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## MESSENGER IN THE RED!

by D. N. MARSHALL, editor

This issue of MESSENGER has been printed in red *not* to test your reaction, but to advertise a very special fact of life. *If MESSENGER is to continue to exist it needs that miserably necessary commodity called money!*

Sorry to have to mention that ugly word, but we can't escape from the facts of life! MESSENGER doesn't just 'happen'. It's one of those precious privileges for which there is a price to pay!

'Nothing in life is free,' the man said. Certainly whatever comes to us free

somebody has paid for. How true of our salvation! How true of everything worth while in life.

MESSENGER comes to us 'free'. But somebody picks up the bill. Who is it?

The Union, the Conferences, the Missions and The Stanborough Press, that's who.

The theory behind the system is that those organizations (minus The Stanborough Press) are, in turn, remunerated partly from the annual MESSENGER offering; partly from the

amounts allocated from church budgets worked out once a year.

This theory long ago ceased to work in practice.

The amount yielded by the MESSENGER offering is little more than a pittance.

The amounts allocated to MESSENGER in church budgets are woefully unrealistic. The result?

The Union, the Conferences and the Missions are having to divert resources to cover MESSENGER costs which could be spent on worthier causes, including evangelism.

On 19 January the MESSENGER committee met in the President's office at the BUC. It was requested that certain matters be brought to your attention.

### To Members and Church Boards.

The cost for supplying MESSENGER to one person for one year is £3.50. This figure should be a guide to giving by individuals, and allocation by church boards.

### To Lay Activities Secretaries.

Please ensure that your church is not receiving more copies of MESSENGER than it needs. Revise your MESSENGER quota. Then inform Mrs. Maureen Hammond of The Stanborough Press what your new requirement is. Remember: one copy *per family*.

Above all things, ensure that the copies of MESSENGER you do receive reach the hands of the members. Do not leave a bundle of copies at the church door hoping that members will pick them up. Place each copy into the hand of its intended recipient at the close of the service. If you cannot do it yourself, appoint others to help you.

You have a difficult task. God bless you for your faithfulness.

### To Communication Secretaries.

In the future more space in MESSENGER is to be liberated for features that uplift and inspire. This means that there will be less space for church news reporting.

1. Make your reports fewer. The Church family only need to read about three or four of the highlights from your church year.

2. Make your reports briefer. Stick to the essentials. Cut extraneous detail.

3. Do not take offence if your report is cut down or excluded. Remember: your chief responsibility is to ensure that the

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# NEWS in pictures



St. Austell church present money and multi-coloured blankets to Save the Children.

J. Coyston

## Guest Editorial

# HOW THE WORK BEGAN – AND HOW THE WORK WILL BE FINISHED

by PASTOR R. E. APPENZELLER, PUBLISHING DIRECTOR, NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

A handful of mostly uneducated young people formed the existing Seventh-day Adventist Church. Fired with revolutionary zeal they marched out to conquer the world with a message which to them meant life or death. From their beginning in 1844 until 1860 they worked without an organizational structure, adequate funding, or even a name, and yet their ranks increased rapidly. Their message spread to cities, towns and remote farms through the busy pens of James and Ellen White, Joseph Bates and other less accomplished writers. By 1855 this small, yet unnamed group even operated their own printing plant. The literature from this primitive publishing house did its appointed work, and in 1860 they organized a new church – carefully choosing the name Seventh-day Adventist. Soon believers, glowing with a sense of urgency, hurried to all parts of the world. Williams Ings distributed literature in Southampton, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Great Britain was born. John Matteson began publishing two weeks after landing in Denmark, and light from this literature shone into all parts of Scandinavia. In the

1880s Sunday morning strollers in downtown Oslo were confronted by zealous Seventh-day Adventists selling magazines and other papers. This scene, duplicated in many cities and countries throughout the world played a leading role in sowing the Gospel seed. The Holy Spirit used literature to produce the first converts to Adventism in many other countries such as Australia, Hong Kong, Argentina, Brazil, the Philippines and Russia. Though scorned by the majority some read, believed and linked hands with those in this unpopular new Church.

A hundred years have passed. The Seventh-day Adventist Church today numbers its membership in millions, operates dozens of hospitals, hundreds of schools and clinics, a disaster relief programme praised by secular relief agencies, several higher educational institutions and various worthwhile departments at General Conference, Division, Union and Conference level. Seventh-day Adventists are experts in dividing, organizing and promoting plans and programmes for 'finishing the work'. 'Giving the message' has become sophisticated to meet the times.

Well-lubricated Seventh-day Adventist denominational machinery operates overtime throughout the world, but what are the net results in terms of promulgating the Gospel?

Perhaps it would be worth while to answer candidly a few searching questions.

Have we organized too much?

Is saving our children relegated to denominational schools, giving the health message assigned to our hospitals, preaching the Gospel allotted specifically to evangelists and pastors, and other missionary outreach to departmental specialists?

Is our Church becoming a compartmentalized, institutional, muscle-bound organization?

These questions demand answers. Perhaps it is time to re-evaluate our overall Church evangelistic programme. It's dangerous to take a simplistic approach to such an important assignment – but some possible solutions may not be all that complicated.

For example, two of the fastest growing Christian groups in the world today are the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (Mormons) and the Jehovah's Witnesses. It is interesting to note that the Mormons do not have a paid clergy, have no hospitals or elementary schools, and base their evangelistic outreach almost totally on a personal one-to-one approach. The same is true also of the Jehovah's Witnesses, who function without a paid ministry, hospitals, schools, disaster relief programme or even public relations department. Their entire evangelistic programme is based on personal door-to-door work, using literature.

No one would suggest that the institutions and departmental organization which make up the Seventh-day Adventist Church should be set aside in favour of a system like the Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses, and yet the facts are that they get large results with these methods.

**Perhaps the time has come for the Seventh-day Adventist Church to review the low-budget evangelistic methods used successfully by the Adventist pioneers and still used by other organizations who are growing rapidly in this twentieth century.**

People are reading today more than ever before and our publishing houses have the capacity to print literature for every home in the world. Literature evangelism, reaching people with our publications whether sold or distributed freely by missionary laymen, is not dramatic or glamorous, but it is effective. Perhaps it is time we paid closer attention to these words of inspiration, '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.' — *Colporteur Ministry*, page 7.



**E. G. White**

**Counsels to Writers and Editors, page 13.**

*'Character of Matter for Publication. — Let our periodicals be devoted to the publication of living, earnest matter. . . . Family religion, family holiness, is now to be honoured as never before.'*

◆ More than 10,000 copies of the January/February issue of FAMILY LIFE remain unsold. This is the largest number of left-overs since the inception of the magazine. It contrasts very sharply with the peak circulations reached during the summer.

◆ Let us correct the downward trend of January/February during March/April. The only way forward is through each church establishing – and maintaining – a regular standing order for the magazine.

◆ Highest standing orders for FAMILY LIFE at present: Stanborough Park 760; Hampstead 500; Coventry 560.



## WHY TWO MAGAZINES?

FAMILY LIFE and FOCUS fulfil completely different evangelistic functions.

An NOP survey has revealed that only 7% of the UK population attend church, 20% (including the 7% who attend church) claim some kind of Christian background and 80% are 'post-Christian', having little or no interest in matters relating to Christianity and no knowledge of the Bible or Christian terminology.

FOCUS is a religious publication beamed at the 20% of the population already looking for the answers to life's problems in Christian terms and able to understand Christian arguments.

FAMILY LIFE has a dual function:

1. a first-approach message publication beamed at the post-Christian 80% intended (a) to make Christianity attractive, (b) to spark an interest by presenting as wide a range of topics as possible, (c) to prompt a sense of need – and to present Jesus Christ as the answer.
2. a magazine which tackles the problems facing modern families and counters the forces that divide and destroy marriages and families.

*'Worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'*

—From the first angel's message, Rev. 14:7.

### CREATION – EVOLUTION: THE GREAT DEBATE

- ◆ The case against evolution and in favour of special creation.
- ◆ Full colour throughout.
- ◆ Have you placed a regular standing order for FOCUS with your LA secretary?
- ◆ 50,000 of each issue are printed. (4 copies per adult churchmember).
- ◆ **Price: 10p per copy.**





# Round and About

## LONDON'S NEWEST CHURCH



Front row left to right: J. S. Barzey, W. Stefani, Dr. S. M. Reid, Pastor W. J. Arthur, Pastor L. R. Preston, N. Rose and J. Maurice. Behind are the members and friends of the Crouch End church.

The Crouch End company, along with the Muswell and Haringey companies, were products of the vigorous branch Sabbath School thrust of the Holloway church two years ago. On 7 November 1981 Crouch End achieved the distinction of being the first of these companies to be organized into a church.

It was an uplifting service. The thirty-three company members beamed with joy as SEC president, Dr. S. M. Reid, organized them into the South England Conference sisterhood of churches. Pastor L. R. Preston and company leader N. Rose, welcomed the visitors and members in both the English and French languages. Pastor John Arthur, vice-president of the British Union Conference, delivered an appropriately inspiring message. Music was majestically rendered by the Holloway male chorus and the Crouch End choir; and a history of the Crouch End church in song, was sung by Sister Ruth Moothien.

As the crowning event of the day, to the newly organized Crouch End church was extended the privilege of leasing a church building at the 'phenomenal' fee of £1 per year for ninety-nine years.

The members of this newly formed church ask for the prayers of their sister churches that they will be effective witnesses in the Crouch End area. PASTOR LOUIS R. PRESTON

### CROYDON: Year end banquet

At 7.45 pm on 31 December, in the Croydon church youth hall, the second annual Croydon banquet commenced.

A lot of hard work had gone into the preparations, including preparing the hall - working up to almost midnight and returning early the next morning to remain all day.

Everyone worked very hard but a special word of thanks should be given to Sister S. Stephenson who made a lot of sacrifice in order to see that things went through properly.

The compères for the evening, Ainsley Stephenson and Dale Burton, thrilled us all. The entertainment was supplied by local talent and a film.

The evening was rounded off on a more spiritual note with some thoughtful reflections for the year. This was given to us by Brother McQueen from Willesden, one of our many distinguished guests, as the minutes slowly ticked by into the first morning of the new year 1982. J. SAUL

### YARMOUTH: Lay Activities

The members of the Great Yarmouth church, led by Pastor W. J. Newman, have visited the people who attended Pastor Geoff Dennis's lectures in the Gorleston library. They were favourably received as they handed them FOCUS ON THE COMING OF JESUS.

They covered the area with FAMILY LIFE, donating the sum of £85 from the profits to the Guide Dogs for the Blind, and again we received a favourable reception. MAY SNEED

### LIVERPOOL: Pageant

On 26 December the teenagers of the Liverpool church put on a pageant against a background of beautiful hand-painted scenery of Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus, with the shepherds. J. R. KNOTT

### WINCHESTER: Aid for Poland

Proceeds from the Winchester Carol Service were given this year to aid those suffering in Poland. P. NIGHTINGALE

## EIRE: RC CONVERSIONS THROUGH LITERATURE

The Dublin church was unusually full on Sabbath, 14 November.

Two ex-Roman Catholic members from the West of Ireland were baptized. John McNamara from Galway and Sinead Amartafio from Shannon. This brings to five the number of Roman Catholics who have joined the Adventist Church in recent times through literature evangelism.

Pastor Martin Bell from the Union Lay Activities department was the special speaker for the day, and a large congregation, bolstered by representations from Dublin, Ballinacrow, Galway, and even Belfast, heard him preach.

A delightful fellowship lunch was provided by the Dublin ladies who also decorated the baptismal pool with attractive plants and flowers, making it a memorable day indeed.

For the Divine worship service, Pastor Bell gave an excellent address on Romans 8. The address for the afternoon, by the same speaker, was on the meaning of baptism and being called of God.

Pastor John Freeman offered the dedication prayers and he it was who conducted the baptisms.

As Sabbath closed all were invited to stay for a film *Mountain Tops* and it was unanimously felt that this blessed Sabbath and its attendant blessings was indeed a 'mountain-top' experience for all who took part. EITHNE AMOS

## BODMIN: Baptism Countdown

There was a countdown before the baptism of Mrs. Phillips at the Bodmin church. Our elderly sister had been counting the weeks before she would become 'a real member of the church'. Baptized by Pastor Ron Davey, Sister Phillips had responded to a Profiles of Faith course. A. BLACKBURN

## REDUNDANCIES AT PRESS

It was with deep regret that the management of The Stanborough Press Ltd. had to declare redundant five valued part-time employees. Four of the redundancies were occasioned by the installation of a fully mechanized bindery line and one by the installation of an automatic telephone system. Contrary to information circulated to certain of our churches, the redundancies had no connection with the acquisition of a more up-to-date computer. The five part-time ladies had given many years of services, were individuals loved and appreciated, and the decision to declare them redundant was only taken after weeks of prayer and heart searching.

Our Press is currently entering one of the most difficult periods in its history. For many years its viability has depended upon markets in West Africa. These markets may not be available to us for much longer. Your prayers for God's guidance and direction are earnestly requested. Editor



## SOUTH WALES GET-TOGETHER

On 21 November, perhaps for the first time ever, Cardiff church was visited by an American preacher who was also the new BUC president. So when the appointment came through, the Welsh Mission decided to invite all of the South Wales churches as well as all the Adventist young people in Wales, to meet him. The day was made extra special by having a youth and family emphasis in the afternoon and evening and inviting guest speakers Malcolm Vine and Carl Fletcher.

In the morning Pastor H. L. Calkins came over as a level-headed Christian with vision and a strong faith in the victory of the Advent movement and its beliefs. He spoke solemnly and urged the congregation to make January a month of revival, encouraging them to study the Scriptures, and to recognize that all things are possible to those who believe.

The afternoon session began with a sing-and-share section featuring negro spirituals, Welsh hymns, classical numbers and Christian popular music. There was then a talk on pop music and religion, showing how musicians such as Bob Marley and Bob Dylan have influenced young people spiritually through the pop medium and urging young Adventist musicians to use the mass media to put over the Advent message in a Christian manner.

Following that there was a panel discussion on pop music with questions from the audience such as: 'Should we do keep fit lessons to disco music?', and 'Why aren't there any Adventist professional groups in Britain?'

The next speaker, Pastor Malcolm Vine from Bristol, preached a strong sermon on faith so well that some regretted that they hadn't taped it, and others wanted to invite him back as soon as possible.

The day was perfected by a short film and an excellent social which was so enjoyable that no one wanted to leave. Unfortunately we had to go, but not without first saying thanks to Robert Vine, Wales youth sponsor, and Neil Robertson, Cardiff's minister, whose professional approach to church administration ran so smoothly that we hardly noticed him apart from saying: 'Thanks for hosting such a super day.'

CARL FLETCHER

## EDINBURGH: 5-Day Plan

Early in 1981 the Temperance Department of the Edinburgh church began to forge the idea of another 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking. After all, there are plenty of people who want to stop although for most of the time it seems rather hard to find them.

Notwithstanding, when we were given the backing of the church board, and the granting of funds, the various media were contacted and were (for a change) most co-operative. *Edinburgh Evening News*

carried two sizeable news items thus constituting free advertising, and they even gave the name and address of the writer for further information. Radio Forth sent out two effective notices.

By the end of November all was ready and we registered more than forty people who came regularly to the appointed venue in one of the Edinburgh University buildings. There were housewives, an airline pilot, a policeman, teachers, a post office engineer, etc. Most had been smoking more than forty cigarettes a day for many years and were desperate. We held the last of the five evenings in our own church hall, just along the road from our main venue. Meeting on 'neutral ground' for the four nights had definitely helped to break down prejudice. Dr. Martin Clee, who kindly came from Dundee, spending part of his annual holiday to do so, and the writer, worked as a team on this project.

Since that time we have held two reunions – the second on 11 January – plus one evening for a 'Weight Control' programme (Mrs. Nancy Hunter ably managed that one). The percentage who stopped smoking was high. Some are now asking about our Faith. Why not? It does include non-smoking. And it offers much, much more. Can we expect any baptisms as a result? Well, this is a rather common question, isn't it? But even the critics of the 5-Day Plan (if there are any left) must be reminded that we are constantly reminded in the Seventh-day Adventist Blueprint of the need to do much, much more in community service – just for the people's sake. So, carry on 5-Day Plan clinics!

PASTOR C. D. BAILDAM

## FELL WALKERS AT BROOMHILL

Annual general meetings can be long, tedious affairs, bulging at the seams with fact, figures and statistics. Not so with the Fell Walkers!

The Fell Walking season usually ends in The Lake District, sometime during October. By deciding to use Broomhill in November another weekend was added to our varied programme, with the bonus of being able to hold our AGM at the same time.

Friday evening gave us a chance to eat, worship, compare travelling times and new land-speed records, and familiarize ourselves with the routine as the late-comers gradually arrived.

A relatively early start on Sabbath saw a convoy of cars heading for Fernworthy Reservoir, from where our exploration of a section of Dartmoor was to begin. After climbing through pine woods to the open moor and finding convenient rocks for seats beside a moorland stream we were led in the lesson study by our president, Ed Hammond.

Our walk then took us across various tors, the headwaters of the Teign and East Dart rivers, to one of Dartmoor's famous letterboxes at Fur Tor. The visitors' book

duly signed, with a few comments, we headed back, through peat passes, down the East Dart and then veered north to close Sabbath in an ancient stone circle. Perhaps the group of walkers who passed by thought the rumours about Druids on Dartmoor had some substance after all!

As we descended to our cars, the autumn tints took on new shades in the fast failing light, and with clean lungs and empty stomachs we raced back to Broomhill to beat the six o'clock deadline, just!

A mammoth slide show in the evening, broken only for the short business session, reminded us of past weekends spent in The Peak District, Snowdonia, Lake District, and Dartmoor National Parks, as well as individual efforts in South Africa and on Mont Blanc, the social event of the year – Paul and Chris Trenholm's wedding, and even what our opposite numbers, The Mountain and Moorland Club, had been up to on their motortour of Europe.

On Sunday morning the popular walk from Fingle Bridge to Drogo Castle and back took us alongside a lower section of the River Teign, water which we had possibly encountered further upstream at its head, the previous day.

Back to Broomhill for lunch and then a few of us, with a little time to spare in the afternoon, explored the area of Haytor before going our separate ways, knowing that a return visit is on for 1982.

Officers chosen for 1982 are Ed Hammond, president, Rosemary West, secretary-treasurer, and John Bunker, Communication secretary. Our thanks to Angela Sawtell, who has carried the burden of the last two jobs for a number of years.

If you are sixteen or over and would like to join us, send an SAE, marked FWG, to Mrs. R. West, 18 Woodcroft Crescent, Hillingdon, Middlesex UB10 9JA, and she will send you membership details.

JOHN BUNKER, *Communication secretary*

## STEVENAGE: Baptism

The 2nd of January was a great day for the members of the Stevenage church. They gathered to witness the baptism of Brother and Sister Levy, Sister Joy Oxley and Sister Linda Ince. Pastor P. G. Matthews preached an inspiring sermon and Pastor Watson Southcott immersed the candidates.

L. CHANNER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Martin Ball, sixth former at Stanborough School and son of Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Ball, on being awarded an Open Scholarship to Exeter College, Oxford University, to read French.

to Beryl Jean Emm (née Beardsell) on gaining her MCSP and FRP from Withington School of Physiotherapists. Beryl and her husband Philip are both physiotherapists working in Manchester. They both have a burden for the health work in Britain and dream of one day running a health clinic here.

to Adele Stedman on passing with merit her 6th Grade Clarinet examination.

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The treasurer of the Voice of Prophecy acknowledges with thanks receipt of £4 from M.L.K.





# WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE FOR YOU

## STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

In our family we have almost sixty children. They range from our oldest 'son' Patrick Mitchell from Berkshire, and oldest 'daughter' Gudrun James from Leicestershire, both aged 17, to our youngest 'son' Jesse Gittens aged 12 from Suffolk, and 'daughter' Rebecah Hullot from Lincolnshire aged 10, on down to our own 3-year-old Daniel. Only Daniel and his two older brothers are our full-time family. The rest are our boarding family, forty of them for five days a week, and another seventeen for seven days a week.

As I write, our boarding family are at their homes for the Christmas holiday – two out in Nigeria, two in South Africa, one in Ulster, the rest scattered to several points throughout England.

We do not look after this large family by ourselves. Carol Hall from Plymouth looks after the younger girls; Christopher Bockmann, a student missionary from the USA, assists with the younger boys; Pam Cady and Pastor Barry Gane assist with relief duties. As a team we seek to maintain a warm, happy environment, as close to a home situation as is possible within the limitations of institutional life. On the whole I feel we succeed – there is a strong bond of affection between the boarders, and although they all love going to their own homes, you should see their faces when they all meet again after a few weeks' holiday!

We seek to provide a Christian atmosphere, conducive to growth in Christ, and to academic achievement. In the case of the former, most of our boarding family commit themselves to the Lord in baptism during their years here. In the case of the latter, some of the best academic results of Stanborough School are achieved by boarders. For example, the aforementioned Patrick Mitchell achieved eleven, and Gudrun James ten, good 'O' level passes last summer, while Martin Ball achieved three A passes at 'A' level and a 'second' at 'S' level. Outstanding by any standard!

Our day begins at 7 am with rising bell, followed at 7.45 am by morning prayers, 8 am breakfast, and then on to school. At 4 pm our boarders return, with evening

meal at 5.30 pm, and study period from 6.30 - 8 pm (though many take much more time as they progress towards their GCEs). We always round the day off with worship together, and then on to bed. Duties and work in and around the dormitories give practical balance to our programme. Our working day is often twelve to fifteen hours long, but as a team we all take the boarding family seriously and put their corporate and individual needs first. We are rewarded by their warm friendship and visible growth in every way. They are fine, lovely young people, for whom we would go many 'second miles'.

*Did you know that often young people from Adventist homes brought up within our Church education system, probably eight will themselves become Christians? But the same ten put through an education system entirely outside the Adventist system will probably result in only two committing their lives to Christ. (Figures quoted from an Adventist Review of some months ago.)* That is why we operate a Boarding Department at Stanborough School – to give as many young people as possible throughout Britain that opportunity. But we have no child in boarding from Scotland; none from Wales; none native to Ulster or Eire; none

from the South-west of England. Most come from the Midlands or South.

Boarding isn't cheap. It puts many

**Below:** Pastor Mike Stickland, preceptor, surveys the scene from the dormitory fire escape. **Bottom:** Boarders Jennifer Lowe and Gudrun James from the North British Conference relax in one of the dormitory rooms.

Photos: Leslie Hill





parents 'over the barrel' for several years, but I do not believe any regret that sacrifice. Consider your own children and grandchildren. If they will be entering 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or lower 6th next September, why not consider making theirs an Adventist education, by sending them as boarders to Stanborough School? There is a possibility we will increase our boarding facility in time for next September, if we find there is a demand and support from you folk out in the churches of the British Union Conference.

Why not give it some prayerful thought at once. Then write to the headmaster, Derrick Mason. We may even be able to visit your church to present and discuss the matter with you if your pastor or Youth leader writes.

We would love to have your children in our boarding family, and we promise we will take good care of them.

PASTOR MIKE STICKLAND, MA., *preceptor*

## REST HOME VACANCY

Peacehaven Eventide Home is situated near the sea in the village of Lundin Links in Fife, Scotland. The building was formerly a hotel and has been adapted most successfully as a Home. The atmosphere of Peacehaven is one of cheerfulness. The staff under Sister Margaret Fenton, SRN, are most considerate and helpful and contribute very largely to the happy spirit in the Home.

The village is very attractive and being on the level coastal ground provides easy shopping for residents.

Daily worship and Sabbath services are held in the lounge, providing the spiritual comfort so needful to the elderly.

There is now a vacancy for a lady resident and we would invite members who are interested to write for application forms to:

Roundelwood,  
Good Health Association (Scotland) Ltd.,  
Drummond Terrace, Crieff,  
Perthshire (Tel. Crieff 3806).

No one need be deterred from applying on financial grounds as help can be provided in most cases to meet the fees which at present are £56 a week. COLIN WILSON, CA, *administrator*

## BROOMHILL – SENIOR CITIZENS' HOLIDAYS

Holiday programmes for Senior Citizens have proved a popular event at Broomhill House, Devon. Many have experienced the fellowship in the beautiful environment of the Conference Centre.

Holidays for 1982 are scheduled as follows:

June 10 – 17	June 17 – 24
July 1 – 8	July 8 – 15

The charge per person per week is £45. (Deposit with booking £5.)

Book early to avoid disappointment.

'Senior Citizens' Holidays', South England Conference, 25 St. Johns Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PZ.

It is regretted that nursing is not available.

# INGATHERING: THE BITTER-SWEET EXPERIENCE

That special annual event is almost here again. It will soon be the Ingathering season. Most of us usually have mixed feelings about Ingathering – a certain love-hate mixture. We seem not to like it, yet we talk about it more than any other Church activity. It is the one major programme in which most members engage.

Why the love-hate feeling? Perhaps because most of us dislike exposing ourselves to new and challenging situations, to the unknown. Yet there is the thrill of adventure, the joy of success, the satisfaction of touching and communicating with the many responsive hearts.

Why the bitter-sweet ambivalence? Perhaps it is the same kind of emotional experience of the new mother, who, though she dislikes the pain of childbirth, forgets the pain when the healthy, bouncing baby is brought to her.

Ingathering is short, exciting, challenging to the young, and the not so young. It helps the Church and its membership to present an image of caring to the community and world around us. It mobilizes the Church to public encounters

and endeavours. It is more than encouraging to see how God rewards effort and faith every year.

Each year, in spite of recession and redundancies, God and man work together and record an even greater success than the previous effort.

With God and man in full partnership, there is no limit to what is possible. World-Wide Advent Missions operates its missionary programme around the world.

We send missionaries, we build schools and hospitals, dormitories, and other facilities catering to the many human needs. Those projects already in progress we must keep alive and growing.

In areas where darkness abounds, we must replace the darkness with much light. Where ignorance thrives, knowledge.

To these objectives, the Ingathering programme is committed. For this purpose, the Advent Message to all the world in this generation. We solicit your total Christian effort.

**Now is the time – we are the people – we are moving forward in faith and with courage!**

PASTOR EVERETTE HOWELL  
*secretary, British Union Conference*



## INGATHERING

## 28 March – 11 April



# POLAND REPORT

by JAN PAULSEN  
SECRETARY, NORTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION

It requires no astute power of predicting the future to state that 13 December 1981 will go down in Poland's history as at least a sobering experience. It will probably also be a milestone to which the nation will never return. On that day martial law was declared in Poland. The exercise in 'freedom' to which Solidarity had, prior to 13 December, sought to take the Polish people came to an abrupt end. (The inverted commas around 'freedom' are in recognition of the very close ties between Solidarity and the Roman Catholic Church which, with the latter's virtual totalitarian religious system in Poland, must leave at least a question mark over the kind of 'freedom' which non-Roman Catholics might have experienced had the Solidarity/RC exercise succeeded).

While at this time many questions must remain as to what the present development is doing to the people of Poland – the passing of time will answer some of them – our Seventh-day Adventist believers in Poland, together with the leadership of our Church there, are of very good courage and view the future with optimism and hope. It may well be that our members and Church leaders had cause to feel – or at least *thought* they did – more apprehension about a future under Roman Catholic control than under a Socialist/Marxist system. Prior to the coming of Solidarity on the scene in the early autumn of 1980 our Church was able to function with a great degree of freedom in Poland, both with respect to the conduct of life by individual members as well as the Church's freedom to witness to the public through a variety of evangelistic programmes. During the weeks leading up to 13 December our Church in Poland believed they saw signs which gave cause for great uneasiness about the future. Whether those feelings were justified we may never know.

One can, however, I believe, safely say that life in Poland – and that must surely also say something to all Churches there – will never return to either the pre-Solidarity period of the summer of 1980 or the pre-martial law period before 13 December. Contrary to popular opinion history rarely repeats itself.

On 31 January I entered Poland on a visa which allowed me to stay for four days. The purpose of my visit was to

consult with our Church leaders to establish:

1. the state of affairs as far as the life and witness of our Church in Poland is concerned, and

2. how the Northern European Division and the General Conference could function most effectively in the interest of and on behalf of our Church in Poland, which is one of the unions in our Division, and

3. to seek to provide information for many concerned Adventists around the world who have been bringing their brothers and sisters in Poland to the Lord continuously in prayer.

My impressions of life in Poland during martial law are limited to Warsaw. I did not travel outside that city and I did not visit any of the local churches. My consultations were in the main with the leadership at the Union Office in Warsaw and with the members of the union committee which met on the second day of my stay there.

I walked for a couple of hours through the main shopping streets in Warsaw. There is an abundance of traffic and people milling about. Life is obviously busy and people are caring for the chores of everyday life, which in Poland means also spending quite a bit of time queueing outside shops. The scarcity of supplies is staggering, and there does not seem to be anything worth queueing for.

Basic food supplies appear, however, to be available although in very limited quotas. Since military rule took over staple food items in short supply have been regulated by quota coupons to each family. This has reduced queueing substantially. There may not be a lot to be had of things such as butter, milk, cheese, meat, etc., but it does ensure a reasonably fair distribution. The problem now may be whether one can afford to purchase what is offered. On 1 February food prices increased by 200–400 per cent.

I must also admit that I was surprised at the low-profiled military presence in Warsaw. Yes, two or three armed soldiers manned check-points at various places in the city; I noticed them especially in the vicinity of government buildings, but I saw no tanks or other military vehicles. I was also surprised at the considerable ease and relaxed movements about in the city of large quantities of people.

Shortly after 13 December our Church leaders in Poland made a representation in writing to the government reiterating our stands and concerns as a Church, and at the same time requesting Sabbath privileges for all Seventh-day Adventists. (This could be a problem in that certain key industries, for example, mining, under special control of the military, had reverted to a six-day working week). This was granted and our Church leaders point out furthermore, that

1. Our publishing house is working at full steam preparing books for printing. We have had no restrictions placed on our publishing of books. Since 13 December we have, however, not been able to print our two Church papers. No magazines are currently allowed to be printed in Poland.

2. Prospects for radio evangelism are very encouraging. Our Church in Poland is allowed to continue producing the Polish language half-hour weekly radio programme which is being transmitted from Portugal. Our leadership has also been informed that they will be allowed a half-hour religious radio programme on the Polish State Radio every three months.

3. Religious meetings are being conducted freely by all Churches; hence our public evangelistic programmes have continued uninterrupted.

4. While travel between various parts of the country is still generally restricted our pastors and Church leaders are among categories of persons exempted from these restrictions. They have also been given extra petrol rations in view of the fairly extensive travel many of our workers need to do.

During my brief stay in Warsaw I, together with Pastor S. Dabrowski, Union president, and Dr. Z. Lyko, secretary, was received by the Minister of State for Religious Affairs, Dr. J. Kubenski and his deputy, Dr. T. Dusik, in the Minister's office. He spoke very kindly of our Church and expressed his government's appreciation for the shipments of medicine, food and clothing, which have come from SAWS, Euro-Africa Division, Northern European Division and a number of countries within our Division. He stated that he saw these gifts as expressions of friendship to the Polish people in an hour of great need. To our joy the Minister said that within a week we would receive permission to publish our Church papers again.

Obviously our churchmembers and the people of Poland are in great need as far as various supplies are concerned. This situation will no doubt continue as it is for several months. But our people are full of hope and cheerfulness as they face the future. They feel that they are able to function as a believing and witnessing community, that God is with them, and that the world-wide Adventist family has not forgotten them. Praise be to God for His everlasting goodness.



## WIMBLEDON BAPTISM



Photo: Graham Lucas

Pastor David Cox immerses 15-year-old Esther Lamey on 'World Baptism Sabbath'. Esther's father, Ernest Lamey, sang before he led his daughter to the water. G. LUCAS

## GOLD AT GUILDFORD



M. Harrison, Mrs. L. Newton and David Axford.

Following the baptism of five precious souls last year a further three were added on 23 January by a baptism at Newbold conducted by Pastor E. Marter. Michael Harrison, following his wife in baptism, is witnessing for the Truth in a well-known broadcasting company. Mrs. L. Newton brings three young sons with her and David Axford has a family of eight to train for the Lord. We rejoice that the personal visitations of Pastor Marter have been so abundantly blessed.

PASTOR S. G. MAXWELL, *Communication secretary*

## Jotsam

A letter to the *International Herald Tribune* suggests that President Reagan's remark that long-distance rates cause him to use sparingly a phone that he says is a direct line to God, brought the reply from Israel's Menachem Begin that he also has a direct line but it is only a local call.

## ADVENTIST MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND CLUB



Some of the group preparing to cross the snows on the Zillertal, Austria.

Photo: Mel Trevena

Last summer saw a more ambitious programme for the Adventist Mountain and Moorland Club. The accent was on mountaineering skills and the territory for instruction was Switzerland and Austria. Over forty of us came together at Stanborough Park at 9 pm on 23 July to begin the first leg of the journey to Switzerland. There in the area around Interlaken, camping in the grounds of our Old People's Home, we spent five days, three of them in rain.

Here the first task was accomplished. The aim was to spend one night out on the mountains and to climb one of the cols. This was the first time we had tried out our new bivvi bags, and with the weather much improved we spent a dry night by a glacial river that drowned all speech and swirled beneath zigzag-like peaks that towered above us to reveal the awesome grandeur that is deceptively alluring for those who love mountains. After an early breakfast at 4.30 am, we marched through the heart of this calcified mass and entered on a climb that took us another 4,000 ft. and over a 700 ft. ridge of snow in semi-blizzard conditions. It was the first time that we had encountered such conditions in the Alps, and, somewhat wet and exhausted, we returned to base camp. The next day we basked in the sun and wandered around Interlaken and Brienz, visiting the gorge through which a glacial river twisted and boiled into the Briennersee.

After a swift visit to Venice, and a day of sightseeing, we rose early to drive across the Dolomites into Austria; an amazing experience of gargantuan rough cast peaks that stand like a never ending line of petrified canines blunted and dented with habitual abuse. Our destination, however, was the Zillertal range, wild and snow bound.

Before making the most taxing climb of the holiday it was essential that we do some basic snow and ice training. We took a ski lift to the summit of a section of the range and mingled with the skiers preparing to make a swift descent. It was also here that we saw the mountain rescue team struggling to reach a lady who had tried to walk down the ski-run and fallen down a 40 ft. crevasse. The sight was far more effective than any verbal warning. It served to reinforce the warning that while

climbing, the impetuous hares often end their pleasant day in the grave, while cautious tortoises often as not reach the summit and live to tell the tale.

Two groups were formed and tied together. We then worked slowly across the ice and snow towards the steep shaft of black rock jutting out from an increasing gradient of snow. Here on the slope we practised point-to-point work and how to use ice axes while falling. The use of the latter has to be instinctive, a fact that some discovered on the last and most difficult climb.

On returning to the camp we packed our haversacks and spent the night at the foot of the mountains. The objective was a frontal assault on a dry glacier perched high at the far end of a rugged valley, and rising to 3,400 metres; this was the highest we have climbed, and the ladies were not permitted to climb with us, although most of the camp ambled along the first part of the route to catch a sight of the glistening edifice. Ten of us walked into the scree strewn valley and by early evening worked our way on to the first section of the glacier. There we dug in and secured ourselves so that none during the night could slip into oblivion. After a night of pounding hail, lightning and thunder, we surfaced from our bivvi bags, wet and with little sleep; before us lay a nine-hour adventure of grappling with the ever-changing weather, ice, snow, and a huge wedge of rock over which we climbed to reach the final part of the glacier. By 4 pm we arrived at the top and returned to an applauding camp five hours later. We had, as always, put the day into the hands of the One in whom we believe and had arrived safely and without injury.

As we showered, sung, and listened to a translation of a sermon of David and Goliath at our Seminary at Damstadt, we could perhaps look back with clearer sight at what we had done. Some may ask why do people desire to climb mountains and face the fury of the storm and struggle across snow-bound wastes, cols and glaciers. There is no easy answer to this, except the fact that there is little to compare with standing 8,000 ft. high to watch the sun appearing through the clouds to light up the roof of Europe. That in itself is unforgettable.

K. J. ROSIER



## WOOD GREEN: Outdoor witness

On 19 December, the Advent Youth and Lay Activity departments of the Wood Green church witnessed to a large crowd at the Wood Green Shopping City. Leading the witness were the well-known group 'Deep Persuasion'. A pile of FOCUS magazines were on display and an unexpected number were asked for by the crowd, some of whom stayed from beginning to end of the hour-long performance. The experience was rewarded by donations amounting to £28.75, which will go to the Mayor of Haringey's Charity Collection.

Light refreshments were gladly received back at the church afterwards. With new strength, the performers went on to the Grove Old People's home in Winchmore Hill, where they were received with such warmth that their eventual departure brought tears to the eyes of many of the elderly folk. Just before the group left, they presented the Home with a lovely Christmas cake. The residents of the Home clubbed together to make a collection of their own to show their gratitude to the performers for brightening up their day. (This donation also went to the Mayor's Charity).

The Wood Green church would like to thank 'Deep Persuasion' for their time and efforts towards this satisfying endeavour.

I. A. THOMPSON (Mrs), *Communication secretary*

## EDMONTON: Souls won

On 21 November, two more people joined the church at Edmonton. Sister Ruby Dillon worked with another of our members, Eva Davis, and overheard her humming a hymn tune. That was the beginning of a meaningful friendship that led to another beautiful relationship – the one which Sister Dillon now has with Jesus.

Brother Robert Utchinah was baptized as a result of his wife's faithful witness. We were very happy to welcome both the candidates into the small but vibrant church family. Pastor Paul Smith gave us an encouraging message before officiating at the baptismal service. Geoffrey and Maureen Smith sang a duet, 'Praise the Lord, He never changes'. The candidates are pictured with Pastor Paul Smith and church elder, Sam Smale.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

## IPSWICH: Youth witnessing

The young people of the Ipswich church started some new ventures in 1981 with the aim of sharing their faith. They decided on street witnessing in the main town area and in a nearby park, where they were able to witness publicly and also talk individually to those who stopped to listen to their singing. They also started visiting four Old People's homes in the town to give a programme of singing and

talks, and some of the elderly folk requested they visit more often.

Many Sunday mornings were spent as a working party giving the Ipswich church and adjoining rooms a 'new look'. On Sunday afternoons bands went out regularly selling FAMILY LIFE.

With their leader, Sister Delrita Williams, a Youth Day of Fellowship was organized in early May with special visiting ministers Pastor S. Ware and Pastor B. Gane. Young people came from many parts of East Anglia to enjoy fellowship. Later that month a good week-end youth camp at Darsham in Suffolk was enjoyed by Ipswich and other East Anglian youth.

Another enjoyable event was a sponsored assault course to raise money for LEPRAs when our young people took second place. This made contact with the LEPRAs organization, and the County Organizer spoke at one of the young people's meetings.

A Gospel concert was arranged at a local music school to raise funds. Remnant, RSV, and Excelsior groups provided the evening entertainment. Ipswich and St. Albans young people have exchanged week-end visits.

Among other things planned for 1982 is a 'Youth for Christ' campaign in the spring.

B. DUKE, *Communication secretary*

## MIDLANDS: Old Newboldians meet

A *Coventry Weekly News* feature article caught my eye recently. It began, 'About seven miles east of Coventry lies the attractive Warwickshire manor of Newbold Revel ...' And my thoughts travelled back to a crisp November Sabbath in 1981 and a gathering of some thirty old Newboldians.

The day was full and memorable, beginning with a health-emphasis Sabbath School conducted by medical workers. Among them was Dr. Doreen Bull (nee Merchant), a former student of Newbold College, who opened our eyes to the varied, sometimes traumatic world of the general practitioner.

Mr. Dennis Porter, president of the Newbold Association, and our guest speaker for the day, spoke of his life-long interest in diaries. In his own inimitable style he drew our attention to two unusual entries in an old desk diary. The date was 6 August and the first event the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, looking back to His earthly ministry and forward to His awful death, and ascension. We remembered the visual aspects: Jesus' face shone like the sun and His clothes gleamed with light; Moses and Elias spoke of Christ's death and, lastly, a cloud overshadowed them. Glory would inevitably follow suffering.

And the second entry in the diary? 'Then a tremendous flash of light cut across the skies ... a huge ball of fire was formed ...' Captain A. Lewis continued

in his logbook, 'There will be a short intermission in this diary while we bomb our target ... My God ...' The year was 1945 and the entry recorded the bombing of Hiroshima.

The two events are linked visually and spiritually – it was the festival of One whose face shone as the sun. But the mushroom cloud of disfiguration still hangs over us. Today we need to look through that cloud of holocaust and seeing Jesus Christ 'be not afraid'.

From thinking to eating and a delicious buffet meal provided by Mrs. Margaret Mahon. Then the group left for a tour of Newbold Revel, site of our church training college during the years 1931-42.

The manor itself dates back to pre Norman Conquest times and is called Fenny Newbold in the Domesday Book. It originally belonged to a Saxon named Lewin and then to Geoffrey de Wirce, a follower of William the Conqueror. In the twelfth century it became the property of the Revell family and was renamed Newbold Revel. The present house was built by Sir Fulwar Skipwith at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Possibly the most famous of its owners was Sir Thomas Mallory, fifteenth century translator of 'Morte d'Arthur'.

Since its beginnings Newbold Revel has been home to many, including the Air Ministry and the Sisters of Charity. Its present owners are the Post Office who, sadly, are attempting to sell the college for more than £2 million.

The afternoon continued at the Coventry church with a breathtaking visit to the Hebrides. Derbyshire headmaster, Philip Nolan, delighted a large audience with the sights and sounds of Mull and Iona. We stepped back in time onto meandering tracks; watched the play of light on waves, and hills hung heavy in mist. Equally delightful was the poetry written and read by Mrs. Nolan and the lifting music of local folk singers.

Later in the day a buffet meal was held at the Leamington home of Drs. David and Doreen Bull. It was a chance to reminisce, catch up on news and be happy in the company of old friends. Highlight of the evening was a cine film made by the late Mr. E. Merchant during the early forties. We saw the boyish figures of Pastors Victor Hall and Jack Mahon at work on the farm, and chuckled at the antics of Pastors E. H. Foster and E. R. Warland as they jumped to victory in a sports day sack race.

To the organizers and hosts for the day we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation. While the loss of Newbold Revel has brought sadness to many, the memories are just as bright. And listening to snippets of conversation from the 'oldies' in our midst made me realize, too, that wrinkles and grey hairs mean nothing. Life consists of backward and forward looking as we put our trust in the unchanging Jesus Christ.

MARY BARBER, (former Newbold College student)



## SEC STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT £500,000 – FREE FOR THE ASKING

Her Majesty's government is willing to give the South England Conference half a million pounds in 1982. There are no strings attached to the gift. There are no snags in obtaining it. It's free – it only has to be collected.

This large sum of money could be used for building churches, conducting evangelism, helping our educational system and promoting various other activities like Holiday Bible Schools, Cookery Classes and Health Education Seminars.

The way this money can be obtained by the Church is simple. Every member who pays income tax can help, and few of us escape the tax man's net today. The government is willing to give the Church the tax members pay to them if the members return their tithes and offerings on Deeds of Covenant.

If all churchmembers, young, middle-aged, elderly, retired or working, who pay tax, return their tithes and offerings on a Four Year Deed of Covenant, then the half million is ours for the Lord's work early in 1983.

The incentive for all of us to use the Deed of Covenant as a financial resource is the added strength it can give to the work of the Gospel in the South England Conference.

At the Union Conference in Harrogate it was voted that tax recovered from Deeds of Covenant be equally divided between the local church and the Conference. Because South England operates an area plan which divides the Conference into eight areas, the following alternative procedure has been agreed by the Conference Executive Committee, with the consent of the Union. It should commend itself to the membership. From 1982 tax recovered will be allocated:

1. 45 per cent to the local church.
2. 20 per cent to the area funds.
3. 35 per cent to the Conference.

As the Conference uses its 35 per cent to assist the local churches with building projects and developments, all of the monies go where they can do the greatest good.

Details of the simple procedure involved in making out a Deed of Covenant can be obtained from the local church Stewardship secretary, the local treasurer, the pastor, or from the Conference Stewardship Department.

One local church known to your servant will have increased its income in 1982 by around £2,500 without the members giving an extra penny. The majority of the members agreed to return their tithes and offerings on Deeds of Covenant. The result is they will receive £2,500 of the £5,200 the government will give to the Church. This is what you call painless progress.

The Scriptures remind us that as

Christians we are required to be faithful. They also admonish us to be wise and use our intelligence and good judgement to further and advance our Master's work. One easy way is to go after that half million in 1982.

PASTOR PATRICK BOYLE

## WOLVERHAMPTON: Youth baptism

It is wonderful to see men and women making their stand for Christ. It is even more wonderful when we see young people making their stand, despite the so-called 'good things' the world has to offer them.

This was witnessed by many in the West Park church on 18 October 1981. Fourteen souls went through the watery grave of baptism, eight of whom were young people.

This was the result of a crusade conducted by Pastor D. Masih and other hard working brethren.

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## WOLVERHAMPTON: Farewell service

A farewell service was held in the West Park church, Wolverhampton, on 14 November for Brother and Sister Stokes.

Brother Stokes has been working as associate minister with Pastor D. Masih in the three churches in Wolverhampton, as well as Stafford and Langley.

It was a sad occasion for many because Brother Stokes has developed a close relationship with the brethren in his two year ministry.

The five churches presented gifts and gave well wishes to Brother Stokes and his wife.

The service ended with Brother Stokes expressing his thanks for the gifts and the lovely time he had enjoyed while serving the brethren.

Brother Stokes now ministers in the Stoke-on-Trent area. He was replaced by Malcolm Watson.

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## SOUTH SHIELDS: Pastor on TV

The Christmas season once again brought a wonderful opportunity for members to give a witness around the area of our church. We put leaflets through the doors requesting unwanted toys, and the response was overwhelming, giving our deaconesses plenty of work sorting out and boxing the gifts. This resulted in our pastor having a one-minute spot on the TV programme 'Northern Life'.

The majority of the toys we collected were taken to the 'Northern Life' toy appeal, and the remainder to Dr. Barnado's homes. We were very pleased that Pastor Michael Taylor mentioned on television not only the name of our church, but also the surrounding streets, whose occupants had given so well to the project. This too, no doubt, served as a

prelude to our next endeavour, carol singing.

On Saturday evening, 17 December, twenty carol singers, representing both the South Shields and Newcastle churches braved the elements and, although the evening was icy cold with snow underfoot, we collected £64, and also tinned and packet foods worth £30, which made it possible to make up nineteen food parcels for elderly people living near our church. As the carol singers returned, cold yet joyful, they were greeted with hot drinks, sandwiches and sweet mince pies, prepared by the welfare ladies. The spirit of giving at Christmas was the best it has ever been – may it continue throughout the year.

A. HUSH (Mrs)

## DERBY: Day of fellowship

Sabbath, 5 December, was a special day of interest and spiritual refreshment when Pastor R. H. Surridge, the president of the North British Conference, visited Derby to address the united gathering of the Derby, Burton, and Long Eaton members.

Basing the morning address on the experience of John the Baptist immediately prior to his execution as recorded in Mark 6:13-29, he challenged all present to a life of faithfulness to God.

The afternoon service was devoted to the baptism of two new members and admission by vote of a third, a fitting climax to the devoted ministry of Pastor and Mrs. J. Handysides in the Derby and district area.

Pastor Surridge was again the speaker and Matthew 16:24, 25 was the theme of his inspiring message.

The two candidates, Sister Mabel Powell and Brother Adam Thomas were baptized by our pastor, and Sister Kathleen Pollicott was voted into membership after which the right hand of fellowship was extended to them all by Pastor Surridge on behalf of the North British Conference, and by Pastor John Handysides and one of the local elders.

G. A. LOCKTON, Church clerk

## HUDDERSFIELD: Work for Multiple Sclerosis

Huddersfield literature sponsor, Brother C. Facey, has been leading a successful campaign to sell FAMILY LIFE in aid of charities connected with the disabled. Over the summer and autumn of 1981 the various districts of the town were saturated by the Huddersfield literature bands. People were more than willing to assist us by purchasing. As a result, on Sabbath, 2 January 1982, three representatives of the Multiple Sclerosis Society were present at the Huddersfield church to receive our donation. The chairman of the Society, Dr. Leveira, explained the nature of the disease, the steps which can be taken to treat and contain it and answered questions from the congregation.

M. A. BAKER



# GREATER MANCHESTER NEWS

► Under the twin pastorate of Geoff Dennis and Vince Goddard, two baptisms have recently taken place in the Manchester area.

All the candidates at the first baptism have joined the Oldham church. They were Hyacinth Cole, Evelyn Greenidge and Collins Acquah.

The second baptism involved Pauline Henry, Yvonne Weeks and Stephen Weeks.

Pastor Dennis immersed the candidates and Brother Goddard appealed for others to commit their ways to Christ. At the second baptism Pastor Eric Henry of the NBC presented the message.

► Manchester North church has just bade farewell to Joseph Ayieko, who is returning home to Kenya having successfully completed his MSc degree in Environmental Resources from the University of Salford. 'I have been greatly impressed with the strength of Adventism in Britain,' said Joseph. 'In Kenya it is believed that the message has no representation in the UK.' How wrong can you be!

► Warm congratulations to Patrick McKerrow for having gained the award of Technology Student of the Year (1981) from the British Aerospace Aircraft Group. The award was presented to him by the Chairman of British Aerospace, Sir Austin Pearce.

► The newly formed Rochdale company enjoyed a day of fellowship on 21 November, organized by minister Vincent Goddard. Many from far and near packed the hired school hall. NBC secretary Pastor Bruce Flynn was the chosen speaker. Special music was provided by RSV, the Lawrence Sisters, the Preston Youth Choir, the Sheffield Male Choir

and the Oldham Church Choir.

The pastor's mother-in-law, Sister B. D. Hewitt, newly returned from Africa, provided a slide show to illustrate the work of the Masanga Hospital, Sierra Leone.

Minister Vincent Goddard interviewed Carl Hamilton, England International Runner and newly baptized, on why he decided to give his life to Jesus Christ.

► Vincent Goddard, minister of Manchester North, Oldham and Rochdale, is being moved to the Leicester area. Brother Goddard holds BA and MDiv degrees and, prior to his appointment to the Manchester churches, assisted in a number of campaigns in the West Indies. In Greater Manchester Brother Goddard has headed successful campaigns at Manchester North and Oldham. He also assisted in a number of Pastor D. M. Marley's campaigns and helped found the Rochdale company. The church presented Vincent and Jane with a token of their appreciation prior to their departure.

PATRICK MCKERROW, VINCENT GODDARD



**Right:** Patrick McKerrow receives the award from Sir Austin Pearce CBE, chairman of British Aerospace. **Below:** Vincent Goddard, left, Pastor G. Dennis, centre, and Pastor E. L. Henry, right, with the three candidates at the second Manchester baptism. **Below right:** Brother and Sister Goddard and family



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## BE A FRIEND TO AMANDA



**Left:** Amanda aged two before the condition set in. **Right:** A recent picture of Amanda.

These are two faces of a very brave little girl of six and a half, Amanda Simpson. Amanda is suffering from a very acute case of eczema and for the last five years or so she has had many painful and sleepless nights. Her parents too have had the anguish of seeing her suffer so much and spending those sleepless nights with her. At the same time she has been in and out of hospital many times, with the condition getting worse rather than better.

Her parents took her recently to the USA for a short holiday to see whether this would bring about an improvement. It did, but they had to return due to force of circumstances. Doctors there who examined her commented that they had never seen such an acute case before.

In Manchester an appeal was launched by Manchester North to all the churches in the district. The money collected was given to the parents.

Be a friend to Amanda. Spare a thought and a prayer for this little sister in Christ, who suffers so much.

R. PATRICK McKERROW  
Communication secretary, Manchester North

## ST. ALBANS: Help to the needy

A few hundred yards 'round the corner' from the St. Albans church, Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, in 1736, founded the almshouses which bear her name. The good work for which almshouses were founded has continued ever since, and at Christmas the Welfare Society, under the able leadership of Mrs.

G. Morris, were very happy to contribute parcels of goodies for those who live there. These, together with other parcels, which were distributed to needy families in the city, were gratefully received and acknowledged by the Social Services.

C. M. HUBERT COWEN  
assistant Communication secretary

## News in brief

### BANBRIDGE – Aid for Poland

The Banbridge church had contributed £500 towards the Poland appeal themselves before they extended the appeal to the public. At first there was little response; the more surprising since the appeal was carried by the local newspaper. However, one day recently a Roman Catholic lady stopped a churchmember in the street and asked him if the appeal was still open. She then took out her purse and gave him four £5 notes and ten £1 notes, pushing them hurriedly into his hand. . . . There is an abundance of generous hearts in Ireland. G. MAGEE

### CHESTERFIELD – Fund raising

Our pastor's wife, Sister R. Hulbert, led out in fund-raising efforts to provide money to repair the Chesterfield church and to build a new youth hall at Sheffield Carter Knowle church. Although a good deal of the work has been done by Pastor Hulbert, with a little help from a few of the members, it has still been a costly business and we in Chesterfield are grateful to Sister Hulbert for her hard work in fund-raising. Over the Christmas period 'Christmas logs' were made and sold. Our champion seller, Mrs. C. Josephs, sold these logs at work and combined her selling with missionary work, giving away copies of FAMILY LIFE.

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### OULTON BROAD – Songsters

The residents of The Dell welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Peter Stearman with their 'songsters'. The songs of our guest singers all reminded us of the loving, caring, comforting Jesus. The final song, 'Make me more like Jesus', should be our daily prayer.

IRENE OSBORNE

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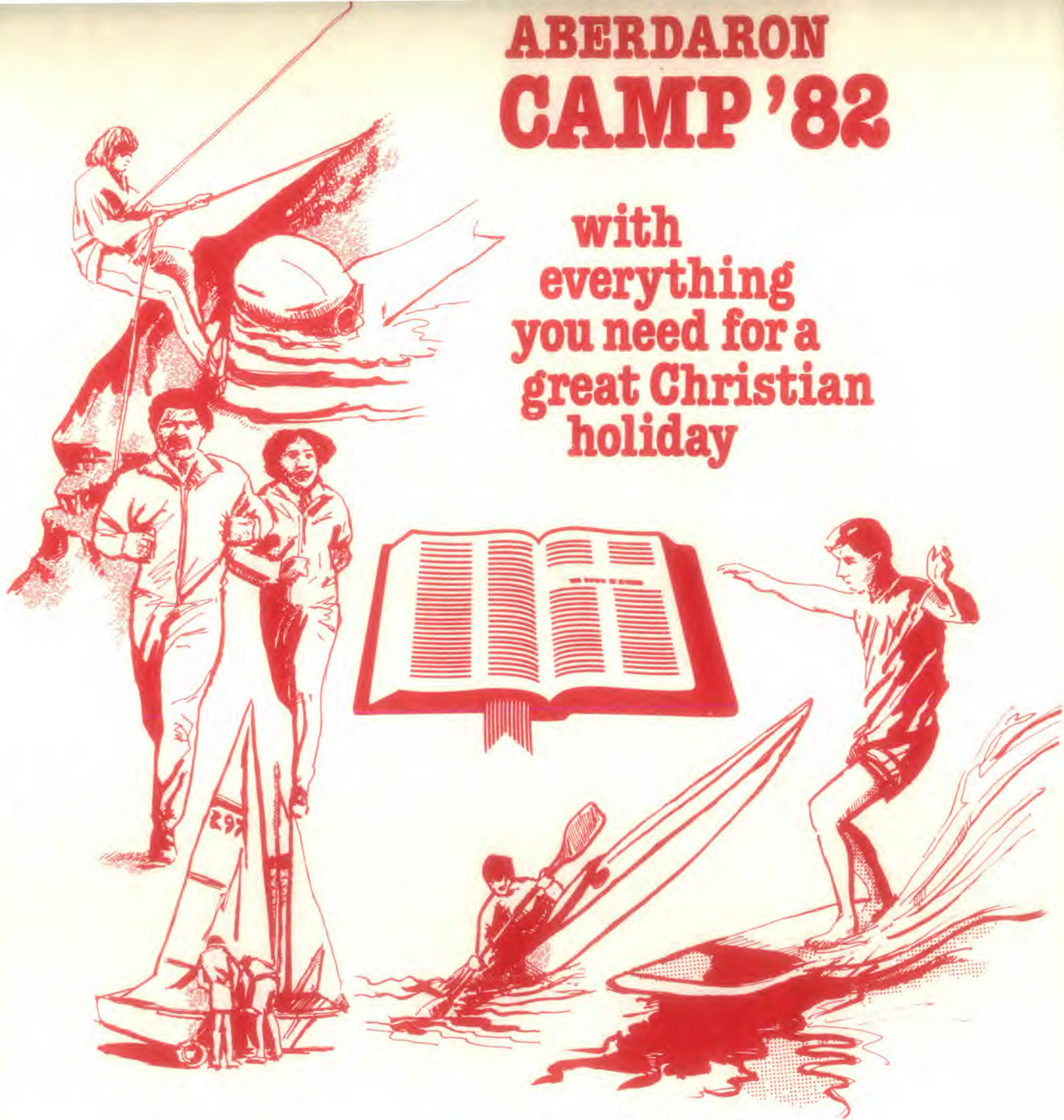
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## OBITUARIES

### PASTOR ERNEST WILLIAM COX



Pastor Ernest William Cox, known and loved throughout the British Union, passed away on Thursday, 14 January, aged 76. He had been unwell for some years, unable to get around, and a chest infection finally brought his long life to an end. He

is mourned as a distinguished servant of God by the whole Church family. Pastor Cox graduated from Newbold before the War, and in contrast to his lack of mobility latterly, his ministry was wide-ranging and peripatetic. He began in Cambridge, then moved to Portsmouth, then London, Bristol and Southend where he conducted a very fruitful campaign. Then he came into the North England Conference and ministered in Wellingborough, Blackburn, Carlisle, Sunderland, Newcastle, Hull and finally Grimsby and Ulceby.

Ernest was born in 1905 in Nottingham. He married Edith Battershill of Godmanchester in 1941. Edith was sister of Sister Ginbey, now Mrs. Coplestone of Leeds, mother of the late Pastor James Ginbey. Ernest lost his wife in 1967 but the following year married Sister Irene Wilkes of the Newcastle church. However, his new-found happiness was all too short for she died in 1969 in Hull. From 1969 to the present, 'Pastor', as he was affectionately called, was cared for in the home of Mrs. Evelyn Clark who hails from Keighley but lives in Grimsby. Her Yorkshire cooking and nursing experience were put to the highest use in making his final years as happy as possible. She was helped in this task by many Grimsby members, notably Brethren Drake and Mulhall and by our redoubtable elder, Henry Cooper, himself over eighty.

The funeral was taken by Pastor R. D. Vine who had ministered in Grimsby in 1942 and was a college friend of Pastor Cox. He reminded us of the relationship with God that undergirded Ernest's ministry. His energy in evangelism, his aptitude of expression - 'as a very lovely song' (Ezekiel 33:32), his memorable children's stories, and his effectiveness as a loving shepherd were all celebrated. He was a writer of many articles in 'Present Truth' and 'Our Times', so extending his ministry far beyond his immediate area. He attributed his talent with the spoken and written word to his love of the works of Dickens. He was mourned not only by the Church family but by his own family, notably his son David. David is a doctor of music, composer, and teacher of composition at Sheffield University. We extend to him and his wife Lorraine our love and sympathy in their loss. The committal at Grimsby Crematorium took place on 21 January. One may wonder, is a life like his as ephemeral as it seems after cremation? Many in the Church who have embraced the same Lord of Life and Resurrection would reply firmly, 'No, WE are his memorial.'

Pastor Robert G. Vine

JACQUES, Eva Amelia - d. 20 January 1982. A devoted and trusted servant of the cause has fallen asleep: wages officer at Stanborough Press 1918-1939, and at Granose Foods until her three retirements, the last at the age of 76! She was born in 1899 and adopted by the Robert Millwoods. On the death of her father in her mid-twenties, she became the sole support of her mother and mentally handicapped brother. In 1939 she married Edward Jacques, a widower with one adult son, Roy, a teenage daughter Betty (later Mrs. Kenneth Vine), and young Brian. A shy, reserved lady, selfless in seeking the happiness of others, 'auntie' was loved, and will be missed by family and a large circle of friends. A widow for twenty-seven years, she suffered increasingly from heart disease and diabetes, but never admitted to being ill, and never complained. Her last wish was granted - Brian flew to her bedside from the States - and she was then content to die in the certain hope of seeing her Lord face to face.

Pastors Ray Vine and Victor Hall conducted the funeral at Stanborough Park church and the North Watford Cemetery on 26 January.

Pastor Victor Hall

CHAPPELL, Charlotte - d. 24 November 1981. Charlotte Michelmor was baptized with her mother at a tent crusade in London. While training to be a Bible Instructor she became paralysed in her legs, but was healed completely after prayer and the laying-on of hands. As a Bible Instructor she assisted Pastors A. K. Armstrong, W. Maudsley and others. After her marriage to Brother W. G. Chappell, she joined him in colporteur ministry for forty years in London and Bristol. Love for her Lord lit up her face, particularly as she cared for lonely, sick and straying ones. She kept active until three weeks before her 98th birthday, when she suffered a stroke and did not regain consciousness. Pastor Victor Hall laid Stanborough Park's oldest member to rest in North Watford Cemetery on 30 November. Death has separated her from us, but only for 'a little while'. To our glorious hope in Jesus we commend her daughter Ruth Humphrey, and her sister Daisy Michelmor.

Pastor Victor Hall

LAMBERT, Sybil - d. 8 November 1981. The Slough church sadly record the death of their oldest member just two days short of her 88th birthday. Sister Lambert gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized by Pastor Nelson at Lucknow, India, in 1919. Some twenty-three years ago, soon after her husband's death, the family came over to England and settled in the Elton and Slough area. Over the years our dear sister faithfully attended and served her church, giving much of her time to the Welfare Society. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter Norma who has untiringly cared for her mother over the last few difficult years, in addition to serving as a hospital sister and nurse, also to her son and his wife in Bournemouth, to her brother and his wife in India, her sister, and her sister-in-law in Australia; also her grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. We laid our sister to rest in the glorious hope of the resurrection from the dead when Jesus the Life-giver returns. The service was taken by the writer in the Slough church, supported by the church elder, Brother Millard Richardson.

Pastor Arthur Cooper

FROST, Florence - d. 20 November 1981. Sister Frost became an Adventist many years ago in Ipswich, but because of ill-health she had not been a regular attendee at church. When it became necessary for her to have hospital care she requested a place at the Dell Rest Home at Oulton Broad and it was there she passed away at the age of 86. The funeral service at Ipswich church was taken by Pastor E. Metzger, before interment at the Ipswich cemetery, where our sister awaits the call of the Lifegiver on the resurrection morning.

B. Duke

ANDREWS, Frank - d. 23 November 1981. The Colchester church was deeply shocked by the sudden death of Brother Andrews. He was baptized in 1958 with his wife and son David, and had been a faithful and regular member since that date, serving the church for many years as deacon, and holding the office of local treasurer for six years. He will be remembered for the beautiful flowers he provided from his garden for special church occasions. Our brother was a man who loved his Lord. He is now laid to rest in the peaceful little churchyard at Birch village, where he grew up and married his wife Gladys. We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to Gladys, sons Tony, David and Richard, daughters-in-law June, Marion, and Lita, and grandchildren Nicola, Simon, Lynnette, Timothy and Sarah. The funeral service in the Colchester church was taken by Pastor Brian Martin. While our brother rests in the blessed hope we look forward with confidence to meeting him on the glad resurrection morning.

G. Stevens

FOSTER, John - d. 25 November 1981. The Plymouth church records with sadness the death of another of its members. Baptized in 1955 Brother Foster, who suffered indifferent health, had not attended church for a considerable time. At the funeral service Dr. P. Barkhuizen reminded those present that death is not the end of everything, that 'weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.' Brother Foster now rests from his suffering. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Ruth, and two daughters to whom the church family offers its sympathy. May they take comfort from the knowledge that there is One above who understands and cares.

Beryl Hall

KENT, Florence - d. 6 December 1981. Miss Kent was the step-daughter of Mrs. F. Kent, a member of the Hale family who joined the Southampton church more than sixty-five years ago. Until she was confined to hospital Sister Kent appreciated being taken to church. The funeral service at the crematorium was conducted by Pastor David West and attended by relatives and friends.

Winifred Buckle

## PERSONAL

**PLEASE NOTE** - private advertising is gradually to be phased out of MESSENGER. The expenditure of time in terms of book-keeping, telephone calls and correspondence has long rendered this the most expensive feature in MESSENGER. Another factor which has led to the termination of private advertising, has been the many complaints received from those not satisfied with the services advertised in this column. The moratorium on private advertising will not, of course, affect advertisements for church activities or Church-sponsored events. These will continue to be welcome.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The paid-up value at age 35 of a child's policy is estimated to be £41,160 for a total investment of about £2,719! Details from: Gary Keshishian FLIA, American Life Insurance Co. Tel: 01-429 1088.

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**8 May** - Joint East and West Federation meeting and Community Service Day, Camp Hill Church.

**15 May** - Community Service Day, West Bromwich

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### Adventist Students' Association OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

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**PASTOR D. LOWE** wishes to make a collection of Bibles in connection with a project, and would appreciate receiving any old Bibles you may like to donate. Send to: Pastor D. Lowe, NED, 119 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 3EY.

### You are invited to a GRAND SALE

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**ISOLATED ADVENTISTS.** Would you like to write to and receive letters from someone in another part of the British Isles who is perhaps alone? You may even like to discuss the Sabbath School lesson by post! We shall attempt to put you in touch. Write initially to Mr. and Mrs. P. Reynolds, Penforfach, Llannhystud, Dyfed, Wales, SY23 5BZ. All initial letters acknowledged immediately.

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**(September)**

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**SPECIAL NOTICE to SEC constituency.** The members of the 'Apron String Woman's Club' are members of the Lewisham church in good and regular standing. However, the 'Apron String Woman's Club' is not affiliated with the Lewisham church. Therefore any programmes sponsored by the club are for the club's interest.

Lewisham Church Board



# LETTERS

## VOP APPLICATIONS

Dear Editor,

I have just been working on the VOP figures for 1981 and I thought you would like to know some of the details. Last year our applications rose almost 1,000 to 12,363 and 30 per cent of those became active students, and it is our hope that many will choose to join the Church.

The following details will interest you: 106 applications from FAMILY LIFE resulting in 33 students; 134 from FOCUS - 47 students; 79 from tracts - 22 students. Thank you for the part you played in making these figures possible. May the Lord richly bless us as we co-operate with Him in 1982.

Pastor K. F. Taylor, principal

## INGATHERING

Dear Editor,

In a short time we will be busying ourselves with activity for Ingathering. However, I have one observation. Annually we are told that the authorities are tightening up on us and we are asked the question: What if this is our last year? Yet when the time comes, we are faced with different activities that seem to detract from the Lord's work. To mention two, hostelling and festivals for Easter. These things take time and preparation which could be used for Ingathering and left for a later period in the year. At Easter weekend the weather is still cold. Dedicated young people who go hostelling could leave it for Whitsun when the weather is warmer. The programmes could be left for later on also. We can then join together and do better in Ingathering.

I do hope that ministers and church boards will take these things into consideration when they make their plans.

Maria A. De Gals, Hampstead

## OMEGA

Dear Editor,

I was both pleased and gratified to receive my copy of Preparation for the Latter Rain which for me has arrived at a perfect time: hard on the heels of Lewis Walton's Omega. Thank you for bringing both to our notice through the pages of MESSENGER.

Carroll Henry, Peterborough

Ed. Our support of Omega is a qualified one. It is brilliantly written but Dr. B. W. Rail, Head of the Bible Department at Newbold College, has discovered that its author is, in places, guilty of a serious mis-use of Spirit of Prophecy quotations.

## HOT AIR

Dear Editor,

While driving past Stanborough Park during my pastoral duties last week, I noticed a strange phenomenon! Thick snow was covering the roof of the SDA Church Headquarters, but one area of roof was clear of snow. It was the roof above the Board Room. 'Strange,' I thought. Then I realized it was not strange at all - it was the day of the Union Committee! There must have been a lot of 'hot air' rising!

Pastor D. M. Marley, Watford Town

## WHAT HAPPENED TO ADVENTISTS?

Dear Editor,

About forty years ago a tall, thin man used to come from door-to-door in our area with Seventh-day Adventist magazines. Whether he died or not, I do not know. However, no one has been to our district with your magazines since. We receive regular calls from Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses and Pentecostals. But never a Seventh-day Adventist. Why is this? J. Lee, Liverpool

Ed. 'The harvest truly is plenteous...' Matt. 9:37.

## CHOICE OF WORDS

Dear Editor,

Are you trying to get me sacked? In my last letter (88 25/26) I had not intended to take on the entire BUC Administration! My argument lay with the poor choice of words selected. I am not, of course, against revival. My protest is against labelling the entire membership 'lukewarm'. Among my membership I have many who suffer both at work and at home for their religious convictions. Some have been discriminated against and wrongfully dismissed. But their loyalty to the Cause never wavers. Are they 'lukewarm'?

District Pastor (name supplied)

## KNOCKING BRITAIN

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for providing me with the stimulating reading matter that comes into my home.

More frequently than I care to recall I hear derogatory remarks about the backwardness of the work in Britain. It makes me fume inside. After a fortnight's holiday in Britain they return - a mouth speaking great things - to declare their solutions for all the ills present in British Adventism. I pity their ignorance and bad taste!

E. C. Collins, South Australia

## THE TOP

Dear Editor,

Our conference office has been receiving a copy of Focus fairly regularly, and we have been delighted with its format and content. Personally, I consider it one of the top SDA religious journals.

Pastor Ian C. Blake, president, Zambesi Conference

## TRIBUTE

Dear Editor,

I have just received the copy of MESSENGER telling of the passing of a very dear friend and associate of over sixty years, Pastor J. A. McMillan.

I only wish to say Amen to all that Pastor Foster has so well and truly said.

My association with Pastor McMillan dates back to the year 1920, our college days on the old Stanborough farm. We were associates in the Ministerial Band as president and secretary in 1925. He followed me as an associate in Scotland and I followed him in Hull.

One does not need too many friends or associates in one's lifetime, but to have had one like the late Pastor J. A. McMillan for these many years helps to make life so very splendid.

It was John's ambition to 'serve his generation well' and he did just that.

Pastor Lamont Murdoch, British Columbia

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activities of your church are reported in your local newspaper.

4. The church news pages of MESSENGER should present a balanced picture of what the churches are doing throughout the Union; not just in a few favoured localities. Let us hear from the churches where, at present, silence reigns.

5. TELL BRITAIN. Priority news is that which tells of how our churches are going about the serious business of taking this Gospel of the Kingdom to the disparate territories of the British Union.



## SUNSET

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