

MESSENGER

CHURCH PAPER FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE BRITISH ISLES
Volume 90 Number 22/23 1 November 1985



CAMP MEETING '85

A full report on Camp Meeting will appear in the next issue.



Top left: New SEC president, Pastor C. R. Perry, welcomes 3,000 Adventists to Camp Meeting '85. Outgoing president, Dr. S. M. Reid, was also present as chief co-ordinator. At the end of the week of meetings he and his wife made their fond farewells and left for their new sphere of responsibility in the West Indies Union. Left: Veteran evangelist Pastor E. E. Cleveland, currently based at Oakwood College, preached to a packed congregation each evening, and on Sabbath morning. Top right: Phyllis Ebank and Beverley Perry are happy with grape juice. '3,000 happy people on holiday here at Butlin's do not need fags and booze to make them smile,' said the 'West Sussex Evening Argus'. Above: Camp Meeting is a family occasion. The Lewis family arrive on site. Right: Marie and Anthony check out the bargains in the Adventist Book Centre.

Pictures by: *Evening Argus*, Brighton





HSI NEWS

Brother S. Flavien of the Hampstead church in London has recently completed the **LAY PREACHING** course. He writes:

'It was a great day for me when the presentation of my certificate was made on Sabbath morning. I must not take the glory to myself for it is God who should be glorified, for it is His Spirit and grace that guided me to complete

the course. Thanks to the HSI for being so wonderful and taking care in the training of their students.'

WCC SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSES ADVENTISTS

The participants, instructors and Church executives at the European Institute of world Mission, Collonges, France, 12 August to 1 September, were privileged when the secretary-general of the world council of Churches, Dr. Emilio Castro, addressed them and wished them God's blessing in their service for Him. The WCC represent more than 300

Churches with more than 300 million members.

Dr. Castro spoke in English and Pastor Henri Kempf of Dijon, France, translated into French. Dr. Borge Schantz, director of the European Institute of World Mission responded to Dr. Castro's kind greeting.

BORGE SCHANTZ

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PRESS

► **FAMILY LIFE Drugwatch Special** has proved to be a runaway success. A further 10,000 copies have been printed to meet anticipated demand from inner city churches who are planning to campaign against drug abuse in their communities. 'This magazine hits the spot,' writes one pastor. 'Drugs must be tackled. Once we campaigned against smoking. Now we must campaign against drugs. Their effect is more rapid and even more destructive to health. . . .'

► Mrs. E. Dodd of Dagenham writes that, as a result of reading **FOCUS ON THE FORGOTTEN DAY** she will be keeping the seventh-day Sabbath in future. She asks for a list of 'Sabbath-keeping churches. . . .'

Responses like this have led us, in faith, to print a further 10,000 of this issue.

DEVOTIONAL

RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR TODAY

by Morris Venden

C. T. Everson used to say that if we could take a giant scale, and put the world, weighing six sextillion tons on one side, and put one human being, even a baby, on the other side, the human would tip the scales. That's a good picture of how Heaven looks at one individual. We are worth everything, and the cross proves it. But we are still helpless to produce righteousness. The Bible premise is that when it comes to righteousness, we are totally

bankrupt. We have none. Romans 3:10: 'There is none righteous, no, not one.' Isaiah 64:6: 'All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.'

And yet we are invited to come to Jesus and trade our filthy rags for eternal life. There's nothing we can do to recommend ourselves in the eyes of Heaven. That's why we need to consider seriously this greatest trade ever that Jesus comes and offers to us today. Righteousness is found only in Jesus; as Daniel said, 'O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day.' (Dan. 9:7.) 'Sinful man can find hope and righteousness only in God; and no human being is righteous any longer than he has faith in God and maintains a vital connection with Him.' — *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 367.

In recent years there are some who have acquired the idea that all you have to do to have righteousness is to look

up to heaven someday and say, 'All right, I accept the fact that everything's taken care of.' They believe that from that moment on, they are declared righteous and have nothing to worry about, and 'everything's all right in my Father's house'.

But please don't miss the fact that no human being will be righteous any longer than he has faith in God and maintains a vital connection with Him. That's why the Jesus movement of a few years ago faded away. There were so many who marched down the beach with their Bibles waving in the air like banners and the name of Jesus on their lips like a slogan, who stopped right there and never came into any closer fellowship with Jesus. The trade that Jesus offers, in exchanging His righteousness for our sins, is beautiful. But it's no good for tomorrow unless I accept it again tomorrow. It is only good for each day.

LET THE PEOPLE KNOW

THIS AUTUMN

- Have you ordered your supply of cards?
- Plan to distribute them during November.
- Only £5 per 1,000.

THIS CHRISTMAS

Send a new colourful VOP Christmas card to your non-Adventist friends.

- Only £1 per pack of eight (with envelopes).

You can order these through your Personal Ministries secretary or direct from the VOP Bible School, Stanborough Park, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JU.

GET INVOLVED - THE VOP WAY



AS ADVERTISED IN 'THE PEOPLE'S FRIEND'

find the way to real satisfaction

learn more about the 'people's friend' Jesus Christ through a free correspondence course. A series of twenty-four guides that show how to:

- Gain peace of mind
- Relate to suffering
- Receive power for a fulfilled life
- Overcome guilt
- Have confidence for the future.

THESE GUIDES CAN MAKE THE BIBLE COME ALIVE - FOR YOU

Learn what the Bible can offer you - fill in the coupon overleaf and post TODAY.

EDITORIAL

THE DAY HE COMES

Have you noticed how no one believes anything is going to happen – until it actually does?

Returning home late after a long drive I turned on the TV to loosen up a little before going to bed. They were showing *Raise the Titanic*. It was, apparently, a fictional story of an ambitious scheme to raise the great liner from the ocean bed. I reached for my newspaper to read the résumé. It read: 'This film was a box-office fiasco. It lost millions. . . . Totally unrealistic. . . . What bunch of idiots would think it worth the trouble to dredge up this trove of Edwardian relics from 13,000 feet down . . . ?' And yet *the very next day* the top of the news was the story that a consortium of Franco-American salvage experts were involved in a scheme to do just that.

On 10 April 1912, when the ill-fated city-on-water sailed from Southampton, Mrs. Albert Caldwell, nervous of the sea, was told, 'God Himself could not sink this ship.' The owners were so confident that, though the liner carried 2,207 passengers, there were lifeboats for only 1,178. The *Titanic* was unsinkable even if as many as four of her sixteen watertight compartments should be flooded. Yet two and a half hours after they hit that mountain of ice she was on the ocean bed, 1,503 lives lost.

In January 1919 George Keough was sitting in the lounge of a hotel in Washington DC. In a prestigious newspaper he was reading that it was unthinkable that Congress would ratify the eighteenth Amendment which would have the effect of banning the manufacture, sale and transportation of alcoholic beverages in the United States. It simply could not happen. Before he finished the article a messenger, hot-foot from Capitol Hill, burst into the lobby and announced over a loud hailer that Congress just had.

At 5 am on Wednesday 18 April 1906 things were as normal in San Francisco. The 'red light' quarter of the capital of the 'Barbary Coast' was just closing down. The rest of the city was beginning to stir – a stableman with his horses, a policeman on his rounds, an artist on a hill hoping to capture on canvas an awakening city. Everyone was expecting a routine sort of day; the giant wheels of industry and commerce turning as usual, the seethe of markets and transportation around the great buildings of the city, hundreds of thousands of individuals busy about their established routines. Nothing could change all that.

At 5.12 all hell broke loose. 'It came out of the sea at 7,000 miles an hour from a point ninety miles due north. . . .' reads a contemporary source. 'Relentlessly the rip raced south, veering when it met the resistance of land, but keeping in the same general direction, boring down towards San Francisco, shifting billions of tons of earth, sending masses of rock rising and falling to form cliffs where only a second before there had been flat land.'

Passing through the city a fortnight later Ellen White saw that 'buildings that were thought to be proof against disaster, were lying in ruins. In some instances, buildings were partially sunken in the ground. The city presented a most dreadful picture of the inefficiency of human ingen-

uity to frame fireproof and earthquake-proof structures.' (*Life Sketches*, page 410.)

The mighty wheels of commerce and industry ground to a sudden halt. The great banks and financial institutions were in ruins. Tens of thousands of routines ended in an instant. Certain of the pros and the boffins and the purveyors of the wisdom of this world had said that it couldn't happen, had laughed at the prospect. But it had happened anyway.

At the time of the Mexican earthquake the TV cameras captured scenes reminiscent of the Last Day. I saw that the clock outside the Credito Mexicano Bank had stopped at 7.22 am, two minutes after the quake. At the second when it stopped the next-door building – the old hotel Regis, one of the city's most notable landmarks – was collapsing. A vast area equivalent in size to the entire West End of London was totally devastated, shards of glass, great chunks of brick and masonry – and bodies – were everywhere. Marta Anaya, a local newspaper reporter, said: 'The innards of the earth seemed to crumble, buildings collapsed, houses fell, schools disintegrated and the people shouted, cried, implored. . . .'

Now the professors of geology and earth sciences have taken to the air waves. 'Of course', says one, 'this is not surprising. Mexico lies at the centre of a complex mishmash of geological forces. . . . Entirely to be expected. . . .' 'When plates meet head on something has to give. In this case, the East Pacific plate was pushed under the Mexican one. Something of this sort has been expected for some time.'

If it was 'expected for some time' I wonder how many people he had taken the trouble to warn? If he *had* raised his voice, I wonder how many would have listened? Of course, the fact is that the whole of the eighteen million population of Mexico City were caught completely unawares. *No one* expected it. The routines, systems and structure of men were considered to be proof against any force from the earth or from the heavens. Thursday 19 September 1985 would be like any other day. Only, it wasn't.

There are so many things that cannot happen – until they *have* happened.

'As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. . . . they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.' Matthew 24:36-39, NIV.

It takes something like the Mexican earthquake to remind us that the mighty creations of man, his systems, his structures, his technology, are wholly and instantly destructible. Is this how it will be on the day He comes?

Observers in Mexico City said the sky turned black, red and orange by turns. On the day He comes the vaulted heavens will be full-brilliant with angels and, out of the devastation around them the faithful of the ages will stand forth, His glory mirrored on their faces. And they will say: 'Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him . . . we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' Isaiah 25:9.

D. N. MARSHALL

RECORD TURN-OUT AFTER LATE START

At 9am things looked bad.

Three marquees – one for books, two for food – empty, except for staff.

Girls at cash-points, fingers poised, looking bewildered.

Where were the crowds?

It was cold, overcast and coming on to rain. But it had been that all 'summer'. Surely the faithful, psyched-up for 'great tribulation', were proof against bad weather?

When the first customer in the Press tent – Pauline Potter, geography teacher, Stanborough School – cashed up she looked decidedly lonely, and had a choice of five cash points.

Everything broke loose between 10 and 10.30. Ten coaches rolled in. The car park overflowed. The tents were full. The Save the Children stalls were frantically busy. Strangest of all, a Petticoat Lane of stalls hawking patties, sausage rolls, assorted garments, paintings, cushions, cuddly toys and ice-cream (home-made by Maria De Gale) was set up through the centre of the factory. Who needed good weather?

The din was deafening in the Press tent. It was all being made by ABC manager, Bill Kitchen, king for a day, who had found himself a PA system. Unfortunately his loud-speaker was within inches of your humble servant. I saved my hearing, and everyone else's sanity, by unplugging him at intervals throughout the day.

By lunch time the Petticoat Lane vendors, representing a variety of good causes in connection with the Gloucester, Leeds, Peterborough, Milton Keynes and Hampstead churches, were reporting bumper sales. Peter Howard, Save the Children supremo, had donned a chef's hat and

was serving vegetarian delicacies from a microwave oven. His dozen or so helpers looked fetching in their boaters. They raised £550 for the Fund.

The dining room was chock full. Good eats and a good time were the order of the day. 'We only meet up once a year at Open Day', everyone seemed to be saying.

Relative peace reigned in the chapel where Fretson, Dorothy and Debbie Taylor 'manned' the VOP stand, J. P. and Olive West the cassette stall, Vera Porter the HSI display and Andrew and Priscilla Mustard, both keen types, the Newbold booth.

Outside the door peace ended abruptly. Paul Clee, NBC Personal Ministries director, apparently impervious to the elements, had a loud-hailer. He was hollering to some effect. By the end of the day he had sold £800-worth of tracts and assorted lay evangelism supplies.

By 2am Nerissa Harvey's Wednesfield Choir – present by special invitation – was giving a Gospel concert in the open air, getting warmer by the minute. The vast crowd of listeners made the entrance to the Press tent difficult to get in or out of for about an hour. Someone went so far as to suggest that the whole event had been arranged by Granose front men, Nigel and Nicholas Phillips, two lads with Max Boyce accents and an eye to business. However, this rumour proved groundless. Bill Kitchen had sited the concert there to ensure that the Press tent stayed the focus of attention. . . .

Turn-out was well up on previous years. Nevertheless The Stanborough Press – who had offered 20 per cent off all hymn books and Bibles – were still surprised at a turnover of in excess of £20,000 and Granose of £6,000.

Five pm and the last coach had left. Cloud had thinned in the course of the day but now suddenly thickened and darkened. It began to rain and rain and . . . we were back to normal.

D. N. MARSHALL

Below: A record turnout and a record turnover were reported by Acting ABC manager Bill Kitchen. Middle: Mrs. Lewin, in Save the Children uniform, persuades Kath Baldry to buy her home-baked delicacies in aid of the Fund. Bottom: 'Family Life - Drugwatch Special', The 'Footprints of Jesus' Holy Land calendar and the 1986 'Morning Watch' all proved themselves to be winners on Open Day.



GOSPEL CONCERT

The Advent Youth Chorale and other groups.

Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham
30 November at 7.30pm

Tickets £2.50 available from Richard Gray,
tel: (021) 523 6468

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF WORLD MISSION



More than ninety missionaries, mission candidates, church executives, instructors and their families took part in the European Institute of World Mission, Collonges, France, 12 August to 1 September. The missionaries represented nineteen countries and will be serving the Church in fourteen countries. Eight world divisions were involved in the Institute.

The sixth European Institute of World Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, held at the Seminaire Adventiste, Collonges-sous-Saleve, France, brought together forty-one participants from nineteen countries in Europe and elsewhere.

During three weeks, from 12 August to 1 September, new and experienced missionaries were involved in in-depth studies of issues confronting the missionary of the eighties.

Dr. Borge Schantz, lecturer at Newbold College, was the director of the European Institute of World Mission and the associate director was Dr. Richard Lehmann, dean of the Seminaire Adventiste. They led out in an extensive programme in which other Church executives and missiologists from America and Europe assisted.

The main lectures such as Mission Theology, Mission Anthropology, Mission Structure and Practice, were presented in English and French. The participants also divided into smaller groups to discuss the role of the modern missionary in Africa, or the work in Islamic countries. Other issues dealt with were the Role of Women, Family Life and Health, Relationships, Language Learning, Working and Administrative Policies.

Five post-graduate students of Newbold College and the Seminaire Adventiste, having a particular interest in missiology, attended the Institute as a part of their study programme. Their participation would help to keep alive the 'Foreign mission spirit' on these European educational campuses.

At the end of the three-week course, all participants had to deliver a paper relating to the country they are going to.

Of the participants, eighteen missionaries had already had experience in mission work and were about to return to their posts. This meant much to those who attended the institute just before going to a developing country for the first time.

The idea of inviting both experienced mission workers and the newly appointed missionaries has proved to be effective: a refresher course for those who return and a worthwhile introduction to mission issues for those who are new.

The purpose of the Mission Institute is to review and reaffirm the mission of the Church and to define the missionary's role in the fulfilment of that mission in the setting of the changing world.

Today, most mission workers will be going to places where others have been before, or are still to be found. Several

are joining the staff of a hospital or educational institution. Others will serve as administrators in Division or Union offices. In general, regular missionaries and ADRA personnel will fill positions which others have left open.

The three-week course was pleasantly interwoven with trips, so as to acquaint the participants with the environment they stayed in. We enjoyed a visit to the top of the Saleve, the mountain right behind the Seminaire, which is continuously attacked by mountain climbers, and, in the late afternoon sun, dominated by scores of hang-gliders. The Fort de l'Ecluse, a fortress built by the French in the nineteenth century, took fifty years to complete. The 1,100 steps and many halls and rooms had to be hewn out of solid rock, and caused many of us to massage our muscles. A three-country tour took us from France to Italy via the Mont Blanc tunnel, driving through the beautiful valley of Aosta, and leaving Italy again on top of the great St. Bernard Pass, descending into lovely Switzerland.

Another trip allowed us to see more of old Geneva and its role in the Reformation history. This was after an encouraging encounter with staff members of the World Council of Churches in their headquarters.

The group of missionary families was heartily welcomed by Dr. Eugene Stockwell, the secretary of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. It was a special privilege that Dr. Emilio Castro, the secretary-general, took time to address the SDA mission executives and missionaries. The WCC represents 300 churches with 300,000,000 Christians from all parts of the world. Dr. Borge Schantz in his response to the kind remarks of Dr. Stockwell, stated that as SDAs we have not clearly seen our way to join the WCC. There are theological, ecclesiological, administrative and missiological reasons, he said, for our decision not to become a member Church.

Dr. Schantz, however, quoted the *SDA Working Policy*, which reads: 'We recognize every agency that lifts up Christ before men as a part of the

divine plan for evangelization of the world, and we hold in high esteem the Christian men and women in other communions who are engaged in winning souls to Christ.' Being a full member of the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC, the SDA Church has clearly recognized the WCC as a dialogue partner.

The missionaries who attended the Institute at Collonges will be taking up their various responsibilities in fourteen countries: Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Israel, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Zambia. They have accepted their calls and respond with the humility and meekness their Lord and Master displayed when He said to those among whom He chose to live: 'I have come to serve . . .'

There is still much to learn and much to give. A Mission Institute, however important it may be, is for most of us only the first step on the long road of stumbling, falling and rising.

The participants of the European Institute of World Mission 1985 thank the Church for the opportunity of attending, as it will help them to understand better their call and the purpose of serving Christ and His people in a culture other than their own.

HERMAN J. SMIT, director, ADRA, Zambia.

FOR THOSE WHO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD A WORKSHOP FOR THE ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHER

**Broomhill House
Friday, 30 November to
Sunday, 1 December**

An opportunity to develop teaching techniques for the adult Sabbath school.

LEARN how to improve your skills as a teacher. How to understand theology. How to use reference works, commentaries, etc. How to ask the right questions. How to make the Sabbath school lesson period interesting and effective. A weekend of inspiration, instruction and fellowship in the beautiful Devon countryside.

Cost for the weekend is £22.50. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Write to: Pastor Patrick Boyle, Sabbath School Department, South England Conference, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY, or telephone Watford (0923) 32728.

MARCH TO TOXTETH

On 28 September our day was on fire for the Lord in Liverpool.

We started on this beautiful 13th Sabbath morning with Sabbath school. The children gave us food for thought with their poems, songs and a play, and Pastor Brian McCormac ended the morning by giving us more spiritual food which made us think of our condition and the imminent return of Jesus.

But things were just warming up, the Lord had more blessings in store for His people. In the afternoon seventy of Christ's followers marched to the Toxteth area of Liverpool. Liverpool members were joined by many friends from Preston along with Pastor Barry Stokes. In Toxteth we were able to talk to many young people and adults who were caught up with depression, drugs, joblessness, riots and worldliness. We told them of a Saviour who loved them.

Preston members spoke and sang with such power that it seemed that the angels of God were joining in. Others who had not joined in singing mingled and talked to some of the people of the area and handed out leaflets. Some promised to visit the church.

In the evening Preston took our youth meeting and we received more blessings.

The ladies of the Liverpool church catered for our physical needs by providing sandwiches and other nice things, which our two pastors were eager to sample.

Please pray for our witnessing programme and those who heard of the love of Jesus through it. There is a great need in the city of Liverpool and we know that Christ can answer that need.

JENNIFER BARRETT, Youth leader

BETTER LIVING AT ILFORD

The Health & Temperance Department of the Ilford church have organized a regular programme of cooking demonstrations and 'keep fit' to music every Thursday evening. Old and young are encouraged to attend and take part.

Language classes are also being conducted. Spanish is being taught by the pastor's wife.

JACKIE AUSTIN

NEWS DIGEST

WALES FAMILY WEEKEND



On 3-5 May another Family Weekend was enjoyed at Broomhill House by folk from the Welsh Mission. The recipe included the ministry of Pastors E. Logan and Llewellyn Edwards, nature walks, worship, discussions, films, fun and fellowship, all amply sup-

ported by the abundant food and friendliness of Mike and Frances Smoker. Why not plan to come and join us at next year's Family Weekend? It is planned for 2-4/5 May 1986.

RICHARD L. VINE, Welsh Mission Family Life sponsor

PROJECT OF HOPE

Early last year Terry Layland brought an idea to Wolverhampton Oxford Street church that he had been nurturing for some time. This was that we should all either make or grow something and at the year's end sell the goods at a sale of work, with the proceeds going towards sponsoring some needy child abroad.

The sale was a success and £175 was raised, but who would benefit from it? Terry contacted Pastor Robin Riches, secretary of the Southern Asia Division. The reply he received told that in late November one of our teachers was travelling into Delhi on the back of a motor scooter. It was involved in a crash with a lorry, which resulted in the teacher's death. He left a wife, two girls and a boy. The eldest daughter, Rosie, had cherished dreams of becoming a doctor. With the death of her father it would be impossible for her to attend medical college. The amount needed for her to begin studies was £150. Would we be willing to use our money to sponsor her? It was an answer to our prayers.

We have forwarded the £175

to Pastor Riches to use as he sees fit. We are sure that the Lord foresaw this family's need and also that it was the very reason that we were led to launch our project early in the year.

We will continue to pray for Rosie and her family.

PHILIP BAKER, Communication secretary

FATHERS ARE IMPORTANT TOO!

The group of ten strong males—all fathers—sang the song 'O lead me, Father'. It was to mark the celebration of Fathers' Day in Balham church.

The messages for the day were directed towards the family, but since 6 July was Fathers' Day, special attention was given to the fathers. Many fathers felt proud as tributes were made to them, and there was even a special spot where fathers were adorned with carnations, hugs and kisses from their children, nobody was left out—unmarried and childless males were adopted for the day.

The sermon for the day was based on Eph. 5:22, 33, and 6:1-4, the title being the 'Model Father', based on the

story of the prodigal son.

At the end of the touching and convicting sermon, fathers, mothers and children in an effort to bind us all together in an atmosphere of unity, were asked to make a pledge to be more understanding, caring and forgiving.

MICHAEL G. McClymont, Communication secretary

VIDEO MINISTRY BAPTISM

Sabbath 7 September was a very special day at the Ipswich church, with a visiting preacher for the divine service, the happy occasion of a baptism in the afternoon, farewells to say, and a welcome to newcomers.

Brother A. Crouch from The Stanborough Press was visiting speaker for the morning service. The message he gave held the attention of old and young as he related the story of the time when Jesus passed by and His power touched the life of the blind man, as recorded in John 9.

Two candidates had requested baptism, largely through the witness of our lay workers and the video ministry. They were Brother Richard Claxton, who was following the example of his wife baptized only a few months ago, and a friend, Sister Madge Banton, who had been searching for the truth. Both gave their testimony before Pastor E. Metzger immersed them, and they were then voted into church membership.

This was Pastor Metzger's farewell service in Ipswich and 'thank you' gifts were presented to our pastor and his wife Goldie on behalf of the church. We were sorry to have to bid them farewell after their five years' ministry with us but we wish them God's richest blessings in their new location at Newbold College. We were very glad at the same time to

HIGH DAYS AT HANDSWORTH

Voice of Youth Crusade

Theme: Loving is Living in Jesus Christ

27 October to 11 December

A personal invitation is extended to everyone. The youth of Handsworth need your support.

When? 23 November
Where? Handsworth Church
What? Youth Day of Fellowship

Speaker: Pastor Bob Rodd
Lunch will be provided for everyone.

welcome Pastor S. Ohman, his wife and two daughters and we look forward to enjoying their presence among us.

B. DUKE, *Communication secretary*

HE WITNESSED TO HIS FAMILY

August 31 was a very happy day for the members of the Old Trafford and Manchester South churches.

On that special Sabbath day, during a baptism, they rejoiced with the angels of heaven over the addition of four new souls to the family of God. Colin Ramsey, and Olga Hyatt, two of those who were baptized, are now members of the Old Trafford church.

The day had another special significance for Olga. It marked twenty-two years of happy marriage to Humbert, who had been baptized five years previously. He is now an elder at the Old Trafford church. Since his baptism, he has laboured patiently, especially with his own family, to bring them to the Lord. Two more members of his family are being prepared for baptism.

O. G. DUNCAN, *Communication secretary*

BLIND SUPPORT WEST MIDLANDS SCHOOL

Special groups and artistes were invited to Pocklington Place Blind People's Home by Brother M. R. Horne, to sing for fifty-four blind people.

This was on 28 September. The hour-long Gospel treat was chaired by Handsworth church elder Sammy Morgan, assisted by T. Tulloch, Northfield's youth leader. The audience were good humoured and joined in the singing. 'Blest be the tie that binds'.

The groups included Handsworth church choir, Handsworth Youth Chorale, Northfield's youth choir, RSV and the Jackson Family.

It was truly a wonderful evening for everyone, performers and audience. They made a contribution of over £80. However, Brother Horne made the total up to £100. The money will be put towards the West Midlands Church school.

HILARY DAVIS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON. Until further notice no services will be held in the Stratford-on-Avon church. Our members will be meeting at Coventry. L. Cole, *Church clerk*.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS: BREAKING NEW GROUND



Pastor Acton-Hubbard lays down the law – of health.

Until a year ago Bury St. Edmunds was, technically speaking, unentered territory. Now there is a flourishing group of believers worshipping there every week in the city's Guildhall, and the people of Bury know the name Seventh-day Adventist.

Over the past year plans have been laid, and a great deal of extensive ground work has been carried out by Dr. Jon Gallagher and Robert SurrIDGE. This work came to fruition in the September campaign. This campaign, focusing on our health message and literature work, took place in the East Anglian marquee on Bury's Hardwick Heath. In preparation for the Campaign 10,000 handbills were put out and hundreds of homes were visited personally by young survey teams. Thus we got to know Bury and Bury got to know us. As there was no church in Bury, help had to be brought in, and a group of task force workers came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Humphries of Gazeley, near Bury. However,

not all the task force workers had this privilege. For security reasons the marquee had to be manned twenty-four hours a day. Hence the marquee was not just an evangelistic hall and display centre, but also a home for Brian and Jeff Gallant of USAF Lakenheath!

Once the tent was erected things got under way. In the evenings Pastor Lionel Acton-Hubbard held successful anti-smoking and stress seminars. A Gospel concert by Norwich group Revival and a spiritual play by the Gallery Players also brought in the crowds at the weekend. But the advantage of a tent, as opposed to a hired hall, is that you can use it all the time for the Lord's work. Thus from 8am until 9pm people came in and out, curious to see the displays that were on show, and to find out what was going on. During the morning and afternoon there were video shows on our work and beliefs, health food demonstrations and samples, as well as free magazines and leaflets, and most important of all,

The first tent peg. Left to right: Malcolm Brooks, Robert SurrIDGE, Richard Shone, and Dr. Gallagher.



young enthusiastic Adventists to talk to. Through this aspect of the campaign thousands of magazines and VOP cards were distributed and dozens of contacts made.

The Bury campaign was a brave experiment by the South England Conference and an attempt to explore new ways to evangelize unentered towns. The result has been the establishment of a group of believers in Bury, and the telling of our beliefs and work to a city that a year ago was unaware of the Church or its message.

Plans are afoot to build on this beginning and follow up the many contacts and VOP students, and hold a major evangelistic series in the town. In the meantime we would like to thank all those who gave their time, energy, homes, money and prayers so that this could all be possible.

ROBERT SURRIDGE
and JONATHAN GALLAGHER

BRIDGING THE GAP

Members of Stoke church and its Welfare department under the leadership of Sister Ivy Porter have recently been bridging the gap between the church and the community.

Once a month, on Tuesday evenings, members of the public have been invited to demonstrations of various kinds, including flower arranging, vegetarian cookery, Chinese cookery, and craft night when Sister Margaret Rosier from our sister church at Cannock explained to us the art of 'Tri-chem' painting. This consists of painting on material such as aprons, tablecloths, clothing (T-shirts, skirts, etc.) and can be used in the making of birthday and Christmas cards and also decoration. It can also, of course, be used to paint pictures, as was demonstrated by two very large and beautiful examples painted on material by our pastor's son Rory Dennis and then framed.

The meetings are advertised well in advance and are very much enjoyed by the public as shown by the increasing numbers at each gathering.

Although the meetings are mainly secular we hope and pray that they might be the means of winning souls for the Saviour in the near future.

MARGARET E. WILD,
Communication secretary

SCOTTISH DAY OF FELLOWSHIP

On Sabbath 7 September members from many parts of Scotland met together for an unforgettable Day of Fellowship in the Glasgow church.

The church was filled to capacity when Sabbath school opened. Pastor Llewellyn Edwards conducted a thought-provoking lesson and our worship was enhanced by a beautiful solo from Sister Rita Brown. We were privileged to have Pastor and Mrs. R. H. Surridge with us and the president gave an inspiring sermon.

In our afternoon service history was made with the formation of the East Kilbride company. This was followed by a musical interlude with a delightful display of talent from young and not so young.

The day concluded with a discussion panel in which many stimulating questions were considered.

M. SMITH

'HEART OF THE MATTER': ADVENTIST INTERVIEWED

David Divine, senior social worker, chairperson of the Black Prospectives Advisory Committee of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, and more importantly a Seventh-day Adventist and member of Stoke Newington church, was interviewed by producer John Forsyth on the BBC programme 'Heart of the Matter'.

David's Christian reputation and his connection with the adoption and fostering of children, brought him to the attention of the BBC Religious Affairs department who wanted to know of his work in the placing of children with families and general child care.

'Heart of the Matter' was shown on BBC 1 at 10.30pm on 8 September. It showed David being interviewed and also Stoke Newington church at worship.

The producer said this was the first contact BBC Religious Affairs had had with Seventh-day Adventists, and recorded film of Stoke Newington's services would stay on file for future use.

David is in great demand with television producers. He has been interviewed for the ITV documentary 'The Human Factor', also shown in Septem-

ber, and has been contacted by Granada Television for a discussion programme on child care and social work in general.

David realizes that television is a powerful medium and one that can be used for good as well as for evil. He intends to use these God-given opportunities to tell millions of people not only of his work, but of his faith.

JOANNE GORDON

GOSPEL TRIUMPHS IN BRIXTON

At 4pm sharp on Sabbath 7 September at the Brixton church, seven people gave their lives to Christ and expressed their love for Him through baptism.

After many months of studying the Bible, they were recommended to be members of the Church subject to baptism. Brother Harold Watson, their interest co-ordinator, dedicated his service in helping them to seek their Saviour.

As Brother Leslie Reid conducted the song service, the candidates, accompanied by deacons and deaconesses, prepared for the happiest moment of their lives. The choir sang to rejoice with these candidates as they awaited their immersion. Dr. V. G. Kerr gave words of encouragement, hope and comfort. They were examined by Brother Davis and afterwards baptized by Dr. Kerr, Brixton's pastor. Each candidate had chosen his favourite Bible text and hymn. After each candidate had been immersed they arose with smiling faces expressing the joy of the step which they had taken. They were then received into church fellowship.

P. A. FRASER, *Communication secretary*

NORTHFIELD OUTREACH

At the beginning of the last quarter the Northfield church began a programme called 'Sharing Our Faith'. Instead of having the usual indoor AYS meetings we went out into the community around the church sharing our faith with people.

This programme was brought to an inspirational climax with a Gospel concert at Pocklington Place, a home for the blind which is also in the Northfield area.

L. TULLOCH



Pastor Tom Sargeant immerses Sammy Hanson.

SURPRISED BY JOY

Sunday 29 June marked a significant turning point in the lives of six people who had, after much study and thought, decided to commit their lives to God, and expressed this publicly by being baptized.

Sammy Hanson, at the tender age of 11, was the youngest of the candidates. In addition

Danny Grey, Jeniffer Stewart and three other candidates from the Deptford church were immersed by Pastor Sargeant of the Lewisham church.

As can be seen from the picture, young Sammy truly felt the joy of being united with God and his fellow believers in this way.

JOYE HANSON, *Communication secretary*



Peckham baptismal candidates.

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

The Holiday Bible School for 1985 in Peckham ran from 19 August to 1 September. The first morning began with a total of forty-seven children, twelve of those being visitors. It was excitement from the start with a flag procession into the church each morning. The daily activities included a regular chorus session; craft sessions; games; and visiting speakers. Each day saw the introduction of a new 'friend of Jesus' from the Bible, followed by individual activity sheets. This was the highlight of the school.

Peckham's second consecutive children's day was held on Sabbath 31 August. This climax to the school included prior invitations to visiting parents and children. Sabbath

morning saw many children arriving on time, some before their parents.

The Sabbath school session was chaired by the Junior division teachers and children, the children starting off with great enthusiasm from the preliminaries through to the special items. The focus was on how children witness, and kindergarten children through to juniors told how they witness to school friends. Three earl- teens reviewed their quarter's Bible study, focusing on the happiness plan of Matthew 5.

Divine service was a special affair with primaries and juniors taking an active part in the Scripture reading, a solo, and the welcome - it was really something to see. The message from Sister Shaw was particu-
Continued on page 10



Swansea baptism. Left to right: Pastor Richard Vine, Douglas Vine, Audrey Small, Andrew Bell, Martina Simmonds, Danielle Rees, Charles Nott, Daniel Vine.

BEGINNING TO WALK

On Sabbath 11 May a service of baptism took place in the Swansea church, which was filled with relatives and friends for this joyful occasion. Pastor R. D. Vine preached on Genesis 5:24, showing that Enoch was translated not because of spectacular exploits, but simply because he walked quietly and faithfully with God every day. The eight candidates were baptized into Christ by the writer, and incorporated into His body, the Church, by the unanimous vote of the church members. They were then welcomed into fellowship by Pastors E. Logan, R. D. Vine, and R. L. Vine, by the elders G. E. Marshall and H. James, and the head deacons J. Marshall and W. Gregory on behalf of the Welsh Mission and local churches at Swansea and Port Talbot. We were blessed by the musical testimonies borne by Nicola Simmonds, Anthea Byrd, Donna Campbell, Joanne Byrd and Diane Fuge.

Each of the candidates could tell of God's saving grace in their lives, saying, with Paul, 'That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.' (Ephesians 1:12.) Charles Nott, once based at Grantham during his RAF service, and at that time living at Allington, believes in practical Christianity, using his mechanical skills to help others, and shares his faith through his work for alcoholics with the Cyrenians. Audrey Small, a mother of three, helps others in Swansea through her unstinting work for the Samaritans. Andrew Bell, once working as a disc jockey, was reclaimed for Christ by an American evangelist who vis-

ited Swansea, and, remembering his earlier teaching in Newport church, decided to join the Swansea church. The Holy Spirit has graciously been at work among the other members of his family. Martina Simmonds, Andrew's fiancée has also responded to the Gospel, together with her twin sister Nicola, who is a qualified commercial artist. Since the baptism, Andrew and Martina have married. Danielle Rees, the daughter of Dr. John and Audrey Rees, gave herself to Christ, and is steadily recovering the use of her fingers after a serious accident. What greater joy could I experience than to baptize my own sons, Douglas and Daniel who have been saved and adopted into God's family?

We believe that this is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, who has been at work in the church, prompting members to open their homes to newcomers; through the Youth activities of the Welsh Mission; through the baptismal classes and the spring evangelistic campaign in Port Talbot; and through the prayer meetings in our churches. Let us all uphold in our prayers these new sons and daughters in the family of God.

RICHARD L. VINE, Minister, Swansea District

'MIRACLES BY THE MILLION'

'Miracles by the Million' was the theme of the harvest festival service held in the Bourne-mouth church on Sabbath 5 October. The church was beautifully decorated with harvest produce, reminding the congregation of God's daily



Left to right: Jeremy Brooks, Rachel and Yvonne Annable, Irmeli Rinta-Aho, Emma, Estelle and Benjamin Davison.

TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT

Young people played a prominent part in Stanborough Park church's harvest festival service this year.

Prompted by media attention to the famine in Ethiopia, the Friday evening Youth meeting took as its theme a contrast between lands of drought and plenty. The programme was performed against an impressive painted backdrop featuring a desert on one side and oasis on the other. Potted cacti set in sand with rocks on the left and a garden scene with running fountain on the right added authenticity to the setting.

Slides interspersed with appropriate readings and music emphasized the gap between rich and poor. School-children in their song: 'People over the world, reach out your hand, touch one another', reminded us of our responsibility towards each other.

miracles. The speaker, Pastor E. H. Foster, placed five tiny loaves on the pulpit and preached on the feeding of the five thousand (Mark 6:34-44). He pointed out that our Lord was a miracle distributor besides being a miracle worker and, comparing the story with the situation in the world today, stated that it was politics, commercial greed and basic ignorance that impeded the distribution of the world's resources, that were sufficient to meet the hunger of the whole world.

VALERIE NOVISS, Communication secretary

Harvest time is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to God, for in Christ Jesus we are all very rich indeed. We were invited to share our bounty with others, and an offering was taken up which realized £130.

On the following Monday, 23 September, eighteen food packages were delivered to needy families in the Watford area by Stanborough Park church youth. The balance of the money raised will be spent on parcels of goods to be distributed nearer to Christmas.

Special credit should be given to Mrs. Audrey Balderstone and her team of helpers who decorated the church so beautifully and to the boarding school pupils who arranged a multi-national display for the front porch incorporating items from their many countries of origin.

HELEN ANTHONY

YOUNG West Indian lady offers accommodation to one or two young ladies in London, Forest Gate area. Tel: 01 534 2837.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn Dennis of the Hastings church who has qualified as a Registered General Nurse (SRN) at the Royal East Sussex Hospital.

to Hubert Benjamin, also of the Hastings church, on his promotion to First Executive Officer of Eastbourne Public Health Department.

to Elizabeth Walker of Manchester South church on passing her NNEB examination.

to Sharon Palmer of Oxford Street, Wolverhampton church who qualified as a Registered General Nurse (SRN) at East Birmingham Hospital.

to Mark Palmer, Sharon's brother, also of Oxford Street church, who graduated with BA Honours in Social Science at Wolverhampton Polytechnic.

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

Continued from page 8

larly for the children and concerned being a 'friend of God'. She spoke of how the young ones can live as true friends of God in reading, dress, speech, thoughts, actions, and TV habits, etc.

The attention of the adults was also firmly held. The children listened in a way that they had not been observed to do before. At the close of the message, when asked whether they desired to be a friend of God, nine children stood; among them were some visitors. After church that day, an 11-year-old boy visiting from the States, told us, 'I'm glad I didn't miss the children's day - it was great.' He had stood among the others wishing to become a friend of God. This young boy - Wayne - was one of the few children who had pushed teachers to the end of their tether during the school and was almost banned because of his behaviour. We promised to pray for him. The next day he left for the States, proudly clutching a copy of the Bible, 'Kids Praise' record, together with a copy of *Bed-time Stories* and was visibly a very happy boy.

A total of fifty-six graduation certificates were presented and twenty-two of these went to visiting children.

The day ended with the JAYS taking over, starting with a rousing song service. There were some very talented renditions, in particular an effective drama presentation - 'Bugsy Malone' style - portraying how young children can witness to their unconverted parents. To finish the afternoon a children's film was also enjoyed by the adults.

JOYE HANSON, *Communication secretary*

READING BAPTISM

Pastor Doug Sinclair, newly-arrived Reading pastor, baptized Nigel Clark on 24 August. Nigel's parents, Brother and Sister Peter Clark, were pleased to be present and to rejoice with the whole church family. Nigel has grown up in the Reading church. We wished him and his fiancée, Diana Winch, much happiness as they planned their forthcoming marriage at Grantham.

10 EZRA ETHELLES



Stoke junior Sabbath school.

WHY STOKE CHILDREN LOVE CHURCH

Stoke's junior Sabbath school is thriving and the scholars love it!

'That's how it should be', I can hear you say. And so it should, in theory. In practice this is not always so.

Over the years, on occasions, Stoke's junior Sabbath school has had its dull moments and the children have been bored. Consequently attendance has suffered. Little voices have been heard to complain, 'I don't want to go to Sabbath school today. It's boring.' 'I've done my lesson all week and my teacher doesn't even notice.' 'I've done the puzzles and coloured the pictures, and nobody said it was good.' 'I've learned my memory verse too, but teacher hasn't asked us to say it.' 'I can't understand the stories', and so on and so forth.

Perhaps your junior Sabbath school has suffered similarly over the years, or maybe you can say, 'Oh, no, our junior Sabbath school is never like that.' Well, OK, good for you, and Stoke's junior Sabbath school isn't like that any more either. We have learned our lesson.

Our junior Sabbath school room is now brilliant with colour. Its walls are covered with pictures and devices, some in 3D, and all at junior eye-level. All of the children take part in pre-class activities, tambourines, bells and other instruments are used by the children to accompany choruses and songs, and they love it. We have a birthday device with candles for the child who has a birthday, and also a small present. Some of the teachers give prizes at the end of the quarter to the children who have faithfully worked on their lesson each week. Even just a small bar of chocolate is appreciated, for it shows the child that the

teacher is aware of the work done on the lesson at home during the quarter. Children love to be noticed and you can never give too much praise to a child who has really earned it.

The culmination of the whole quarter is, of course, the thirteenth Sabbath programme performed by the children in the church. It is always received with delight by the adults, especially this latest one on 28 September, when two of our teeniest tines put on their own impromptu show by swinging on the altar rail! (Not for long I can assure you.)

We would like to thank Sister Susan Crowe for her recent articles in MESSENGER on working with the cradle roll class. They have helped us a great deal. Also Sister Nancy Dennis who always holds the little ones spellbound by using equipment to illustrate her talks and stories. What goes in at the eye-gate is very important, and last but not least, thanks to all the teachers and other officers of the junior Sabbath school.

Yes, Stoke's junior Sabbath school is thriving and the evidence is all the children who love to come each week.

MARGARET E. WILD,
Communication secretary

GLASGOW MARATHON

On Sunday 22 September the fourth Glasgow Marathon took place.

Six young Seventh-day Adventists took part, three from the Glasgow church. The Glasgow three were Gavin Hanna, Steven Kay and Malcolm Logan. The three who travelled from down south to take part were Caryn Till, Steven Logan and Neil Shuttleworth.

The runners were sponsored by parents, friends, the Glasgow congregation, and the

New Gallery congregation. Oxfam benefited from the money raised.

Glasgow was deluged with non-stop rain for twenty-four hours prior to the event, but despite the appalling conditions all our young runners completed the course, earning not only a well-deserved medal but the admiration of all us mere spectators.

M. SMITH, *Communication secretary*

IT'S A KNOCK-OUT!

On the weekend 6-8 September, over seventy youth representing the churches of Area 5 arrived for a weekend of spiritual and social activities. The Sabbath programme was beautifully taken by the youth themselves. Everyone gathered in a large stone barn which produced a warm spiritual atmosphere for all who took part. The day came to a close following a lively and enjoyable social.

Sunday saw a show of physical ability as the youth took part in an 'It's-a-Knock-out'-style event and other sports.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all with much energy and enthusiasm. Now for the Chiltern Youth Federation's next event: a Youth Day of Fellowship in Luton church on 30 November 1985. This also promises to be an inspiring event - see you there.

WILLMA, *secretary*

GLOUCESTER NEWS

Fourteen people have been baptized so far as a result of Pastor Derek Marley's FOCUS campaign in the city. Many more are having Bible studies.

Thank you to Praise (London), Manna (Bristol) and Ayleshirelite (Aylesbury), singing groups who participated in our recent best ever Gospel concert.

On 6 February we took part in a 'Gospel evening' at Keele University. Dawn Fishley gave a talk on signs of the times and Pastor Ron Stewart chaired a discussion. We had extra time to present Bible truth because the Birmingham Evangelical Choir, also invited to participate, did not arrive until one hour after the Gospel evening had ended!

DAWN FISHLEY

'LETTER POEMS' based on Teenagers' thoughts on the affects of divorce. £1 plus a long SAE to: D. Pettman, 36 Peterson Road, Wakefield, West Yorks.

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AT NEWBOLD

A Day of Fellowship took place at Newbold College on Sabbath 14 September for the members of Wokingham and Maidenhead churches and Newbold community members. Pastor Alan Crowe conducted a communion service in the morning with elders and deacons from the three groups assisting and serving. He took as his theme 'Surveying the wondrous cross'.

Pastor Crowe has ministered to the Maidenhead congregation for some months and also began an evangelistic series in the town last autumn. This is continuing as a study of the book of Revelation with almost twenty non-Adventists attending regularly. He took over the care of Newbold College congregation and also Wokingham church recently.

The fellowship continued during lunch time with a shared meal in Newbold School hall for the Maidenhead and Wokingham churches. An attractive spread of salads, fruit and wholesome fare appealed to the appetite and soon only the washing up remained.

Another special service began at 3pm. Pastor Crowe baptized his own daughter, Ann-Louise, aged 16, who attends Newbold church. Then Kamini Malendran, also 16, from Maidenhead, was immersed. Kamini's family are not Adventists but she was baptized with her mother's consent. Mrs. Malendran and one of Kamini's sisters witnessed her baptism. Also present were Richard and Jeanne Poulton and their family who first contacted the Malendran family and brought the four children to church every week when Kamini was a small child. She has attended church ever since and has longed for the day when she could be baptized.

Both Kamini and Ann-Louise are members of the Newbold youth club run by Maidenhead members John and Norma Kent. They presented the two young people with bouquets of flowers from the club members. After the Sabbath hours closed the youth club met at the home of John and Norma to hold a vegetarian barbeque in honour of Ann-Louise and Kamini and to conclude their very special day.

MIRIAM WOOD



Pastor, elders and baptismal candidates at Wood Green.

WOOD GREEN BAPTISM

On the beautiful Sabbath afternoon of 28 September a large congregation witnessed a baptism at Wood Green. Sister Stephenson and daughter Andrea have been visiting our church since last year. Now

they have made a full commitment to the Lord. They were immersed by Pastor Roland Fidelia who also delivered the baptismal address.

E. A. WRIGHT

FAREWELL TO THE VINES



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Vine and family.

Towards the end of June, the Hull church said goodbye to Pastor Robert Vine, Vivienne and family after a seven-year ministry of fluctuating fortunes, but culminating in the

acquisition of a new church after much hard work and dedication. In a simple ceremony the family were presented with a carriage clock on behalf of the church by the writer, and wishes were expressed for the blessing of God upon the new challenges that await them.

P. A. WALLER, church elder



THE LEONARDS LEAVE FOR NEWBOLD

On Thursday 19 September the Banbridge church members gathered together for a farewell pot luck supper.

The occasion was the immediate departure of two of its very popular church members, Bill and Val Leonard with their two children. Not that the affair was a sad one, for the church rejoices in the fact that the Leonards were leaving to

attend Newbold College, where Bill will study for the ministry. We wish them God's richest blessing as they dedicate their lives to the proclamation of the everlasting Gospel.

GORDON MAGEE

KENDAL: NO FIXED ABODE

As we can no longer meet at the Nuflat Hall, and have been unable as yet to find an alternative, we plan to augment the Barrow company from Sabbath 5 October for the winter months, at The Community Centre, Walney Island, with Sabbath school at 10.30am.

If we still cannot find a hall in Kendal, we plan, from Easter to the end of September, to meet at The Vicarage Rooms, Millans Park, Ambleside, and hope to see our holiday visitors there.

For the October and February half term Sabbaths, we are planning a Day of Fellowship at Carlisle.

If you are visiting the Lake District, ring me, Violet Hay (Kendal 23218), or Pastor D. Hoover (Kendal 28026) for current details of where to worship and fellowship with us.

VIOLET R. HAY

HARVEST HOME

Sabbath morning 21 September was a memorable one for Hove church. We had a combined ordinances and harvest festival service. Our small church looked really beautiful with an array of gorgeous flowers and fruit. These were later given to sick and elderly people and a home for the disabled.

We also said farewell to our much-loved young minister and his family. Pastor Ian Sleeman, his wife Susan, and three young children leave to continue the Lord's work at Weston-Super-Mare. We wait to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Mel Trevena and his family.

WIN SEBBAGE, Communication secretary

Hurasfield Nursing Home and Centre for Alternative Medicine, Barrowby High Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Tel: (0476) 63456/74062. The following staff are required: Sister in Charge, Staff nurses. Please write or telephone for application form.

GREECE. An English au pair is required by SDA family with three children. All expenses and pocket-money provided. Tel: (0223) 245187.

YOUTH INREACH CAMPAIGN

The Youth Inreach campaign held in Balham on 16-23 March was planned to coincide with the Week of Spiritual Emphasis.

The campaign was entitled 'Is God's Will My Will?', and it served the purpose of engaging the youth in greater participation. Throughout the campaign youth became more involved in the programmes. There was a total of eighteen speakers for the week, averaging three speakers per night.

All the speakers were young people. Each was given the opportunity to speak for ten to fifteen minutes on a given topic based around God's will. Most of these talks were based on personal experiences and were often touching and convicting.

Lots of support was given by older members in the church, and the numbers of youth tended to fluctuate from night to night.

The campaign ended with a youth day on the 23rd, where lunch was provided for all visiting friends. The day ended with a Festival of Praise - filled with recitals, testimonies, dramatic sketches, songs and musical items.

To end a memorable week, little gift items were given to all those who took part in the week's events, from the speakers right down to the ushers.

There are plans afoot for a follow-up to the campaign, and workshops are planned for the future.

MICHAEL G. McCLYMONT,
Communication secretary

OUTING TO STRATFORD

On 15 September an outing was arranged by Sister Ivy Porter, leader of Stoke welfare department, to take the elderly and the not-so-elderly members and friends to visit the lovely old town of Stratford-on-Avon.

We arrived by coach at about 2pm. Although the weather was not too good we enjoyed a pleasant time watching the boats on the River Avon and listening to music by a band in the park. Some of us visited Shakespeare's birthplace and other buildings of renown.

We returned to the coach for a packed meal of sandwiches, scones, cakes, and a fruit drink, and left Stratford at 5.30pm.

Everyone enjoyed the outing which was financed from Welfare funds, and we are very grateful to Sister Porter and her willing helpers who made the outing such a success.

MARGARET E. WILD,
Communication secretary

WITNESSING AND FUND RAISING

The Hull church held its first event in aid of the building fund for our newly-opened place of worship. The event, which took the form of a jumble sale, was held on Thursday 19 September and was advertised in the local press and on local radio. In addition, willing helpers distributed nearly 2,000 circulars to homes around the church. Although this was billed as a jumble sale, it performed several other important functions:

● It advertised the fact that a new church had opened in the area.

● A number of those attending were shown over the sanctuary and were visibly impressed.

● Local minister Paul Haworth and others were kept busy dispensing literature and obtaining names of those interested in the anti-smoking and health programmes (fifteen names in all).

● An elderly lady who had drifted away over forty years ago, expressed a wish to attend the church with her husband.

● VOP cards were given out at the door to all when leaving.

At the end of the day we made a profit of over £83 and can be satisfied with the success of our first venture, a forerunner of other varied activities planned for the future.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

VERY SPECIAL BAPTISM

Sunday 15 September. Surely all heaven must have smiled upon the Bradford church, for did not God place His rainbow in the sky that morning? How we rejoiced, for the occasion was that of two people taking their stand for Jesus, the writer's own daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Peter Lawson of Heckmondwike and the Halifax church.

The baptism was witnessed by representatives of several denominations, including Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Salvation Army. Beautiful duets were rendered by Angela Patrick



Pastor Pilmoor immerses Peter Lawson.

and Dawn Hunt of the Barnsley church.

Under the apt guidance of Halifax elder Mansel Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Delphine Wright of Leeds, relatives, friends and church members sang praises to God as Pastor Brian Pilmoor immersed the two candidates in the baptismal waters. Pastor Pilmoor, whose address was on the ordinance of baptism, was assisted in his duties by the new minister for Halifax, Pastor George Harris, and the new minister for Bradford, Pastor Robert Vine.

Afterwards, the assembly partook of a delightful meal, for which we give heartfelt thanks to all those members of the Bradford church who worked so lovingly to cater for us, and also to Pastor Vine for so graciously allowing us to borrow his church.

MARY BARROWCLOUGH,
Communication secretary

SUMMER BAPTISM IN LOWESTOFT

On Sabbath afternoon 7 September the members of the Lowestoft church had the joy of witnessing the baptism of two new members. The bap-

tisms were performed by Pastor Charles Rhodes, and a devotional message was given by the minister of the Lowestoft church Robert Surridge.

The service was attended by members from the Yarmouth, Oulton Broad and Norwich churches and messages in song were given by Dawn Surridge and 'Living Water'.

The candidates were Anne West and Delores Walker. Mrs. Walker, who comes originally from the West Indies, first heard of the Adventist Church as a child, but was more recently made aware of our message while visiting Adventist relatives in the USA. On returning to Lowestoft she made herself known to the local church and was prepared for baptism by the minister. She has two young daughters who witnessed her baptism and

hope to follow their mother's example soon.

Mrs. West first came to know of the Advent message when she was invited to an evangelistic series held in Lowestoft by Pastor Martin Anthony in 1983. Subsequent to attending the campaign and a Revelation seminar, Anne had studies with Pastor Rhodes and after careful consideration she chose to join the Church.

Both of these ladies have faced recent hardship and personal tragedy, yet despite the barbs of Satan they have made their stand for their Saviour. It was a joy to witness their radiant faces as they rose from the baptismal waters, and to welcome them into our fellowship.

Robert Surridge and Pastor Charles Rhodes with the two candidates, Sister Walker (left) and Sister West (right).

ROBERT SURDIGE





The children present their gifts to the Matron of Cross Park Residential Home.

FLETEWOOD SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Fletewood School held its harvest festival on Wednesday, 2 October, but the celebrations really began a week before. The children were at that time presented with a loaf-of-bread money box, and encouraged to deny themselves sweets for a week so that the money saved could go to the starving children of Africa.

Their involvement with others continued, as they prepared individually-wrapped parcels and featured them in the seasonal display in the church.

The service was presented by the pupils in the presence of a large congregation of admiring parents and friends. The speaker was retired headmaster, Mr. J. A. Seymour, whose

application of the Master Teacher's parables of the sower and the tares developed into a re-emphasis of the importance of the work of the home and the school.

On Thursday and Friday the youngsters saw the results of their hard work, as they delivered their gifts to forty-two elderly folk and concluded with visits to two residential homes. There they sang to the delighted residents, and then spent time chatting with them. Fletewood School has already received letters of thanks, with a warm invitation to come again at Christmas.

The amount of £39 was collected for the Ethiopian/Sudan Appeal fund of ADRA.

NANCY M. SEYMOUR

PRESENTATION TO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

On Easter Sunday 7 April at 3.30pm the patients of a large psychiatric hospital in South London became the proud owners of a very special gift—a radio/cassette record player.

It was presented to them by the members of the Balham Seventh-day Adventist church. The church was represented at the presentation by officers from the Personal Ministries, Communication, Social and Community Services departments along with church elder K. Henry and minister Pastor Brighton Kavaloh, who took the opportunity to tell those present about the Adventists in the community and around the world.

After the presentation which was attended by relatives and friends of the patients along with members of the nursing

staff, a tea party was given for the patients by the church Social and Community Services departments.

A letter of thanks on behalf of the patients was sent to the

Pastor Kavaloh presents the cassette/record player.



church from the deputy administrator of the hospital.

MICHAEL G. McCLYMONT,
Communication secretary

WEDNESFIELD PRESENT £1,400 TO WEST PARK BUILDING FUND

On 27 August the West Park church received a generous donation towards their new church building.

The members of the Wednesfield church managed to raise the sum of nearly £1,400. The cheque was presented to elders Lawrence and Johnson by Sister N. Harvey from Wednesfield.

West Park are currently saving in order to convert a building into a church of God where they may gather each Sabbath and worship freely. The gift from Wednesfield will take them one step nearer to their goal.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

GOLDEN WEDDING

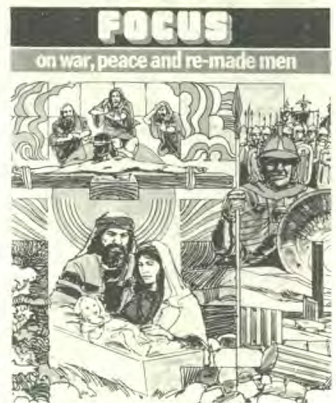
Roland Hamblin revealed the romantic story of his courtship and marriage to the lovely Iris McCrow in 1935, at their golden wedding celebration held at the Margate church hall, Tasmania.

They have two daughters and eight grandchildren. Roland and Iris were married at Stanborough Park church on 1 August 1935.

Roland worked twenty-six years for Granose Foods before migrating to Australia, to work as engineer at Sanitarium Health Foods in Adelaide for sixteen years.

Iris's parents, Pastor and Mrs. Harold McCrow, joined Iris and Roland in Australia in 1956.

Crystal and Lucille organized the golden wedding party for seventy relatives and



FOCUS 15p each

Remember. Each copy of FOCUS costs 25p to produce. The Conferences, Missions and Press subsidize the magazine to keep the price at 15p. This makes FOCUS the cheapest message magazine in the world Church. We have also been told it is the best.

This is the special Christmas issue.

Through FOCUS distribution make sure that everyone in your area reads the Good News about Jesus this Christmas.

FOCUS powered by the Spirit wins souls. Are you making full use of it?

A YOUNG qualified nurse at the SDA hospital in Berlin would like to work in England as an au pair in an Adventist family with children. She would like to come from May to October 1986, to improve her English. Please write to: Ute Glatz, Fischerhüttenstraße 97-109, 1000 Berlin 37, GERMANY

friends, and in lieu of gifts \$200 was given to ADRA.

Roland and Iris are pictured happily chatting to one of their guests, Ray Stanton, at the party. Shortly afterwards they left for England with the accompanying good wishes of friends, to visit relatives and receive some happy memories.

C. STANTON, Communication secretary, Margate church, Tasmania.



DOORSTEP WITNESS

A Belfast member suffers from osteoarthritis and finds movement painful. Three years ago she moved to a new housing development and began to wonder how she could witness for the Lord there. It was cold and leaving the house was a problem. However, she decided to tackle the forty homes on her estate with back issues of our magazines. Every week she delivered one copy to each home.

When Ingathering came round she went collecting to the same forty homes. She found them generous – and eager for more magazines. Now each home receives FAMILY LIFE and FOCUS on a regular basis.

Not content with sowing seed in this way she sought the permission of the librarian to place FAMILY LIFE in the rack of the mobile library to reach the shut-ins and housebound. Each week thirty magazines are left with the mobile library, mostly paid for by older members of the Belfast church. Recently copies of FOCUS have been added to FAMILY LIFE, along with a VOP card. The librarian states that people look forward to receiving the magazines – and in fact ask for them.

The same sister belongs to a club for arthritic people. In June this year seventy magazines were handed out at one meeting and the people asked for more, saying they cannot read enough of them.

WATSON SOUTHCOTT

A THOUSAND IN SHANNON

In the little group meeting in Shannon – a small fellowship composed mainly of ladies with family commitments – one thousand magazines have been distributed in the course of the summer. In the first week of September a 5-day Plan was sponsored. Eighteen people came to receive help in breaking nicotine addiction.

WATSON SOUTHCOTT

NOTTINGHAM VBS

A wide variety of craft activities, as well as cake baking, were great favourites with the children who turned up to support the Nottingham Central VBS. At first there was a difficulty through lack of transport; however, Sister

Watts and Brother Grey found a way round the problem – thanks to the generous efforts of Brethren Burrell and Livingstone who became the children's personal chauffeurs. Our theme this year was 'heads, hands and hearts'.
P. MITCHELL

OPEN-AIR WITNESS

On 20 July a street-witnessing programme was held on the Isle of Wight by the members of the High Wycombe churches – as a continuation of a previous effort on 6 April.

Pastors Sven Ohman and Vincent Goddard led the group to Ryde, the busiest centre on the island. The banner displayed the words: 'Seventh-day Adventists: Jesus is alive. He is love.' The banner and accordion music acted like a magnet. The public blended their voices with ours in singing. VOP cards were handed out.

Back home in High Wycombe the members join together in witnessing one Sabbath afternoon each month, singing and distributing literature.

E. R. THOMAS

'THE FINAL SOLUTION'

For members of the High Wycombe churches – Micklefield and Sands – 3 August is remembered as a very special day when we were joined by believers from Aylesbury, Leicester, Reading, Luton, Watford, Lewisham, Oxford, Newbold, Portsmouth and Birmingham for our great youth day. Four hundred were present.

Reading and Portsmouth youth rendered inspiring items during Sabbath school. Between services a coach arrived bearing the Leicester chorale to render musical items during divine service. Pastor Vincent Goddard – their 'ex-minister', now High Wycombe's well-loved minister – titled his sermon 'The Final Solution'. Christ, he said, is the final and perfect solution for man in this sin-sick world. Many hearts were touched, and both young and old responded to an appeal.

E. R. THOMAS

DIVISION LEADER AT NBC

On Wednesday 4 September Pastor Kaj Pedersen visited

our Nottingham office. It was the occasion of my first publishing committee. Pastor Pedersen's contributions on committee – from his wide experience in Europe – added an extra dimension. We look forward to his appointments in the NBC during the last quarter of 1985.

VICTOR HAREWOOD

FAREWELL

On Sunday 1 September Reading church held a farewell party in our youth hall to say goodbye to Brother and Sister Hudson who are returning to their homeland, Jamaica, after fifty years with us.

EZRA ETCHELLS

A DEGREE, A MARRIAGE AND A BAPTISM

Chris Poole and his wife Dayle are members of the Erdington church. Chris met his wife when they were both students at Birmingham University. She was already an Adventist and shared her faith with Chris who was subsequently baptized. This summer Chris attained his BSc honours degree and, with the encouragement of our minister David Sutherland, Christopher is now preparing to enter Newbold College with a view to the ministerial course.

N. PRIEST

BRIXTON PATHFINDER DAY

At 9.45 am on 13 July Pathfinder Day commenced at Brixton church. Master Guides conducted Junior Sabbath school, and Pathfinder members took part in the senior Sabbath school programme.

Following Sabbath school, counsellors and Pathfinders marched to the sound of a brass band and took their respective

'IN THE BEGINNING' NEWBOLD CREATIONIST CONFERENCE 16-18 December 1985

An international and interdenominational meeting for scientists, teachers, pastors, editors and administrators.

Among the speakers: Professor A. E. Wilder Smith (Switzerland) Dr. Ariel Roth (Geoscience Research Institute) Dr. Leonard Brand (Loma Linda University) Dr. Bertil Wiklander (Ekebyholmsskolan) Dr. Mart de Groot (Armagh Observatory, Ireland) plus Malcolm Bowden, Leofric Rhodes, Terence Mitchell, Dr. Colin Mitchell.

Full board £50.

Write to: O. Woolford, Trans-European Division of Seventh-day Adventists, 119 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans Herts. AL1 3EY.

places at the command of one of their directors, Miss Ivy Reynolds. 'The challenge of the cross' was the title of the sermon presented by Mrs. Leslene Brown, a Master Guide and director of the Balham Pathfinder club. In the course of the sermon a sketch was performed to illustrate the various attitudes taken towards Christ and the cross.

Afterwards visiting Pathfinder clubs dined with the Brixton Pathfinders. In the afternoon a programme took place in which every Pathfinder club participated.

PERCIVAL FRASER

THE DAUGHTER of a Spanish pastor is coming to London to further her studies in the English language. She wishes to board with an Adventist family. If you can help please write to Salvador Iserte, Pl. Pr. Lz. Ibor, 8, Valenci, Spain.

IF ANYONE has a set of *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* by L. E. Froom which they would be willing to sell, please contact Pastor W. Southcott, 11 Ben Madigan Park, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, BT36 7PZ.

Join other Adventist youth in a winter ski-camp

Advent Ski

Austria: 29 Dec – 5 Jan
9 Feb – 16 Feb
23 Feb – 2 Mar

Switzerland (with Dutch youth):
10 Jan – 21 Jan

PRICES AND DETAILS ON REQUEST FROM:
Youth Department, BUC Offices,
Stanborough Park, Garston, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.



OBITUARIES

PEARSON, Dora – d. 8 September. Dora Ellen Mosely was born in Gloucestershire on 12 September 1892. She was baptized at the age of 15 and entered Stanborough Park College in 1908.

In 1914 Dora became a Bible worker and spent five years in the Welsh Mission and five years in the Irish Mission. In 1924 she was appointed matron of her alma mater but illness interrupted this service. She married Lesley Watson in 1929 and the couple served together in England and Ireland. Following Bible work in the North England Conference, she was preceptress at Newbold College from 1952 to 1956, at which time she retired. During her retirement she was receptionist at the New Gallery and a Bible instructor in Ireland, before returning to her home in Bristol. In 1970 she married Bernard Pearson. Together they witnessed in Hawaii for four years and then made their home in California. Bernard died in 1981. The final months of Dora's life were spent in the home of her daughter, Vera. Her long-time friend, Cathleen Greenwood, nee Whiteside, flew from New Zealand to help care for Dora. The memorial service was held on Sabbath afternoon, 14 September, in the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist church, and was conducted by Pastors Jim Cunningham and Peter Cooper. She leaves her daughter and husband, Vera and Tom Miller; a sister, Beatrice Robbins; a stepdaughter, Marie Duncan; two stepsons, Bob and Don Pearson; ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a host of friends. It may truly be said of Dora that she lived to bless others. Her quiet, Christian influence was a powerful force for good and many, many people were led to a clearer knowledge of God by her witness and service. We thank God for this life and look forward to the great reunion when Jesus comes.

PASTOR PETER COOPER

ROBBENS, George Henry James – d. 22 April. Brother Robbens was buried in Kirkley cemetery after a service in the chapel on 29 April in the presence of members of his family and friends. Pastor C. M. Rhodes, who conducted the service, had known George as a young man in Derby. In the war George was a non-combatant. Life was not easy but he was a man of principle and always stood

ATTRACTIVE one-bedroomed flat available above Clacton Seventh-day Adventist church comprising kitchen, bathroom, and lounge. Suitable for single person or married couple without children. Very reasonable rent offered to suitable person(s). Apply B. J. Powell, South England Conference, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY, or phone: (0923) 32728.

WEST PARK, Wolverhampton church will be meeting temporarily at the Darlington Street Methodist Church, Wolverhampton, from 19 October until further notice.

LOST AND FOUND. On the coach travelling from Bognor Regis Camp Meeting north through Wolverhampton three suitcases were lost. Also one suitcase was found. Anyone with further information please phone Wolverhampton 333049.

firm for what he believed to be right. His parents became Adventists when he was about 12 and he grew up in the Adventist Church, returning to his native Lowestoft after the war. He was baptized by Pastor John Howard. Many will remember his work for the Lowestoft church as a youth leader, Sabbath school superintendent and lay preacher. As an Ingatherer he collected on Saturday nights in the public houses in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft. One thing is certain: George's love for his Saviour never waned. His hope was always in the second coming of Jesus and that glorious resurrection morning. He was a lover of music and one of his favourite hymns sums up his greatest hope. Robert Surridge read the words for us.

'When all my labours and trials are o'er,
And we shall meet on that beautiful shore,

Just to be near the dear Lord I adore,
That will be glory, be glory for me.'

We extend our Christian sympathies to George's wife; his children, Mr. and Mrs. Puttock and their family who mourn the loss of a beloved father and grandfather; to his brother and to all relatives and friends, many of whom attended the service.

M. J. WIBER

PALMER, Cleveland W. – d. 20 July. Brother Palmer was born in Jamaica. He died suddenly in hospital aged 52, and was laid to rest at Grove Park cemetery. The members of Lewisham church were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Brother Palmer. His smiles brought joy and comfort to all those who knew him. He leaves a wife and three wonderful sons to mourn his loss.

ELLEN S. SAMUEL

JOSHUA, Maria P. – d. 9 August. Newbold church has lost a dear member, Mrs. Maria Joshua, who died peacefully after a short and sudden illness. She became a legend for her open house, generous hospitality, warmth of welcome, and faithful attention to the needs of others. We affectionately called her 'Auntie Joshua'. She left us a lovely example of how to love others – her family, her church and the stranger at the gate. Born in South Africa, she and her husband came to England in the 1950s. They were baptized at the New Gallery by Pastor K. Lacey. Widowed in 1962, Auntie Joshua moved her family out to Berkshire. Her six children and five grandchildren are scattered world-wide as are her friends: Gloria (Falsnes) and family, and Harold in Canada; Terry and Veronica in Sweden; Allison (Grenson) and family, and George in the UK; and Irene (Dupont-Joshua) and family in Switzerland. To them we extend our sympathies. The sun shone at her funeral, which was tenderly conducted by Pastor Doug Sinclair. Her family, personal and church, were united in believing that she will awake in sunshine to her Saviour's call and the words: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

CYNTHIA BENZ

BILLETTE, Emily – d. 28 August. Emily Billette lived to the age of 101. She had been a member of the Brixton church for many years and the church pastor, Dr. V. G. Kerr, conducted the funeral service. Mother Billette, as she was known to relatives and friends, was born in Jamaica. She surrendered her life to Christ at the age of 21 and was baptized by one of the early Advent pioneers and eventually her mother was baptized. She married Joseph Billette in 1917 and eight children, three girls and five boys, were born to them. She

trained her children to become disciples of Christ. In her home church in Jamaica, she served in various capacities from deaconess to church treasurer. Her husband died in 1933 and she came to England to join her daughters in 1960. She inspired her children by her encouraging words and actions, and it would seem that motherhood was her life's commission. She was quick-witted, humorous, and complained that she could not do enough for God. As SEC president, Pastor C. R. Perry, leafed through the pages of her well-worn Bible, he noted how she had underlined texts pertaining to the great ages of the men of old. 'Some day the silver cord will break' was the song of hope sung by the Brixton Day Centre Choir, and the song 'Beyond the sunset' was rendered by Alric Williams unaccompanied as Mother Billette had requested. The condolences of the Brixton church go to

her two surviving children, fifteen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren. Throughout her life she had hoped for Christ's return, but we have the blessed hope of meeting her in heaven.

JOY FRASER

HUNTER, Elizabeth – d. 8 September. Sister Hunter was born in 1890. Her health had been failing for the past ten years and she was lovingly cared for by her niece, Jean McMillan. Sister Hunter was baptized by Pastor J. J. Gillat and had belonged to the Adventist church for seventy years, holding various church offices during that time. 'When I survey the wondrous cross' was one of her favourite hymns and was sung during the funeral service conducted in the Crieff church by Pastor S. Finlay. Now she awaits the resurrection morning.

E. WILBY

WEDDINGS

EATON-RUCK – Sunday 26 May was wedding day for Paul Eaton and Nicola Ruck, both active members of the Stanborough Park church. Surrounded by their friends and relatives they exchanged their vows, pledging before God to be true to each other all their days. The marriage was conducted by Pastor Roy Burgess, and words of wisdom and encouragement were given by Pastor Arthur Cooper who had known Paul and his parents while caring for the church in Rhyl for several years. He referred to the marriage in Eden and the first miracle in Cana, urging Paul and Nicky to give Christ first place in their new home and to make Him the Man of their counsel. We wish them much joy and blessings as they set up home in Milton Keynes and as they continue to take an active part in the life of the church here at the Park.

R. A. BURGESS

FURGUSON-WADLOWSKA – September 4 was one of those rare days when the sun shone. John Furguson and Zenona Wadolowska came to Belfast to celebrate their wedding. John, a well-loved and respected member of the Belfast church family, has attended Newbold College for about five years, during which time he met Zenona, who had been permitted to leave Poland to attend Newbold as a student. The matron of honour was Pat Furguson, sister-in-law of the groom. The best man was David Furguson, John's brother. The organist was Carola Ginbey, a friend and fellow student at Newbold. The church floral decorations were beautifully arranged by our head deaconess, Sister Eardley. The bride was given away by John's father, William Furguson. It was most fitting that the ceremony was performed by Pastor Doug Sinclair, until recently chaplain at Newbold College. A good number of relatives, including an aunt and a sister of the bride from Poland, friends of the family, and members of the Belfast church family, witnessed the ceremony, and heard the good counsel Pastor Sinclair gave to the happy pair. We at Belfast church wish Zenona and John great joy as they establish their home and continue in united service for their Master.

REG SWAIN

CLARK-WINCH – The wedding took place in the Grantham church on Sunday 8 September, of Diana Winch, second daughter of Dudley House School headmaster, Eric Winch and his wife Denise, and Nigel Clark, youngest son

of Gwen and Peter Clark of the Reading church. Diana and Nigel met in 1983 as counsellors at the Aberdaron camp for the handicapped, so it gave Pastors Paul Clee and Bob Rodd great joy to see these two young people joined in matrimony. Two of Diana's three sisters, Valerie and Helen, were bridesmaids. Ian Clark, Nigel's elder brother, admirably performed the role of best man and Paul, Diana's brother and Robert Glington, her brother-in-law, acted as ushers. Gethyn Clothier, organist and friend of the bridal couple, together with Helen Cuthell, handled the musical side of the service. Helen sang a beautiful solo entitled, 'All these are ours' during the signing of the register. The reception was held in the Angel and Royal Hotel – the oldest inn in England – where the couple were able to be photographed 'locked' in the original stocks in the courtyard of the hotel. We wish them every happiness as they settle in Reading after a honeymoon in Tenerife. May God bless you, Diana and Nigel, as you establish another Christian home founded upon the Rock, Christ Jesus.

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

READ-HUZZEY – Stanborough Park church on 6 October was the scene of a very pretty wedding ceremony when Susan, second daughter of Pastor and Mrs. J. M. Huzzey, was united in marriage with Lyndon, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Read. Susie arrived at the church on the arm of her father, and was attended by her two sisters, Cheryl and Elizabeth. Many friends and relatives were congregated to witness the ceremony conducted by Pastor Don Lowe and Paul Tompkins. Pastor Lowe spoke on the necessity of having Christ as the centre of the home and the need to work at keeping love alive in their relationship with one another. Beverly Thirkell, a friend of the bride, sang her own arrangement of 'In Times Like These' during the service, accompanied by Pastor Wolfgang Stefani. A very enjoyable reception took place at St. Margarets, Bushey, prior to the happy couple leaving for their honeymoon. It is the prayer of the whole church family that God will abundantly bless Lyndon and Susie as they set up their home in Swindon.

PASTOR DONALD LOWE

WE APOLOGISE. The excision of the concluding paragraph of Vera Porter's account of the marriage of Corinne Ball and Ilkka Kuivisto (*Messenger* 90/20, page 7) may have left the reader with the impression that Corinne has married a non-SDA young man. This is not the case. Ilkka is from an old Adventist family in Finland.

Article 9 – Cradle Roll THEME EXERCISES AND VISUAL AIDS – Part 2

Songs and verses about animals, flowers, birds and other objects of creation play such an important part in the Cradle Roll programme that I am giving you a few more ideas on this theme.

Song: *God Makes Roses Grow in my Garden* (No. 77).

● Give each child a silk or plastic rose to plant in a bowl or window-box filled with soil or sand.

Song: *Who Made the Rainbow?* (No. 86).

● Make rainbow sticks by securing red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple florists' ribbons (30cm (12in) lengths) to green plant sticks for the children to wave gently.

Poems or songs about rabbits (for example back page Lesson book, 2nd quarter):

a. Buy for your Sabbath school a small mechanical rabbit, to wind up. Children will love to watch it hopping.

b. Cut rabbit shapes from brown fur fabric. Glue on to light-coloured mounting board (from art shops). Attach white cotton-wool tail, pink felt ears, button eyes. Cut a hole below the mouth so children can 'feed' real or artificial carrots to rabbits.

Song: *The Butterflies* (No. 70).

a. Make finger hoops for each child. Sew two pieces of colourful felt together; stuff slightly and insert a chenille wire loop (craft stores) for child's finger. Decorate.

b. From a child's colouring book, trace butterflies on to card. Colour, cut out, and with strong glue fix on to a 20cm (8in) dowel stick. During the song have the children fly butterflies high and low.

Family theme

Poem: *Who Loves Me?* (excellent for 2-year-olds).

● Cut out large magazine pictures of mummy, daddy, brother and sister, baby, and grandparents. Glue on to thin card, cut out and back with pieces of felt or sandpaper. Use the large felt board with the following poem:

Mummy loves me
Daddy loves me
Brother (Sister) loves me

And Baby loves me.
Grandma loves me –
Grandpa loves me –
But Jesus loves me best of all!

Leave a large space in centre of the board for your best Jesus picture.

Song: *Happy Happy Home* (No. 65).

● Cut out a large house or bungalow from thin card and colour. Carefully cut round three sides of the door and windows so they can open. Glue the house on to board. Glue family members behind windows, Jesus behind the door. Children love the surprise when they sing the song.

Song: *Mary Loved Baby Jesus* (*New Cradle Roll Songs*, No. 32).

● A great favourite. Let the children watch you unwrap, bath and cuddle a baby doll. Then give each child their own baby doll, wrapped in some nice material, to rock. Parents and teachers can assist when it comes time for washing – each child can have half a damp J-cloth, then collect cloths and demonstrate how to wrap baby again. Sing the appropriate verse as you do this exercise. Show the large picture of Mary and Baby Jesus. Then have each child come and carefully place their sleeping baby in a Moses basket, carry-cot or crib. Take time for the children to watch and answer your questions. (Baby dolls can be either donated or bought for a few pence at sales, etc.)

Angel theme

a. From your local Trichem representative (or ring (0525) 379100) obtain some white Decoran (a super-stiff Vilene material). Trace and cut out angels for all your children. Let them each place a felt child on the board. Sing 'Angels are Watching' (No. 43). Then let children place an angel by each felt child. Talk about the picture and sing song again.

b. Attendance Device (2nd Quarter).

● Cut out as many pictures as you can find of children in different activities. Mount these on 15 x 18cm (6 x 7in) sheets. Glue a picture of an angel on

card, one for each child, 26 x 18cm (10 x 7in). Punch holes in the bottom half, and add a picture each Sabbath that the child attends. Thread ribbon to hold book together, and you have a nice take-home reminder at the end of the quarter.

SUSAN CROWE

Final article: *You Need to Involve Others!*

LETTERS

STICK TO THE GOSPEL

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank you for your editorial in *Messenger* vol. 90, No. 20. It is another example of boldness, honesty, and not being afraid of speaking the truth and coming to the point. If one dwells too much on obscure points of doctrine there is a danger of not being able to see the wood for the trees and thus failing to preach the simplicity of the Gospel to the average man.

The Gospel teaches us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, follow Him, and we shall be saved, and if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let our Mediator do His work, our task is to make sure we follow Him, by His grace.

Geoffrey Wastling

KILLING THE PASTOR

Dear Editor,

Please allow me to say how desperately hurt I was by the dreadful letter that appeared in *Messenger*, vol. 90, No. 20. It is a letter devoid of love – and is wide of the facts in almost every point. There is a bitterness in the letter that I find almost frightening.

Your correspondent has obviously had some bad experience with a particular pastor – and has decided to void his/her venom on them all! My membership has been, at different times, in three churches and I have been ministered to by, I think around twenty different men over the years. All of them have been fine, hardworking men in all areas of church activity – some with precious little encouragement and help from the laity. I can recall two of them who worked themselves into a near-nervous breakdown situation.

No, my anonymous friend; your invective will not do. As a commentary on our ministers your tabulated points are inaccurate, mainly fictional, but about yourself they speak volumes. I do not know who you are but that will not stop me from putting you at the top of my prayer list – for that is where you belong!

Lay person (Name Supplied)

Dear Editor,

There's a better way of dealing with an apathetic minister than wishing to kill him off: *praying for him*.

No words have sounded sweeter in my ears over thirty-five years of ministry than, 'Pastor, we pray for you every day.' A minister *needs* the strength imparted through his members' prayer support to make his ministry effectual. No less do members *need* the blessing of engaging in a prayer ministry for their pastor to render them receptive of God's counsel through him.

For me, even the human assurance of prayer on my behalf is enough to refresh

the spirit. How much more the fullness of the Divine answer to those prayers in my life and work! Only ministers know the weight of their work and the extent of their insufficiency. Now that I have had to lay aside my pulpit work awhile and take a pew, I share the members' privilege of praying for the ministers, lay and ordained, who serve up the Word every Sabbath. Believe me, it's impossible to pray for a minister *and* wish him dead! Is that why Pastor Paul, never an apathetic minister but often unappreciated and opposed, asked his members to pray for him? Rom. 15:30-32; 2 Cor. 1:10, 11; Eph. 6:18-20; Phil. 1:18-20; 1 Thess. 5:12-25; 2 Thess. 3:1, 2; Phil. 22; Heb. 13:17-19.

Victor Hall

Editor,

We have heard from Pastor Andrew Gebbie in the United States that certain details in the brief footnote to a letter in *Messenger*, vol. 90, No. 15/16, page 15 were inaccurate. He points out that Pastor Malcolm Vine's departure from the ministry occurred prior to his own and could have been announced in *Messenger*. This point is readily conceded. However, the hope of the BUC Communication department, like our own, was that Pastor Vine would return to the ministry. It was felt that to go into print would give finality to his departure. Pastor Gebbie also claims that the BBC contacted him, not vice versa as stated. While there is a conflict of testimony here, we shall accept Pastor Gebbie's word as fact and, accordingly, ask him to accept our apologies. A. G. Torrington believes that the BBC contacted Pastor Gebbie having read articles published in *The Voice*, written by Brother Torrington. The other points raised by Pastor Gebbie were covered by Pastor John Arthur's letter in *Messenger*, vol. 90, No. 20, page 8.

Once again we solicit the prayers of our readers for Malcolm and Andrew, together with their wives and families. Pray too for the wider 'family' of God in which differences of viewpoint do not alter the fact that we are to relate to one another in love.

SUNSET

Sunset times are reproduced, with permission, from data supplied by the Science Research Council.

	Lond	Card	Nott	Edin	Bell	
Nov	1	4.34	4.46	4.34	4.33	4.48
	8	4.22	4.34	4.21	4.18	4.34
	15	4.11	4.24	4.10	4.05	4.22
	22	4.03	4.15	4.01	3.54	4.12

MESSENGER

VOLUME 90 NUMBER 22/23
1 NOVEMBER 1985

EDITOR: D. N. MARSHALL

COPY FOR No. 25/26 – 18 NOVEMBER

Copy should be sent to the Editor, MESSENGER, The Stanborough Press Limited, Alma Park, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9SL.

Contributors are asked to take note that the Editor may alter, clarify, précis or expand articles sent to him if he thinks it necessary.

Published fortnightly on Fridays by the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Printed by The Stanborough Press Limited, Alma Park, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9SL. ISSN 0309-3654