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ALL CREATURES GREAT – AND SMALL ...

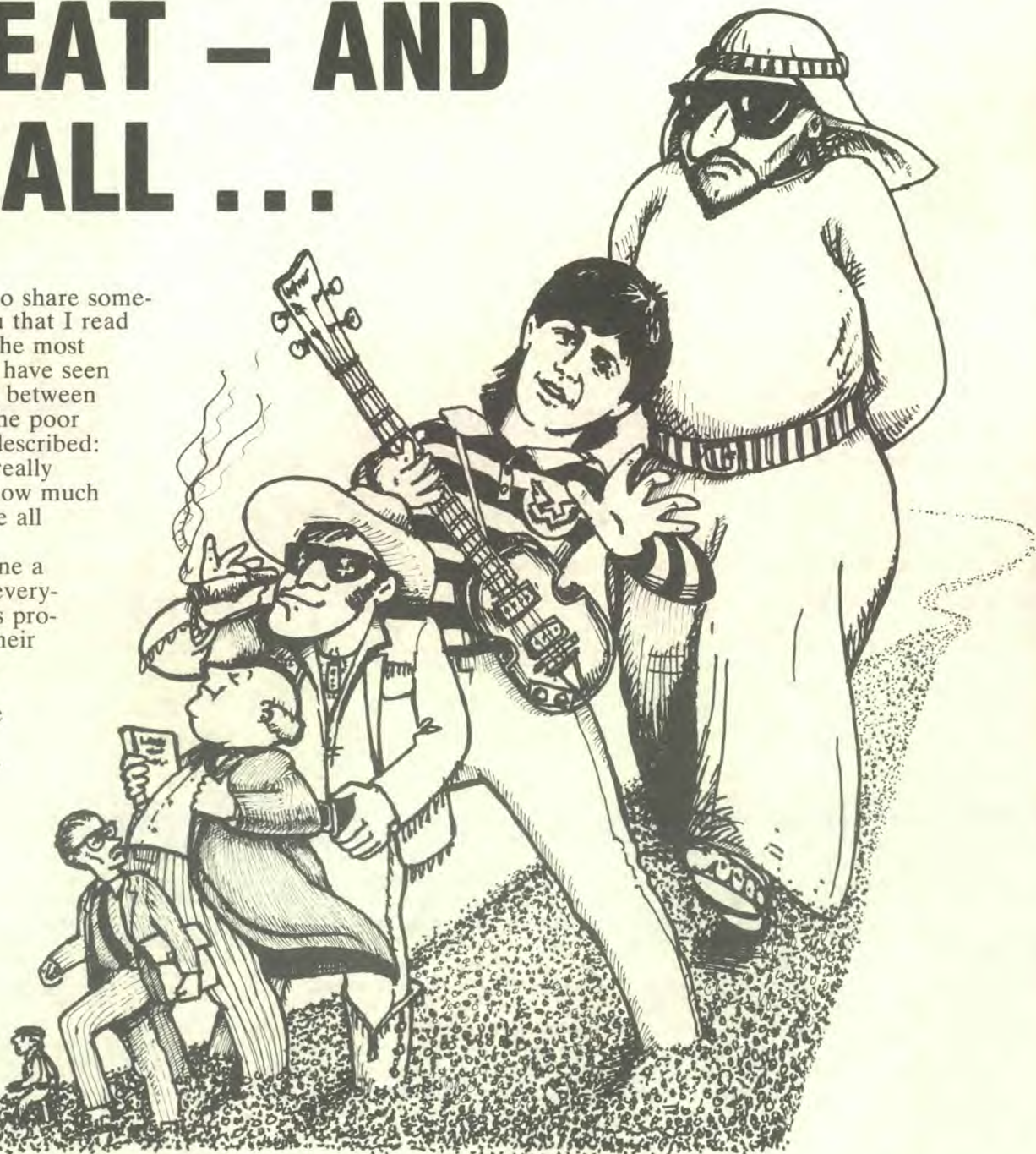
by PASTOR MARTIN BELL
LAY ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, BUC

I should like to share something with you that I read recently. It's the most graphic way I have seen the difference between the rich and the poor of the world described:

'Have you really thought just how much – or little – we all earn?

'Well imagine a world where everyone's height is proportional to their income. Let's say you earn just above the average in a rich country – that would make you about 5 ft 8 ins tall.

'And today is a big event. You're the
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commentator at a giant march past of all the world's population. The whole parade is lined up so that everyone will have passed you in exactly one hour.

'The flag is down. They're off. And it's over to you.

'Oh ... has it started? ... I can't see anything yet ... Just a minute, yes. Extraordinary ... thousands and thousands of figures tinier than ants crawling over my feet. But I can't make out what they are yet.

'... Ten minutes gone now. I can at least see people now but the marchers are no bigger than cigarettes ... Indian farmers riding in bullock carts ... African women carrying children on their backs and what look like thimbles of water on their heads. There are Chinese too. Burmese. Haitians. All colours and nationalities ...

'... On and on they come ... twenty minutes have gone now ... thirty minutes ... that means half the population has passed and still there's nobody more than about three inches tall.

'I expected to wait a while to see people of my own height ... but forty minutes are up and the tallest marchers can still only reach up to my knees. I can see soldiers from Paraguay and swarms of Indian clerks all carrying great ledgers under their arms - but all of them are dwarfs.

'... Only ten minutes to go now and I'm getting anxious that we might not finish on time. At least the faces are a bit more familiar now. Old-age pensioners from Brixton, a few Adelaide engineering apprentices and, a bit later on, part-time shop assistants from Toronto. But still they're only three or four feet tall.

'... Five minutes left and at last they're looking about my height - schoolteachers, shop managers, minor civil servants, insurance salesmen. The next lot look a good deal more hefty. Lots of Americans and Europeans. Factory supervisors, departmental heads, I would say. They look well over 5 ft 6 ins to me.

'What's happening now? They're getting bigger and bigger. That accountant must be fifteen feet tall if he's an inch. This is sensational! Brazilian landowners, company directors in huge grey suits ... twenty, maybe twenty-five yards high.

'And now ... yes ... I can see some famous faces too. Prince Charles. He must be all of 120 ft with his hat on. And Paul McCartney - a great swaying giant the size of a tower block.

'Well into the 59th minute and it's time for the binoculars. Those oil sheiks are really amazing. Way over three thousand feet ... I think it's snowing up there.

'The final seconds. All the millionaires. They seem to go up for miles and miles. Absolutely stupendous!'

Quite something, isn't it? Out of a list illustrating the wealth of 118 non-communist countries, the world bank places us here in Britain pretty near the top.

World-Wide Advent Missions is dedicated to its efforts that try to redress this terrible imbalance. Of course, we can only do a little, but for those people described as 'smaller than ants' in the illustration, it means an awful lot - the difference between food and no food, life or death. For those 'three inches tall' or more, it might be the difference between clothes and rags, education or ignorance. And for people of all sizes, even up to oil sheiks and millionaires, described as 'miles and miles' tall, when their wealth is compared to the average man or woman, it can mean help in times of disaster and an opportunity to hear of God's love.

What does the hymn say - 'All creatures great and small ... the Lord God made them all'?

The question now is what commitment you and I will make between 3-17 April, or 3-24 April in the London Metropolitan Area - the Harvest Ingathering time. I don't much like to talk about Conference and church goals. I would prefer to think that every pound is given and collected 'as unto the Lord', but goals do rally and encourage us.

The basic goals for 1983 have been established as follows:

South England Conference - £139,600
North British Conference - £105,000
Welsh Mission - £8,890
Irish Mission - £4,075

These goals are in fact the same as in 1982. It was felt by the BUC committee that in the current economic climate, a continuation of the upward 10 per cent increase in Ingathering goals that we have followed during recent years would probably be too ambitious. The consequence of freezing these goals this year is that a greater amount of money will be made available to the Missions and Conferences in the 'Super Goal' scheme. This is not Ingathering money, but funds from other sources made available by the General Conference in proportion to the effort we make towards the work of medical, educational and evangelical missions overseas. These funds are used for various projects at the discretion of the local Conference or Mission committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local Ingathering agents who will work very hard before, during, and after the campaign. May I appeal to you to follow the instructions enclosed with the official documents very carefully.

I would also thank everyone who will take part. May God bless you and give you many happy experiences. Please read the promotional literature, and particularly the fold-out brochure, before you go, so that you can give a good appeal and answer questions that may be asked.

Let me leave you with a text that underlines our responsibility if we are among those described as 5 ft 8 ins tall in the illustration of the long march, while others are only inches or centimetres:

'If someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well,

and sees a brother in need, and won't help him - how can God's love be within him? Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. Then we will know for sure, by our actions, that we are on God's side, and our consciences will be clear, even when we stand before the Lord' (1 John 3:17-19, *The Living Bible*).

*Christian Aid Calendar, based on World Bank report, 1981.

GOODBYE AMBROSE

Stoke Newington church was packed on the afternoon of Sabbath 8 January, as the members said farewell to Sister Ambrose Foreman, a founder member of the church, and Sister Sonia Martin, one of Stoke Newington's dedicated young people.

Sonia Martin will be studying music at Atlantic Union College, USA. She has 'grown up' in Stoke Newington church, and has always been highly regarded by both old and young members for her determination to follow the Lord at all costs and her leadership qualities shown in the posts of Pathfinder leader and AYS assistant. On the completion of her studies, Sonia plans to reside in Jamaica.

Sister Foreman will be remembered for her great love and concern for the youth. She has served on the AYS committee for many years and was never too tired to encourage the young people in their Christian exploits. Being a founder member, Sister Foreman remembers all the important events of Stoke Newington's seventeen-year history. She is leaving to do the Lord's work in Jamaica and will be greatly missed by all Stoke Newington members.

JOANNE DALEY

Chilterns' Community Services Federation SPRING MEETING

will be held at
Williams's Hall, Stanborough Park Church, Stanborough
Park, Watford, Herts.

Date: 6 March 1983

Time: 2 pm Nominating Committee Meeting.
3 pm Federation Spring Meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. The treasurer of the North British Conference acknowledges with thanks receipt of £72 tithe from Anon. W. J. Griffiths.

The treasurer of the South England Conference acknowledges with thanks receipt of £1, £1 tithe from H.T.; 42p tithe from Anon; £2.14 tithe from Anon; £12.40 tithe, £1 Soul Winning offering from Anon; £200 tithe from Anon; £13 tithe, £1 Soul Winning offering from Anon. B. J. Powell.

The treasurer of the Voice of Prophecy acknowledges with thanks receipt of £100 from Anonymous, Ipswich; and £8 from 'Well wisher'. Esther Roberts.

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EDITORIAL

by PASTOR E. H. FOSTER

YEAR OF SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Whether the labelling of years for certain specific purposes contributes to the attainment of such objectives may be open to question, and may even provide some would-be researcher with a project for investigation; nevertheless it seems to have become the 'in thing' to nominate various worthy activities for special consideration for a whole year.

With their knowledge of the needs of the world-wide Church, the General Conference at the Annual Council designated 1983 to be the year for emphasis on the writings of Ellen G. White.

The success attending these year-long designations must be measured not just by the results apparent during the twelve-month period but rather by the attitudes, habits, and concerns established not only for a year but for a lifetime. Particularly is this true of the 1983 Church Year. There would be very limited value in discovering how much of Ellen White's writings one could read in that time. The greatest benefit will accrue to the one who, by careful reading or re-reading, recognizes the personal inspiration and motivations towards spiritual ideals that these writings provide when they are approached with a sincere desire to gain a

blessing. These books are saturated with Scripture and urge the reader to discover the truth in the Book of books. They lift up Jesus as Saviour and Lord; they magnify the Lord God, exalt His character and they portray His purpose. They exert a lifelong influence on those who open their hearts and minds to receive the messages.

The prophetic promise to the 'last-days' Church ensures that the gift of prophecy will be one of its validating features. We appropriate the counsel of the apostle Paul when he said, 'Neglect not the gift that is in thee', and we do not distort that counsel by suggesting that the heritage of inspired literature that the Seventh-day Adventist Church possesses constitutes a sacred trust and a spiritual asset which we disregard at personal loss - a loss that may be reflected in the experience of the Church corporate.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to urge our members to fill their bookshelves with all the writings of Ellen White that they can afford; although during 1983 special offers will be made to make it easier to buy these books. Rather we invite our members to begin or renew a personal programme of reading complete volumes which will help in providing that

self-authentication of the guidance of God's Spirit in the preparation. Thus by the grace of God we shall be spiritually enriched and hopefully we shall have established a lifetime habit. With grateful hearts we will thank God that this year was specially designated to help us grow towards Christian maturity.

Why not outline your own reading programme for the year as far as the Church's distinctive literature is concerned? A framework for such a schedule might be:

January-February	<i>Steps to Christ</i>	<i>Mount of Blessing</i>
February-March	<i>Patriarchs and Prophets</i>	
March-April	<i>Prophets and Kings</i>	
April-May	<i>The Desire of Ages</i>	
May-June	<i>The Acts of the Apostles</i>	
June-July	<i>The Great Controversy</i>	
July-August	<i>The Ministry of Healing</i>	
August-September	<i>Education</i>	
September-October	<i>Christ's Object Lessons</i>	
October-November	<i>Early Writings</i>	
	<i>Life Sketches of Ellen G. White</i>	
November-December	<i>The Adventist Home</i>	

Ministers would do well to refresh their minds and souls by re-reading the volumes particularly designed for them such as *Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers*, *Gospel Workers*, *Evangelism*.

May 1983 be a year of increased blessing and may 'the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing . . .' (Rom. 15:13).



IRISH MISSION SESSION

A regular session of the Irish Mission is called to convene 17 to 19 June 1983, at the Seventh-day Adventist church, 74 Lisburn Road, Belfast.

The first meeting will be at 6.30 pm, Friday, 17 June 1983. The business of the session will be:

- To receive reports.
- To elect members of the Irish Mission committee for the ensuing term.
- To elect department sponsors.
- To conduct any other business which may properly be conducted by the session.

Signed: M. B. Musgrave, secretary

WELSH MISSION SESSION

A regular session of the Welsh Mission is called to convene 8 to 10 June 1983 at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Cowbridge Road East, Cardiff.

The first meeting will be at 6.30 pm, Friday, 8 July 1983. The business of the session will be:

- To receive reports.
- To elect members of the Welsh Mission committee for the ensuing term.
- To elect department sponsors.
- To conduct any other business which may properly be conducted by the session.

Signed: M. B. Musgrave, secretary

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Round and About

WOOD GREEN: Now the Harvest



Back row: T. Cuniah, elder, Pastor R. Fidelia, John Milner, Stuart Ladds, C. Peat, elder. **Second row:** BUC secretary, Pastor E. W. Howell, Benoit Vitry, Colin Chaves, Colin Weeks, Beryl Soloman. **Front row:** Sharon Licketts, Valerie Chaves, Gail Powell and Pauline Kelly.

Photo: Manley Murray

MESSENGER readers often read of the seed-sowing activities of the Wood Green church. Where seeds are sown there is a harvest. God sees to that. At our New Year bumper baptism the candidates were immersed by Pastor R. J. Fidelia. They were welcomed into fellowship by BUC secretary, Pastor E. W. Howell, Pastor Fidelia, and church elders T. Cuniah and C. Peat. Now we are warming up for our spring campaign.

J. A. THOMPSON, Communication secretary

STOKE: Youth Baptism



Back row: R. H. Surridge, NBC president, B. Stokes, minister, R. Wild, elder, G. Thompson and K. Rosier, Cannock elders. **Front row:** Hubert Harriman, Rebecca Thompson, Dawn Astles, Cecelia Hall and Marilyn Urquart.

Photo: Albert Waite

Of our six candidates, four were added to the Stoke church, one to the Cannock church and one to the Leek company. It is encouraging that five out of the six candidates were young people. Pastor R. H. Surridge, the NBC president, spoke on forgiveness. An appeal resulted in two more young people deciding for baptism.

MARGARET E. WILD, Communication secretary

EX-SALVATION ARMY CAPTAIN PREACHES AT BAPTISM

The morning of 8 January broke mild and dry. A congregation of over 200 members from the Fulham and Wimbledon churches assembled in the Wimbledon church to witness the combined baptism of seven candidates from both churches.

The service opened with a sense of real inspiration. Pastor David Cox, minister of the churches, gave a short introductory talk on faith in Jesus and the meaning of baptism.

The sermon took the form of a very fitting testimony given by Brother Alan Gunn, who, on that day, took up his position as assistant minister to Pastor Cox. He spoke of his own experience of conversion and baptism, and how wonderfully God has led him, first to become a Salvation Army Captain, and then on to being a baptized Seventh-day Adventist.

A vocal musical item called 'Son of God' was aptly rendered by four young ladies from the Edmonton and Brixton churches.

The candidates were four from Wimbledon: Sarah Beck, Dorothy Huet, Andrew Cox (all earliteens) and Mrs. Brigitte O'Farrell, and three from Fulham: Jennifer Telesford, Vanessa Chedick, and Jean Giffard.

The rite of baptism was performed by Pastor Cox, and hearts were touched as he immersed his elder son Andrew.

In response to an appeal at the end of the service, four people took their stand to follow Jesus.

This day will long be remembered. We do pray that God will continue to bless these young people and keep them faithful in His service. COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

GLORIOUS BAPTISM IN PRESTON



Pastor McFarlane baptizes Janet Clayton.

On Sabbath 27 November, Preston churchmembers and visitors witnessed a most glorious and impressive baptismal service. It was a joyous and memorable occasion. The service was conducted by

Pastor D. McFarlane of the Camp Hill church, assisted by Victor Harewood, a North British Conference Publishing director, and the resident minister, Brother E. Francis.

Pastor McFarlane's message was one of great encouragement. Basing his message on 1 John 1:1-9, he wonderfully illustrated the personality of Jesus and urged us to enter into relationship with Jesus in whom there is no darkness but continual light. Pastor McFarlane named twelve reasons why Satan was displeased; they were the twelve souls being baptized. The candidates were prepared by Brother Francis, by regular weekly Bible studies, and they were baptized by Pastor McFarlane.

Those who were baptized are: Sisters S. Daley, V. Williams, U. Jeffers, S. Jeffers, E. Bryant, M. Bryant, J. Clayton, S. Campbell, J. Francis, A. Francis (both are daughters of the resident minister), and Brethren L. Eccles and D. Daley.

Songs of praise were rendered by Zion Singers, a local group. Pastor McFarlane remained in the pool for a few minutes after the baptism and from there he appealed for the surrendering of hearts to Jesus. The response was wonderful. Many came forward to give their lives to Christ.

S. ECCLES, Communication secretary

SAVING THE CHILDREN

Karamoja, Northern Uganda, was the subject of an Independent Television documentary presentation on Sabbath 5 February at the Coventry Seventh-day Adventist church. It left an audience of young people appalled at the horrors of famine and disease.

Mrs. Barbara Dey, Honorary Secretary of Save the Children Fund (Coventry branch) was guest speaker at the meeting. She began by tracing the early history of the Fund in Europe after the First World War. Since that time it has extended its facilities to at least fifty countries where over half a million children are cared for. In Britain seven thousand children benefit daily from the provision of playgroups and youth centres. More than £250,000 is spent annually on projects for children in Northern Ireland.

Last year Coventry's branch raised around £10,000 from donations and a variety of social events.

Lay Activities director of Coventry's church, Mr. Jai Ramdin, responded to the Fund's appeal by presenting a gift of £250. This money was raised during the last six months by Coventry and Rugby church-members who sold copies of FAMILY LIFE

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FAMILY LIFE SALES IN HULL

Photo: Hull Daily Mail



The Hull church recently handed over a welcome gift of £125 to a local hospital — Castle Hill, Willerby. The cash represented the profits from sales of 'Family Life' magazines in 1982. The cheque was handed over by Mrs. Vivienne Vine, treasurer of the Hull church, to Mr. Krishna K. Nair, Consultant Thoracic Surgeon in the Heart Unit at Castle Hill. The money will be used, as have similar sums in the past years, to buy technical equipment to help those undergoing heart-surgery. This picture, with a short article, appeared in the 'Hull Daily Mail' on 22 November 1982. It shows (from left to right): Mrs. Judith Moore, Divisional Nursing Officer, Mrs. Vivienne Vine, Mr. J. Oldham, Hospital Sector Administrator, Mr. K. K. Nair, and local pastor Robert Vine.

It is amazing how responsive people are to a local fund in which they feel they have a stake. Often as many as a dozen homes would take the magazines consecutively. We thank God for this avenue into the community. Also we must say thank you to our Lay Activities leaders — Charles Twentyman and Ben Hooson who organized the sales — and the wonderful local members who have made such selfless efforts for the Master.

PASTOR ROBERT G. VINE

BEYOND THE TREE-TOPS



Brother Cecil Holness presents Sister Gloria Shaw with the library books.

'Aiming for the heavens, and in doing so, reaching the tree-tops and beyond' was the description given of the John Loughborough School's progress by Brother Orville Woolford, headmaster of the school. He was speaking at a special presentation programme held at the Stoke Newington church on Sabbath 8 January.

Brother Woolford, along with the school's librarian, Sister Gloria Shaw, had been invited by the church to receive fifty library books collected by the members, together with a substantial cheque.

Nineteen children from Stoke Newington attend the John Loughborough School including Aldrin Sweeney who received the best student award for the last school year.

JOANNE DALEY

CENTENNIAL BAPTISM



On Sabbath 5 February 1983 eight persons from Humberside were baptized in the Ulceby Adventist church. A century earlier, 1883, the first baptism, involving six souls, took place in this village.

The 1983 baptism was conducted by Pastor R. G. Vine. The 1883 baptism was conducted by Pastor A. A. John.

Of the 1983 candidates, four came from the industrial town of Scunthorpe. On the Sabbath following the baptism, 12 February, they, with a considerable number of others – mainly professional people – became charter members of the new Scunthorpe company. Three of the remaining candidates joined the Grimsby church, and one the Hull church.

Between 1883 when the work began in Ulceby and 1888 when the beautiful,

Top left: Accountant Paul Williams is baptized by Pastor Vine. *Centre left:* Part of the Sabbath congregation in the oak-lined Ulceby church built by the pioneers in 1888. *Bottom left:* left to right: Valerie and Graham Chapman, Matthew Chapman, Samuel Chinimbwa, Paul and June Williams, Pastor Robert Vine, Arthur Charlesworth and Prudence Fuller. *Above:* Ulceby, the oldest SDA church in Britain and scene of the Humberside baptism. *Below:* Arthur Charlesworth is immersed by Pastor Vine. 'Arthur is used to standing on his own.'





oak-lined church was built, Pastor John organized a thriving work in the village and conducted many baptisms. Ellen White visited the village on two occasions. Pastors G. I. Butler, then the president of the General Conference, and Pastor J. N. Loughborough, a previous GC president, also preached in Ulceby. The Adventist headquarters for Britain was then at 72 Heneage Road in the fishing port of Grimsby, fourteen miles from Ulceby.

A normal Sabbath these days sees no more than half a dozen faithful souls meeting with their pastor and the Lord in the Ulceby church. The descendants of those

Top: With Pastor Vine, the baptismal candidates who came from Scunthorpe — and a week after their baptism were among the charter members of the new Scunthorpe company. **Centre:** The home of the large and wealthy Short family, some of whose members were baptized exactly one hundred years ago. Ellen White stayed with them on her first visit to England. **Below:** The Armstrong home where Ellen White lived and convened meetings prior to the building of the Ulceby church.



baptized by Pastor John between 1883-89 are to be found working in the Cause of God in most parts of the world. They include this reporter. However, the 100-seater church was chock-full with members from Hull, Scunthorpe and Grimsby for the special baptism. Indeed the church was so full that, after delivering a most inspiring address, NBC president, Pastor R. H. Surridge, could find 'standing room only' at the rear of the sanctuary while the local pastor immersed the candidates.

Two husband and wife teams were baptized, Graham and Valerie Chapman and Paul and June Williams. Graham, like his father, Brother Douglas Chapman, is a company director. Candidate Matthew Chapman, also part of the same family, is studying at The Grimsby College of Technology. Paul, like his father, Brother Graham Williams, is an accountant. Paul's mother, Sister Audrey Williams, is the leader of the Scunthorpe company. Sister Williams also had the joy of seeing her

mother, Prudence Fuller, accepted into the fellowship of the Church. Arthur Charlesworth, a most genial and articulate gentleman, is, in the words of Pastor Vine, 'used to standing alone'. During World War Two he was dragged through the courts and his name through the gutter, because of his stand as a conscientious objector. More recently he has suffered much on account of the Gospel. But a happier, more radiant Christian it would be hard to find. Finally, Samuel Chinimbwa of Zambia is reading Psychology at the University of Hull.

Perhaps the most moving aspect of the baptism was the positive response of three non-Adventists to Pastor Vine's altar call. Watch this space for news of another baptism.

From the cradle of British Adventism the infant has grown to maturity. But not dotage. The work is onward.

D. N. MARSHALL

ENTON HALL

Introduction by
H. L. Calkins
Reportage by
B. F. Kinman

Enton Hall Clinic, west of Guildford, in a lovely rural setting in Surrey, has been recognized as a legitimate health-care facility for nearly thirty years. It was originally founded on principles brought from Battle Creek early in this century. Many of those principles are still practised. Recently ASI (Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries) from North America voted to purchase this attractive 50-acre property and to invite British lay and medical people to co-operate in the project. Dr. Robert Dunn, who has spent most of his life in Adventist mission service, is the new Medical director. The BUC is not involved in the purchase or operation of Enton Hall but will give encouragement to this ASI approach to blessing humanity and letting the light of the Adventist health message shine.

PASTOR H. L. CALKINS, *president, British Union Conference*

The price being asked for Enton was £700,000. If any purchase was to be made for this property it was going to fall to laymen to make the purchase. The Union and Conference brethren were far too committed to other programmes to be able to offer anything more than counsel and suggestions. The possibilities for such a place appeared obvious. Accommodation exists for over eighty guests in a glorious rural setting out of London yet within easy reach. It was all a matter of £700,000 (not to mention operating funds).

Seeing the possibilities and knowing the importance of moving quickly, Adventist

What is known as Enton Hall Clinic was originally built as a private house in 1881. It passed through the hands of various owners until 1948 when Robert Atkinson Reddell, a New Zealander, took over the property and founded the Enton Hall Clinic. Mr. Reddell had at an early age been cured of osteomyelitis by one Stanley Lief, who trained at Battle Creek under the tutelage of Dr. J. H. Kellogg. Coming from the United States, Mr. Lief set up a similar institution called Champneys, at Tring, Herts. Mr. Reddell acted as deputy principal in this institution before coming to Enton and starting the clinic. Many alternations and extensions were made to the property and in 1960 a complete new wing was added. The organic gardens supply all the household needs. In 1965 the institution was given charity status.

Enton Hall now comes under the New Gallery Conference Centre Charity. At present there are eight directors on the new board. Harold Lance, president of ASI, Art Wilson, president of ASI Pacific Union Chapter, Warren Wilson, president of Wildwood Sanitarium Inc., Larry Flemming, Sidney Sweet, Dr. Robert Dunn, Henry Martin and Mike Thompson. The property has been on the market for a considerable time and various prospective purchasers have shown an interest in buying it. However, the trustees were very anxious that whoever bought the institutions should continue the kind of services for which it has become known.

In the summer of 1982 a group representing the leadership and laity of the SDA Church visited Enton to assess the whole project. During that visit it was discovered that Enton's existing programme had strong historic links with Battle Creek Sanitarium. Stanley Lief's son, Mr. Peter Lief, had, since the death of his father, carried on the work that his father had pioneered. In 1976 he joined the staff at Enton and, employing the health principles so successful at Champneys, gave to Enton a good reputation in the field of natural therapeutics.



Above: Enton Hall from the east lawns. **Below:** Enton Hall. The west lawn.



businessman Brian Rice determined to stand the cost of a promotional video as a means of stimulating interest and soliciting funds. This he did without delay, and a marvellous job he made of it, showings eventually being given to potential investors in the cause. Appeals went forward in England and in the USA. Art Wilson, along with Larry Flemming, director of New York Country Life vegetarian restaurant, worked fervently to make the purchase possible. A high point of this endeavour was a visit to Loma Linda in November 1982, where he addressed a private audience of over two hundred professional health care and business personnel. A high level of interest was generated with the result that several pledges of help were secured.

Art Wilson, made an offer of £700,000 for the building, including the estate and all the fixtures and fittings. This was

accepted. Soon after the down-payment of £45,000 was made. The proposed deal was presented to the Charity Commissioners who gave their full approval. A year remains in which to find the balance of £655,000. New dynamic programmes are planned with a view to reaching those requiring help with stress, heart disease, smoking, obesity, and other conditions associated with the modern life-style.

Dedicated Adventist health care and other personnel will be required to staff this Institution in order that a fully orientated Adventist programme can be maintained.

Friday, 7 January, saw the arrival of Enton's new administrator in the person of Dr. Robert Dunn, a physician with world-wide experience in SDA medical institutions. Dr. Dunn comes from a 5-year medical evangelical programme in New York. He has served in Europe,

China, India and Burma as a medical missionary and administrator. He takes up his new position at Enton with a very heavy load of responsibility resting on him. Dr. Dunn's wide and varied experience has brought him in contact with many notable professionals, a number of whom have expressed their willingness to offer their services, if only on a temporary basis.

Enton Hall at present comes under the New Gallery Conference Centre Charity, and the plan is that both institutions will work closely together. It is envisioned that the Gallery, through its healthfood store and restaurant, and other health services, will serve as a contact point for prospective Enton Hall clients.

Let us give thanks to God that He has raised up men of vision who have stepped out in faith to establish an institution which will bring lasting blessing to the health work.

I must add my grateful thanks to Mr. Mike Thompson for giving me the background information upon which this article is based.

PASTOR BERNARD KINMAN



Above: Enton Hall. South lawn in summer. **Below:** Enton Hall. Gateway to the kitchen gardens — 'among the finest in the South of England.'

Photos: Denby Wilkinson, MBE



YOUTH FORUM

The youth of the Sutton-in-Ashfield church, as their contribution to the 1,000 Days of Reaping, decided to hold a series of weekly discussions on vital Christian topics, aimed to catch the interest of the local young people. They were billed as 'The New Life Discussion Group'.

The series got off to a good start with the film *I Beheld His Glory*, supported by our young soloist Karen Smith. With the help and guidance of Pastor R. H. Surridge and Pastor Bob Rodd, and back-up from the 'New Start' group from Bradford and from our assistant minister Ron Chapman, seven weekly discussions were held.

I. BINKS

ICELAND EXPEDITION

16 August – 1 September 1983

Since our first visit, four years ago, we have had many requests for a return visit to this remarkable country. Using our Adventist school as base we will go on 1-, 2- and 3-day expeditions to explore volcanic mountains, breathtaking glaciers, geysers and waterfalls. Special visit to Westmann Islands and recently-born Surtsey Island. Good accommodation in the school with twin-bedded rooms, gymnasium and heated outdoor pool. Expedition lodging in mountain hostels. Travel by regular Icelandair, Boeing 707.

Inclusive Cost: £250.

• **Only thirty-five places available.**

If you are interested, please write to: Youth Department, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Garston, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Readers of MESSENGER will recall the lead article on the financial plight of the Press. The concluding paragraphs of the article were devoted to the magazine FAMILY LIFE whose sales play an important part in our evangelical outreach. We learned that declining sales mean that if the magazine is to survive each church-member must be willing to give it their full support. A member of the Rugby church has done more than this and as well as helping the Press, the Save the Children Fund has benefited to the extent of £110.

Inspired by literature-evangelist John Francis, Sister Linda Turner sent for 1,000 copies of FAMILY LIFE which she determined to sell in the Rugby area. Gathering her young family – Nicky, Kim, Dane, Melanie, and her niece Barbara Bernard – together with John Francis, she explained her intention and sought their help. At this point I should also tell you that as well as having responsibility for her family's welfare, Sister Turner also has a full-time nursing job, so her spare time is limited. Nevertheless, she was not deterred and whenever she found she had a couple of hours to spare she and her helpers canvassed a selected area.

Rugby is a small town badly hit by the recession. Some people who were approached were unable to afford even the cost price of the magazine, but where she felt there was genuine interest Sister Turner gave the magazine free of charge; from others she was able to obtain 40p and on occasions 50p. The only time she failed to reach her target of fifty magazines in the allotted two hours was the only time she neglected to seek the Lord's help before starting out.

Rugby church, which has less than a dozen regular members, is proud of this outstanding achievement on the part of Sister Turner and her helpers. In a relatively short time she has not only aided the Press in its search for much needed new orders, but has also helped the Save the Children Fund in their support of the disadvantaged children of today's world.

PAULINE MATTOCKS, Rugby church

Rally Day in Handsworth

On 15 January Handsworth had their annual Sabbath School rally day – and what a day that was!

The theme for the day was 'to love, to seek, to find and to bring', and that was exactly what was done. *Over sixty visitors were present.*

Pastor B. E. Flynn, North British Conference Sabbath School director, gave the message, followed by an appeal for re-consecration.

The afternoon programme was given in the form of a film showing Sabbath Schools in other countries. Music was supplied by the Wolverhampton group 'New Hope' and the Handsworth group, 'Unity'.

LORRAINE WOOLCOCK

GHANA APPEAL

The eviction of about 2,000,000 persons from Nigeria is causing enormous problems throughout West Africa.

The most serious effects of this migration are being experienced in Ghana, where the Government has placed a request with the Seventh-day Adventist Church for assistance.

Pastor M. A. Bediako (president of the West African Union, which is based in Ghana) and Pastor R. J. Kloosterhuis (president of the Africa-Indian Ocean Division) have, therefore, appealed to the World Church for three basic items:

1. Food.
2. Medical Supplies.
3. Clothing.

The British Union Conference has sent an initial contribution from the Famine and Disaster Relief Fund of £2,000 (in addition to a £1,000 appropriation to Lebanon). Other Unions throughout the Northern European Division are likewise participating. However, due to the close links which have existed through the years between Britain and Ghana, it has been felt appropriate for a general appeal to be placed with members and local churches through the MESSENGER. If monetary contributions could be sent to the British Union, arrangements will then be made to purchase necessary supplies, which can be transported via an aircraft which the British Overseas Development Administration is making available.

If you wish to assist the needy of Ghana, please send your contributions (cheques made payable to the British Union Conference of SDAs) by 31 March to:

GHANA APPEAL, BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE, STANBOROUGH PARK, WATFORD, HERTS., WD2 6JP.

W. J. ARTHUR, Vice-president, BUC

NEWBOLD NEWS

FINN WINS MINI MARATHON



Thirty-five people participated in Newbold's first-ever Mini-Marathon and Fun Run on Sunday 20 January. Ten kilometres on a 3-lap road-run round the village and lanes of Binfield starting at 9.30 am took 33-year-old Finn, Tapio Tervamaki, 34 minutes and 47 seconds. On his second lap he passed the fun runners doing one lap of the course. The fun runners may have been less fit than Tapio but at least they were warmer than the spectators who stood around in wind and snow showers to cheer them on. The runs were the climax of a weekend of health emphasis run by Pastor Martin Bell and

Dr. John Berglund, who emphasized the importance of the connection between physical, mental, spiritual and emotional health for Christians in the 1980s. Lionel Acton-Hubbard contributed a further practical emphasis with demonstrations of simple hydrotherapy treatments.

Since January, post-graduate students at Newbold have been taking classes in two of the completed classrooms on the top floor of the new seminary building. Due for opening in the spring, the new building is now nearing completion with paths connecting it to other buildings on the campus, making it an integral part of the Newbold scene. College principal, Sakae Kubo, is to be the dean of the seminary and he and registrar Frank Wood, with the teachers in the religion department, will move into offices in the new building by the end of February. Guest lecturer in the religion department this quarter is Dr. John Dybdahl, lecturer in Old Testament Studies at Walla Walla College.

Two recent speakers at Newbold assemblies have been Owen Blatchley, Rector of Binfield, and Peter Clarke of the King's College Centre for the Study of Modern Religions. Mr. Blatchley spoke about the importance of cultivating an inner spiritual life to flow out like a river to the world. Mr. Clarke reported on the one hundred and eighty new religions established in England since 1945 and the thousand-plus in America. 'The formation of new religions,' he suggested, 'is evidence of man's deep-seated religious tendencies, despite the existence of the secular society.'

HELEN PEARSON

Baptism in Renovated Edmonton

Our special baptism on 20 November was the first to be held in a church which has been the scene of major rebuilding activities over the previous weeks. Pastor Paul Smith, our minister, preached his sermon from Phillipians 1:1-11 and reminded us all that God alone began the work of drawing us to Himself.

The first to make his public confession of faith in Christ was Brother Harry Nichols. Harry was a son of the sea, and comes from Hull. Now in the autumn of life he gave witness of how, while he was facing the perils of the sea, the Lord had watched over him. Following Harry, a mother and daughter entered the baptism together. It was an emotional experience as Pastor Smith immersed first Sister Simpson and then Susan, her daughter.

While the candidates were changing, Pastor Smith made a moving appeal to those standing in the shadows of hesitation and we rejoiced to see five persons stand to indicate their readiness to follow Christ.

S. J. SMALE, *Communication secretary*

BAPTISM AND INVESTITURE



On Sabbath 6 November, members of Erdington church gathered together to witness the baptism of Brother Don Parker. He was immersed by North British Conference Youth director Pastor A. R. Rodd. After the baptism Brother Parker shared with us the story of his search through many religions until he found the Adventist faith and how, after many Bible studies with Pastor Eric Lowe, he had made his public declaration of faith. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Pastors Rodd, Hole, Lowe and church elder Brother Thompson. Pastor Rodd then invested several of our young people who had worked hard to receive badges, scarves and honours for courses completed. They were Julie, Janet, James and Jonathan Lowe, Michael and Stephen Hogan, Peter and Susilla Yesudian.

MAXINE FISCHER

'DON'T TRY TO LIVE ON THE CRUMBS'

The Reading church played host to visitors from neighbouring churches and British Union Conference and Northern European Division leaders on Sabbath 4 December. The occasion was our special Sabbath School rally day. After the song service and missions report, Pastor Hugh Dunton, BUC Sabbath School director, conducted the Sabbath School lesson study from the platform. It was a very interesting and thought-stimulating study on the 'New Covenant'.

The speaker for Divine Service was Pastor Donald Lowe, NED Sabbath School director. He pointed out that the Bible was spoken of as 'the most valuable thing this world affords' by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Queen's coronation. His address was greatly enhanced by a display of a collection of English Bibles, the oldest dating from 1589.

After hot soup and sandwiches at lunch time, the congregation gathered to hear Pastors Anthony, Lowe and Dunton again. Pastor Martin Anthony, South England Conference Sabbath School director, described Sabbath School as a 'time to meet with God' and that we should prepare properly for Sabbath services. Pastor Lowe highlighted the difficulties in today's society to make time for Bible study, and ended with the quote: 'We call the Bible the Bread of Life, and yet we try to live on the crumbs.'

R. NICHOLLS

International Taste-in

On the evening of 12 December at the Better Living Centre, the St. Albans church held an International Vegetarian Taste-in and Bring and Buy Sale. This unique project enjoyed an encouraging response from members and non-members alike, having been advertised locally.

Pastor P. Cieslar, the minister, dressed in Polish national costume, welcomed the guests. Afterwards Mrs. H. Karkkainen, Health and Temperance leader, and organizer of the evening, introduced the individuals who represented the eleven countries, whose exquisitely prepared and tasty dishes all were invited to sample.

The well-known dietitian, Mrs. Kathleen Culverwell, in her inimitable way, convincingly promoted, in the talk she gave, the benefits of a vegetarian diet and way of life. Recipes for the various dishes could be obtained.

Granose Foods had a representative display of its products, and spiritual food was obtainable from the bookstall. Goodies were on sale, the proceeds helping to provide parcels for the needy of St. Albans.

C. M. HUBERT COWEN
Communication secretary

A WELL-KNOWN singing group, based in London, is seeking musicians. Guitarists, piano players, and bass players only. Applicants should be of a high standard and free to travel. Committed people only please ring: 01-249 2518 or 01-743 9258.

TAMWORTH: Hysteria under the stars

The night was mild and there was no wind. A warm atmosphere prevailed as a fire burned brightly in a small open field. Surrounding the fire were some makeshift benches made from planks of wood, and also a couple of tables laid with what looked like a good spread. On these tables were a few lanterns giving out little streams of light, making everything just about visible. This was effective. Delicious smells filled the air, and no doubt they were coming from the barbecue which stood at the far side. An old barn with no roof was also in the vicinity. Polythene had been put across it to form a roof.

All that could be seen were people, mostly young, gathered around the fire, some sitting, others standing. Laughter could be heard and anyone looking on would have said 'What a happy group of people'. Everyone was enjoying the fellowship. Games were played and songs were sung.

Crash! One of the makeshift benches had broken and bodies tumbled to the ground. Everyone was hysterical including those who had the little fall.

Now the hustling and bustling started and the noise of pots and pans could be heard as everyone made their way over to the tables and helped themselves to the spread. They finally walked over to the barbecue to collect their burgers. Everyone was enjoying the meal, and some could not resist going back for a second and third helping!

The event I have been presenting was the Tamworth company Barbecue Night which took place on 20 November 1982 in Stonydelph. It was a night thoroughly appreciated by those present.

PAULINE NEWTON

The Great Knit

Currently in Billericay, near to the Hutton church, contractors are putting the final touches to the conversion of a large residence into a holiday home for mentally handicapped children, which will be known as Hamlyn House. One of the founders of this project who has a mentally handicapped son herself, recently came and talked to us about the need to give the parents a break from their difficult task of continually caring at home, for either a few days or a week or so.

To help this much-needed facility which will open in the spring, we held a sponsored 'Knit' on 21 January, which included ten ladies, two children and two men, one of whom is our pastor Michael Toy, who despite never having knitted before, was encouraged by the ladies to knit five inches in the two-hour period. We were knitting six-inch squares to form a blanket for the home, and the event has raised almost £400 for Hamlyn House with more donations still coming in.

SHIRLEY SCOTT-BOOTH

NEWS in pictures



Top: The impressive Congress Theatre in the heart of Cwmbran where Pastor Michael Walker's big campaign meetings were held. **Centre:** Left to right: The evangelist, Pastor Michael Walker, Mrs. K. M. Gething who was baptized, Task Force worker David Goymer, Mrs. I. Fisher who was accepted into fellowship on Profession of Faith, president of the Welsh Mission Pastor Ernest Logan. **Bottom:** Sisters Gething and Fisher.

News in brief

The Health of FAMILY LIFE

The Stanborough Press has received many messages of support for FAMILY LIFE since reports were published of its ill-health. A number of churches have increased their standing orders and the number of standing orders for individuals has also increased. However, at the time of writing (9 February), 3,844 copies remain unordered. Apparently there are many faint hearts still needing conviction!

Christmas Departure

Christmas Day was Paul and Mirjam Wright's last Sabbath with us at Hove. Paul is leaving to complete his studies. We count ourselves privileged to have had the ministry of two such dedicated and caring young people.

MONICA HASTINGS

£200 Raised

£200 was raised at a Stoke sale of work on 20 November. The sale included many items of sewing and knitting lovingly made by the members. In addition there was jam, marmalade and cakes. The amount raised was used to buy parcels for the elderly, the poor and the shut-ins.

MARGARET WILD

Bible Society Benefit

The VOP and the Bible Society benefited from the proceeds of the Stoke carol service this year. The carol service was arranged and the choir trained by Vera Wright.

MARGARET WILD

Birthday Surprise

On Sabbath 1 January a special birthday surprise was sprung on seven members of the Hampstead church, two of whom were 21 on the day.

E. R. CAMBRIDGE

Sabbath with a Difference

Christmas fell on a Sabbath last year. Exeter church took the opportunity to invite visitors to a special candle-lit programme. Head deaconess, Mrs. B. Jeffery, recited a poem composed by our own Mrs. I. Stockley. Mrs. Lorek sang a sweet solo and our minister, Ian Lorek, in a short address reminded us of the greatest of all gifts.

W. BRADBURY

DEPTFORD: Putting Christ Back Into Christmas

While throughout the festive season the practices of many were clearly that of taking Christ out of Christmas, the various departments of the Deptford church joined forces with the sole aim of putting Christ back into Christmas, and carrying

STANBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications are invited for a teacher in the Junior department commencing September 1983. Assistance with boys' games an advantage. Write enclosing c.v. and names of referees to: H. I. Dunton, Educational Director, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

out the principles of the angel's message - 'Peace on earth good will to all men'.

At the outset of the festive season, members began sending the Christmas edition of FOCUS magazine to their non-Adventist relatives and friends instead of the usual Christmas cards.

The Sabbath afternoon prior to Christmas day, a number of youth and senior members visited the local old people's home and presented a lively Christ-centred programme of carols, poetry and drama; this programme was so highly appreciated by the old folks and staff alike that they have requested a return visit.

The spirit of goodwill did not end there. Hampers of groceries were also distributed to various families living in the community.

And to top it all - despite London Transport's withdrawal of services on Christmas day - the church was filled to capacity with visiting 'ex' and non-Adventist relatives and friends, many of whom had come to spend Christmas day with members of the church. Pastor Humphrey Walters, who conducted the Divine Service, was able to continue the trend of putting Christ back into Christmas by focusing the minds of those present on the life, death and soon return of Christ - the Christ whose birthday the world was celebrating.

For many people Christmas, the festivities and good will are now over, but it is hoped that the true spirit of CHRISTmas - Peace on earth good will to all men, will continue throughout 1983.

DAPHNE STEPHENSON, *Communication secretary*

OBITUARIES

GRACE E. TUCKER



Many hundreds of churchmembers will regret to learn of the death of one of God's outstanding stalwarts, Mrs. Grace E. Tucker (née Wallace), on 12 June 1982, in her 93rd year. She slipped into her last long sleep while dining with a visiting member in her

Ilford home at teatime on Sabbath. Since childhood Sister Tucker has been a fully committed Christian, and in February 1918, she gladly embraced the full Truth through Bible Instructor Miss G. McMillan (later wife of the late Dr. D. A. R. Aufranc). Powerful persuading element was the Spirit of Prophecy in the Remnant Church. For many years Sister Grace served the Church as a Bible Instructor, being linked with Pastors Roy and Clifford Anderson and Pastor Clifford A. Reeves, in that burgeoning period of London evangelism in the 1920s and 1930s. Eventually she married, and settled in the Ilford area. She and her husband miraculously escaped violent death in 1943 when their home was totally destroyed by a

THANK YOU. We should like to express our thanks for the many words of encouragement and support received from the large number of personal notes and cards which have arrived from members in the British Union since the recent death of our mother, Mrs. R. M. Luxton. Her happiest memories were always of her friends in Britain and although her work took her to many areas of the world, her heart always remained in her homeland.

Jack and Andrea Luxton

German bomb. All who knew Grace well, appreciated her total commitment to God and His Church. She actively served the church until aged 90, latterly as a Sabbath School teacher in the Ilford church.

The funeral service was conducted at Ilford. Now she awaits the resurrection call which will bring paradisaic joy to all God's saints.

Pastor R. D. Vine

STANLEY BEVAN



Stanley Bevan died on 16 January 1983, in the RAF Hospital, Wroughton, Wiltshire, aged 87 years. On Friday 21 January, a small group of relatives and friends gathered at the Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, to pay their last respects to one

who throughout his life had been a servant of God and a friend to man. Newly opened snowdrops presented their own message of the resurrection hope to the bereaved, a theme presented from the Scriptures by Pastor Roy Burgess as he conducted the service assisted by the local minister Pastor Donald John.

Stan Bevan and his brother Pastor John G. Bevan, now retired and living in the United States, were baptized together in Swansea by the late Pastor Tonks in 1917. The harvest from this seed sown by a layman, the late Frank Powell, will only be counted in eternity. Stan attended Stanborough College for two years and then entered the literature ministry, a service he continued as a worker in The Stanborough Press for thirty-three years. He was a friend whose faithfulness and brotherly kindness was appreciated by all who knew him, and they were many. He served as deacon for so many years in the Stanborough Park church until his retirement at the age of 83. He was a Christian gentleman who was ready to put up his sword until the Lord whom he loved to serve calls his name on the resurrection morning.

We extend our sympathies to his widow, Lily Bevan and to their three children, Margaret and David in the United States, and Anita now living with her family in Swindon. We do not sorrow as those without hope. We shall all meet to celebrate the victory over death in the New Jerusalem if we are faithful. Our Brother Bevan sleeps today for a little while. 'He was a good man, full of years and of the Holy Ghost and of Faith.' Pastor R. A. Burgess

MARY EVA LIVINGSTON SMITH. - d. 19 December 1982. Mrs. Smith was the wife of Dr. Walter I. Smith, a former principal of Newbold College. She is survived by two sons, Maurice, a retired SDA teacher, and Dr. Louis, a physician in Loma Linda; one brother, Louis; three sisters, Helen, Ruth and Jennie; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Maurice E. Smith

FAIRWEATHER, Alice - d. 29 August 1982. Mrs. Alice Fairweather was one of the original members of the Darlington church, and was baptized 16 November 1935. She lived to a ripe old age. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. A. Middleton, vicar of St. John's Church, Darlington. We extend sympathy to her niece, and look forward to the resurrection day when all who trust in Christ shall rise.

W. A. Walker

BROWN, Edith - d. 30 October 1982. Baptized by Pastor A. R. Rodd, on 27 June 1965, our sister suffered failing health for many years. She had been cared for tenderly for three and a half years by her sister Mrs. Nora Brown of the Darlington church. We extend heartfelt sympathy to her sister and other members of the family. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Peter Michel, minister of the Bondgate Methodist church, Darlington. We look forward to the resurrection day, when all darkness shall flee away.

W. A. Walker

MARKES, —d.— November 1982. It is with much sorrow that we report the loss of a valued and faithful member of the Camp Hill church. The youngest of five children, Sister Markes was born to an Adventist family on 15 March 1910. She took her baptismal vows in 1931 while still in her native Guyana, and emigrated to England in 1950. She was not only a faithful member but also an active participant and able Bible student. Sister Markes leaves behind four children and several grandchildren. To them we extend our deepest sympathy and our hope for their joyful reunion in the world made new. M. Brown

HALLARN, Mary - d. 7 December 1982. The news of Sister Hallarn's unexpected death in hospital brought sorrow to 'Peacehaven' residents. Mrs. Hallarn joined our domestic staff about fourteen years ago, but became a resident in May 1972. She then began to show interest in our Adventist message and after studying with Dr. S. Thompson, who was our chaplain at that time, requested baptism. Eventually, on 29 December 1973, she was baptized by Pastor K. A. Elias in the Dundee church, and accepted into our Lundin Links company. She was laid to rest beside her husband, in Scoonie Cemetery (Leven). We extend our sincere sympathies to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Buist and their two children. We also include other relatives and friends who were dear to her.

Church Clerk

CROUCH, William Henry - d. 1 January 1983. The Grantham church sadly record the death of one of their senior members, William Crouch. Born on 5 December 1903, Brother Crouch became interested in the church in 1940 when a tract came through the door. Shortly afterwards he had studies with Pastor Wilmshurst. His baptism followed on 30 August 1942. Brother Crouch joined the Southend church where he held the offices of treasurer and head deacon. He moved to Gillingham and lived there for several years; then to Andover, and finally to Grantham to be near his son Tony and his family. Our brother was a man who loved his Lord and he now rests in the Blessed Hope of the resurrection. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Eric Lowe. To his wife, sons and their families and to daughter-in-law Edna and her family, we extend our love and sympathy at this time.

Church clerk

FELSTED, Lily - d. 1 January 1983. This happy child of God accepted the Advent Message and was baptized by Pastor E. E. Craven in 1923, and throughout her life remained a quiet and unassuming member of our faith. She suffered a stroke while on a visit to Sister Brenda Smith in Grantham and passed quietly away in Grantham Hospital. A service of comfort and hope was given by Pastor E. Lowe in Grantham church. Our deep sympathy is extended to the grieving family and friends. By the grace of God may we all be reunited with our sister when Jesus comes again.

J. Reider

WEDDINGS

NOTTINGHAM WEDDINGS. Wedding bells rang twice at Nottingham Central church in 1982 and horror of horrors in the excitement, everyone thought someone else had sent in the report! To remedy the omission and ease the disappointment of those concerned, we note for the record that the Scott union took place on 12 September 1982 and the Jolly partnership on 28th November 1982.

If memory ever fails them, **Julie and Michael Scott** will be able to recall the magic and splendour of their wedding day by merely switching on the video machine, and reliving the wonderful occasion. It seemed as if half of Nottingham turned out to share the occasion with them. Certainly, extra chairs in the sanctuary of the Nottingham Central church, aisle space, standing room in the foyer and the church's youth hall were insufficient to accommodate the many well-wishers. Those who actually missed the delights were (thanks to video-making experts, Julie's brothers) able to watch play-backs of it during the wedding reception. The ceremony itself was delightful and unforgettable with no fewer than five pastors and ministers officiating - Pastors Harris and Henry; and ministers Francis, Ham-Ying, and Chapman - all instrumental in the spiritual upbringing and guidance of the young couple. Julie comes from a long line of Adventist families. Her father is the renowned singer Eddie Langley, originally of the Central church, but now caring for the small Top Valley flock also in Nottingham, where both Julie and Michael are members.

Laffan Jolly and Beverley Dawkins are regular attenders at the Central church. During the 'Christ for the Crisis' Crusade they made two decisions, one for Christ and one for each other. Family and friends in good number turned out to see them exchange marriage vows in a ceremony at which Pastor G. Harris and minister, Ron Chapman, officiated. May God's richest blessings pour daily on these new family units as they strive to make togetherness their motto in their personal and spiritual life.

Catherine Burrell

PATON-JOHNSTON - The wedding of two esteemed senior members of the Lowestoft church on Sunday, 10 January, was a very happy occasion. The service was conducted by our minister, Pastor C. Rhodes, very ably assisted by Pastor R. Smith, who now lives in retirement at Oulton Broad. The two hymns chosen were 'O Perfect Love' and 'O love divine and golden'. Mrs. Marjorie Heeley rendered a beautiful solo entitled 'My Task'. Mrs. Eileen Johnston and Mr. Tobias Paton are both widowed with grown-up families and came together when Sister Johnston joined Lowestoft church earlier last year from Norwich and Brother Paton became a resident at the Dell Rest Home. It is true to say that their love blossomed as a result of a mutual dedication to the Lord's work through the 'Outreach' programme currently being conducted by the church and we are assured that their life together will prove fruitful in service to their Lord. Our best wishes and prayers go with Eileen and Tobias as they set up home together in Lowestoft.

M. J. Wiber

JEWISH CONVERTS WON



Top: Brenda Keough and her daughter being interviewed by Pastor Shaw at Central Hall, Westminster. **Above:** GC president, Pastor Neal Wilson, looks on as Pastor Shaw tells of the hundreds of souls being won each year through the literature ministry.

It all started with an invitation to the Brixton Youth Crusade and a loan of the book *The Great Controversy*. The crusade was never attended, but the book was read. Interestingly enough, from the contents of the book emerged a messianic picture of Jesus Christ.

As Mrs. Brenda Keough continued reading this book she was visited one day by Kathleen Grant and Bill Kitchen, literature-evangelist and Publishing director respectively. Brenda was canvassed with the set of *Bible Story* books, which she bought for her three children. She read these stories to her children and Joanna, the eldest child, reports that it was through these stories that she was able to gain a true picture of creation, God and Jesus Christ.

For this family, life was taking on a new meaning in that each Sabbath found Brenda and her three children worshipping at the Brixton church.

Her next purchase from Kathleen was the *Conflict of the Ages* series. Through the reading of these books, Brenda, a Jewess, found that her long established Jewish beliefs were being challenged. In her traditional thinking Christianity was just an extension of Judaism and Jesus Christ was just a person. After much reading and Bible study Jesus was seen as the new Moses, the Son of God, an equal member of the Godhead. Like Jewish Thomas of Bible times Brenda could say of Jesus Christ, 'My Lord and my God'.

The highlight of this experience was the baptism of Brenda and her daughter during the Dick Barron Crusade in London. We truly praise God for the part played by our truth-filled literature in their conversion. May this experience inspire our membership to use literature so that many others like Brenda Keough and Joanna can find Christ as the true Messiah.

Why not write to your Publishing department for more information on witnessing through literature?

PASTOR WHITFORD SHAW, BUC Publishing director

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Our Welfare work is a very effective channel for witnessing as everything goes out clearly labelled with the name of our Church, and the recipients are private individuals and patients in homes and hospitals.

Help is also given to organizations such as the WRVS, NSPCC, and Red Cross, as well as local Care groups, hospitals and private individuals with clothing and other necessities.

MONICA HASTINGS, Communication secretary

WOKINGHAM CHURCH. The address of the Wokingham church is not as shown in the Church Directory. It is as follows: The Friends' Meeting House, 28 Denton Road, Wokingham, Berks.

RED MESSENGER

Twelve months ago an issue of MESSENGER was printed in red. This was to highlight the fact that the tiny allocations being made towards MESSENGER costs in church budgets were leaving the Union and the Conferences with heavy financial burdens.

Typical of the generosity of spirit of the membership of the British Union, believers rallied round. One member alone contributed £2,000 and church boards in many parts of the Union restructured their budgets in order to provide a realistic MESSENGER allocation.

With this in mind we have been asked to inform the church boards that a figure of £3.50 per year per MESSENGER-receiving member should be used as the basis for their calculations for the next financial year.

May God bless your faithfulness.

Editor



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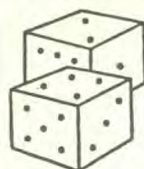
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CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin Munson on gaining his MCSP with Distinction at Cardiff.

to 13-year-old Wayne Fletcher on passing the Trinity College of Music Singing Examination, Grade V.

to Adele Stedman, Pathfinder assistant of the Oxford church, on gaining her Piano grade VIII; also to Marrion Stedman on gaining her Piano grade V.

to Mr. L. M. G. Nyary, B.Ed., on obtaining a B.A. degree in European History from the Open University. Mr. Nyary is a member of the Coventry church and lectures in English at North Warwickshire College of Technology.

CORRIGENDUM. Messenger 88 No. 2, 21 January 1983, page 6. The correct designation of Brother Bob McCormac's appointment with Rank Films is Area Organizer, not Religious Advisor as given.

THE THRILL OF THE ABERDARON EXPERIENCE

The summer camping programme at Aberdaron in 1982 almost seems like a dream now and especially as I am already making plans for this year's camps. However, as I recall some of the last year's highlights, I hope it will heighten the readers' interest and make them reach for their pens to book for this year's camps. It is gratifying to be able to write that last year seems to have had the best camps yet, and I have good reason for believing this. Let me just share a few highlights with you.

Phil, a micro-biology student, who was virtually an agnostic, came with an Adventist friend to camp and he taught rock climbing for four weeks. He also attended the services, read books and chatted to the padres and fellow campers. At the end of three weeks, he brought joy to all our hearts when he said he had found a belief in Jesus Christ. One thing had greatly moved him and that was the baptism of Jenny Fuller in the sea. Phil also attended the camp Communion Service and found a new understanding. He has since been going to church regularly and continues his study of God's Word. I am thrilled to know that young people can find Christ because of the Christian life-style which is evident at Aberdaron. We hope that more will have this experience at the camps this year. Jenny lives many miles from any church and she has had some difficult experiences in her life, but she has been coming regularly to Aberdaron and requested baptism. Her joy was wonderful to behold when she gave her public witness in the sea and was received by her friends afterwards.

For the first time, to my knowledge, we had Communion Services at the Family and Senior camps. These were held at the close of Sabbath, as the sun was setting over Anolog Mountain and the sense of reverence and joy was tremendous. A communion table was prepared in the middle of our hall, with the chairs all around. The congregation then went individually to the table to take the bread and the wine. It did seem that this helped to symbolize Christ's death for each individual. I believe that they will be a feature each year now.

Another spiritual highlight was the witness concert given at camp and this was the climax to all the witnessing that had been done by the Family and the two Senior camps. Over a hundred visitors packed our hall to hear the testimonies of the young people, to listen to the singing and to respond to the appeal given by Pastor McFarlane. Indeed, I saw tears run down the faces of some of the visitors as they listened. Afterwards, they stayed to talk, some until 11 pm. A number had driven over forty miles to attend. Two young people want to come to our youth camps this year and two other people asked for the address of our local church in

Liverpool. We wondered why so many people had come, because the numbers seem to be doubling each year. I believe it is a result of the witness that the various camps give as they sing on the beach, in the local chapel, in the market at Pwllheli and also as they give out literature. The life-style of our young people is noticed.

The 17-year-old daughter of the owner of the local restaurant and the builder of our new toilet block, asked me how to become a Seventh-day Adventist. I was able to have a number of studies with her and the connection still continues. Her parents are also very impressed with our young people and have come to our camp concerts and also the witness concerts. This spiritual effect was not just upon the visitors but also upon our young people. One camper wrote to say that he looked forward each year to this little bit of heaven.

There is not the space to tell of all the other events at camp. However, it was rewarding to see most of the camps filled to capacity. At the Junior camp there were over 170 to lunch on Sabbath and this must be the most we have ever had come to a Sabbath service and stay to lunch. We were delighted with our new toilet and shower block, with its drying and laundry rooms. The hall has been improved by its new carpet which was paid for by gifts donated at camp. The boys in Tent 4 at the Senior Special Pursuits camp raised £65 for this by their efforts during the ten days. I don't think this will be forgotten by staff or campers alike. They cleaned cars, sold fruit pies on site, served breakfast in bed for the small charge of 40p and did many other things to entertain and delight all. They said that they had never worked so hard at camp and enjoyed it so much.

Aberdaron offers an exciting programme of sailing, canoeing, climbing, windsurfing, plus sports such as volley ball, rounders, cricket, football, 'It's a Knock Out' and so on. The highlight of every camp is the banquet and concert.

We are hoping to make further extensions to our main building, providing another hall and dormitories. This will greatly increase our facilities and will also enable Aberdaron to be used for much more than the summer weeks. God's Spirit is felt at camp because of its beauty, peace and dedicated staff. I hope that parents, ministers and youth leaders will encourage as many young people as possible to apply for this year's camps.

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