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Report on the Irish Mission Session
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by D. N. Marshall

Pastor Don Lowe on the Prodigal Son.



'Our motto BY HIS SPIRIT', said Pastor Derek Clothier, 'is not original in its concept, but it helps to bind the hearts of this small Mission to the world-wide programme of evangelistic outreach that is meeting with such unprecedented success. The reaping time is with us because God's Spirit is leading His people and touching hearts and changing lives. . . . The last triennium has seen a tremendous influx of both men and money into this Mission from sources in the United States. . . .'

The Irish Mission president, himself a Welshman, went on to pay tribute to his worker force, to the American backers and to God for the slow-but-sure triumphs during the period under review.

American Friends of Ireland funds have made possible the initiation of the Mountains of Mourne Youth Camp Site project, the Maranatha church at Banbridge, the church at Londonderry, and a trust fund which, if augmented, might open up the possibility of a Church-run primary school in Galway.

It was during the evangelistic symposium at 4 pm on Sabbath afternoon, in debate in the business sessions on Sunday and over the wonderful meals – shared courtesy of the hard work of Dorothy Eardley, Pat Elias, and Ethel, Elaine and Carolyn McCormac – that the details began to emerge.

The arrival of the Maranatha team in Banbridge had been preceded by hard work over a considerable period by Pastor Ron Edwards and his membership and the speed of the Maranatha team, hailed as a modern miracle by the Ulster press.

Ballinacrow in the Republic had been unheard of at the 1980 session. Now it had become an organized company with a church building (built from local funds), which had seen an increase in its membership of 75 per cent in the last two years. Ballinacrow minister, Anthony Keough, had worked by organizing activities for children and the door-to-door selling of



Top: Pastor Musgrave registers the first delegate at the Irish Mission session. **Left:** Betty Sisson presents the Plans Committee report. **Below:** The Belfast church, venue for the sessions in the university quarter of the city.



his work had involved following up the contacts made by literature-evangelist Eithne Amos. A number of her contacts had been baptized. 'I believe in the literature work', Pastor Freeman had said.

Thanks to the good offices of Evelyn Wilson, Seventh-day Adventists had had a stand at the spring show. In the course of the show many had recognized Pastor Freeman from his appearance on Eirean TV. 'Thanks to the spring show and the good work of Harry and Ethel Wilby at the Better Living Centre,' he said, 'far fewer in Eire can say "I've never heard of Seventh-day Adventists"'. John Freeman and Harry Wilby had made 'Smoking

Sean' a national figure. He had even featured on the Gay Byrne Show.

In debate over the various departmental reports presented to the session on Sunday notes of caution were sounded. In addition to the initial gift, the Mountains of Mourne project had absorbed vast sums from the Mission budget, yet basic amenities were still lacking. Was it wise to pump more funds into a project which, since the initial purchase, had come to be seen as too near to 'bandit country'? Would it not be wise to sell the site and buy another nearer the sea and further from trouble? And the school project in Galway; how far would the £10,000 paid into the trust fund go in constructing a school? And, once constructed, how would the running costs of the school be met?

In all this, speakers were careful to express gratitude to the Friends of Ireland whose funding had brought a new sense of optimism into the work. The Mission president, floor speakers and the first resolution of the Plans Committee, expressed thanks to those in the United States sacrificing for the cause of spreading the Gospel in Ireland.

Gratitude, in particular, was expressed for the work of the three American pastors newly arrived to augment the worker force. Experienced and talented men, these, seasoned and mature.

The most recent arrival was Pastor Eddie Card who, three weeks previously, had moved into the Londonderry area and commenced a door-to-door ministry.

First to arrive had been Pastor Dwight Lehnhoff, who was already making a considerable impression in Banbridge, Portadown and Armagh. With US funds he had launched *Contact*, a one-off communication magazine beamed at Ireland. He had also become the editor of a monthly information sheet, run off at the Union office, which kept everyone up-to-date with the news and gave a sense of

FAMILY LIFE. Many contacts had been made. The third baptism had just taken place. Most of the converts had been from Catholicism.

Brian McCormac in Londonderry had seen the membership grow from two in 1981 to a 'solid group' of ten in 1983.

Five hundred had attended Pastor Dalbert Elias's campaign at the Europa Hotel, Belfast. The approach had centred on Bible archaeology. A bomb explosion at the Europa prior to commencement had not deterred anyone from attending. Contacts had been made and baptisms would follow. Decisions, we learned, take time in Ireland, whether in Ulster or the Republic; family and social pressures are such that 'overnight' conversions rarely, if ever, happened.

Pastor John Freeman of Dublin with the largest parish in the Mission – the whole of the Republic at the beginning of the triennium – also spoke of the difficulty in 'bringing people over the gap'. Much of



cohesion to the Mission. Working with Dr. de Groot of the Armagh Observatory, one of Ireland's most articulate laymen, he had run a number of witness programmes around the themes of health and astronomy. He had used the news coverage given to the Maranatha church in Banbridge as a means of bringing about a greater involvement by the church in the local community and this, in its turn, had led to a wider recognition of Adventists by other Christian denominations.

Pastor Don Vollmer has moved into the Galway and Shannon area. His face and voice were strangely familiar to many. Pastor Vollmer trained at Newbold in the 1960s and was one of the original



Top: Pastor and Mrs. Calkins chat with delegates over lunch. **Left:** Sabbath divine service platform party, left to right, Pastor Vollmer, Brother West, the Belfast elder, Pastor Lowe, Pastor Dunton and Pastor Clothier. **Below:** Dr. de Groot of the Armagh Observatory makes a point in discussion.



'Are we trying to limit God by, as a world Church, aiming to win just 1,000 souls a day for 1,000 days? . . . But it is good to have goals. One goal every Christian needs to have as he makes his way step by step to the kingdom is to take another soul with him. . . . The goal of The One Thousand Days of Reaping focuses our minds on the fact that the organization of the Church at every level exists to mobilize the laity to witness and win. . . .

'Let us be clear that *sowing* precedes *reaping*. Sangster once said: "I will not ask you how many souls you have won this year. Not even how many you have *tried* to win." . . . Ours is to sow. We may not see the harvest until the kingdom. But the word *reaping* pre-supposes that *sowing* has already taken place.

'We get uptight about *reaping*. We are hung up on *results*. But ours is to sow. The Spirit of God does the reaping. . . .

Wedgwood Trio. Much of his work is involved in following up contacts made in the west of Ireland by literature-evangelist Eithne Amos. He is at present studying with sixty people. Pastor Vollmer, with Mrs. Amos, has already seen the God of miracles at work in Ireland. There have been healings which the doctors have been unable to explain. He is to baptize two people in Shannon very soon.

Questions from the floor. *Dr. Houston:* 'How many Adventist students are anticipated at the proposed Galway school? How many non-Adventists? Are government funds available? What will the capital outlay be? What are the estimated operating costs? Will it be a one-teacher school?'

The Mission president clarified the situation by pointing out that the Mission would not be involved. 'We do not have the funds.' It would be a private concern, run by a board of trustees under the auspices of ASI.

Pastor Dunton was concerned that

there be liaison between the board of trustees and the Mission. Only thus could the BUC Education director ensure that the curriculum was in accordance with denominational requirements.

Betty Sisson: 'It is important, indeed necessary, that financial incentives be provided for Irish students to go to Newbold College.'

Raymond Little: 'Let us be careful not to divert funds from the valuable youth venture in the Mountains of Mourne to a non-viable school.'

George Sisson: 'I am concerned that research be done to discover whether the tax advantage from deeds of covenant could accrue to the Church in Eire.'

Keynote Address. In his Friday evening keynote address Pastor Donald Lowe, a past president of the Irish Mission who is now Sabbath school and Stewardship director of the Northern European Division, spoke on the session's theme: ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING. BY HIS SPIRIT.





Above left: The Treasurer's report was not all gloom. **Above:** Delegates are attentive despite the heat during the business sessions. **Below:** In temperatures into the 80s Eithne Amos chats with one of the new converts from Galway.

'Don't be discouraged if the Church does not appear to be growing rapidly in Ireland. Just keep on sowing. The ratio of church members to population in Ireland means that every individual member is responsible for winning 16,666 souls each (that number does not have any prophetic significance in this instance); that means four times more than elsewhere in the BUC territories. . . .

'The extent of the task is vast in Ireland. But remember; "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit. . . ." This was God's message through Zechariah. Israel had become discouraged about the work. Jerusalem had been levelled to the ground. Then had come the call to return from captivity and to continue the work of God again. Fifty thousand went. But they did not realize the proportions of their task until they reached Jerusalem again. Flattened! What a sight! The task of rebuilding was impossible! Hence God's message through Zechariah. . . . There is something in that message for Ireland. . . .

Sabbath School. In Pastor M. B. Musgrave's lively and provocative lesson study we heard: 'Miriam was not just somebody's sister or somebody's daughter. Miriam was Miriam. She had shared more of the hardships of life with Moses than had Ziporah. . . . "Remember what God did to Miriam." He gave her leprosy. But He gave her healing and forgiveness also.'

Divine Service. The beautiful Belfast church, with its opulent thick-pile, red carpeting and expensive woodwork, is situated in one of the best parts of the city. On the other side of the road is the new City Hospital. Behind are the buildings of Queen's University. In 'the university quarter' it is easy to forget what is happening just down the road of which gutted buildings, the armed police, soldiers with

machine guns and the perfunctory body searches as you enter the shopping centre are just symptoms. Pastor Hugh Dunton remembered the darker side of Belfast when he prayed for 'those in the city who disappear from the streets and are never heard of again' and thanked God 'that no one is lost sight of in thine eyes'.

Pastor Lowe geared his message to the young people of the Church, with which the Irish Mission is greatly blessed. A processional band, complete with heavy percussion and whistles, provided him with some competition from the other side of the huge windows at one point. However, the speaker deftly used them as a sermon illustration.

His message homed in on the parable of the prodigal son. 'Young people often have the far country philosophy of the prodigal son. Often you do not know what you are looking for . . . until you find yourself away from Christ "among the pigs" (NEB). . . . He'd gone out to make his fortune. What he would bring home when he had pulled his first million! But he returned like a tramp. . . . Think of the unconditional love of the father. He ran across the fields to meet his son. He had looked for him every day. . . . The father put his arms around the stinking son, didn't really listen to what he was saying, merely demanding the best robe to cover the filth and placing the kiss of justification upon his cheek. . . .

Ordination. Union president, Pastor H. L. Calkins, was the speaker at the afternoon service of ordination. Pastor Calkins, who has authored a book on preaching, spoke on the importance of the minister's work and of preaching.

There was one ordinand, Brian McCormac, minister of the Coleraine church. As he was presented to the constituency by Irish Mission president Pastor D. C. Clothier, it became apparent that

there was quite a story behind this 'local hero'. Later the present writer interviewed his father, Bob McCormac, elder at Larne, and elicited the story which appears below.

The prayer of ordination was given by Pastor K. A. Elias and the ordination charge read by Dr. D. N. Marshall.

The three days of the session were blessed by 'the best weather in Belfast thus far this year', according to someone who should know. Temperatures on the Sabbath reached the eighties. This boded ill for the slide presentation in the evening: 'Jesus and the Land He Lived in'. With windows and curtains closed both temperature and humidity were up in the sanctuary and the presenter had to fight a tendency on the part of his congregation to go to sleep on him! A similar tendency was predicted for the business sessions



which occupied Sunday. However, the windows were flung wide and the standard of debate was alert and incisive.

The McCormacs. The following conversion story was told to the editor by Bob McCormac, elder of the Larne church and father of Pastor Brian McCormac, ordained at the session. The words are those of Brother McCormac.

'It all began in January 1967. The McCormac family lived in a farm house at Ballinderry, some miles outside of Belfast. There was Bob and Ethel McCormac with their family, Victor, Brian, Patricia, David, Peter, Paul and Colin. All were members of the (Anglican) Church of Ireland. Bob was organist and choir-master, as well as Sunday school teacher at the local church, while Mother, Victor,

Brian and David were all connected with church activities.

'Bob was a commercial traveller by profession, but had had to give up work following an attack of angina. Victor was building a house in preparation for his forthcoming marriage. With Brian he was employed as a bus driver. With the exception of Colin, only three, all the other boys were at school. The only girl, Patricia, was employed in a parachute factory.

'Then Victor advised Mother and Father of the wonderful things he was learning through a correspondence course on the Bible. To pass the time Bob and Ethel were persuaded to take a course each. It was an organization called The Voice of Prophecy.

'Ethel did the course entitled "Great



Above: Pastor Dwight Lehnhoff of Banbridge, editor of 'Contact'. **Left:** Pastor K. A. Elias gives the prayer of ordination. **Below:** Pastor Calkins, far right, with the entire McCormac family.



Teachings" while Bob worked at "Take His Word".

'Brian and David then became quietly interested but, like Bob and Ethel, it was just something "to pass the time".

'Then with one of Ethel's lessons came the question "Would you like someone to call and talk about these matters?" Now that would do something more than pass the time. They could all have a good laugh. Being active members of the Anglican Church they would soon have their visitor "tied up in knots". That was the idea, anyway.

'But the weeks passed and no one appeared. Little did the McCormacs realize



at that time that the Lord was working in His own mysterious way.

'A lesson about the Sabbath arrived and suddenly the McCormacs were studying, not just "to pass the time", but to find the truth. Now the visitor was needed to help them in the search; and he came.

'One March afternoon the wonderfully cheerful, smiling face of Pastor Bob Smart was seen for the first time. He was sorry about the delay but the VOP card had been sent to the pastor of Londonderry due to an error, and it was some weeks before he traced the Ballinderry address. Surely God was behind all this. Pastor Smart appeared just at the time when the McCormacs were ready for Bible studies. That was the first miracle of 1967.

'The next followed when the McCormacs decided something was missing from their home - Jesus Christ. What results there were when the doors of four hearts opened to allow Him in!

'Bob's angina was still giving trouble and hospital examination indicated no work. But Bob decided to apply for a job in a well-known thread manufacturers and, following an interview, was appointed manager of the export sales office. As this was only a week after hospital examination Bob's doctor did not seem very optimistic. However, another cardiograph was arranged - and it showed completely clear.

'So Bob started work. Then the owner of the farmhouse decided that he wanted the house for his daughter. So it looked as if the McCormacs might have no home. But once again God acted in answer to prayer and a house was suddenly provided by Bob's new employer.

IRISH MISSION SESSION - 17-19 June 1983

Recommendations Committee. Pastor H. L. Calkins (chairman), Mrs. E. Amos, Mrs. E. Dougherty, A. Greer, A. Hill, R. Little, P. McCandless, R. McCormac, V. McCormac, D. Muldrew.

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New Irish Mission Executive. Pastor D. C. Clothier, Pastor M. B. Musgrave, Pastor D. G. Elias, Pastor J. Freeman, M. de Groot, V. McCormac, Pastor D. Lehnhoff, Mrs. E. Wilson.

Youth sponsor: Pastor D. G. Elias.



Above: Delegates enjoy one of the tasty fellowship lunches prepared by the Belfast ladies. **Below:** Delegates from the mainland sail from Larne harbour at the end of the three-day session.

'The Bible studies were going well and all the major doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church had been accepted by Bob and Ethel, Brian and David. There were no Sabbath work problems and only one barrier to baptism. Bob, Ethel and David smoked - in total about 120 cigarettes a day. But a 5-day Plan conducted by Pastor Don Lowe, together with prayer from the members of the Belfast church, led to victory over the smoking habit. One Sabbath morning in October 1967 Bob and Ethel entered the waters of baptism together and were followed by Brian and David. Here Pastor Smart was waiting for them.

'This is not the end of the story. In August 1971 Victor and his wife also followed their Lord and Saviour through the waters of baptism. And over the years the story has continued until on 18 June 1983, Bob, Ethel, David and Victor and other members of the family were privileged to watch as Brian was ordained to the Gospel ministry at the Irish Mission Session convened in the Belfast church.

'The wheel has turned full circle - but still it keeps turning. Time surely is short, much work has to be done and this family prays that through their ministry many more might be brought to know and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.'



CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

When the British Union considered opening the first Rest Home at Lowestoft thirty years ago, there were those on the committee who expressed the view that elderly members were the responsibility of their children or relatives. This indeed was the custom in Victorian and earlier times, and in some remote areas it still is the custom. But with the expansion of the frontiers of people's lives, the free movement of people within their own country and beyond, and the explosion of welfare care, the situation has altered dramatically. Ageing parents and relatives can no longer expect to settle in one place with their nearest of kin, who may be liable to move home more than once in the years ahead. And so today we find an emphasis being placed by social workers on the independence of elderly people. Where possible care and help is provided in the home of the person - meals on wheels, home helps, district nurse visits, for example. But as time advances even the independent ones reach a stage when they require more care and attention than before, and that is provided in residential Homes.

At Lowestoft, and now at Crieff, flat accommodation is available with limited warden supervision. When flat tenants require residential care they can enter either the Dell at Lowestoft or Peacehaven in Fife, provided they are not nursing cases. While our Homes are primarily for the care of elderly Adventists they are not exclusively so. On occasions we have had no Adventists on the waiting list and a vacancy has been offered to the Welfare Authority in whose area the Home is located. Such residents are carefully vetted for suitability for our Homes before being accepted.

We would like to hear from more of our elderly members who feel the need for residential care. Cost is no barrier. Anyone whose income is insufficient to meet the fees (current weekly rates: Dell £55, Peacehaven £56), can receive financial help from either the Social Welfare Department of their Local Authority, or more usually these days, from the Social Security. The financial help given ensures that the fees are covered and the individual concerned has personal spending money; at present £6.55 a week.

Why then does the Church have to contribute to the Homes? Although the public authorities help the resident meet the fees, they do not contribute to the

capital costs of building, improving or extending Homes, and neither do they provide the little extras which make life more comfortable and interesting for the residents. The promoters have to find the means for these expenses. We have been fortunate in the past in obtaining grants from outside charities towards the cost of providing modern central heating, and in meeting the heavy costs of fire precautions, but of course we are expected to contribute as well. This year we must replace the boiler and improve the insulation at the Dell.

Both of our Homes are highly regarded by their local authorities and provide a Christian atmosphere that can be immediately sensed by officials and visitors. We are proud of them and their staff. Let us not forget them when we give our offerings to the Church, especially when the Rest Homes offering is taken up.

In 1982 we received from the Rest Homes offerings a total of £2,193, and we are most grateful to all who contributed to this amount.

C. WILSON, secretary

ONE WEEK IN THE IRISH MISSION

It is surprising how little the rest of the British Isles knows about Ireland. Although just a few miles west of Scotland, England and Wales, it could be a million miles away to some people's minds. Unfortunately the only news of Ireland that crosses the Irish Sea by way of the media is bad news. We hope MESSENGER readers will take note of the way God is blessing His work here.

We encourage our local church Communication secretaries to keep you informed, but an occasional word from this office might not be out of place. I must mention four newsworthy items just from this past week.

1. The visit from America to Galway of an Adventist benefactor of Irish descent, gives us further assurance that a Church school, planned for the west coast of Ireland, will one day become a reality. His purchase of a property about two miles from Galway town is being negotiated, and planning permission is being processed by the local authority. Our worker there, Pastor Don Vollmer, and his wife Melinda, having both worked as teachers in the States, are prepared to organize the school that is being completely funded by our American friends.

2. The final reports for Ingathering reveal an all-time record for the Irish Mission. In spite of some apprehension at the start of the campaign, because of reports from several churches of the incapacity of certain star collectors this year, our members raised their sleeves and set to work, smashing the £8,000 barrier. May 1, through these pages, express our appreciation for the gallant effort of all the members and workers who put the needs of the Mission fields first during the month of April.

3. On Thursday we welcomed our third American pastor and his wife to our Mission. Pastor and Mrs. Eddie Card arrived at Belfast after a long flight from Washington, and were immediately driven the final leg of the journey to their new district, Londonderry. Again our gratitude goes to our American sponsors for their generous provision of funds for the support of the three extra workers here in our Mission. How can the Lord fail to give the much-needed progress we desire for Ireland, with such an enlarged team of full-time soul-winners? This is a new day for Ireland.

4. The highlight of the week must be the baptism held last Sabbath at Ballinacrow. A report will appear in MESSENGER, but it is worth mentioning here as the two new members represent two aspects of soul-winning that are complementary to each other, and yet so different in their approach. Angus Rothwell and Mrs. Joan Devitt were two members baptized by Pastor John Freeman. Angus is the son of the respected leader of Ballinacrow, and has obviously been influenced in his decision-making by his parents and by the local membership. He has grown up in the Church and made his decision to follow His Lord while still a young man. Mrs. Devitt was drawn to the Church through God's using other methods of influence and witness. Brother Rothwell made the initial contact in his door-to-door campaign in Carlow district. This was followed up by the then minister, Brother Dale Arthur, and latterly by the present minister, Brother Anthony Keough; the Bible studies over a period of two years have been thorough. Brother Keough's internship has made a good start, and it was a Sabbath to remember as Ballinacrow were able to welcome into their midst for the day visitors from many parts of the country, and different parts of the world. Countries represented were Ghana, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, America, Zaire, England, Scotland, Wales and Zimbabwe.

PASTOR D. C. CLOTHIER, president, Irish Mission

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CORRIGENDUM. Miss Elsie Randall Binns feels that the treatment given to her book *The Archaeology of the Mind* by the piece inserted in MESSENGER, vol. 88, No. 10/11, leaves the reader with certain misapprehensions as to which book, in fact, she is inviting them to buy. Let us repeat the publication details: E. Randall Binns, *The Archaeology of the Mind*, Publishers: Heffers, King's Hedges Road, Cambridge, CB4 2PQ. Price £10 plus £2.30 post and packing.

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NEW MILLION-RUN INFORMATION LEAFLET

The time has come for us to tell Britain, in a slightly different manner, that Adventists are alive and well. Furthermore, that Adventists have an important message.

What impression, if any, do the inhabitants of these islands have of Seventh-day Adventists? In many cases, sad to say, we are viewed as being negative and legalistic.

So as to establish a more positive impression, and in order to offer assistance to people in need, a new information leaflet is being printed by The Stanborough Press for the BUC Communication Department.

The leaflet will contain a cover picture depicting stress and neglect with the caption 'Who Cares?'.

Inside, the Church will be presented as a

The plan is for ONE MILLION copies to be distributed throughout England, Scotland, Wales and the Emerald Isle between 20 September and 15 October.

The cost of these attractive four-colour leaflets – one million remember – is £24,000. To date the BUC, Conferences, Missions, and The Stanborough Press have contributed almost £15,000. Other financial pressures understandably prevent them from contributing more at this stage.

Dare we, therefore, make an appeal for a special combined bumper offering for the Radio Luxembourg broadcasts and

RADIO LUXEMBOURG OPENS ITS DOORS AGAIN TO ADVENTISTS

Commencing Monday, 26 September 1983 at 6.45 pm, the English language service of Radio Luxembourg will beam out its first SDA-produced programme for more than a quarter of a century.

The Church is in the business of communication, and to this end a weekly 15-minute presentation entitled 'Who Cares?' will be transmitted on Monday evenings for a 26-week period.

The 'Who Cares?' broadcasts will attempt to create awareness, particularly among young people, that the Adventist Church is indeed a *caring* Church. The station caters mainly for those in their late teens and early twenties, with approximately 300,000 throughout the UK regularly tuning in each Monday evening from 7-7.30 pm.

At some stage each evening more than two million throughout the British Isles listen to Luxembourg's output. Therefore, our own programme will feature modern Christian music and lively interviews on a variety of topical issues – emphasizing, of course, the relevance of the Christian faith. At the conclusion of each presentation there will be a special offer to develop listeners' interest.

Among the subjects to be covered are new life in Christ, loneliness, violence, the future, vegetarianism, stress, voluntary service, the Sabbath, the message and mission of SDAs.

Several field ministers and a number of young people connected with Newbold's production studio will be participating in the programmes. It is also anticipated that several Adventist musical groups will be featured. Associating with the writer in the production of programmes will be Mike Harrison of the BBC, and Pastor John West, technician at the Church's new radio studio on Stanborough Park.

In addition to the Monday broadcasts from Luxembourg, Pastor Watson Southcott will continue his Sunday morning Adventist World Radio presentations from Portugal between 9 and 10 am on the 31 metre band – 9670 kHz.

Please pray for the success of this evangelistic venture to the end that many listeners will avail themselves of some stepping stones to faith, such as information sheets, paperbacks, periodicals, correspondence courses, seminars, etc.

Also, if you can assist financially towards the cost of this venture, kindly place



Michael Harrison, BBC producer, at the microphone.

caring organization, and a range of beneficial services will be listed. These include details about *Focus*, *Family Life*, Bible correspondence courses, 5-day Plans, recipe booklets, camp for disabled young people, and the offer of a visit by a sympathetic friend. There will be a tear-off reply coupon.

Also advertised will be the Radio Luxembourg programmes which are scheduled to commence on the last Monday of September. These will offer help, hope, and comfort to people in their own homes.

Our belief is that the leaflet will do much to create new and favourable attitudes in many quarters towards our Church.

the one million leaflets? An appeal is also being made to friends of Britain overseas.

With this issue of MESSENGER, each church will receive a supply of offering envelopes for this faith project. Would you therefore endeavour to assist prayerfully and practically? Thank you in advance for your generosity towards this evangelistic venture.

Should our costs for the leaflet be fully covered by your free-will contributions, we will distribute them to churches throughout the Union pro rata for distribution in each area. In this connection more information will be dispatched at a later date.

PASTOR W. J. ARTHUR

BUC vice-president and Communication director

your donation in the special offering envelopes which will be distributed to all churches together with this issue of MESSENGER. Remember, 10,000 golden coins are needed to implement this golden opportunity!

W. J. ARTHUR
BUC vice-president and Communication director

Right: BUC president Pastor H. L. Calkins with vice-president Pastor John Arthur; both believe 'the Radio Luxembourg venture could be one of the most effective ways of communicating the Advent message to the British Isles'. **Below:** Pat Eastwood deals with the correspondence to which radio programmes give rise.



SUMMER AT NEWBOLD

The myth of Newbold's long, quiet summer is fading fast. A few years ago, the June visitor from abroad found a few tired teachers, some students on scholarship plans painting and re-furbishing the place for the coming term, and a few American visitors 'just passing through on a tour of "Yeurup" and staying at Adventist "instatooshuns" on the way'.

No summer on campus is like that these days. To begin with, there are the post-graduates. The morning after Graduation, they are back in class and their teachers, without the mortar boards and robes of yesterday, are back in the classrooms with them, proving that they earned their academic regalia. The post-graduate spring quarter ends in mid-June and the summer quarter follows hard on its heels four days later. Each post-graduate quarter sees the return of ex-students and their families to take up more post-graduate studies: in summer there seem to be more than ever. The delights of a summer in rural Berkshire, pressures of term papers notwithstanding, seem desirable.

This year, the delights of Newbold in summer seem attractive to more than post-graduate students. For two weekends in May and June, the college hosted the South England Youth Study Conference and then the Pathfinder Convention. June saw first the British Union Workers'

Meetings followed by a week of Family Life Seminars.

On the heels of these come the students for the summer quarter of the MA in Education, and the month-long summer schools in music and English as a Foreign Language. To lend a bit of class to the proceedings, the college board met here for a day in the last week in June, to consider plans for the new post-graduate degrees to be offered in the new seminary building come the autumn.

And come the autumn will, we believe, but not before Newbold has also hosted a Lay Preachers' Workshop, an Office Secretaries' Weekend and an Institute of World Mission.

On an individual level too, there are plenty of summer comings and goings. In early June Messrs. Ball, Kubo, Howse, Pearson and Thompson went off to the Scandinavian Workers' Meetings in Himmerlandsgarden, Denmark. June also saw the arrival of Borge Schantz, fresh from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, where he has recently completed a doctorate in missiology. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse of New England Youth Orchestra fame arrived to make her contribution to the Summer School in Music and Dr. Bert Beach breezed in to teach his class in Ecumenical Trends.

Later in the summer, the new college cook, Jan Cederstrom, will arrive to replace fellow-Norwegian Roald Hofseth, who leaves to work in a health food restaurant in Oslo, and Cathy Nash will replace assistant cook Neil Hunter, who also leaves to set up his own health food restaurant in his native Scotland.

Various members of staff will be off on trips to different parts of the world during the summer. Kevin Howse went to Muehlerahmede in Germany to teach at a Youth Ministry Seminar for ten days in the middle of June. Peter van Bemmelen has study leave to work on his doctorate at Andrews University throughout the summer. In August Harry Leonard and Konrad Mueller will go to Collonges for a four-day J. N. Andrews Symposium arranged by the Euro-Africa and Northern European Divisions. The Holy Land figures in plans for Alan Crowe and Kai Arasola. Alan will take a trip there in August to equip himself photographically for an evangelistic campaign to take place in Wokingham later this year. Kai Arasola is starting to plan for a Holy Land Trip for students, staff and alumni of the college in the summer of 1984. The trip is to be sponsored by the College Board and the Division Committee. On 2 September, Roy Scarr and Emmanuel Verona will leave for a two-week concert tour performing in Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and France. By the time they come back it will be almost time to begin the new school year.

From September, Newbold will be working on the quarter system which means that instead of two terms and a summer quarter the school year will now consist of four ten-week quarters. It means that students need to take a few classes at one time and can concentrate on a narrower range of subjects in depth rather than having to deal with a wide range of subjects at the same time and running a greater risk of a shallow approach. The quarter system has the added advantage of co-ordinating the undergraduate and post-graduate programmes so that Graduations from both can occur at the same time. Next year, Graduation will be in mid-June rather than in May. I wonder what delights *next* summer will hold.

HELEN PEARSON

HAPPY FAMILIES AT CRAWLEY

Below: left to right, Area co-ordinator Pastor David Cox, Alan Gunn, Pastors Edgar Hulbert, Martin Anthony, John Arthur, Brethren P. Leenhouters, W. Johnston and D. Tressler. **Bottom:** Pastor John Arthur, vice-president of the BUC, expounds 'Five Rules for a Happy Marriage'.



A report by Anita Marshall on an SEC Area 4 Day of Fellowship

It was the first really hot day of summer on Sabbath 4 June as the churches of Surrey, Sussex and Kent met for a day of family fellowship in the lovely St. Leonard's church in Crawley. The church minister, Rev. Tinniswood, welcomed us at the beginning of Sabbath school, and promised to join us again later when duties permitted.

'Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ' was written high above the simple altar, and He did, pouring out blessings into each interest-packed minute of that golden day.

'Dorcas was more likely a dumpy lady', declared Dr. Harry Leonard, with his infectious grin as he paced up and down the centre aisle taking the lesson, taking it and shaking it into life in a manner which the author could not possibly have envisaged. 'She probably got the nickname when she was more gazelle-like.' Dr. William Barclay's maxim: 'We are saved to serve', became the theme of this lively lesson study.

In divine service, Sister Laurel Gunn, recent convert from the Salvation Army with her husband Alan, assistant minister at the Wimbledon church, had a group of children 'volunteer' for a mini-drama, with parts ranging from a turnip seed to a puppy dog. The seed grew and everyone - mum, dad, kids, kitten, and even a field mouse had to be enlisted to pull up the resulting turnip. A good visual lesson. 'On our own we can do nothing; together and with God we can do anything.'

The theme of the day was the family, and Pastor John Arthur dealt very effectively with the heart of the matter in his sermon on 'Five Rules for a Happy Marriage'. 'Marriage should be a loving sacrifice - not slavery for women,' he declared, 'and men should be sensitive and chivalrous.' He made us laugh with his Seven Stages of Marriage. Stage 1: wife gets a cold and husband almost rushes her off to hospital, but by Stage 7, the more likely reaction is: 'Don't sneeze this way, dear, I don't want it!'

After an over-hasty lunch, everyone bundled into their cars for an hour's witnessing in the town centre, where a well-acted drama, singing, and FAMILY LIFE distribution programme went down a treat, taking busy shoppers' minds onto things spiritual for a while, and giving them something to read when they got home and put their feet up.

The afternoon symposium was presided over by Pastors Martin Anthony and David Marshall, and after an interesting and sometimes amusing talk by the latter about marriage, sex and sanctification, various people were shepherded to the front to form a panel to discuss questions from the congregation on the day's theme.

These proved to be varied, and were dealt with in a thoughtful and spiritual manner by all the members of the panel, who ranged from teenagers to 'old' married men, one of whom had been married for a whole ten months. The main point arising from this discussion was the part everyone felt God could play in sorting out even the knottiest family problems – or avoiding them in the first place – all we have to do is invite Him into our homes and our lives. Testimonies given at the end by panel

members proved quite moving, as they spoke of receiving God's help in choosing a marriage partner, and the happiness that had resulted.

The day's worship and praise was brought to a satisfying close by Alan Gunn's short but spiritual evening devotional on The Hands of Jesus Christ – creative, healing, compassionate, full of blessings. Blessings He is just waiting to shower on His family when they include Him in their midst.

Below: Street witnessing was on the lunch-time menu. **Bottom:** A section of the Sabbath morning congregation.



Pointed Questions

'Living with Christianity in a modern world' was the theme of the weekend, but it was the degree of participation by all concerned that made the weekend a resounding success.

Eighty young people, mainly from Nottingham, Adventist and non-Adventist, attended a spiritual retreat in the Leicestershire countryside.

Accommodation was basic – it was a converted barn – but it seemed like home.

We were fortunate in the choice of main

speakers – Pastor B. Gane (BUC), minister Steve Mitchum (Manchester), and minister Ron Chapman (Nottingham). Lesser mortals could not have coped with the pressure from the youth whose pointed questions demanded equally direct answers.

Keith Burrell, Nottingham Central's youth leader, was delighted at the response of the youth to the weekend's programme. It had served for all who attended as a period of reflection, for decision making and personal assessment.

CATHERINE BURRELL

YOUTH MONTH AT WATFORD TOWN

The month of May has seen the youth at work in Watford Town. For four Sabbaths the youth led out in Sabbath school, divine service and their AY programmes. The entire month's programmes were geared towards reclaiming the backslidden youth of the church, and also other interested ones. There were quite a number of visiting youth, and we had the privilege of seeing many who once worshipped with us return to attend the services.

The guest speaker for the first Sabbath was Dr. Vassell Kerr from the Brixton church. He spoke on 'Youthful Involvement' exemplified in Esther's determination to save the Hebrew people. In the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Kerr spoke to the young people on Communication, and there were discussion groups on how parents and children can overcome barriers in communication.

On the second Sabbath, the speaker was Pastor C. R. Perry from the South England Conference. His sermon was about Samson, the man who had so much but lost all because of the choice he made.

One of our own youth, Michael Mannix, spoke on the third Sabbath. In his message we were made cognizant of the fact that we ought not to be merely 'religious Christians' but 'committed Christians'.

The speaker for the last Sabbath was Pastor W. Shaw from the BUC. His sermon was entitled 'The day the cat jumped'. He reminded us that the biggest surprise will be the coming of the Lord, and that we should be in a state of readiness. He said that it was possible for us to know our Bibles but not know our God.

Many young people, and adults, stood in response to the call given by Pastor Shaw, showing their willingness to be ready for the Lord when He comes.

The AY programme each Sabbath was a continuous play entitled 'Project Sunlight'. Though many scenes in this play were very humorous, the solemn fact that it portrayed was the coming of Christ and our readiness to meet Him.

On Friday 20 May at 7 pm, the youth also participated in an 'Agape Feast' by candlelight. As a number spoke of God's love and leading in their lives, we were sure that the Holy Spirit was working.

A. R. JOHN, Communication secretary

Thank you, St. Albans

'I am just writing to say a special "Thank you" to you and the other kind people who ran the non-smoking course. I could not have done it without you. I am feeling so well, enjoying my food, and have developed a whole new sense of smell.'

This letter was received by Dr. Drusilla Hertogs from an air hostess who attended the recent 5-day Plan to Stop Smoking, held at the Better Living Centre of the St. Albans church. Dr. Hertogs conducted the clinic together with the minister, Pastor P. Cieslar.

C. M. HUBERT COWEN, Communication secretary

Round and About

ACCENT ON LOVE

A report by Cynthia Southcott and R. D. Vine on SEC Area 5 Day of Fellowship on 4 June

Sabbath 4 June: a day when blazing sun defied Britain's shabbiest spring on record: the setting – paradisaic Stanborough Park.

A thousand members from Area 5 packed into the Stanborough School gymnasium for their annual Day of Fellowship organized by area leader Pastor Watson Southcott and his ministerial team. The lovely setting and gorgeous quietude enhanced the shared sentiment: 'Master, it is good for us to be here.' There was so much to validate God's claim to our adoration and worship – the basis of which is the fact that He is Creator, a reason we share with all unfallen beings in the entire universe, including the angels of glory.

Golden preliminary to the main morning message by British Union Conference president, Pastor H. L. Calkins, was Mrs. Valerie Fidelia's singing of Psalm 121 with its focus on 'the Lord which made heaven and earth'. The preacher's unusual sermon evoked an awesome sense of wonder and humility as he presented scientific facts about space and light and time; about the infinitude of the universe; and about our own beautiful planet – marred though it is by the presence of sin. Creationists such as we are, can appreciate the feeling of Sir James Jeans, at one time Britain's Astronomer Royal: 'The universe seems to me more like a great thought than a great machine.'

This is the God whose limitless knowledge includes every detail, every thought, every weakness, and every aspiration of His people. Despite this most intimate knowledge, we are assured of His love, and of His desire to be loved by us.

Sabbath school had followed the conventional pattern, but was enriched by the ministry of a Stanborough Park singing group, and by a 'first-hand' missions appeal by missionary Marcus Dove. South England Conference president Dr. Silburn

Reid directed the lesson study with its focus on Dorcas – the famous Christian welfare worker of Joppa.

Continuing the theme of Dorcasian love, Pastor G. M. Bell delighted the afternoon congregation with reports of 'Love in Action'. He spoke of the thirty-five tons of supplies sent to Poland; of the hoes, garden rakes and spades sent to Ethiopia; of the fact that Seventh-day Adventists were first on the scene to help the fire-fighters in Australia, supplying them with refreshment, and even somewhere to sleep. However, what pleased his listeners most was his report on the camps for the disabled held at Aberdaron.

Knowing of the financial needs of these camps, the churches in Area 5 had been asked several months previously to raise funds, and a total of £150 was presented to Pastor Bell as part of the afternoon's programme. Much of this had been raised through the sale of *Family Life* magazines.

To conclude the afternoon's programme, Pastor E. W. Marter gave a short Bible study on 'Two Inheritances – His and Ours'. Not only has God promised us an eternal inheritance but more than anything He wants to have us as His possession.

But the afternoon's activities were not quite over. Ten thousand copies each of 'A Brief Look at Seventh-day Adventists' and 'The Sinner's Need of Christ' had been purchased. Maps of Amersham and Beaconsfield, two towns in which we have no representation, had been prepared, and about twenty-five cars departed, each with four passengers. Each passenger aimed to visit a hundred homes, thereby contacting 10,000 homes in these areas. God's love had been the theme of the day: man's love for man was demonstrated in the afternoon.

The day's programme had been enriched by youthful musicians and singers. These included Oxford's Stedman Sisters; singing groups from Luton, High Wycombe, and Aylesbury; and an orchestral group from Newbold College.

Manchester North – a New Church

Recently the only SDA congregation in the north of Manchester officially had its new church building opened. The brand new building seats 200 people and has a large ground area for future expansion.

A large crowd gathered together for the opening. Speakers included BUC president Pastor H. L. Calkins, NBC president Pastor R. H. Surridge, our present pastor, and the previous pastor, Vincent Goddard, now at Leicester.

PATRICK MCKERROW, Communication secretary

Hackney Out of the Cold

For the past three years Hackney members have been worshipping in an Anglican church hall. Many will confirm that this was one of the least desirable buildings used to accommodate any church in London. However, for the last year they have been worshipping in the Methodist church.

Since moving to their new address nine precious souls have been added to the Church by baptism. Brother Louis and Sister M. Deblank took their stand for Jesus and many seeds which have been

planted are now bearing fruit. Many souls are having Bible studies and five more have requested baptism. HERMINE GRAHAM

LONDON COMMUNITY SERVICES

It was an extremely cold day on Sunday 6 February when the Greater London Community Services met at the Brixton church for the election of officers for the term 1983-4. The team had served a two-year term. Pastor G. M. Bell spoke of the work of the Community Services. He also commended the team for their hard work during their term of office. Pastor C. Perry repeated the commendation and gave encouragement for further service. Sister De Gale, the president, thanked Pastors Bell and Perry and outlined the work accomplished during her presidency.

1981 had been the Year of the Disabled. Attention had been centred on working for and with the handicapped. Magazines had been sold, and sales held, sponsored walks, knit-ins and various other activities entered into which had made possible a donation of £1,632 to be shared by four disablement charities. As a result of contact with these societies follow-up work had been carried out and a course for voluntary welfare workers with the handicapped run at the Hampstead church.

In 1982 our attention had turned to the John Loughborough School, after a request for help by one of the members of staff for parents who had experienced difficulty in paying their fees, also to a home for senior citizens under the leadership of Sister M. Benjamin of Holloway church. These had been our two projects for the year. Magazines had been sold, sponsored walks, knit-ins and baking undertaken.

At the presentation held at the John Loughborough School in November 1982 a sum of £884.50 had been given to the school and a further £30 on the election day. Sister De Gale informed us that when she had accepted the office of president she was working on her finals in Homoeopathy and Osteopathy and that, now she had completed her Homeopathy and ran a clinic, she could not carry on as president because of pressure of work.

Sister V. Benjamin of Chiswick church was chosen as president, and three vice-presidents were chosen. Sister M. De Gale was voted honorary executive member, Sister Russell of the Deptford church was voted honorary vice-president.

After the election a sale of work, food, uniform hats, badges and ties took place; also the 'Tell Britain' T-shirts with the inscription 'Good News For Today' and '7th Day Adventist Community Services' were on sale. £200 was raised for the home.

The project for 1983 will be raising money for the home for senior citizens. Members are already baking to raise money, and *Family Life* and *Focus* are being sold for the two-fold work of spreading the Gospel and raising funds. At present we have raised over £2,000.

MARGARET BENJAMIN

Hampstead Baptism

Sabbath 7 May was a glorious day. What a blessing when another eight souls were added to the ever-growing membership of Hampstead. Pastor Derek Marley baptized the following saints during divine service: Jonathan Alexander, Irene Croucher, June Daniel, Franklin Daniel, Troy Paul, Ilona Warren, and Thompson Ozoku-Agyeman.

Messages in song were rendered by Sister Ann Marley and Brother Robert Carr.

E. R. CAMBRIDGE

STANBOROUGH SCHOOL CROSSES IRON CURTAIN

Flying at about 11,000 metres through the narrow air traffic corridor, the fourteen members of our school party crossed over that fence which separates East from West. Only two and three quarter hours after leaving Stanstead Airport we found ourselves stepping out of our Trident aircraft onto the tarmac of Sofia, Bulgaria.

The week to follow was full of surprises as we had the first-hand experience of living in Bulgaria. It was a comfort to know that, though we were behind the Iron Curtain, we were under the friendly, sheltering wing of Schools Abroad. Our primary purpose of the holiday was to ski but the bonus activities of staying in a country very different from our own made this a most enriching week. After two days in Vitosha, a skiing resort which overlooks Sofia, the rocks became more prominent than the snow so our school party was transferred to Borovets. This, though two hours by coach from Sofia, was a much larger and better resort. Each morning we travelled from the village almost to the top of Mount Moussalla (10,000 ft). Here the skiing fields were blanketed by about a foot of fresh snow, affording a challenge to skiers of all levels of experience.

One evening in the village our minds were diverted back a century or so as we watched a professional folklore company in full costume re-enact a Bulgarian wedding. It seemed as if we were in the same era when we went on a sightseeing and shopping tour of Sofia. Perhaps the most striking impression of the city was the poor manner in which commodities were displayed. Apparently the art of window dressing is not encouraged. The very limited range of goods offered in the shops helped to explain why we were so frequently approached by the Bulgarians offering generous prices to purchase our sunglasses, shoes, and even items of clothing we were wearing. Alternatively, very inflated rates of exchange were suggested to procure our sterling pounds. We finished that day with a visit to the State Circus of Caba, currently performing in Sofia.

After a few days, students were beginning to speak fondly of school dinners, and when we finally stepped down onto the

HOLLOWAY FAREWELL

Photo: K. Wellington



Left to right: Brother Leenhouders with Baby Clare, Sister Leenhouders and Pastor Preston.

After an outstanding and full tenure of sixteen months as the association pastor for the Holloway and Shelburne churches, Brother P. Leenhouders and family said 'farewell' to the Holloway church.

A special social was held for the Leenhouders on 30 April. Members were able to say 'thank you' to the family in songs, poems and speeches. Brother Leenhouders had been specifically assigned to work with the youth, and his diligent work with the young people will be missed.

The Leenhouders have been called to the Bromley district. D. I. FRAY, Communication secretary

earth of Mother England again, no bones broken, it was not entirely an idle gesture when several children bent low to kiss the home soil. Yes, we were very glad to be back, yet all agreed that it was a holiday we would not have missed.

T. MENKEN, teacher

'THE WITNESS' - in Birmingham and on tour

On the precise minute of 7.30 pm, Sunday 22 May, Pastor D. McFarlane asked for God's blessing and presence before the curtain went up in The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, for the sacred musical drama by the Camp Hill Advent Youth Singers. Sixty-one young men and women, along with twenty working behind the scenes, gave glory to God for answered prayers in professionally presenting 'The Witness'.

'The Witness' is a two-hour powerful message which depicts the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Peter, and many other ordinary men and women, who came to know Christ as their Friend and Saviour.

We thank God for these dedicated young people who gave up many hours and holidays, over five months, as they practised to present this way of evangelism. We pray that many hearts may be given to Christ as they go on tour with 'The Witness'.

May we all remember that Christ is our living Lord, and that 'He is the Christ, the

Son of the Living God'. May we be born again so we can fully 'Witness' Christ's love to others every day.

E. W. BRYAN

Bedford - 'So few men!'

On the night of Friday 1 April, there was rejoicing when four people were baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Bedford church. As we have very few men in our church we are especially pleased to welcome Brothers A. Bartlett, V. Lindo, W. Grant and C. Smithson, who have chosen Christ as their personal Saviour from sin.

Pastor W. A. Shaw, Publishing director of the BUC, preached the sermon. He also baptized the candidates who are all from Adventist families.

THELMA LINDO

Infinite love at Walsall

On 12 March we were favoured with a visit from 'Infinite Love' of Edmonton. Their music thrilled the large audience in our church, which was almost filled to capacity.

Among those who attended were the senior members of the Edmonton church, also members and friends from sister churches in the area.

The film 'In the Presence of My Enemies' was screened by our Health and Temperance secretary Brother C. N. Wood to bring this enjoyable evening to its climax.

U. TAYLOR

WEST BROM BAPTISM



The candidates.

Regular West Bromwich members had to give up their seats to accommodate the large number of visitors who arrived for our special baptism. NBC secretary Pastor Bruce Flynn preached the sermon and immersed the candidates. Two came from Smethwick, one from each of West Bromwich and Northfield and two from Dudley.

BRENDA BURTH



Pastor and Mrs. Gonzalez and Edson.

BRAZILIAN PASTOR DEPARTS

Pastor V. E. Gonzalez recently departed for Michigan, USA, for further studies after about two years as pastor of the North Manchester and Oldham churches. In his short stay here he was instrumental in ensuring the start and completion of the new church building at North Manchester.

R. PATRICK MCKERROW, *Communication secretary*

Sale Work For the Deprived

FAMILY LIFE magazines for sale in Sale enabled Pastor Geoff Dennis to present a cheque for £120 to Maud Ward of St. Ann's Hospice, Cheadle.

We have also organized a special wonderland toy fair in aid of the NSPCC. Doug Peace, an Inspector from the NSPCC, showed us a film of the work of his organization. We presented him with a cheque - as well as with the items produced by the nimble fingers of our members.

By the sale of FAMILY LIFE we have also raised £128 for Missions Extension and £100 for the destitute children of the Lebanon.

J. GLAISTER

Crown Court Judge at Hutton

The Hutton (Essex) church recently held a 'Visitors' Day'. Lay preacher Peter Jackson, a judge of the Crown Court, having been appointed by the Queen on 5 May this year, preached eloquently about 'man's need for Christ'. Ann Marley, wife of the evangelist Pastor Derek Marley, gladdened our morning service with song. After our visitors, including a brother from British Columbia, Canada, had shared our pot-luck lunch, we continued with various speakers relating 'three steps to Heaven'. Meanwhile we had been joined by the secretary of the Friends of Hamelin House, a newly-converted house in Billericay which caters for the holiday needs of the mentally handicapped; offering the parents who care for their children at home a chance of a holiday on their own.

Some months ago we reported that the Hutton church had organized a sponsored knit. The finished efforts being made into blankets for the Home. On Sabbath afternoon we presented the secretary, Delysia Sarl, with a cheque for £400. Afterwards she thanks us for our support and said how much she enjoyed the warm atmosphere, which we hope was shared by all our guests on our visitors' day.

SHIRLEY SCOTT-BOOTH, *Communication secretary*

Magazine Evangelism

On Sabbath 4 June, Mrs. Violet Johnson, our literature band leader, presented Mr. Kerry, president of the British Empire Campaign for Cancer Research, with a cheque for £60 from the sale of FAMILY LIFE magazines. A photographer from the *Lowestoft Journal* recorded the ceremony.

For the past six months a number of Lowestoft members have been engaged in the distribution of FOCUS magazines on Sabbath afternoons. A number of interested people have been contacted, and it is hoped to introduce them to the church in an evangelistic campaign this autumn.

M. J. WIBER, *church clerk*

EAST ANGLIA COMMUNITY SERVICES

'I would like to help someone to live after my death.' So says the motto on the donor cards which many people carry, denoting their wish to be of practical use in the event of sudden death, when certain vital organs, such as heart, liver, pancreas, kidneys, and corneas, may be used to improve the life, and life expectancy of someone whose own vital organs are malfunctioning.

Guest speaker Mrs. Whyte, at the East Anglian Community Service Federation Meeting held at Cambridge church on Sunday 5 June, gave a very interesting illustrated talk about her work as Transplant Co-ordinator of the Multi-Organ Transplant Centre for East Anglia, based at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Dr. Jonathan Gallagher, as local minister, thanked Mrs. Whyte for her informative talk, and assured her that Seventh-day Adventists were very health conscious and interested, not only in spare part surgery, but also in preventing if it were possible, the need for it. He presented Mrs. Whyte with the book *Legacy*, which she gladly accepted, and admitted that she knew nothing about us!

Pastor P. H. Stearman appealed for a contribution to the work of the Renal Unit, and a goodly offering of £80 was donated to that cause.

Pastor C. R. Perry, representing the South England Conference, emphasized that 'love in action' should be an automatic part of the Christian life-style.

Pastor Martin Bell gave a very encouraging report on the work of SAWS, and on the Summer Camp for Disabled children in this country.

It was an afternoon for statistics, and the newly-elected president of the East Anglian Federation, Mr. A. E. King from the Ipswich church, presented his report, and that of the local churches.

MARGERY SINDALL

SPEED-UP

Since the arrival of our new minister, Steve Mitcham, the Old Trafford church has shifted gear. Over the last six months the church's activities have included a youth weekend retreat, and weeks of prayer, one for the youth and one for church unity, plus several days of fasting and prayer, one glorious all-night prayer meeting and a host of other activities designed to lift the spiritual tone of the church.

Fund raising for our church building fund has also seen a hive of activity, with a sale of work that brought in £175, a sponsored walk that looks likely to bring in around £300, and a concert that was supported by friends of the church especially the Preston members. We are happy to report that so far this concert has realized over £500. Ingathering was up by £1,000 on last year's total.

However, the greatest work in Old Trafford has been in the area of personal

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 ten places available.

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

evangelism. At present there are over twenty-five people receiving Bible studies and there is a waiting list!

JOYANNA BRANFORD, Communication secretary

Fund Raising

On 24 May a mini sale for the benefit of the disabled children's holiday raised £50. Members and friends of the church brought goods and helped man the stalls. Home-made cakes, marmalade, and reasonably-priced new goods soon disappeared.

A happy spirit prevailed, and at the close of the sale we were able to send good clean articles of clothing to the WRVS and the Salvation Army.

MAY SNEED

Ultimate Victory

Hackney's youth day took place on 16 April. The theme for the day was 'Ultimate Victory'. Three of our youth, Marleen Seapaul, Grace Chambers and Michael Lendor, revealed that the only way to achieve this victory was through Jesus Christ. All who attended were spiritually uplifted on that beautiful, sunny, Sabbath day. All the Hackney youth contributed.

HERMINE GRAHAM, Communication secretary

New Pastor

The Londonderry church welcomes their new minister, Pastor Eddie Card and his wife from America. We look forward to working with them, and pray that God will bless them in their new appointment.

W. ALLEN, church leader

PRIMARY and JUNIOR sets of thirteen activity sheets related to the Sabbath school lesson. Ideal for use in church or on Sabbath afternoons, branch Sabbath schools and holiday Bible schools. Both sets for the third quarter 1983, prepared by Mrs. Lorna Arthur.

Cost: Primary/Junior set: 45p each including postage and packing. (If collected at the BUC office 28p each.)

H. I. Dunton, Sabbath school director

LETTERS

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Dear Editor,

Dennis Porter may well prefer to 'go in one big bang', but there is nothing in the teaching or example of Jesus Christ which would justify us for dispatching the Russian population, or the people of any other country, in such a way. 'Love your enemies', Jesus said. Surely he didn't just mean Romans and Samaritans.

W. H. Trenholm says that we have a sacred duty to support our government in whatever it does. Would he say that Russian Christians owe the same duty to their government, even to the extent of making bombs to use on us? Would he condemn those German Christians who failed to show such unswerving loyalty to the Third Reich and paid with their liberty and their lives? What of the Quakers and others who broke laws to enable runaway negro slaves to escape from the Southern States of America? Does he not know that God's law is higher than man's? Christians have not only a right but a duty to disobey when what the State requires is evil.

Ron Wood, who reads *The Daily Mail* as well as his Bible, believes that the peace movement is a Communist plot. Perhaps too, the Sermon on the Mount is a Marxist forgery - all that stuff about non-violence and sharing your property!

A. B. Porter of Crewe, thank you, and thank God, for your support of the simple truth, which is that nuclear weapons are an abomination which should be actively opposed by all who profess the name of Christ.

Neville Fowler

Ed. Brother Fowler is here responding to the replies to his original letter on nuclear weapons.

Dear Editor,

I have been interested to read the discussion brought about by Neville Fowler's letter on nuclear weapons. Dennis Porter presents what has, in effect, become the usual political argument. Does he really believe that immense fear has kept back some madman from pressing the button of destruction? Is there perhaps another hand that has continued to intervene in order that the Everlasting Gospel might be proclaimed? Now it does seem to me that Dennis could have traced back into history to the first three hundred years of the Christian Church, to discover that here was a Church that would have no dealings with war, but had a positive message to declare of a crucified, risen Lord from which nothing would deter. I think that it would then have come to light that this attitude only changed as the Church became involved in the politics of the Roman Empire. It would then have been remembered that this was the period of compromise when so much of the 'original' began to be lost, including, of course, great truths such as the Sabbath, and the link would have been seen with our understanding of the great prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

Jim Frost

Dear Editor,

My conscience is moved by the Christian Gospel, and I feel the problem of the manufacture and possession of weapons of destruction is not primarily a political issue but a moral one. Therefore together with many other Adventist Christians, I feel totally justified in individually protesting against them. At the same time I accept that the Church as a body must not get involved in the debate.

Like others, I am sure, I believe there are times when it is right to break the law of the land, and when that law enables nuclear weapons to be maintained in Britain, then obedience to God's law which teaches me to demonstrate love for my neighbour, demands me to object to the building of weapons of destruction in my name.

This is a time when it is technically wrong to break the law, but morally right to do so. Jesus showed a commitment to non-violence as a way of life. This is certainly not demonstrated by the building of more nuclear weapons.

My taxes and yours are paying young men to murder innocent millions tomorrow if necessary, while politicians make a mess of political games.

Our first aim is the Gospel message to the world because we know the only hope is to change men's hearts through our Saviour Jesus. However, had we lived in Nazi Germany, and known what was happening, or if we lived in South Africa with its injustice, we would surely feel justified in objecting. Jesus spoke up very strongly when moral issues were involved.

Vivien Permas

HOLIDAY CARAVAN to let, peaceful countryside. Sabbath visitors welcome, space for your caravan or tent, or have bed and breakfast at farmhouse. Ring Nebo (09746) 320.

HYLAND HOUSE SCHOOL

Junior teacher required (willing to do boys' games) commencing September 1983. Applications to be made with c.v. to the Headmistress, Hyland House School, 896 Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17. Tel: 01 520 4186. Or to Pastor C. Perry, 25 St. Johns Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY.

Also infant teacher required commencing September 1983.

OBITUARIES

TODD, Ruby Eliza - d. 30 November. It is with sorrow that the Walthamstow church records the loss of one of its older members, Sister Ruby Todd, who for well over fifty years had served the church faithfully in a variety of major offices. Sister Todd became an Adventist in the early 1920s, under the ministry of Pastor Barrass, and worked actively in evangelistic programmes to bring others to the Lord. She distinguished herself in Sabbath school and youth leadership roles, and in her later years as head deaconess. A proficient seamstress, she was a modern Dorcas in the provision of garments for the needy, and was loved and respected in her neighbourhood. The funeral was conducted in the Walthamstow church on Monday 6 December, by Pastor K. H. Gammon and the writer in the presence of a large congregation of members, relatives and friends. Afterwards our sister was lovingly laid to rest in the Chingford cemetery. To her son Nigel and daughter Mary, and their families, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, in 'the sure and certain hope' of an early reunion in the day of Christ's appearing. *Pastor M. L. Anthony*

McCONDICIE, Elizabeth - d. 16 March. Sister Elizabeth McCondicie of the Glasgow church, passed to her rest aged 82 years. Baptized by the late Pastor David Morrison in 1934, she spent most of those 49 years in active service until illness overtook her in the last months of her life. She ranks as one of God's 'Greats' in dedicated outreach, selling and distributing Adventist literature, giving Bible studies, keenly ingathering and holding several offices within the church including that of deaconess. Sister McCondicie always had an urge to witness to others of our Lord's return and once had an interview with Billy Graham speaking of the need to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. She rests in the Kilwinning Cemetery overlooked by the beautiful hills of Ayrshire awaiting the resurrection. The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Brother Brian Webster, associate minister, before a large congregation of relatives and friends. Our prayers are especially for her son Billy, Anna and Betty and their families in their temporal parting but our rejoicing reflects their own certain hope of a soon-coming Saviour. *Pastor Denys Buildam*

GATLAND, Isabella - d. 18 April. Bath church members are sorry to announce the sudden death of Sister 'Ella' Gatland. She had been a faithful member of Bath church for forty-four years, and had held many church offices. Only two days before her death she was carrying out her duties as Sabbath school superintendent. She was introduced to the faith by the late Brother Reid, a local literature-evangelist. Bible studies followed, given by Bible worker Mrs. Casey, then baptism in Bristol by Pastor O. M. Dorland. We express our deepest sympathy to her husband, and to her two daughters, Patricia who now lives in Australia, and Judith who lives in Shrewsbury. The service was conducted by Pastor A. Gebbie, with Pastor M. Trevena assisting. We miss Sister Gatland very much, but hope soon to see her again when Jesus comes to take His ransomed children home. *G. Ashman*

GRIFFITHS, Jessie Edith - d. 6 May. Our sister was accepted into the Yarmouth church on profession of faith in June 1965 by Pastor A. Cowley. An invalid for many years, she was always cheerful, though often in pain. For many years she had been lovingly cared for by her dear friend Sister R. Bates. On 12 May we gathered in our little sanctuary to say our last farewell. Pastor W. J. Newman spoke words of comfort and hope. Sister Griffiths leaves her faithful life partner Tommy, and her loyal friend Renie, to mourn but not without hope of the resurrection. *May Sneed*

SMALL rest/nursing home for the elderly, in Watford area. Run by SRN. Telephone Watford (0923) 20811.

FOR SALE. Oil boiler and 600 gallon tank, £500. Purchaser to move. Contact Pastor Robert Vine, 6 Priory Close, Swanland, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, HU14 3QS.

WANTED, copies of booklet by the late Pastor W. J. Young on *British Israel*. Please send to Mr. E. J. Whiting, 5 Nelson Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth.

IN ORDER to improve her English, student Miriam Bensai would like to spend July to mid-September with an English family, looking after their children. Please write: Mlle. Miriam Bensai, c/o D. Neuwirthova, 26 Rue Jean Jaures, 'Les Ombrages', 38 640 Fieres, France.

THANKS to all my wonderful friends everywhere for their prayers, cards, visits, and flowers, which I received during my recent prolonged serious illness from which I am now recovering. May God bless you all. *Anne Cheetham*

HOLIDAY CARAVAN, 6 berth, at the Dell Rest Home, Lowestoft. Write to The Matron, Dell Rest Home, 45 Cotmer Road, Lowestoft. Tel. Lowestoft (0502) 2591.

NEW ADDRESS of Hull church. Young People's Institute, George Street (corner Grimston Street), Hull.

NEW ADDRESS of Tottenham church. The old address of our place of worship was: Somerset Lower School, Lordship Lane, London N17. Our new address: St. Marks Methodist Church, 461 Tottenham High Road, London N17.

NEW ADDRESS of Southall church. As from Sabbath 4 June 1983, the Southall church will be meeting for worship at the St. George's church, Lancaster Road, (off Uxbridge Road), Southall.

SCOTLAND – DAY OF FELLOWSHIP



Crieff hosts Scotland's Day of Fellowship.

The opportunities for the Adventist family in Scotland to have a fuller fellowship are rare, since the geography of this rugged and beautiful country lays down its own restrictions. Nevertheless, on Sabbath 30 April, when snow topped the hills and mountains, members from all our churches and companies met together for an unforgettable Day of Fellowship in the picturesque Crieff church in Perthshire. It was a day which will leave its mark etched in the minds and hearts of those who came. Praise to God, the study of His Word within the sanctuary and the inevitable seeking out of friends and loved ones under the pine trees, combined to bring joy and blessing. Crieff had not experienced such an occasion when every seat was occupied and spare ones added.

Sabbath school, as always, gave a fine start to the day where congregational participation during the study of the lesson in an open class, added new dimensions to the understanding of our friend Onesimus. The children enjoyed their own Sabbath school.

We were privileged to have Pastor and Mrs. Ron Surridge with us and the president wove realism into his sermon, which was a presentation of our need to know Christ personally, rather than just to be acquainted with Him.

Keeping in mind our children's welfare (and there were many) for whom such days can be tedious and tiring, we enjoyed a full hour after lunch of their own presentations in verse, song and instrument. Young friends from Aberdeen, and Irvine ably gave a programme of delight. Older members sang with lustre the children's hymns. 'Uncle' Bryan Webster, associate minister at Glasgow, presented them with their own sermonette.

The second half of the afternoon's activities took the form of a panel discussion with selected questions relative to modern-day concern, thinking and doing. Some of the congregation added their own comments and we felt richer for the counsel given and the observations made.

During the day vocal music was presented to the glory of God by Brother Ron Logan of Glasgow and Sister Norah Myles of Dundee. Appreciation is given to the Crieff church for the facilities and catering arrangements, and to Roundelwood administration for the use of its premises during the lunch period.

Who can blame the membership for choosing the same venue with its backdrop of the Grampian Mountains for the next Day of Fellowship planned for the autumn?

Pray for God's work in these parts. Prejudice and tradition still hold back real progress. Souls are difficult to find and this makes them more precious when they are baptized. There is much to be done before that greater Day of Fellowship in Heaven.

PASTOR DENYS BILDAM, co-ordinator for Scotland

INGATHERING – A HUGE SUCCESS

We would like to express appreciation and congratulations to all who took part in the 1983 Ingathering campaign. Our conferences and missions have all collected more than ever before, and we have had the greatest number of applications for a 'Voice of Prophecy' course. Nearly 1,500 people have requested the VOP health course. Please pray for them.

Money is still being counted, but at the present time we can report that the South

England Conference is approaching £185,000 – £10,000 more than in 1982; the North British Conference £125,000 – which is £6,000 up on last year; the Irish Mission has £7,500 – approximately £600 up; and Wales is £1,000 over last year's achievement with £13,000 so far reported.

The goal we set for the British Union Conference was £325,000 and this has been well and truly passed. The total to date for the BUC is £330,500.

Once again, your Lay Activities directors and the Conference and Union officers would express sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to this outstanding achievement.

PASTOR G. M. BELL, BUC LA director

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Fourteen couples from Croydon and Balham churches, with the Publishing director of the British Union, Pastor Whitford Shaw, and his wife Gloris, spent the weekend of 25-27 March 'eyeball to eyeball and patella to patella' in the upper room at Croydon church. At this Marriage Enrichment Seminar, the programme was spicy in its variety. Subjects discussed ranged from romance to finance to family worship. There was much frank discussion and each couple had the opportunity to assess their marriage and to discuss ways and means of having a more happy, healthy and holy relationship.

The seminar ended with a never-to-be-forgotten 'Agape Feast'. Along with the wholewheat rolls and peeled grapes, there was an exchange of love letters. During this very moving session there were a few moist eyes and throbbing hearts as some secrets were revealed – perhaps for the first time.

Pastor and Mrs. Shaw led the couples in a very impressive and meaningful commitment service. Some couples were still locked in eternal embrace long after Pastor Lawrence had prayed the final prayer.

PASTOR E. A. LAWRENCE

SUNSET

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	29	8.54	9.07	9.09	9.27	9.31
Aug	5	8.43	8.55	8.52	9.13	9.18

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