seminary and have the entire MDiv and MA programmes here in the future. The atmosphere at Newbold is more international than at colleges in the United States. Otherwise much is the same. In America there are more differences in attitude at religious services. There are minor differences in attitude regarding requirements in attendance.

'As far as my own Christian experience is concerned, the most important change came when I went to Andrews. I had

intended to major in Microbiology but I felt impelled to become a minister. It was a blow for my parents who were Buddhists. When I went to the University of Chicago to do my PhD, it was the first time (after becoming an Adventist) I had been educated outside the Adventist system. In SDA colleges we think in the context of our own assumptions. At Chicago I stuck out like a sore thumb. It shook me. For a moment everything went flying off in the air, but the experience led me to a stronger faith – not necessarily the same faith, but a new, tested one. I lost my innocent faith but came to a mature one, shorn of vulnerable positions. For example, in studying the synoptic gospels I came to realize that the inspiration did not mean that an author could not depend on written or oral sources. Faith has to develop to include the facts.

'I've been to England on four previous occasions, mainly on Andrews University work. I had been led to expect that the English were reserved and aloof. In fact they are quite different; warm, friendly and often outgoing. Another misconception was that all women wore hats in church – someone told us this back in the States, so my wife came prepared to buy some if necessary. As it turned out she hasn't had to.'

And there was one more statement – it was primarily a statement on the subject of the student magazine, but we think it helps to answer the question, 'What's he like?' It shows how Dr. Kubo thinks and we're going to share it with you.

'I'd like to see a magazine at Newbold that is provocative and stimulating; a paper that is not simply trying to establish confrontation but whose aim is to help people to think. It should not be afraid to ask questions.'

What's he like? He's like Sakae Kubo. Most honourable Japanese American principal – we're glad to have you!

historic feature



SOUTHAMPTON

Top: 'Ravenswood', Shirley Road, Southampton — the first administrative centre for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the British Isles. The photograph was taken in 1882. **Bottom:** Outside 'Ravenswood', a somewhat pre-occupied group of Adventist pioneers wait for the photographer to 'work' his new-fangled contraption. **Front row (from left):** William Ings (the first Adventist missionary to Britain, a native of Dorset who had emigrated to the USA from Southampton), J. W. Gardner, S. M. Haskell (author of 'Our Paradise Home') and J. N. Loughborough. **Back row (from left):** Mrs. W. Ings, Miss Jenny Thayer (Bible instructor), Mrs. J. W. Gardner, Delmer Loughborough (son of J. N. Loughborough, sent by the Americans to assist with the work in Britain), Mrs. J. J. Ireland, Mrs. J. N. Loughborough and, shyly tucked away behind the porch support, M. L. Jones.

Family connections led Ings to begin evangelizing Britain with Southampton. He arrived in May 1878. After requesting help from the United States, he was joined by J. N. Loughborough on 30 December 1878. They commenced their campaign in January 1879 and it continued until August when they began to rent 'Ravenswood' which served as a meeting place, living quarters for workers, and an administrative centre for the expanding work. A specially constructed baptistery made 'Ravenswood' the scene of the first Adventist baptism in Britain. It was in January 1880. Six candidates were immersed.

WINIFRED BUCKLE

This is an historic feature in more senses than one. It was posted by Miss Winifred Buckle on 14 June 1979 and arrived at The Stanborough Press on 16 October 1980. A record, surely, for our usually efficient postal service.

A SURVEY OF THE USE OF BIBLE VERSIONS

In November 1979 a questionnaire survey was conducted to find out which English versions of the Bible were being used in Church work today. Seventh-day Adventist clergy were among those who took part in the survey and, as the researcher herself is an Adventist, the SDA results were of particular interest. Here is a brief summary.

In common with other smaller fundamentalist groups, the SDAs showed a marked preference for the Authorized Version (AV). For example, in the pulpit it was used by 80 per cent of the SDA clergy, by 38 per cent of Church of England clergy, and as little as 12 per cent by clergy of the Methodist and Baptist Churches. Even for such activities as informal study groups SDA clergy indicated that the AV was the version most of them used, though often in conjunction with modern versions. For trying to arouse interest among non-Bible readers the New International Version (NIV), the Good News Bible (GNB) and the New English Bible (NEB) took precedence over the AV. For work among children and youth the GNB took the lead, though not to the same extent as it did among the other denominations. The survey showed that SDA clergy used many different versions of the Bible, particularly for their own private study and reference. They seemed less inclined to use the many versions in actual church activities, however. Ministerial students at Newbold, who also took part in the survey, showed an increased interest in NIV and TEV, though their use of the AV is still relatively high. It can be noted that they prefer to use the Revised Standard Version (RSV) in the pulpit, though the AV comes close second.

Seventh-day Adventist clergy indicated in the questionnaire that it was mainly the older members of the congregation who preferred and understood the language of the AV. One wonders then why the AV is still so much used. Surely it is easier to bring people, both inside and outside the Church, face to face with a living Saviour when they can readily grasp what His Word tells them. Much prayer and dedication has gone into the making of the modern versions of the English Bible. The burden of the translators has been to make the Bible come alive in the language of today. In the original the Bible is not archaic and ornate. It speaks in the language of daily communication, its writers being eager to have their urgent message fully understood. As a Church we believe that we have THE message for the last days. Should we not then be equally concerned that God's truths ring out clear and vibrant through versions of the Bible which speak the language of today's generation. PEARL SJÖLANDER, PhD

WEDDINGS

DUDMAN - RICHARDS - As the bells of St. Bartholomew's church, Crewkerne, rang out on Easter Sunday, 6 April, a group of six-year-old children carrying posies of daffodils lined the pathway to the church door. Deirdre Richards had come there to be married to Stephen Dudman, and they were her pupils. Deirdre and Stephen first met at Chiswick School where they were pupils, and as a result of Deirdre sharing her faith. Stephen was baptized in Ealing church. A member of the Adventist tinnabulation group 'The Ringing Richards', Deirdre was given away by her father Charles Richards, an elder of Hounslow church. She was attended by Janet Shepherd and Mandy Munson and the best man was school friend Nigel Martin. A reception was held in the Crewkerne Day-Centre before Mr. and Mrs. Dudman left for a honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. They will make their home in Chard and we pray that the Lord will richly bless them in their new life together.

Enid Tolman

CHISHOLM - NIBBS - 6 July dawned very sunny for Errol and Shirley. It was the day set aside for their marriage. Shirley arrived at twelve noon on the arm of her father, looking very serene in the dress she so lovingly made herself. Her sister, Mrs. F. Riley, arrived from the USA to be her matron of honour. The best man's duties were ably carried out by Mr. B. Mullings, a long-standing friend of the groom. Four bridesmaids with their attendant groomsmen added to the pretty scene. The service was conducted in the Camp Hill church by Pastor B. Flynn, while Pastor D. McFarlane gave timely admonition to the happy couple. The many friends who gathered for the occasion wish Errol and Shirley every happiness as they set up another Christian home.

A. Nibbs

MITCHELL - CHAMBERS - It was a case of 'firsts' for Pastor George Harris, his assistant Brother Volney Ham-Ying, and registrar Catherine Burrell, on the occasion of the wedding of Garrey Mitchell and Nileen Chambers at the Nottingham Central church on 14 September. For Pastor Harris, it was the first wedding he had conducted since his ordination. For Brother Ham-Ying it was the first wedding at which he had assisted. For Sister Burrell the first came as a result of her position as the church's newly-elected Registrar of Marriages. The bride and groom are at present having Bible studies with a view to baptism and church membership. Looking radiant, the bride attended by bridesmaids J. Mitchell and B. Rodney, was led up the aisle by her father to meet the groom and his best man, J. Pennant. The service will be remembered for its historical significance and for its special importance to the couple - when they pledged their life and love to each other. May this be the 'first' of many years of marital bliss.

Catherine Burrell

LETTERS

NEED IN NORTH GHANA

Dear Brethren and Sisters,
Christian greetings to all of you from the North Ghana Mission.
Today I am writing you to thank you for the generous way in which you answered my appeal for clothing. All that I took with me was a 'drop in the ocean'. Those who have received help have been very grateful and have asked me to send their thanks to all of you.

This afternoon a young man came to me for help. Fortunately, I had put away a few items and so I was able to help him. He was very happy and remarked that his family would have some clothing for another year. This is only one of the many experiences which I have had. As my husband travels from place to place he sees the need and has decided that he will always travel with some clothing in the Mission pick-up, but I have none at the moment.

E. Flynn-Antonio (Mrs)

EFFECTUAL PRAYER

Dear Editor,
As a family of brothers and sisters, we greatly appreciated all the kindness shown to my brother, Leslie Brookes, during his serious illness. In addition to the letters and 'get-well' cards, members of several churches prayed diligently for Leslie's recovery. We appreciate these many effectual prayers, which certainly availed so much, and would like to convey our thanks through the MESSENGER.

Lilian Brookes

TRAGEDY IN ETHIOPIA

Dear Editor,
This is a brief note to inform your readers of a tragedy which has occurred in Ethiopia.

While driving to visit one of our country churches our newly-elected Mission president, Pastor G. Michael Felema, was involved in a serious car accident. The car he was driving careered off the road and rolled a number of times down a 90-foot embankment. He is in hospital in Addis Ababa with head injuries and nerve damage. Your prayers are requested.

Robert M. Pearce

CONGRATULATIONS to Wendy Powls on gaining a BSc Honours degree in Physics from the University of Leeds.

to Paul Johnson on gaining a BEd degree from the University of Durham.

Editor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. The treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £35, £36, £35 tithe from WTC; £1, £1, £1 tithe from HT; £100 tithe from CD; £2, £10 for East Africa Famine from Anon; £50 for Famine and Disaster (Uganda) from Anon.

The treasurer of the British Union Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £56.70 tithe from Anon.

OBITUARIES

PHILLIPS, William - d. 8 August 1980. Brother Phillips was the elder of the Aberdare church, and is not only missed by his family, but also by the membership of the church. He came to a knowledge of the Advent Message through the evangelistic ministry of Pastor H. K. Munson in Stoke-on-Trent. For a period of a few years in the late 1940s he worked as a full-time literature-evangelist. At one time, he and his wife had a round of over a thousand customers for 'Good Health' in the Potteries area. His interest in literature distribution continued up to recent months in Aberdare, along with enthusiastic support for Ingathering. Brother and Sister Phillips moved from Stoke-on-Trent to Aberdare in 1972. After the service in the Aberdare church, conducted by Pastor N. Robertson and assisted by Pastor E. Logan, Brother Phillips was laid to rest in the Aberdare Cemetery to await the Master's call. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Sister Ida M. Phillips and her daughter Ellen, son-in-law John and family.

Pastor N. Robertson

Sister Ida M. Phillips and her daughter Ellen wish to thank all those who expressed their love and sympathy through letters, cards and floral tributes.

McKAY, Oyuki - d. 21 May 1980. Mrs. Oyuki McKay was born in Tokyo in 1892, the youngest daughter of a Samurai. She came to England in 1906, and was married six years later. Her eight children were born in Manchester, where she lived until 1938. She was baptized in 1937 along with one daughter and one son. In 1971 she came to Bath to live with her eldest daughter, Olga Lewis, who cared for her with unselfish devotion. Mrs. McKay was loved by all who came within the sphere of her warm, happy, generous and unselfish personality. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor R. W. Dougherty assisted by David Hole, one of her sons-in-law who is at Newbold College preparing for the ministry. We hope to meet her again when our Lord returns.

Pastor R. W. Dougherty

FARRELL, Fay - d. 30 July 1980. Sister Farrell was a member of the Glasgow church for thirty-two years, having been baptized on 26 June 1948. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Llewelyn Edwards. We extend our sympathies to her family who tended her during her last, long illness.

D. S. Montgomery

SEDDON, Gladys - d. 24 August, 1980. The Richmond church were deeply saddened by the death of our Sister Seddon, who learned the message from her mother-in-law, of the Chiswick church, some thirty-five years ago. We will greatly miss the cheerful and reliable contribution that was made in her offices as deaconess, welfare leader and Sabbath School superintendent. During her many months of suffering she always spoke of her love for Jesus. A warm tribute was paid to our dear sister's memory by Pastor G. S. Crutchfield at the funeral service. Our sympathies are extended to her children, Michael and Margaret, with the sure knowledge of the resurrection morning when we shall be reunited with our loved ones.

Thelma R. Smith

FORBES, Eunice - d. 27 August 1980. The passing of Sister Forbes was unexpected. Just two days before she had been on Nottingham Central's annual outing. Her pleasant countenance and cheerful greeting will be sorely missed by the 'church family' of which she has been a member for the past nine years. Her committal service was conducted by Pastor G. Harris, and was attended by so many friends that a coach had to be hired to transport the mourners to the cemetery.

Catherine Burrell

APPLEYARD, Barbara - d. 5 September 1980. After many months of pain, our sister, a loved and respected member of the Norwich church family, went to sleep until Jesus calls her. Baptized in 1971 by Dr. B. Ball, she was able in her particular way to make her contribution to the life of the Church. On 9 September Pastor P. Stearnman conducted the funeral service, with relatives and friends, said good-night to our sister. Her faith was strong and she rests from all pain until the day of reunion.

Dorothy Graham

Send your non-Adventist friends a Voice of Prophecy Christmas card

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VOP – THE TIME FOR ACTION

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our two doctrinal courses. For the past few weeks he has been struggling. He is in his early twenties. For a number of years he had been training to be a professional ballet dancer. Now, under conviction, he felt he should give it up so that he could be fully obedient to God. He had just achieved a place in a Ballet Company, much to the delight of his father who had sacrificed financially to enable him to train. After much prayer he wrote on 22 September 1980, 'As you see from my lessons, I'm submitting an application for baptism. . . . I am now waiting on the Lord to see what my next step must be, this time I'm going to follow the way He shows me.' How did Michael become a student? Two

years ago he was thumbing through an old *Reader's Digest* and saw our advert and applied. Little did he realize the difference this was to make in his life.

Pray for Michael, and all the Michaels of the future. Last year you helped to get 11,724 applications, 1,706 of these came in as a result of advertisements in our magazines, and over 49,000 papers were graded, which resulted in 94 students being baptized. What about 1980, our 50th Anniversary? Over the years millions of people all over the world have been blessed through the Voice of Prophecy. Help to make this year a golden year for the Bible School by TELLING BRITAIN during November the VOP way.

EAST MEETS WEST IN SOUTHAMPTON

When the last plane left south-west China before the 'bamboo curtain' came down, no one could have foreseen the far-reaching results of the narrow escape of the Hsuen family to India.

Young John was led to dedicate his life to the Lord; he trained as a doctor at the



Christian hospital in Vellore, and then became a missionary, first in India and then in Hong Kong. While there he married Michiko, a Japanese nurse, and together they went to Canada, where John qualified as a consultant paediatrician and acquired British nationality.

The Hsuens turned down lucrative offers to remain, and responded to a call to return to Hong Kong, but in order to be a nurse there, Michiko was required to take a course in England. After applying at nine other hospitals, she was accepted at the Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester. With Emi and Yoshimi, their two young children, she and John attended the Southampton church as

preparations were being made to remodel the old building. John helped with the digging and demolition, and sold eggs in the area of his home to raise funds for the building. Before leaving he gave each of fifty members £3 to invest for the fund.

Back in Hong Kong, John was appointed chief of staff of the two Adventist hospitals there, and devoted himself to winning souls as well as treating the sick. One patient, an avowed atheist, yielded his heart to Christ before he died. His widow wrote to tell the story to one of his brothers, a well-known Christian worker in Southampton, who, like many other earnest but misinformed Christians, had been prejudiced against Adventists. His attitude changed completely, and he expressed a wish to meet the man who had been the means of his brother's wonderful conversion. In January 1979, John was ordained and had the joy of baptizing the widow and a younger woman, both of them later returning to England.

After three years in Hong Kong, the Hsuens were given furlough, which they planned to spend in Canada with John's parents, arranging to revisit Southampton en route. Their six days' stay was spent in taking meetings, visiting the sick and bereaved and meeting the Christian worker.

Sabbath, 19 May, was the highlight of their visit when the new converts from Hong Kong and friends from far and near met for a grand reunion. The church building had changed so radically that the Hsuens didn't recognize it, and they were gratified that their investment gift of £150 had become £800. The local paper likened John's return to the parable of the talents.

This thrilling story that began with the Chinese revolution will not end until Jesus comes. We have been privileged to glimpse parts of it and we look forward to its completion, along with many other of God's providential workings.

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Yes, the Pathfinder club was redundant in Leeds until Sunday, 14 September 1980. On that date Sister Candice Harewood brought the Leeds Pathfinder club to new life and hope by starting again with thirty-two present in our church hall for the rebirth.

We are delighted at the thought of so many young people here taking an interest in things which are so important to a right start in life. We are also grateful for the kind support of several helpers.

G. L. COPLESTON

A FREE CASSETTE of the BBC interview involving Ed. Hammond and Joyce Redfern will be sent to any person wishing to donate £1.25 to the Radio department, BUC, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

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