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TEN REASONS WHY I BELIEVE IN INGATHERING!

by PASTOR JOHN ARTHUR,
BUC VICE-PRESIDENT AND INGATHERING CO-ORDINATOR

1985 marks the 70th anniversary of Ingathering in the British Union. This means we must celebrate in style with yet another record collection. In our inaugural year (1915) the sum of £168 was collected throughout the whole of the British Isles! Last year – thanks to your splendid efforts – no less than £390,000 was raised to aid the Church's programme in the developing countries.

What about 1985? Dare we think of £430,000, roughly 10 per cent over the 1984 figure? We can make excuses such as: the economic depression; the miners' strike; aging collectors – but notwithstanding these difficulties *more members (particularly young people) working in more areas can help collect more funds.*

Why does the Church conduct this annual house-to-house fund-raising campaign? Why do church members

have to become involved?

Here are just a few reasons *why I believe in Ingathering:*

1. I believe in Ingathering because the Gospel has to be preached in all the world. Our Lord's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature', brought the Gospel to me. I must share it with others by personal witness in 'Jerusalem' and prayerful, active support of those who go to 'the uttermost part of the earth'. His promise, 'I am with you', ensures a joyful experience and success. (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8.)

2. I believe in Ingathering because it brings healing and hope to millions who are sick and afflicted. It keeps open the doors of many hospitals, providing skilled physicians, surgeons, and nurses who relieve the suffering of countless thousands every year.

3. I believe in Ingathering because it brings spiritual enlightenment to those besieged by darkness and superstition. Through Christian schools and churches, through the dedicated labours of ministers, lay-persons using a variety of skills, and youth volunteers, an evangelistic 'explosion' is taking place in many Third World lands. (cf. Acts 13:47 and 2 Cor. 10:16).

4. I believe in Ingathering because it provides many opportunities to speak for the Saviour. 'In all our associations it should be remembered that in the experience of others there are chapters sealed from mortal sight. . . . Words of kindness are as welcome as the smile of angels.' — *The Ministry of Healing*, page 158. (Proverbs 25:11.)

5. I believe in Ingathering because the money we collect is the Lord's, and much of it

would otherwise be squandered for the devil's work. Think how much is spent in most homes every week on tobacco and alcohol, on gambling and 'the pools', on the cinema, the theatre, you name it! A donation once a year for the physical, mental, and spiritual betterment of mankind is surely little enough! (Hag. 2:8; Psa. 24:1.)

6. I believe in Ingathering because many are waiting to give more than we expect to receive. In addition to gifts placed in collector's canisters, last year more than 250 individual donations were sent direct to the headquarters office. Furthermore, with all the recent exposure on TV and radio concerning Ethiopia and Sudan, we believe the public will maintain their excellent spirit of generosity.

7. I believe in Ingathering because every piece of give-

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INGATHERING 1985: 31 March to 14 April to 21 April in Metropolitan area

YOUTH WEEK OF SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

It used to be called the 'Youth Week of Prayer'. Then it became known as the 'Youth Week of Praise and Joy'. For 1985 we have a fresh name for a refreshing week, on a subject youth are puzzled by. The writer is Carl Coffman, and the theme is how to find out and know you are following God's will for your life.

Youth leaders will have received the full readings in the *Youth Ministry Accent*, plus notes on how to run an effective week, from their Conference Youth Department.

Young people will receive the full readings in the special enlarged March edition of *Encounter*, which will come to the local church Personal Ministries secretary. We hope this will mean that, whether isolated or part of a large youth group, all youth can be participants.

Parents and senior youth, please look for ways in which to make this week significant in

your family and church. Your youth are at a crossroads and need to discover the way. This year we are praying for a wave of commitment and submission to God among young people.

We hope that, come Sabbath 11 May, there will be young people across the country being baptized in celebration of their commitment during the week 16-23 March.

We hope that youth from all parts of the UK will discover that God has a plan for them, in His Kingdom, in His service. Every week one or two more seek a place on the Adventist Youth Volunteer Service. Every month more wish to be trained in witness and evangelism. We hope that this special week will be the rebirth of a youth involvement in the Church not seen since its inception, and we call on committed Adventists everywhere to work to make this a reality.

MIKE STICKLAND, Youth director, BUC

16-23 MARCH

THE MESSAGE TO THE FRENCH

A small but eager-to-evangelize group of French-speaking Seventh-day Adventists have been meeting fortnightly for ten months in the conference room of the New Gallery, Regent Street, London.

Our meetings so far have consisted of preparation for our task in the form of praise, meditation, prayer and fellowship in the Lord's presence. Once a quarter we plan a recreational evening where as many as possible share their talents.

We have a concern for the French-speaking population of London that they, too, should hear the good news of a loving, forgiving, soon-coming Saviour - in their mother tongue. One-time Adventists are the first subjects of our prayers and efforts through the caring persistence of their brothers and sisters. We solicit your prayers in this venture as well as your attendance, time and talents, should the Lord call you to such a work.

President: Dr. K. Noel.

Treasurer: Brother Pilois.

Secretary: Sister M. Smith.

Dates of next meetings: 2 March at 5.30 pm, 16 March, 30 March, Recreational evening, 13 April.

GOSPEL TIME. On the weekly programme 'Sound System' on Radio W.M. 1458 and 828 kHz medium wave or 95.6 VHF between 2.45 pm and 3 pm on Sundays, there is a section called 'Gospel Time'. During this period of approximately ten to fifteen minutes, gospel events, interviews, gospel groups and records can be heard. Let us have your requests, gospel events, whether it be a concert, evangelistic campaign, or convention within the West Midlands area giving dates, venues and time so that we can give it a mention on 'Gospel Time'. Your requests must arrive by Thursday to: Frank Stewart, 'Gospel Time', Sound System, Radio W.M., PO Box 206, Pebble Mill, Birmingham, B5 7SD.

'IN THE BEGINNING' NEWBOLD CREATIONIST CONFERENCE

16-19 December 1985

An interdenominational, international conference for believers in biblical creation.

Speakers include:

Prof. A. E. Wilder Smith, Internationally famous, and speaker at SDA Geoscience Field Studies.

Dr. Ariel A. Roth, Director, Geoscience Research Institute, Loma Linda University.

Dr. Leonard Brand, Chairman, Biology Department, Loma Linda University.

Malcolm Bowden, Well known creationist author.

Leofric Rhodes, Principal Scientific Officer, Government Scientific Service.

Dr. Mart de Groot, Director, Armagh Observatory, Northern Ireland.

Terence Mitchell, Head of Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities, British Museum.

Dr. Colin Mitchell, Geographer, Reading University.

Fee, including full board: £50, (overseas, \$70).

Write to: H. I. Dunton, Education Director, British Union Conference, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

1985 CAMP MEETING. The next South England Conference Camp Meeting will be held at Butlins Holiday Centre, Bognor Regis, Sussex from 6 to 13 October. Application forms will be available shortly and dispatched to churches. Plan now to attend this annual time of warm church fellowship and personal spiritual renewal.

MARTIN ANTHONY

Devotional

HOPE FOR THE HELPLESS SINNER

by Morris Venden

'The tax-gatherers and other bad characters were all crowding in to listen to him (Jesus); and the Pharisees and the doctors of the law began grumbling among themselves: "This fellow", they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." ' Now that was a great truth. This man, Jesus, welcomes sinners. They didn't know what they were saying, but they were saying something of great worth. And Jesus answered them with this parable: "If one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of

them, does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the missing one until he has found it? How delighted he is then! He lifts it on to his shoulders, and home he goes to call his friends and neighbours together. 'Rejoice with me!' he cries, 'I have found my lost sheep.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent." ' (Luke 15:2-8, NEB.)

Sheep. A sheep knows that it's lost when it's lost, but it does not know the way back. One sheep is the smallest number of sheep that can be lost, and it will wander helplessly and perish unless it is brought back. In the story of the sheep, Jesus makes it clear that salvation does not come from our seeking after God, but from God seeking after us. We may not always know the way back. We may not even know that we

are lost. Yet God goes out looking.

We are not after an evasive God. We are not trying to find, somewhere, a God who is trying to elude us. That is not the kind of God we serve. We serve, and we believe in, a God who followed Adam when he was running away. A God who followed Jacob when he was running away. A God who followed Jonah when he was deliberately running away. A God who followed Saul of Tarsus as he ran from those scenes in Jerusalem that had almost broken his heart. Instead of us seeking and trying to find God or to find Christ, as a rule we are in the process of running away from Him. To begin with, and sometimes even after we have accepted Him at first, we do some running, too. And He keeps running after us. God is always the One who takes the initiative. And He is seeking each one of us today.

NEXT ISSUE: *Hope for the Ignorant Sinner*

EDITORIAL

SUPERMARKET AND CHURCH

Ever thought of the world as one vast supermarket?

You know, seething multitudes – like Fine Fare two days before Christmas. Everyone with his or her own trolley.

Miles and miles of parallel, neon-lit corridors. Each corridor lined with tier upon tier of shelving. Every shelf stacked high with every conceivable kind of consumable.

And every last member of the seething multitude is grabbing and grasping every conceivable kind of consumable – heaving everything into his own trolley. No one's trolley goes straight. Collisions. Mountains of consumables collapse. But before long the trolleys are on the move again, the grabbing and grasping, frantic, urgent, ruthless, insane.

Over this air-conditioned wilderness *musak* is dribbling from loud-speakers. Most of the time it is easily ignorable, creates just the right atmosphere for grabbing and grasping. But occasionally – very occasionally – an announcement breaks through the *musak* not about bargain-buy-baked-beans, but about the distant world beyond the Last Shelf. The distant world where there are no shelves, no trolleys, no consumables.

Occasionally – *very occasionally* – the trolley pushers pick a bread loaf off the mountain of consumables out front. Then lob it in the direction of the world beyond the Last Shelf. Then, feeling good, forget about that *other* world and get stuck in, with even greater ferocity, to the earnest business of building to still greater heights their very own mountains of consumables on their very own trolleys.

And for millions that is life.

Success or failure in life to be measured by the size of the mountain on the trolley.

The trolley pushers are only stopped short by the prospect of too many trolleys in relation to the number of shelves, or conceivable consumables.

Or by the prospect of Check Out.

But the *musak* sees to it that thoughts like that don't break through very often. And areas in the mind not occupied by consumables are pushed full with all manner of contemporary dreams: Pop People, Super Stars, Royals, the antics of politicians and soap operatics.

Where do the churches stand in this Supermarket World?

Their task: to tell the trolley pushers that there is more to life than conceivable consumables. To crash through the *musak* with a message no one can ignore.

In this Supermarket World there are churches galore. Indeed, 3 per cent (NOP figures) of the section of Supermarket World under the GB label are 'summoned by bells' away from the *musak* as often as once a week. But, John Betjeman-like, they are not so much in search of God as in search of an age that has vanished, attending their even-songs and their Sung Eucharists, but testifying to no more than an inner glow induced by the outer trappings of an ancient faith.

And what are these churches – their rafters feeding the

death-watch beetle and their stones crumbling in the chemical wind – telling the trolley pushers of Supermarket World? What are they doing to pull them up short? What are they doing to fill that occasionally felt aching emptiness within? To provide for the millions filled to the nostrils with Vitamin-enriched daily bread, but hungry, without knowing it, for that other *living* bread?

On Sundays the TV God Slot wedges into the *musak*. And here are offered up, from time to time, stale crusts of theological chatter, a Christ 'denatured' and 'demythologized'. Pause to listen to Philip Lamb, Canon of York, *The Observer* 6 January 1985. 'The Virgin Birth and the Resurrection are valuable symbolically, rather than as plain statements of fact. But then so, surely, is the whole long story from which these two items are taken. I mean the Christian proclamation of salvation in Christ that runs from the Fall of Man to the Last Day Judgement. . . . Look at the whole construction as it stands in Christian preaching . . . and you clearly have one of the great myths that has bubbled up out of the human imagination. . . .'

All of which would tend one to the belief that, in the business of crashing the Gospel into the consciousness of the inhabitants of the Supermarket World, including the 97 per cent *not* 'summoned by bells' (NOP figures), the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a distinctive contribution to make.

But are *we* breaking through the *musak* with the Gospel?

Are *we* arresting the trolley-pushing consumers with the message that there is more to life than consumption? That there is life beyond Check Out? That the contents of their trolleys – large or small – are pointless, meaningless, valueless – by comparison with the riches to be found in Jesus Christ?

Speaking of Protestant evangelistic techniques in his book, *What Is Evangelism?* page 22, Douglas Webster says: 'No one claims that public evangelism reaches the genuine outsider in any significant numbers.' And during 1984 in the public campaigns of Billy Graham and Luis Palau it was necessary to bus in thousands of churchgoers from congregations in all parts of England.

Who are *we* reaching with our public evangelism?

Are the VOP courses on offer and the magazines on sale reaching breakthrough in Supermarket World? Another quote from Douglas Webster: 'Evangelism needs to break through convention into the heart of a situation, taking people by surprise. . . . Jesus advocated this quality of surprise . . . prescribed the novel and unconventional and shocking. . . . If evangelism is to take place, all reluctance to enter unfamiliar situations must be banished. . . .' *What Is Evangelism?* pages 84, 85, 96.

For fear of the new and unconventional are we losing the battle for the minds of those who walk the corridors of the neon-lit, air-conditioned wilderness we call the world?

D. N. MARSHALL

away literature has an invitation for a VOP course. Last year no fewer than 1,837 applications for home study guides were received as a result of Ingathering leaflets and brochures. While approximately sixty VOP students are baptized annually in the UK and Eire, it needs to be recognized that many more are deriving hope and increased faith through this ministry of the Word of Life (Rom. 10:17).

8. I believe in Ingathering because it strengthens the churches in the homeland. 'The Personal Ministries (Lay Activities) work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries far off.' — *Testimonies*, vol. 6, page 27. (Acts 14:27.)

9. I believe in Ingathering because it brings blessing to those who take part in the work. 'Every effort made for Christ will react in blessing upon ourselves.' — *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 354. (John 4:36.)

10. I believe in Ingathering because I long for the Saviour's return. His own prophetic statement that 'this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world; . . . and then shall the end come', clearly indicates that this work hastens that glad day of His coming. (Matt. 24:14; Rev. 21:4, 24.)

YES! I BELIEVE IN INGATHERING. DO YOU?

THE PROSPECTUS WILL HELP YOU

A new 32-page loose-leaf prospectus/display booklet has been designed to enable you to obtain larger donations. This item is available in addition to the basic 'single-sheet' leaflet and the usual 'folded' brochure.

The prospectus is intended mainly for use by those calling at business premises. Each booklet also contains a printed canvass in order to maximize its effectiveness. It highlights pictorially the following activities which are undertaken by World-Wide Advent Missions in 182 countries:

- Medical Missions
- Leprosy Treatment
- Disaster Relief
- Food and Nutrition
- Orphanages
- Development Aid
- Education
- Care for the Aged
- Help for the Disabled
- Evangelism

The plan is for the prospectus to be retained for use in future years — with several pages being updated from year to year as needed. These revisions will then slot into the plastic envelopes. The cost of this display booklet which will help you to collect more for missions is only £2. Please order immediately from the following sources, sending payment with order:

SOUTH ENGLAND CONFERENCE
Pastor C. R. Perry, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY.
NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE
Pastor P. R. Clee, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5BZ.

WELSH AND IRISH MISSIONS
Pastor W. J. Arthur, SDA Headquarters, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

If you collect from shopkeepers and at office premises, why not make a personal investment today of £2 for this tool which could help you to multiply that gift many times — thus bringing comfort, hope, and faith to those in darkness?
W. J. ARTHUR

ADRA SUPPORT FOR AFRICA'S MEGAFAMINE

Relief programmes have begun in some countries but are at the planning stage for others. Details are as follows:

GHANA. The relief programme has been running for a year now, with food aid from: Finland, Netherlands, Norway and the USA.

ETHIOPIA. A three-year programme is planned. The following relief has been provided to date:

- 75 tonnes of biscuits sent from the Netherlands.
- 180 tonnes of wheat ordered from the Netherlands.*
- 5 trucks from Germany.
- 1 jeep.
- 210 tents from USA.
- 3,100 blankets from USA.
- Clothing — from USA.

- 1 container being sent from Finland.*
- being collected in England to be sent in April.*

£25,000 — money for buying food locally available, while other foodstuffs being shipped.*

3 prefabricated houses being shipped from USA.

1 prefabricated warehouse being airlifted from USA. Half cargo aeroplane load of seeds.

Garden/farmers' training programmes being started in February with Dutch funds of US\$32,500.*

Help in relief programme contributed by Dutch and Norwegian missionaries.

TANZANIA. 50 tonnes of biscuits on the way.

MOZAMBIQUE. 100 tonnes rice and biscuits have been sent.

1,000 tonnes foodstuffs are provided through the European Community.

*Funds have been provided within the Northern European Division.

PASTOR RHODES RETIRES

At the beginning of 1985 Pastor C. M. Rhodes, minister at Oulton Broad and Lowestoft, retired after an active ministry. Born in 1920 at York, he was educated at Manchester grammar school and later at the University of London where he gained a BSc degree.

During World War II Pastor Rhodes was drafted into the Ministry of Supply and sent to Northern Ireland where he was employed as a senior scientific officer at the Ministry of Technology Textile Research Establishment.

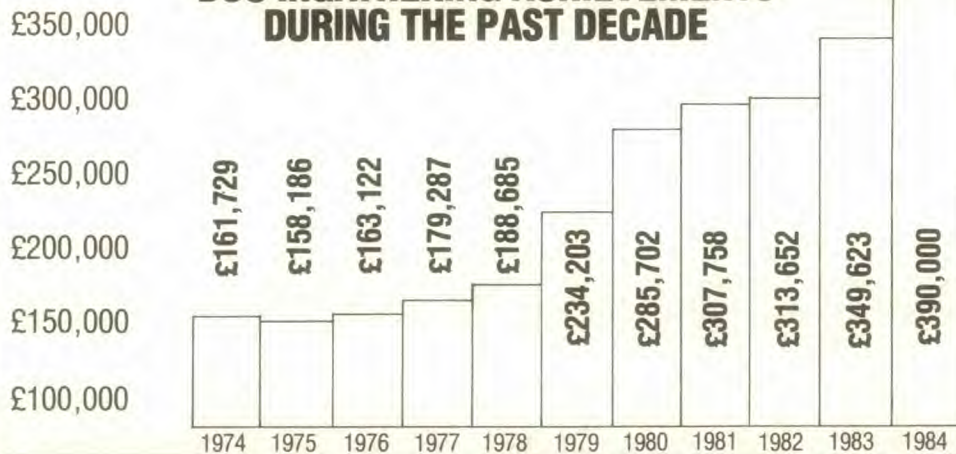
In 1968 Pastor Rhodes retired from the Ministry of Technology and entered the ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. His first congregation was at Larne, County Antrim. Two years later he moved to Londonderry. From Londonderry he crossed to the mainland where he pastored first at Oxford, then at Hove, and finally at Lowestoft.

He married a Northern Ireland girl in 1947. They have three children, all girls. Sister Rhodes is a primary school teacher.

At a farewell service at Oulton Broad, Pastor Rhodes was presented with a cheque from the members as a parting gift. We shall always remember his ministry here on the East Coast for the practical and spiritual help always available in time of need.

R. ELLIS

BUC INGATHERING ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PAST DECADE



BUC NEWS NOTES

by W. J. Arthur, VICE-PRESIDENT, BUC

1984 Year-end membership statistics

	1984 Baptisms	Gain/Loss During Year	Membership 31 Dec. 1984
South England Conf.	450	+ 262	9,460
North British Conf.	286	+ 69	5,652
Welsh Mission	8	- 4	528
Irish Mission	14	- 31	299
British Union Conf.	758	296	15,939

Petition against VAT on books.

The BUC Publishing Department is campaigning with other publishing organizations for continued exemption from VAT on publications. It is feared in many quarters that the 15 per cent Value Added Tax may be extended to books and periodicals as part of the forthcoming budget. Such a measure, together with the impact of a weak pound, would have an obvious detrimental effect on the Church's publishing ministry.

Granose breaks all records.

Sales for Granose for 1984 reached unprecedented heights. The figure of £2.43 million was 33 per cent above the 1983 total.

1985 is also off to a superb start with the January sales of £307,267 being 99 per cent ahead of the corresponding figure one year ago.

Leading agency lines were vegetable margarine (introduced during the summer of 1984); soya milk and deserts; and sandwich spreads. Among the traditional products manufactured at Granose which showed good gains were Nuttolene, Sausalatas, Ravioli, and the Lentil and Vegetable casseroles.

Government supports SDA projects. The UK is the fifth largest contributor of aid to the developing countries with 0.37 per cent of the GNP being set aside for this purpose.

A fourth clinic in Nigeria which has been jointly funded by the Overseas Development Administration (that is, the British Government) and the SDA Church during the past four years is now nearing completion - with ODA contributing 50 per cent of the total cost of £115,000.

Agreement in principle has been arrived at for a further ODA appropriation of

£55,000 for two more primary health centres in Grenada and Jamaica during the next financial year.

New Ingathering materials.

In order to increase contributions by householders and business organizations during the 1985 Ingathering Campaign, two new aids have been prepared by the BUC and The Stanborough Press.

A special 32-page loose-leaf prospectus illustrating the Church's wide variety of activities in 182 countries is available from your local Conference Personal Ministries Department; or from the BUC in the case of those residing in the Welsh and Irish Missions. The cost of this prospectus/display booklet which should greatly enhance your collecting is £2 a book.

Please note that the usual leaflets and the folded brochures will be supplied to churches free of charge as previously.

Also, special art work for use by churches wishing to advertise the Ingathering Campaign in local newspapers is available from The Stanborough Press at £2.50 per sheet. Local churches will need to negotiate directly with local weekly and free-distribution newspapers regarding such advertisements. Details of this offer will be sent to all local agents.

Please note that the costs of the prospectus/display booklet and the newspaper advertising must be met from general church funds and *not* Ingathering monies.

Video cassettes. A small number of American-produced video cassettes converted to the British VHS system are available for hire from Mrs. O. West at Advent Audio Visuals (BUC Communication Dept.), Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

It is hoped that production can start soon at the Watford studio on a British video series.

AWR broadcasts from Italy.

A new Adventist radio station which will serve the British Isles will commence broadcasts from Italy within the next few weeks. Russel Bryan of Birmingham and Newbold is spending one year as a student missionary to help get the station at Forlì (Italy) started. Information about frequency and English-language broadcast times will be published in MESSENGER in due course.

The transmissions from Italy will be in addition to the Sunday morning programmes from Portugal: AWR, Radio Trans-Europe, 0900 to 0930 GMT, 9670 kHz (shortwave).

At the time of writing investigations are being carried out regarding the purchase of air time on Radio Caroline and Radio Dublin. More news in due course!

Personnel. The BUC was sorry to lose the services of Pastor and Mrs. Barry Gane at the end of 1984. Barry has responded to an invitation to serve as Dean at Lilydale Adventist Academy, Victoria, Australia - Australia's 'gain' (!) being Britain's loss. We wish Barry, Marilyn, Danny, and Kim well in their new challenge.

Pastor Mike Stickland of SEC has been appointed as the new BUC Youth director. We wish him, his wife Sheila, together with sons, Nathan, Robert and Daniel, every blessing as they continue with their youth-care programme on a wider scale.

Pastor Dalbert Elias, who for the past seven years has served as minister of Ireland's largest church in Belfast and Youth sponsor for the Irish Mission, has responded positively to a call from SEC to serve as district leader at Bristol.

SPECIAL NOTICE for all SDA nurses and BANA members. Please note that the BANA AGM and WEEKEND CONVENTION for 1985 will be held from Thursday 16 MAY to Sunday 19 MAY, at Broomhill House, near Exeter, S. Devon. All Nurses are invited to attend, especially members of BANA - for a happy weekend in the comfort of Broomhill Conference Centre, and in the beautiful South Devonshire countryside. Cost: £27 full board. More details to be announced later. *Plan NOW to be there!* Doris J. Lack, BANA president, 29 Linksvue Crescent, Worcester. Tel: (0905) 355409.

WANTED

Good quality clothing, shoes, and blankets for Ethiopia

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) expresses sincere thanks on behalf of the people of Ethiopia for the £22,000 which has been contributed by members of Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the British Isles.

Enormous needs, however, still exist in Ethiopia. Consequently, ADRA-UK is now appealing for:

- GOOD QUALITY SHOES
- GOOD QUALITY CLEAN, USEABLE CLOTHING
- GOOD QUALITY BLANKETS (WASHED)

If you have any of the above items which are surplus to your needs, please arrange for them to be delivered to one of the collection points. Many members may wish to collect suitable goods from their neighbours, friends, and work colleagues, etc. Some churches may even wish to place advertisements in, or prepare reports for their local newspapers.

Contributions should reach the following collection points by EASTER:

BRITISH UNION CONFERENCE, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD1 6JP.
NORTH BRITISH CONFERENCE, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5BZ.
THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LTD., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 9SL.

For further information please contact:

South England: Pastor C. R. Perry, 0923-32728.
North England and Scotland: Pastor P. R. Clee, 0602-606312.
Wales and Ireland: Pastor W. J. Arthur, 0923-672251.

Our plan is for all goods to be sent eventually to The Stanborough Press for shipment to Ethiopia right after Easter. Thank you again for your anticipated support.

'... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' Matthew 25:40.

Remember, the deadline for the above appeal is 8 April, 1985.

W. J. ARTHUR, director ADRA-UK

NEWBOLD NEWS

FRIENDS OF NEWBOLD – AHoy!

Newbold's latest import from America is afflicted by some of the problems regularly encountered by Americans when they cross the Atlantic to 'little ole England'. It has a name made up of the same letters used by the English in their dictionaries, the words used are familiar to English people even if one is a Latin import – and yet when put together they mean very little. It's just like hearing an American talk about 'putting the grip in the trunk'. You know what he says but you don't know what he means. The language is English – but . . .

BECA or the *Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni* has a similar effect. Business executives – businessmen – summon former students to a contest. What will they compete to do? Why should they challenge *alumni* anyway? And why should Newbold get involved in this?

To answer these questions we need to look at the American system of college education and the American tax system. Many American colleges, like many American hospitals, are run by private foundations on business principles rather than by the State or Federal Government. Thus American students are more likely than European students to have to pay to attend the college of their choice. Later, some consider it a duty to continue to support their *alma mater* once they have left. They are encouraged in the philanthropic impulse which seems to be natural to so many Americans by a government policy which gives tax relief on gifts to non-profit making charitable concerns.

In the late 1970s only 6.5 per cent of *alumni* of SDA colleges and universities in the United States were contributing to the annual funds of their *alma maters*. Adventist church leaders, college administrators, and some businessmen and women, felt particularly concerned about this percentage because they knew that in comparable non-Adventist colleges in the

USA, the *alumni* annual giving level was more than three times higher, at 20 per cent. A committed group of Adventist business and professional people had the vision of doing something about this disparity. Out of their active concern grew what became the *Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni*, or BECA.

In simple terms the challenge to *alumni* from the business executives is that if the *alumni* will equal the business executives' gift to the college, business people will give more. 'Seed money' is what the business people call their gift. Out of it grow gifts from the *alumni* and still more from the business executives. The BECA programme in the United States has an impressive record. Since 1979 *alumni*-giving to Adventist colleges in the USA has tripled. By the end of 1985, the eleven participating colleges will have received not far short of £6 million, which is more than twice the amount which would have been contributed at pre-BECA rates.

It is not surprising, then, that Newbold wished to be part of the BECA programme. The Newbold Association, now in its fifth year, was encouraged by Milton Murray of the General Conference Philanthropic Services to involve friends of the college in regular giving in a BECA programme. Now the challenge has come. It is a challenge to friends of Newbold whoever they are – students and staff past and present, church member, pastors – anyone who wishes to see Newbold grow.

In a period ending June 1986 Newbold will receive £1 for every £1 given to the college to a total of £4,000 plus £5 for every single donor after 200 but not in excess of 300. Gifts of less than £5 and more than £100 will not be counted.

Says Milton Murray, 'The guidelines encourage gifts of comparatively small amounts in the hope that giving will become easy and support of the college programme habitual.'

Newbold's principal Steven Thompson is predictably enthusiastic about the BECA challenge. 'This is a great opportunity for Newbold', he says. In responding to the BECA challenge Newbold hopes to strengthen its ties with its *alumni* and friends and in the process improve the facilities for future students.

HELEN PEARSON

HOME STUDY INTERNATIONAL MINISTERS – CHURCH WORKERS –

Here is a course especially for you! Our health message has always been called 'the right arm of the message'. Why not take the college course we offer: HEALTH EDUCATION? Write for details to: Secretary/Registrar, Home Study International, Newbold College, Bracknell, Berks., RG12 5AN.

Shouldn't you have . . .

A CRADLE ROLE IN YOUR CHURCH?

The Cradle Roll is a department of the Sabbath school just as definitely as are all other departments. It is the *foundation* department of our Church.

Most of our churches are blessed with some babies, those very small Cradle Rollers. We have a definite spiritual responsibility to both those babies and their parents. Every church, no matter how small or large, can and should maintain a Cradle Roll department, catering for the need of even the very tiniest baby. As soon as a new baby is born into the church family, the parents should be encouraged to take their child into the Cradle Roll Sabbath school.

Studies by modern-day child psychologists concerning what the average new-born child can grasp and understand, have taken on startling and exciting proportions so that the basic conclusion is that new babies know more, see more, hear more and understand far more than people used to think! During the last twenty years, extensive research has left us in no doubt that *the time to begin spiritual training is right from birth*. Particularly during the first twelve months of a child's life, it is so necessary to provide a rich and emotionally supportive atmosphere in our Cradle Roll Sabbath schools. Children learn from the very beginning of their lives. Some of us may wonder what benefit a child who sleeps most of the time in his mother's arms and who is unable to understand a single word that is said derives from being brought to Sabbath school. Yet God planned that babies should begin their learning process by feeling and imitation. Subconsciously they absorb the whole atmosphere

of reverence; from time to time they awake to hear happy songs and later see the other children taking part, and they begin to imitate what they see and feel.

Does your church really understand how to love, attend, stimulate and educate these very young children? Babies and toddlers can associate good feelings with church when their physical and mental needs are skilfully met in the Cradle Roll department.

Cradle Roll should be a department for babies and their parents, because it is the *co-operative* effort of church and home to care for and train a child from the very beginning of his life. Many young parents in our churches are waiting for leadership in these matters, and so it is the duty of each church to provide the adequate facilities and proper teaching materials, and to choose committed teachers who can co-operate with these parents in guiding their little ones. Bible truths, learned in Sabbath school, can then be reinforced by the people your Cradle Rollers love most – Mummy and Daddy – throughout the following week. But parents need to be shown the best way of teaching spiritual truths to their children. They should be able to see how teachers use and apply Sabbath school materials for this all-important age group, and they should realize that special teaching techniques are involved. This is only possible if your church is making full use of all available Cradle Roll materials and helps.

The children in our Cradle Roll Sabbath schools are at their most impressionable age of development. By the time

they are ready for Kindergarten at the age of 4, they will have already formed their basic attitudes and habits towards life, and their patterns for thinking and doing will be almost set. 'A child's learning and remembering abilities are greater during his first five years of life than they will ever be again. This is his most sensitive, receptive, and crucial period of development - in fact, the optimum learning period of his entire life.' (B. T. Cory)

How are we going to respond to this challenge? Are your teachers able to teach confidently and effectively because your church has provided many visual aids and all the necessary equipment for this special age group? Are the Cradle Roll rooms really attractive and enticing?

If your Sabbath School is going to become an exciting evangelistic agency, start with the Cradle Roll - the foundation! It can be tremendously rewarding, and you will also be amazed with the way the Lord can open up opportunities for you to witness to parents with young children in the community.

In the next article I shall discuss the equipment that you will need in the Cradle Roll, and how your church can set about providing these materials.

SUSAN CROWE

The first of a series of articles written for Cradle Roll teachers by Susan Crowe.

MONNIER VISIT. Elder Monnier, Personal Ministries director of the General Conference, is to visit the North British Conference. He will conduct personal evangelism seminars at the following centres:

- 15-17 March, Manchester South, 7.30 pm.
- 18 March, Preston, 7.30 pm.
- 19 March, Sheffield Burngreave, 7.30 pm.
- 20 March, Nottingham Central, 7.30 pm.

P. R. Clee, Personal Ministries director, NBC

GERMAN young lady, aged 20, would welcome an exchange visit in a British home. Available 24 March - 12 April 1985. Her parent's home is open for a British visitor at any time. She would also consider au pair work. Doris Rohleder, Gerresheimer Str. 59, 4010 Hilden (nr. Dusseldorf), Germany.

AU PAIR. Austrian Adventist young lady, aged 19, would like to work as an au pair in England for one year from summer 1985. Very happy to help with housework and/or care of children. Further information and references from Pastor Gunter Schleifer, Austrian Youth Director, Nussdorfer Strasse 5, A-1090 Wien, Austria.

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★ Pastor A. A. Charles, SEC Communication director, reports that the Magazine Evangelism scheme has been officially adopted as a joint

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BE PART OF A SOUL-WINNING BREAKTHROUGH!



TOP LEFT: Sheffield's literature champion Sister Blackburn in the ABC display. TOP leaders. Far left, Pastor Whitford Shaw, Union publishing director. Far right, Pastor role? LEFT: Sister Mardner of Birmingham, right, discusses soul-winning exploits v spiritual uplift. Does Sister Harper have her publishing director in a half-Nelson? BOY of the most recent publication of the Press to Elder E. M. Willis, associate publisher Emmerson's 'Footprints of Jesus'. Left to right, E. M. Willis, D. H. Archer, Paul H fact that LEs must be out in all weathers, a group of the most recent recruits pose in the team of British publishing leaders with Elder and Mrs. E. M. Willis of the General C director; W. Kitchen, HHES treasurer; V. Harewood, NBC publishing evangelist; Marshall, editor; G. Harris, NBC publishing director; Paul Hammond, Press mana publishing director.

SWANW

A pictorial report on the L

- ☆ E. M. Willis: 'With each one recruit five.'
- ☆ W. A. Shaw; 'Our sales goal for 1985 is £42
- ☆ Cash sales for 1984 were £298,136.
- ☆ One hundred and twenty-eight were baptized





literature-evangelists of the British Union with their area directors and publishing
 Union secretary. TOP RIGHT: Ireland's champion - Elithne Amos - in her starring
 role. RIGHT: Swanwick is the occasion of lively socials as well as sales instruction and
 H. Archer, who retired as Press manager at the end of 1984, presents the first copy
 of the General Conference. This is the first volume of a two-volume edition of W. L.
 Marshall. BOTTOM CENTRE: A profession for all seasons. An apt illustration of the
 The Stanborough Press Ltd. With them are their instructors. BOTTOM RIGHT: The
 to right, back row: A. Crouch, Press treasurer; A. McFarquer, NBC assistant area
 publishing evangelist; R. Chisholm, SEC publishing director. Front row: D. N.
 Mrs. Willis; W. A. Shaw, BUC publishing director; M. Elmadjian, SEC assistant



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and our new emphasis will be on book parties.'

4 through the work of literature-evangelists.



OUT OF THE RED



The official opening by the Mayor of Canterbury, Councillor Cyril Windsor.

Sabbath 15 December was a red letter day. This was the day that Canterbury church was officially out of the 'red'.

That day, after much sacrifice, joys and anxieties, the church was able to proclaim to the world, that she was out of debt.

To make it official, His Worship, Cllr. Cyril Windsor, cut the ribbon in the presence of Dr. Silburn Reid, president of the South England Conference who performed the act of dedication, and Pastor Don Lowe of the Northern European Division who preached the dedicatory sermon.

Pastor Lowe has always been present at the milestones of the Canterbury church, and he spoke about the name of the church, 'St. Francis of Assisi', a worthy name, synonymous with principles we would do well to emulate.

Also taking part were Michael Toy of the Chatham and Grays church. Philip Leenhouders welcomed the Civic couple and presented the mayor with a copy of *The*

English Connection. His daughter Claire, aged 2 years, presented the mayoress with a bouquet of flowers.

In his opening speech the mayor said how refreshing his duty was in opening a church at a time when, sadly, many churches were closing.

The day was enjoyed by members from Chatham, Folkestone and Canterbury. Church elder, John Wilson, had persuaded members of his old college, the Christ Church College Choral Society, to enchant us with two lovely songs.

Sister V. Gridley and Brother B. Goulstone gave a brief history of the beginning of Adventism in Canterbury and the long struggle to find a church of our own.

After the service the congregation stayed behind for mince pies, and hot drinks.

We wish to thank the South England Conference for helping us to purchase this house of God. May it be a light shining, to witness in His service.

VIOLET GRIDLEY

Left to right: Lady Mayoress Mrs. C. Windsor, the Mayor Councillor C. Windsor, SEC president Dr. S. M. Reid, NED departmental director Pastor Don Lowe, M. Toy, and local minister P. Leenhouders.



LEFT: Baptismal candidates Una Platt and Monica Burgess. RIGHT: Monica Burgess in the baptismal pool.



'ONCE A CATHOLIC . . .'

Sabbath 29 December was the last Sabbath of the year. While the rest of the world was just getting over the Christmas celebration our celebration of victory had just begun.

The Lewisham church celebrated as Una Platt, and Monica Burgess gave their hearts completely to God in baptism.

Oh, what jubilation in Heaven as Sister Platt and Sister Burgess emerged from that watery grave, their faces beaming with joy!

Sister Burgess, who once said to Pastor T. Sargeant, 'I am a Catholic and happy in my Church', is now happily a member of the Lewisham church.

E. SAMUEL, Communication secretary

ADMITTANCE TO FELLOWSHIP



The 27th October was a very happy day for St. Austell church, Cornwall, when Phillip Taylor was admitted into church fellowship. He first attended St. Austell at the age of 2, twenty-three years ago, after his family had been contacted at the Royal Cornwall Agricultural Show of that year. His father, Brother Len Taylor, is now elder of St. Austell church.

Phillip, a sufferer of muscular dystrophy since a child, faithfully attends church each Sabbath, thanks to the total devotion of his mother and family, upon whom he is totally reliant.

After the divine service a special lunch was arranged for

Phillip in order to commemorate the occasion.

J. COYSTEN, Communication secretary

EKKLESIA proudly presents a Gospel Concert Saturday 30 March, to be held in the Holte Centre, Wheeler Street, Lozells, Birmingham, at 7.30 pm. Guest Artists: New Hope, RSV, Spiritual Melody, Andrew Chedick, and many more. Admission: Adults £2, Children £1. Refreshments on sale! Tel: 847-1861.

THANK YOU. Graham and Leigh Anderson would like to thank all their friends and relatives for their support and good wishes on their wedding day, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Coupland for all their love and hard work in organizing and providing the reception.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. The treasurer of the British Union Conference acknowledges with thanks £40 tithe from 'Most Grateful'. M. B. Musgrave.

A TIME TO RELAX

It was a cold December morning when a group of warmly-clad literature-evangelists, families and friends huddled expectantly in a corner of the busy crowded Blackfriars Underground station in London. The South England Conference literature workers had assembled for their annual day out . . . a time to relax, meet old friends and fellow-workers, exchange stories and experiences.

Pastor Roy Chisholm, Publishing director, and Brother Moses Elmadjian, Assistant Publishing director, welcomed each of the workers and soon organized them into two groups for a tour of two places of religious interest. What could be more appropriate for literature workers with a keen interest in the printed page, than a visit to the British and Foreign Bible Society? Here they were shown a film about the history, production and demand for Bibles around the world. The Bible today, from Genesis to Revelation, is published in nearly 300 languages. This sounded quite good until we were told that there are over 5,000 languages in the world! Three thousand of these do not even have a copy of one book. We were shown copies of some of the biggest Bibles in production, which are produced in Braille. The smallest Bible we were shown was about as small as a child's fingernail. This was a copy of the

Bible produced on microchip. The group showed keen interest on the informative display of old manuscripts and translations of the Bible.

The famous and magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral was the next stop. Here the group were taken on a guided tour which gave ample time to take in its beautiful architecture and they also found out a lot about its history.

By this time, everyone was a little footsore, and pangs of hunger were being felt. So we left behind the stone and wooden carvings, the statues, paintings, candles, the crypt and dome of St. Paul's, and hurried along the streets of London. Pastor Chisholm shepherded his flock on to two tube trains, somehow not losing any of the group, and we

eventually left the busy shop-lined streets and stepped into the New Gallery restaurant. The surroundings and atmosphere were peaceful and the meal was wholesome and absolutely delicious – as could be seen by the big smiles, rounded stomachs and contented sighs of all present. The restaurant is owned by Seventh-day Adventists who specialize in providing vegetarian food. Wholesome health foods including Granose products were sold on the first floor.

This proved to be a very pleasant social occasion for the hardworking literature-evangelists from the South and their guests, and most received a special blessing from the lighthearted fellowship with one another.

S. BRYANT

ELDERLY GENT hoping to visit each SDA church in Greece this holiday season, would welcome companion. Please write to: Mr. Donald Maclean, 5 Rigghead, Stewarton, Ayrshire, KA3 3BY.

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FOR FRENCH SPEAKERS. Samuel Monnier, General Conference Personal Ministries director, will be convening a meeting especially for French speakers. Place: New Gallery Conference Room. Date: Thursday 14 March. Time: 7.30 pm.

A FRENCH Adventist, Brother Jean Alaterre, would like his daughters, Ruth (17) and Anne (15), to visit Britain during their Easter holiday (24 March to 14 April) staying with an Adventist family on an exchange basis. Please write to: Jean Alaterre, Puy de Beauséjour, Saint Martin 24160, Excideuil, France, or phone: 16 (53) 62 48 73.



TOP: Left to right, Pastor R. Chisholm, SEC publishing director; Brother J. Fenton; Brother N. Burton, publishing evangelist; Brother A. Roderick; Brother D. Ahwan; Brother E. Golding; Brother M. Elmadjian, assistant publishing director. These literature-evangelists have worked a total of seventy-six years in the Master's service and have won ninety-two souls. They were duly honoured with the status of Missionary Credentials. May the Lord continue to give them strength and courage as they challenge men and women with the power of the printed page. BOTTOM: SEC literature-evangelists and their leaders at Camp Meeting. In November 1984 the SEC literature-evangelists sold £26,000 worth of Christian literature. Total sales for the year was £198,000 an increase of £39,800. We praise the Lord for this success and pray that He will use every page of the printed word that has been distributed to bring glory to His holy name. The Word of God assures us that His word shall not return unto Him void, it shall accomplish that which He please.



Left to right: Frederick Evers, Brian Davison, Lionel Davison. Photo: Alex Elmadjian

YOUTH ELDER

Sabbath 19 January was a really great day for the Davison family of Stanborough Park church, Watford.

That was the day on which Pastor Roy Burgess ordained our new elder Brian Davison.

Present were Brian's wife Cecilia and their children, 13-year-old twins Emma and Estelle, and 6-year-old Ben.

To the delight of the family, also present were Brian's parents Lionel Davison and his wife Marjorie from Norwich, and Cecilia's parents Frederick Evers and his wife Sylvia from Colchester.

Brian's father was elder at Ealing for nineteen years until 1973; and his father-in-law has been elder at Colchester since 1969.

Jotsam

Young, handsome bachelor intern, Brother X, had a brief ministry in Exton before moving on. He was replaced by young, handsome bachelor intern, Brother Y.

At the Conference session Brother X and Brother Y met and exchanged notes. 'What about all the young ladies in the Exton church choir with their eyes on you?' said Brother Y. 'I found safety in numbers.'

'Perhaps,' replied Brother X, 'but I found even greater safety in exodus. ...'

At Brian's request his sister-in-law, Joy Evers, sang the words which could well become Brian's motto in the future - 'I'll never walk alone while I walk with God'.

The new elder brings a wealth of experience to his new office.

He is a product of Stanborough School where he boarded from 1960-6. He went on to Newbold where he graduated as a minister. During his time there he became a deacon, a member of the AYS committee and, in turn, treasurer and vice-president of the Students' Union.

Leaving college he became leader of the embryonic Maidenhead company for about eighteen months (1972-3).

In the course of his ten years at Stanborough Park Brian has been a member of the AYS committee for two years, assistant Sabbath school leader, and last year, AYS leader.

As Youth sponsor, as well as a young elder, (Brian is 35), he intends to do all he can to support the 200 or so young people at the Park.

BRONWEN ATKINSON



Wayne Caukill and Pastor R. M. A. Smart.

FLYING THE 'BLUE PETER' AT YORK

Do you see that ship lying at the quayside, the one with the 'Blue Peter' flying at her masthead? She will soon be gone. That's what that blue flag with the white centre is saying.

Let's go down and ask the captain some questions.

'Is all your cargo aboard, Sir?'

'Yes', he answers. 'We have all our stores on board and are fully victualled for the voyage.'

'Are you leaving soon?'

'We are sailing with the tide.'

'Is your crew ready?'

'The deckhands are standing by, to handle the ropes for cast off, and the engine-room telegraph is already at "stand by for engines".'

We ask one final question. 'Captain, what is your destination?'

The answer comes, 'You mean where am I going to? Well, to be honest, I haven't really thought about that!'

'What!' I hear you say.

'That's an impossible answer from a captain under orders to sail.'

Statisticians tell us that 90 per cent of people just drift along in life's ocean not really knowing where they are going. But 10 per cent know where they want to go, and they are

the people who make things happen.

On 19 January, just a few days after his 17th birthday, Wayne Caukill flew his 'Blue Peter' at his masthead and publicly witnessed to all that he knew where he was going by following his Master through the waters of baptism. For a brief spell in the midst of the January snowstorms, the York church warmed to the joy of seeing a valiant young man take his stand for Jesus. As he sets sail together with the Captain of his salvation we wish him Godspeed.

PASTOR R. M. A. SMART

TALENT SHOW

Our West Bromwich church thought it was a good idea to put on a talent programme in the church, thanking God for the various talents He has given to His people.

This Rally of the Talents was organized by Sister Brown who at the time was Assistant Personal Ministries leader and Pathfinder leader.

Pastor Roy Morgan and Dr. Yusedian from the Erdington church attended the programme. Various talents were



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on show, including singing and reciting.

A recitation was even given by one of our oldest members in the church, Sister Furnival. Practical talents were also in evidence: sewing by our Youth and Community Services departments, and painting and cooking by our Temperance Society. Victor Harewood played the guitar and rendered an item.

BRENDA BURTH

We're having a party!

On a Saturday night in the middle of January the young people of the West Park church in Wolverhampton packed some food and plenty of songs and games. They drove to a Birmingham Home for the young chronic sick, and got a party going for a young man

called Tony Jackson. Tony was involved in a motorcycle accident which left him paralysed from the neck down. An extreme misfortune for anyone, especially in one so young. At 24 Tony is cheerful and bright, although the sense of loss can sometimes be seen in his eyes. But that night he thoroughly enjoyed himself, along with everyone else.

The young people involved him in everything they did that evening, which included the food (saltfish was served to Tony on special request). The numerous smiles are a result of being very well fed that evening (the young man with the bowl in his hand is *not* smiling because he can only do one thing at a time with his mouth). Tony is dead centre, embraced by his fiancé Marie.

ADRIAN ROBERTS



WOOD GREEN BAPTISM

It was a thrilling way to end 1984, when on 29 December Wood Green church was packed with members and friends to witness the baptism of six souls.

Dorcas Maycock and Mavis Emmons were from Wood Green. The other four candi-

dates were from our sister churches, Muswell Hill and Crouch End.

Pastor Roland Fidelia and licensed minister H. Peat officiated at the service. The candidates were immersed by Pastor Fidelia.

E. A. WRIGHT, *Communication secretary*

Church elder Tristan Cuniah, Dorcas Maycock, intern H. Peat, Mavis Emmons and Pastor Roland Fidelia.



Left to right: Sisters Warren, Brooks, Jones (Community Services leader), Pastor Roy Morgan, Sister Alice Bell, Pastor George Bell, Sisters Burth and Bailey.

C.S. CONCERT

Sister Jones, West Bromwich's Community Services officer, organized a concert in the fourth quarter of 1984, assisted by her team.

Special guests included Pastor George Bell, retired West Bromwich minister, Pastor Peter Sayers, from the Dudley church, and Pastor Roy Morgan, our own minister.

The concert was very well attended by members from Dudley, Wolverhampton, Wednesfield, Camp Hill and West Bromwich.

A cheque was presented to Sister Alice Bell by Sister Jones, to send to Jengre, Nigeria, to help children pre-

viously supported by missionary nurse Yvonne Eurick, so tragically killed just one year ago.

BRENDA BURTH, *Communication secretary*

STANBOROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL. Antonio Albanes, the Spanish classical guitarist, is giving a recital on Saturday 16 March at 8 pm. Tickets: School children 75p, Adults £2, OAPs £1, Family Ticket £5. Separate film show for small children. Refreshments. Pay at door.

I AM keen to obtain an original set of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*. If you have a set for sale please contact: Frances Brooks, Silver Howe, West Road, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, Hants., SO4 5RH. Tel: 0703-845502. Or: Wanda Bell, 3 Rembrandt Close, London, SW1W 8HS. Tel: 01-730-3231. Will accept a reverse charge call on London number.

FANCY DRESS



No, this is not the Sabbath morning best-on-display. It is the best of another kind. These young people came together for a grand fancy dress party. The party was held in late December. It went off with a bang and was very well attended by young and old. Even an elder (who shall remain nameless) turned up in a John Travolta get-up. He almost went as pale as his suit when told the guests

had to act out the dress they had come in. . . .

The fancy dress was held to raise funds for the purchase of the building in which the Wolverhampton West Park members worship each week. They are trying to do everything they can this year to raise money. By the way, the young lady in the centre is wearing a mask.

ADRIAN ROBERTS

NEWS DIGEST

CARING AND SHARING

Twin cheques amounting to £200 were presented by twin girls to a staff nurse from the local special baby-care unit at Exeter church on Sabbath 8 December. Hanna and Louisa Jeffery, 23-month-old daughters of church elder Brian Jeffery and his wife Stella were born prematurely at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital and needed the extra help provided by the special baby-care unit. The church decided to support the unit as their local charity for a year and raise the money from selling FAMILY LIFE magazines, holding a jumble sale and staging a Gospel concert.

The church was full to capacity for the second week in succession as Pastor Derek Marley continued his Sabbath morning seminars first conducted in an outside hall. The non-members present far outnumbered the members!

STELLA JEFFERY

TEN WEEK OUTREACH IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Seventeen youth from Northern Ireland concluded their ten week Outreach Crusade on Sunday 23 December at the Coleraine church with a special programme of carols. David McKibben was the preacher and the Sunday afternoon programmes focused on the ministry of Jesus. The youth added variety to the crusade with music and group participation. The series closed with a special offering for victims of multiple sclerosis. Representatives from the Coleraine chapter were present to receive the contributions. Non-Adventists present for the meetings were moved by the messages each week. One young lady is preparing for baptism.

IRENE DOUGHERTY

GLASGOW YOUTH WEEKEND

For the second year in succession the Glasgow young people brought in the new year with a youth weekend. This year twenty-eight young people,

some of whom had come up from England, shared the weekend with our own Glasgow youth.

The weekend's activities included swimming, ice skating, a visit to the famous Burrell Art Collection and other sightseeing, games in the church hall and a typical Scottish Hogmanay which involved standing the last minutes of 1984 and the first of 1985 in Glasgow's George Square amid much hilarity and celebration.

I. WEBSTER

SADNESS AT NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! The members of the Edinburgh church shared this greeting rather tentatively on Sabbath 5 January. It was hard to envisage a happy 1985 without our beloved friends Gordon and Floris Howard and their daughters Claire (6) and Alison (4).

Gordon and Floris have accepted an invitation to work at Avondale College in Australia where Gordon is to be head of the Mathematics department. At the farewell communion service on 5 January Floris and Gordon were given an original painting of the Scottish Hills around Gordon's parents' home at Kirriemuir.

AUDREY OGILVIE

BANA AT BROOMHILL

The beautiful autumnal colours of Dartmoor were the setting for BANA AGM at friendly, comfortable Broomhill. Spiritual uplift and encouragement during morning and evening worship was provided by BANA adviser and friend, Pastor Lionel Acton-Hubbard.

BANA was able to donate £100 to the Ethiopian famine-relief fund. A further £50 was presented to Murelda Elson of Nottingham to help her with the cost of sending parcels to deprived families in Jamaica. £59, raised in a bring-and-buy sale and through generous offerings over the weekend, helped to make possible Bana's generosity.

Our membership was up to 150 at this AGM, an increase of thirty-six over the previous

year. We know that there are hundreds of Adventist nurses scattered throughout the UK. Many have allowed their membership to expire. We would remind them of the special blessings to be gained by fellowship with other Adventist nurses. Those wishing to know more about BANA should write to Mrs. Ursula Hubbard, 14 Woodville Court, Hempstead Road, Watford, Herts., or to Miss Doris Lack (BANA president), 29 Linksview Crescent, Worcester.

DORIS LACK

SHEFFIELD: Year-end activities

Sunday 23 December was Pastor and Mrs. E. L. Henry's fourteenth wedding anniversary. Associate minister, Brother Anderson, gave a short account of Pastor Henry's 'history', the account punctuated with laughter from the members as details hitherto unknown were brought to light! A bouquet of flowers from the church was presented to the couple with the sincere desire that they have many more happy years together.

On Sabbath 29 December Sister Mustow, 79, mother of Pastor Derek Mustow, was presented with a single rose as a token of appreciation for her unselfishness over the Christmas period. Although Sister Mustow is elderly and has great

difficulty walking – with the aid of two sticks – she invited a friend to spend Christmas with her. She prepared and cooked the meals and served them herself, thus making not only her own Christmas happy but someone else's as well. NBC president, Pastor R. H. Surridge, special speaker for the day at Carter Knowle church, commended Sister Mustow for her unselfish act.

Sabbath 15 December was the day when the members of the Carter Knowle church bade farewell to Juan and Cecelia Barbarin who came to England from Mexico to do a three-year degree at Sheffield University. They are now returning, but during their three-year stay they became an active part of our Sheffield family. Special gifts were presented and a farewell party organized.

JOAN BUSSUE

PROGRESS IN GALWAY

Pastor Don Vollmer has conducted two 5-day Anti-smoking Clinics in Galway during January. The Galway church is planning more community outreach programmes. This is because their pastor can now spend more time in Galway as a result of a new distribution of pastoral responsibility. Galway school has purchased a greenhouse for their science class.

D. LEHNHOFF

STOP PRESS

ETHIOPIA FAMINE RELIEF

People living in Britain have an amazing capacity to respond to the needs of people in stricken countries. The cries for help from the famine areas of Ethiopia have not gone unheard and unheeded by our church members. Apart from the aid from governments channelled through ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) the Church in Britain has donated to date almost £40,000 through the BUC to purchase relief supplies.

Some heart-warming stories emerge as demonstration of the compassion felt for those in need. We share just three of these with you briefly. A church in one of the hardest hit unemployment districts gave £1,200 from the twenty-five members in attendance on Sabbath morning. A young girl cycled to school – fourteen miles each way – for a period and besides saving her bus fares got others to sponsor her: the result £60. Two young men – not church members – with brightly coloured hair and hearts of gold sat in a tree all day on cold 30 December, to raise money from passers by and donated £120 from their vigil.

As you Ingather this season you can do so with confidence that our Church is a caring Church.

M. B. Musgrave, Treasurer, BUC

PRESTON AYS

A large slice of the Preston church membership is made up of talented, vivacious, committed young people. Hence we enjoy some very fine AYS meetings.

Distinguished visitors to AYS have included mayors, doctors, police officers and, just recently, a prison chaplain. This most recent visit was particularly informative. The prison chaplain described his duties and the various aspects of prison life, outlining the needs of prisoners both physical and spiritual. Since his visit we have been pleased to donate toys, books and magazines to the prisoners for their own use – and to pass on to their families.

Prison regulations have made it possible for only eight church members to visit, and so our pastor and seven members of our youth choir have been regular in their prison visiting. The pastor has given a short talk at the Preston prison, and the choir has rendered a number of items. The prisoners made a request that they be taught some of the songs they particularly enjoyed hearing. Their own choir is now singing the songs introduced to them by the Adventist choir.

We have also been visited by a nearby Church of England vicar whose church hall we use occasionally. Our lively congregation of young people has engaged him in discussion on the issues of tithe, baptism and the second coming of Jesus.

S. A. TOUSSAINT

ENNISKILLEN COTTAGE MEETINGS

Under the auspices of the Londonderry church, cottage meetings have begun in Enniskillen at the home of Brother and Sister Nesbitt. Pastor Eddie Card is leading out.

D. LEHNHOFF

CULTURAL WEEKEND

On 31 December Leeds church members, friends and relatives, enjoyed a cultural afternoon together. Young and old joined in to make the event one to remember. Special entertainment was provided by the Wol-verhampton trio who put on three humorous sketches. Other items were presented by members from London and

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OBITUARIES

HENLEY, Dora Carrie – d. 27 November 1984. We sadly announce the death of Sister Dora Henley. For many years she had lived in Garston, close to the Stanborough Park she so much loved. She worked at Granose Foods and was a friend to the young wherever and whenever she met them. Her home was open to those who wished to call, and the whole family were glad to entertain visitors. Sister Henley loved to sing and was a faithful member of the choir in all their engagements. In recent years she moved to Norfolk to be with her daughter Miriam, and it was on a visit to her daughter Joan in Watford that she died suddenly. Words of comfort were expressed by Pastor Roy Burgess at the West Herts crematorium in the presence of relatives and friends. We express our sincere sympathies to her three daughters, Joan Bushell and family, Miriam Paton and family, and to Grace who for many years has been living in California but returned for the funeral service to be with the family. Together we await the trumpet call and the resurrection of the just. We shall meet again.

R. A. BURGESS

MEREDITH, Violet M. – d. 9 December 1984. Born in Kettering, Violet attended the Kettering church school in what was probably one of the first classes held in an Adventist school in Britain. On leaving school she became an apprenticed tailress and her knowledge of this trade was apparent in the clothes her children wore until they themselves left school. She first came to Stanborough Park in 1919 and graduated as a nurse at the Stanborough Hydro in 1922. Also in that graduation class was Charles Henry Meredith whom she married on 20 November 1923 in the Kettering parish church. Because of her love for neighbours and friends her children, not infrequently, would come home to an empty house and a note from Mother to say she was attending a neighbour's sick child. Her love of nursing took her back to part-time service at the Stanboroughs, and she was still doing three night duties a week when she finally retired in 1964. Violet and her husband Charles retired first to Wiltshire and later to Fowey in Cornwall. She lived for some years with a very 'tired heart' and died in the Fowey hospital after being in there only a few weeks. Husband Charles, sister Nellie, daughters Joy and June, and son Glynne, with their families look forward to the resurrection morning with hope, and wish to thank all their many friends for their tokens of sympathy and love.

G.M.

Although Sister V. Meredith was 'officially' a member of the Conference 'church' she had attended St. Austell church in Cornwall for many years and was dearly loved there. When Pastor R. Davey gave his tribute to her at the funeral he said, 'She was a lady who gave out so much love to all around her. She was an extraordinary woman, who through such great love for humanity drew everyone to her.' Indeed, St. Austell church members will always think of her as a 'lady' in the truest and most Christian way. Our deepest sym-

HYLAND HOUSE Home and School Association will present the film *Gandhi* at the New Gallery, 123 Regent Street, London, on 23 March at 7.30 pm. Tickets at the door. Adults £3. Children £1.50. All Welcome. Doors open at 6.30 pm.

pathy goes to Brother Charles Meredith and all her family.

CHURCH CLERK

MURTAGH, Esther Anne – d. 3 January. A godly woman and a loved mother, Sister Murtagh came from Ireland, Co. Wicklow, South of Dublin. She was baptized with her eldest son in 1939. It was hard to be an Adventist in a Roman Catholic community, but Sister Murtagh had faith and determination and she remained faithful to her baptismal vows. Always industrious, she worked for many years in the Ranelagh Health Clinic next door to the Dublin church. We shall always remember her cheerful smile and disposition as she spent her remaining years in her favourite armchair by the fireplace at the Dell. Cremation was preceded by a service in the Oulton Broad church with Pastor C. Rhodes officiating.

B. J. ELLIS

TODD, John – d. 12 January. Born in Maldon, Essex, in 1913, Johnny as he was affectionately called, joined the Church during Pastor Roy Anderson's ministry in the 1930s. He was a very loyal member of the church and supported it unstintingly. He was a friend to those experiencing hardship. He had a deep love for his Master, Jesus Christ. Johnny worked as a sign-writer in London until 1960 – for many years at the New Gallery – when he went to live in Crieff. Here he remained for seven years working as part-time gardener at Roundelwood and Crieff Nursing Home. In 1967 finding there was a demand for a sign-writer in Crieff and district he started a full-time business. Much of his fine work is still appreciated in the town. Through failing health he came to live at the Dell in February 1984. In September he suffered a severe stroke and was admitted to Northgate hospital, Yarmouth, where he died on 12 January. Pastor C. Rhodes conducted the funeral service at the Oulton Broad church with Brother Percy Bates giving a few words of appreciation after which Pastor Rhodes concluded the service at the Kirkley cemetery where he was laid to rest to await the call of the Lifegiver.

B. J. ELLIS

HARRIS, Olive Maude – d. — Born to Isabel and William Anglin in 1920, Olive was the third of eight children. She was born and bred in rural Jamaica, where she developed her gentle and loving spirit which was vividly noticeable when in her presence. In 1939 Olive married Edward Harris. They were blessed with a family of nine children. She accepted the Advent Message willingly. This fact was demonstrated in her eagerness to work for her Lord whom she loved. She was an ardent literature-evangelist. She sold 'Good Health' and propagated the Word of God by her good faith and work. The funeral service, well attended by her family and friends, was held in the Edmonton church. Officiating Pastors were H. Taffe (Edmonton) and D. Murtagh (Hampstead). Sister Harris left behind five girls – Joyce, Gloria, Elaine, Yvonne and Verl, four boys – Donald, Sydney, Kenneth and Errol, thirteen grandchildren and her husband to mourn her departure. They, with friends, look forward to that great day when the 'trumpet of God shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise'.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

REDWAY, Paul Michael – d. 27 November. Though his twenty years of life were rendered a hardship by sickness, young Paul was surrounded by a devoted family. The funeral service and

interment took place on 5 December. The Northfield church members, together with friends and neighbours, packed the little chapel at Lodge Hill, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, and received words of comfort from the writer.

PETER SAYERS

STEED, Maud – d. 25 December. Maud began life in London in 1901. She was baptized by Pastor W. W. Armstrong in July 1945. After many faithful years she contacted Parkinson's disease and entered The Dell rest home. Underneath her inactive body was an active and alert mind that loved good books and poetry. Pastor C. Rhodes officiated at the service in the Oulton Broad church, a few words of appreciation were given by Brother Payton, after which our sister was laid to rest in the Kirkley cemetery to await our Lord's coming.

B. J. ELLIS

FERRAR, Frederick – d. 27 December. Brother Ferrar was a well known member of the Carter Knowle church, Sheffield, and served faithfully in many capacities, from the time of his baptism by Pastor K. A. Elias. He witnessed for his faith at home, at work, and to the medical staff who cared for him. He will long be remembered and appreciated. Left to mourn his loss are his widow, and their two daughters, and two grandsons. They were surrounded by a large gathering of friends when the funeral was conducted by Pastor John Handysides, joined by Pastor E. L. Henry in the Sheffield church. Brother Ferrar's heart and mind belonged to his Lord and Master in his life, and the bright hope of the Gospel lighted the sorrow of the mourners. The final committal was in the Sheffield Crematorium, and our brother rests in hope of immortal life in Jesus Christ.

MRS. L. C. HANDYSIDES

MYLIE, Naomi – d. 28 December. The Glasgow church sadly reports the passing of Sister Mylie. She first came in contact with the Church after attending campaign meetings being held in the city by Pastor Dale Brussett in 1972. She was a faithful attender and supporter of the church and a firm believer in the Resurrection, in which hope she died peacefully. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor C. D. Baidam assisted by Brother B. Webster. She will be sadly missed, and our sympathy is extended to her son, daughter and grandchildren.

M. SMITH

WRIGHT, Elizabeth Winifred – d. 30 December. Sister Wright was born in Newcastle upon Tyne where, in 1941, she was baptized by Pastor R. S. Joyce. In 1973 our sister moved to the Dell flats. She had to fight against ill health in her later years. She was a good soldier. Her faith was strong and she longed to meet her Saviour. This she will do on the glorious resurrection morning. The cremation at Gorleston was preceded by a service in the Oulton Broad church with Pastor C. Rhodes officiating.

B. J. ELLIS

WALTON, J. – d. 5 January. Our beloved Sister was born in 1899 and became a church member in 1952, serving the Lord faithfully in various offices until illness and infirmity prevented her from attending church regularly, approximately two years ago. Sister Walton was the mother of Carlisle church treasurer, Sister M. Heap (whose husband Tom is church elder). They look forward with confidence to that great reunion when Jesus, our dear Saviour, comes again.

G. MACKAY

Birmingham, as well as from Leeds. A fancy dress competition was another feature.
D. L. WOOD

COTTAGE MEETINGS AT PRESTON

Believers in the early Church 'continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house'. Acts 2:46.

All too often church services become formal, and many members disinclined to become involved. During the winter months - January to

March - the Preston church has resorted to cottage meetings in the place of the mid-week meeting normally held in the church.

Each Wednesday evening three regional cottage meetings have convened in different parts of Preston. Thus many members, who would otherwise have been reluctant to leave home and make the long journey to church because of inclement weather, have been able to attend.

These meetings have helped to promote a family spirit in the church, and made it possible

tume and its ferry to the even more interesting Marken; Amsterdam, the capital city, with canal boat trips through the old and new city, and visits to Anne Frank's house or the Rijks Museum with so many works of Rembrandt; Alkmaar has its traditional cheese market; Arnhem its intriguing open air museum with working windmills and old homes, and Giethoorn with absolutely no roads - you go shopping by rowing boat or walk.

If you want a day off then sunbathe on the secluded campsite or go swimming or bowling nearby. If you want ever so gentle exercise hire a bicycle and quietly roam Europe's most flat and safest cycle paths, through beautiful woodland to the former Queen's Palace of Lage Vuursche and its Pancake houses.

Although the programme will be very informal and relaxed, evenings with a group of Adventist friends from other countries will be a special feature of the holiday. Every evening something different to choose. Of special interest will be the presence of Dr. Kevin Howse from Australia via Newbold College. A lecturer in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, he will lead in an intriguing series of devotionals, but I must give you a warning: if you go to the first then you will be hooked to this short meeting each day.

If this sounds like a holiday you could enjoy then get more details and application forms from your Union or Division Youth Director. It's inexpensive, it's comfortable, it's relaxed, it's different!

JIM HUZZEY, Youth director, NED

for members to enjoy the blessings of fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Most have enjoyed the cosier atmosphere and are more ready to take part in discussion.

The saving has not only been on the heating bill for the church in the winter quarter. . . .

S. A. TOUSSAINT

FAREWELL PASTOR ELIAS

Pastor Dalbert Elias has accepted a call to pastor the Bristol churches in England. He will be leaving Ireland after seven years of service. His departure was marked by a baptism at the Larne church. On 22 December Jean McMaster was immersed and accepted into membership. Musical selections were presented by Miss Sharon Cressen who is 10 years old, and by Mr. Harry McMaster, husband of Jean, and Mr. Samuel Craig, a local Salvation Army officer. This most recent baptism takes the total of baptisms in Larne for one year to six people. The Larne members said farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Elias and their family in style. Pastor Don Vollmer has been asked by the Mission committee to fulfil the role of Youth director made vacant by the transfer of Pastor Elias.

D. LEHNHOFF

TORQUAY ORDINATION

Members of the Torquay church were happy to witness the ordination as church deacon of Paul Kehoe on 9 February.

JEAN KEHOE

PLAISTOW BAPTISM

On the first Sabbath of January 1985 four candidates from Plaistow were baptized by Pastor Ellis Guthrie at the Stratford church.

MARJORIE HUSBANDS

YOUTH EVANGELISM

The evangelistic meetings conducted by the youth of the Irish Mission at the Coleraine church have been completed. Not only were those involved blessed, but they received experience and confidence. Those who expressed a desire to know more about Adventist beliefs are being encouraged to continue taking individual Bible studies.

D. LEHNHOFF

THE BAPTISM THAT WAS NEARLY A SPRINKLING

On 5 January two more were added to the growing church family in Banbridge at a Sabbath afternoon baptismal service. Billy and Valerie Leonard were baptized and are already actively involved in church activities. The service nearly became a sprinkling ceremony when a pipe burst in the attic - because of cold temperatures.

D. LEHNHOFF

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IT'S A HOLIDAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

There are plans for a new approach to summer camping, to meet the needs of young adults in the 23-35 age group. Support has been given to the Youth Department for a 'first of its kind' International Camp to be held in The Netherlands, 5-14 July 1985. Married and single people of this age want opportunity to meet and holiday with other Adventists and the chance to visit other countries. If the response to the idea is as good as expected then we could see similar camps move to other countries in future years.

● If you are aged 23-35 and enjoy relaxation and fellowship in the company of other Adventists, then this is a holiday for you. Based on the beautiful Oud-Zandbergen centre near the city of Utrecht, it has the ingredients for a memorable and happy time.

● There is an exciting variety of things to do and places to visit.

● The relaxed organization will enable you to join in with a larger group or have a day to do your own thing.

● Facilities are simple yet civilized and comfortable with a choice of private room in the attractive Adventist school or camping in your own tent or an excellent one provided on site.

● You can choose to join in with a devotional and fun programme each evening.

The Netherlands is one of the most pleasant countries in Europe to visit. Within easy reach of the camp are the popular beaches and pier of Scheveningen; the old town of Volendam with its old houses and 'natives' in national cos-