

CHURCH PAPER FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN THE BRITISH ISLES Volume 90 Number 12/13 21 JUNE 1985

NEW FACE OF NEWBOLD A report on the Graduation at Newbold College, 2 June 1985

The brand new, well-pressed, pale blue gown of Newbold principal Dr. Steven Thompson was in contrast to the sombre blacks and deep blues and purples of the academic attire of his staff. Here was a new man with a new image. Similarly, his fresh-faced youthfulness stood out among the more familiar, characterful, lived-in visages of the Newbold men we have grown accustomed to through the decades.

But where were all those familiar, rich red, London PhD gowns which once added lustre to the processional? Dr. P. P. Scoyle, retired, has now passed to his rest. Dr. A. J. Woodfield, retired, was seen only later – mingling among the crowds in mufti. Dr. B. W. Ball has been called away to be principal of Avondale College, Australia. Dr. H. H. Leonard was the sole survivor of a departing species and, from his nature-appointed position of eminence, looked a little lonely. However, it was good to hear that, once again, the graduating class had chosen him as their staff sponsor.

Graduation '85 had something of the air of graduations of the 1950s. True enough, there was no great marquee, but the time was right – early June, not early May – and the weather was sweltering – and the rhododendrons in the Moor Close drive in full bloom.

The principal's report told us that yet another familiar face was to depart the scene. Dr. Albert Watson, for twenty-nine years as much a part of Newbold as the Blue Room, Sylvia's Garden, even Binfield Hall, has responded the Physics department of the Adventist college in Washington DC. Dr. Thompson also told us that some of the new faces on the staff were departing - already! Jane Buckley of the School of English Language was among them, as was Kai Arasola, a lecturer in Old Testament who will be returning to his native Finland. After ten years at the E. G. White Centre Dr. Konrad Mueller was retiring and returning to his adopted home in the US of A. In addition, Pastor Alan Crowe, after twelve years as preceptor and Bible lecturer, has been appointed college chaplain in succession to Pastor Doug Sinclair who has pastored the Newbold church for the past six years.

We were told to expect other new faces. Elizabeth Tribes had been appointed senior lecturer in Music for the coming academic year, Dr. Eric Metzing as lecturer in New Testament, and Dr. Albert Waite as senior lecturer in Science.

Special mention was made of two luminaries who have appeared at the college in the last few years and are making a distinctive mark both within the college and the Division territories served by the college : Dr. Borge Schantz and Dr. Kevin Howse.

A variety of new courses would be offered, said Dr. Thompson, in the forthcoming academic year. These would include courses in radio communication, German, business studies and computing, and horticulture.

'Tools in His Hands', was the chosen motto of the *Continued on page 8*

The 1985 graduation class with Principal Dr. Steven Thompson on the left and Dr. Harry Leonard, graduation class staff sponsor, on the right and to the rear of the group.



In practice, the day designated by the General Conference as Spirit of Prophecy Day has been an occasion to remind the believers of the significance of the ministry of Ellen White in the experience of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and to encourage a fuller understanding and acceptance of the principles of her counsels by our Church today. These surely are worthy goals that every member and each worker can positively pursue. The history of our Church makes it clear that Ellen White was the outstanding human instrumentality used by God's Spirit to guide in the foundation and development of the Church. Every aspect of its character and service bears testimony to that fact, and Seventh-day Adventists today should be grateful for the dedication and commitment of that young lady, and those young people associated with her, for their willingness to be used so effectively by God. Such gratitude would have a visible reality if it motivated all of us, especially our young people, to make a similar commitment to the service of God.

It is right to be thankful for men and women who have been mightily used by God. It

MAGNIFY THE SPIRIT

by E. H. Foster

is helpful to celebrate their memory and to honour their achievements; it is wise to emulate their example and to follow their counsel. But there is even more on offer to the Christian disciple than just to remember the achievements of the past, however glorious. Do we not emphasize particularly in our study of the Bible, and should it not likewise apply to other inspired writings, that there must be a personal appropriation of the grace manifested in the lives of God's servants to our own lives?

Are not the Divine purposes fulfilled in individuals by our being rather than in our just knowing or even doing?

Do we not need to push back the horizons of our spiritual understanding? Have we allowed the past to restrict our present experience, and will it limit our future? Not that the past is to be contradicted: God forbid! In the truest sense this

can never happen when the facts of history attest to its reality and veracity. Rather there must be a cherishing of the past that progressively influences the present and enhances our experience today.

We therefore need to magnify the Spirit of prophecy. This term among Seventh-day Adventists has been subjected to the limitations of denominational vocabulary that might restrict the full significance of that expression in Scripture. Peter on the day of Pentecost referred to the words of the prophet Joel when he declared, 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and

they shall prophesy.' Acts 2:17, 18,

That early church experience is needed in our Church today. The reality of the pioneer commitment as evidenced in the ministry of Ellen White, and those associated with her in the embryonic stages of our Church, needs to be revived in our midst. It may be that the fulfilment of our mission as a Church is frustrated not by shortage of funds, by inadequate organization, nor by paucity of workers, but by the lack of prophetic leaders, prophetic teachers, prophetic writers, prophetic preachers, all of whom are controlled by one effective power - the Spirit of prophecy.

We quote a frequently-used statement of Ellen White: 'There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.' -The Desire of Ages, pages 250, 251.

We confirm these repeated words by reference to Scripture: '... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' Zechariah 4:6.

Let us magnify the Spirit of prophecy.

DEVOTIONAL

REST IN JESUS

by Ellen White

A life in Christ is a life of restfulness. There may be no ecstasy of feeling, but there should be an abiding, peaceful trust. Your hope is not in yourself; it is in Christ. Your weakness is united to His strength, your ignorance to His wisdom, your frailty to His enduring might. So you are not to look to yourself, not to let the mind dwell upon self, but look to Christ. Let the mind dwell upon His love, upon the beauty, the perfection, of His character. Christ in His self-denial, Christ in His humiliation, Christ in His purity and holiness, Christ in His matchless love this is the subject for the soul's contemplation. It is by loving Him, copying Him, depending wholly upon Him, that you are to be transformed into His likeness.

Jesus says, 'Abide in me.' These words convey the idea of rest, stability, confidence. Again He invites, 'Come unto me, . . . and I will give you rest' Matthew 11:28. The words of the psalmist express the same thought: 'Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him.' And Isaiah gives the assurance, 'In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength' Psalm 37:7; Isaiah 30:15. This rest is not found in inactivity; for in the Saviour's invitation the promise of rest is united with the call to labour: 'Take my yoke upon you: . . . and ye shall find rest' Matthew 11:29. The heart that rests most fully upon Christ will be most earnest and active in labour for Him.

When the mind dwells upon self, it is turned away from Christ, the source of strength and life. Hence it is Satan's constant effort to keep the attention diverted from the Saviour and thus prevent the union and communion of the soul with Christ. The pleasures of the world, life's cares and perplexities

and sorrows, the faults of others, or your own faults and imperfections - to any or all of these he will seek to divert the mind. Do not be misled by his devices. Many who are really conscientious, and who desire to live for God, he too often leads to dwell upon their own faults and weaknesses, and thus by separating them from Christ he hopes to gain the victory. We should not make self the centre and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved. All this turns the soul away from the Source of our strength. Commit the keeping of your soul to God, and trust in Him. Talk and think of Jesus. Let self be lost in Him. Put away all doubt; dismiss your fears. Say with the apostle Paul, 'I live; vet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me' Galatians 2:20. Rest in God. He is able to keep that which you have commited to Him. If you will leave yourself in His hands, He will bring you off more than conqueror through Him that has loved you.

Taken from pages 70-72 of Steps to Christ.



MASTERPIECE OF GOD'S GRACE

We had always dropped in on Nellie whenever we had been in that area, so why not this time?

True enough, we had not seen her for a couple of years and had been told, 'She's gone a bit strange, you know.'

Well, what could you expect at her age? She was not many birthdays from receiving the Queen's telegram!

When last we had seen her she had been as bright and up-to-the-minute as this morning's newspaper. Perhaps I should say, as the most recent issue of *Adventist Review*. Plenty of copies of *Review* were always within reach of her special chair by the fire in her second-floor flat. 'I look forward to getting the *Review*', she would say.

She had never been one to live in the past. Always interested in the now, in how *other* people were getting on. She liked the young people best and related to them well. However, before leaving church she would say, 'Hold on a minute. I must say Hello to the old people.' (Hadn't she noticed that the 'old people' were twenty years her junior?)

We had shared her eighty-ninth birthday with her and had gone away reflecting that her 'walk with the Lord in the light of His Word' had made her very like Him. (Friends of long standing do grow alike.) None of your oozing, humourless piety, you understand. For *He* had none of that. Humour was never very far from her mobile face. There was nothing pretended about her goodness. She was just a masterpiece of God's grace, without suspecting it. So what could have changed?

'I hope you're *prepared*', said somebody at church when we mentioned that we would be visiting Nellie in the nursing home.

The nursing home was a huge house in a faded Victorian terrace overlooking the playing fields of a minor public school. To sparkle the glittering fragments of memory which we were sure would be left my wife had brought along a collection of photographs. Puddles were skipping where the bullet rain hit them as we crossed the road.

We were admitted to an airless slice of the past. Nellie shared a room with one other lady. The nurse asked us to wait outside for a moment while she went in.

Nellie smiled her old, knowing smile as we entered, and we prepared to take up where we left off two years earlier. Her aged face was now pale as a silver coin, but we were sure that she was still 'in there'. Her hair was a triumph of disarray and might have been cut with garden shears; and that was *not* like Nellie. That was our first clue.

The gentle, loving manner was there, intact. She said all the things she always said, pushing aside her aches and pains as irrelevant and uninteresting, wanting to get us a 'bite to eat'. To the news that my wife's family had now almost all been baptized, she smiled, 'Well, I always said they would be.' That she enquired after the health of my long-dead parents was entirely pardonable. When you have outlived

your own generation *and* the one after, it is understandable if you forget which of your friends you must wait to meet in the Kingdom.

'You will have a word with Mrs. Wright, won't you?' said Nellie. And we looked at the other occupant of the room. Nellie had retired as the cook at Newbold to look after her adoptive mother in the early 1950s and, in advanced years, Mrs. Wright had died in the mid 1960s. The lower half of the face of Nellie's room-mate had been tugged into deep creases by the drawstrings of some old, concluded sorrow. Its colour told us that a painful illness had eaten at her liver and that morphine, not time's silent stealth, had stolen her wits. Soon we had reason to wish that we had left her in her reverie. She began to hallucinate. She saw men in the room and felt menaced by them. Her rent book did not permit it, she cried in some distress. Her husband would soon be home. She called upon me to get shot of them. I did my best to usher out the non-existent bogies, but they were soon back. Her manner became frantic, offensive, insane

Nellie looked gently. Spoke soothing words. Smiled.

She admired the flowers we had taken, but the photographs failed to awaken any recollection. It was all gone. She remembered but one name and thought that it belonged to the dying woman in the chair opposite. But that which is durable remained, the reflex of kind words and ways, the fruit of the Spirit, the building of the Lord's own making, the masterpiece of God's grace. An eternal weight of glory and a crown awaited.

Secretaries in the City of London earn twice and more than that which accrues to those who nurse Nellie. But the Lord who sees all blesses their caring ministry and perhaps, for them, He has special rewards....

My wife wept when we had left Nellie. I did not. Perhaps it was because I had caught her parting words.

'God bless you', I said.

'Oh! he *does*! He *does*!' she said. 'He's with me all the time *now*', she said.

And, do you know: I believe her.

'I felt sad as I saw others weighed down by the infirmities of age, yet I was glad to see them eagerly listening to the words of life. The love of God and His truth seemed to glow in their hearts and to light up their countenances. Their eyes were often filled with tears, not of sorrow but of joy, as they heard the message from God by the mouth of His servants....

'Like ripening grain these precious tried and faithful ones are fitting for the harvest. Their work is nearly done. They may be permitted to remain till Christ shall be revealed in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. They may drop out of the ranks at any time, and sleep in Jesus. But while darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people, these children of the light can lift up their heads and rejoice, knowing that their redemption draweth nigh.' — E. G. White, *Life Sketches*, page 272. *D. N. MARSHALL*



ORDINATION OF WOMEN: STUDY COMMISSION REPORTS

Recommendations of the special study Commission on the ordination of women were accepted by the Spring Council in Washington on 3 and 4 April.

Believing the issue to be a theological one, the Commission recommended that no definitive action be taken at this time regarding the ordination of women to the Gospel ministry and that the Church's present position be maintained.

However, the Commission requested further biblical and other studies on the question to determine a theological position. Findings are to be reported no later than the 1988 Spring Meeting and, eventually, to the 1989 Annual Council for review of the entire issue.

Meanwhile, the Commission asked that an 'affirmative action' plan for the involvement of women in the work of the Church be a priority with Church leadership. Leaders were asked to use their executive influence to open to women all aspects of ministry which do not require ordination.

Reviewing that suggestion with Church administrators in attendance at the Spring Meeting, Neal C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, said, 'We must be the apostles of a philosophy that encompasses the use of all talents of all members for the work of the Lord. We must have a convincing theological basis for what we do. We must incorporate women into a wide variety of ministries.'

In other requests, the Commission voted that special emphasis be given to the work of Bible instructors, both men and women, and that conference and field administrators restore this ministerial category to importance and accord it proper recognition in the work of the Church.

Further, the Commission viewed team ministry of pastor and spouse as desirable, and asked that development of a financial plan and training programme to support this objective be made wherever possible.

Specific plans to educate the Church family regarding the major roles which women can fill without ordination were asked for and are to be presented at the 1985 Annual Council.

Finally, the Commission

Aulikki Nahkola (left), joined president Jan Paulsen in representing the Northern European Division. Nahkola is preceptress and professor of Greek at Newbold.



asked for review of current practices of ordination of men. Specifically, the action stated that consideration should be given 'for the purpose of limiting ordination only to those performing direct pastoral, evangelistic, ecclesiastical and other clearly ministerial duties'.

Responding to the request of the Columbia Union and Potomac Conferences that their women pastors be allowed to baptize, the Commission asked the North American Division Committee to clarify the functions of unordained ministerial workers, including such responsibilities as those which relate to women who serve as pastors. That report will be completed by the 1985 Annual Council for consideration.

Commission members totalled sixty-six, including fifteen women – four of whom were not Church employed. Every overseas division was also represented, most by both an administrator and pastor and/or a lady.

Discussions were frank, yet understanding. Uppermost in all minds was the preservation of Church family unity.

Consensus was that ordination is a theological issue and that the Church does not now have an official or fully developed theological position. The Bible's silence on the question was not seen as authorization for ordination.

Polls from most divisions suggested constituent feelings that without a clear 'thus saith the Lord' no further steps should be taken by the Church. Even a North American poll of local church officers supported that concept. SHIRLEY BURTON

Adventist Book Centre visits

BALHAM CHURCH HALL 16a The Boulevard, Balham 1 .gh Rd., SW12 Sunday 23 June

between 10 am and 4 pm Tremendous range of books for the family, and all your witnessing needs. Special attraction – Whole Foods at special discount prices.

WRITER SEEKS SABBATH STORIES

Not long after a young married couple began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath and were baptized, they told the Adventist friends who had given them Bible studies, 'We were convinced of the truth of Sabbath keeping when we studied the Bible with you, but we could never have kept it ourselves if we had not seen how you keep it and what it means to you.'

Because she believes people's personal experiences give understanding and encouragement to both new and long-time Adventists, writer Jane Thayer is collecting stories about the Sabbath to include in a book on the meaning of Sabbath keeping.

The book Mrs. Thayer is currently writing will consist of more than fifty short readings, each designed to be read at the beginning of Sabbath. 'Each reading will focus a person's thoughts on one aspect of the meaning of Sabbath', says Mrs. Thayer.

Many of the readings will use people's personal experiences to illustrate the significance of the Sabbath.

She needs stories on every aspect of the Sabbath experience: how it affects career, personal relationships, belief in God, service to others, lifestyle, priorities, etc.

Please send your Sabbath story to: Sabbath Experiences, Heritage Room, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, USA. All submissions will become part of the permanent collection of the Heritage Room. Although she prefers to have names and addresses included, anonymous contributions will be welcomed.

Jotsam

Jessie Wear, veteran literatureevangelist who works in the Tyneside district sells Don Hawley's book *Come Alive!* among others. Often she has sold it to butchers but never, until recently, had she sold a copy to a funeral parlour...

REST HOMES OFFERING – SABBATH 6 JULY WHEN YOU ARE OLD

life will be like when you are old? Are you afraid that you might be lonely, an invalid, or in pain? Many people live in dread of later years with the possibility of failing eyesight, mental confusion or existence on a small pension.

Just now you are probably more than busy with housekeeping, bringing up your family, going out to work, and a thousand and one other things, but can I ask you to stop for a moment and imagine yourself when you will be 75, 85, or even 95? Will you briefly think of the way you would like to be cared for when close family and friends are gone or are unable to help.

it?

Then please remember those who are in these circumstances today.

My appeal to you is on behalf of our elderly members who are cared for in our residential care homes. They are wonderful people. Some have been missionaries who have given long years of service in developing countries - one such lady lost her husband and her son when serving as missionaries. Some were previously denominational workers - ministers, ministers' wives, colporteurs and office secretaries. All of them people who once led churches, ran campaign meetings, sold

Below: Mrs. Elsie Waller, a new resident from Southampton, plays the piano for evening worship. Matron Elsie Roderick is behind her. Right: Residents and staff pose for a photograph in the newly decorated dining room.

Have you ever wondered what literature from door to door, and won people to Christ. Some are just dedicated members who have supported their local church through all their lives.

> The problem which is common to them all and which brings them together is old age. Now they need support. Our support.

Our two residential care homes are like large Christian families where our members can be sure of warmth, comfort, kindly attention, good food and friendship. Each home has daily worship and Sabbath services. The staff are excellent. The surroundings are pleasant.

The problem is that both It's not a happy thought, is homes are badly in need of repair and upgrading.

At 'The Dell' in Lowestoft. a recent survey revealed that the electrical wiring dates back to the 1920s and badly needs replacing. Many rooms require remodelling, curtains need changing, new sinks, bath and toilet units need to be installed. Some rooms still have old lino floor covering which should be replaced with more homely carpet. (There are not many of us getting out of bed on to a cold linoleum floor these days.) The kitchen requires a new cooker - the present one is impossible to regulate and the doors won't close. It also needs new work surfaces and kitchen units. All of the rooms have to be redecorated and some need to be divided to provide greater privacy and comfort. Also, one day, we would like to provide a lift to make it easier for resi-

Prayer by an Elderly Lady Suffering from Arthritis

Dear Lord, you know just how I feel: Beside my bed I cannot kneel, And so I say my prayers in bed -Irreverent some folks have said. But I am sure you understand And support me with your mighty hand. I thank you that my home is warm And I am sheltered from the storm. I think of those who're lost and lone, Who have no bed and have no home; Hungry, they greet each day with fear Without the ones that they hold dear. I cannot walk without a stick Yet I can cheer the sad and sick. Thank you for those who care for me -I know they're messengers from Thee. Thank you for a happy day: Help me tomorrow on my way. Amen.

dents to get up and down stairs from their bedrooms.

New government legislation demands a high standard in residential care homes. But, more important, we all want it for our elderly members of the Church. Sabbath 6 July is the day that we have an annual offering for our Rest Homes. Not all the churches will remember to take up the offering but please can I ask you to remember.

We have a four-year schedule for the improvement of these homes. The Dell alone will cost in the region of £25,000 and it is impossible to increase the fees so that they will cover all the expenses.

One day we will all be old, and perhaps only then will we realize the things that can give pleasure and an extra little comfort and happiness, but just now, if you feel moved to help, will you please give

generously to the Rest Homes Offering, or send what you can to me, Pastor Martin Bell, Rest Homes Administrator, Roundelwood, Drummond Terrace, Crieff, PH7 4AN.

Thank you.

G. MARTIN BELL, administrator

WANTED! The Editor of Messenger would like to borrow - buy only if pre-ferred - copies of the first twelve issues of Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories. We wish to borrow them for a short time only and would cover all postage expenses. If you wish to sell them, we should be pleased to buy. We are not worried about what condition they are in as long as we can identify the issue and, of course, read the stories. Write to Dr. D. N. Marshall, The Stan-borough Press Ltd., Alma Park, Grantham, Lincs., NG31 9SL, or phone Grantham (0476) 64284.

LISTEN TO THE GC ON RADIO. Seventh-day Adventists throughout Europe will be able to tune in by radio to some of the proceedings of the General Conference Session in New Orleans this summer. Adventist World Radio is planning to broadcast news reports from the General Conference Session for listeners in Europe. The programmes will be designed to be 'listenable' for a general audience, but are intended also to inform church members of the General Conference proceedings.

AWR-Europe will pre-empt regularly scheduled programming in Engl-ish and German on 7 and 14 July for these special reports. Plans call for one-hour reports in English and halfhour reports in German on both dates. It is hoped that a news summary in French can be included within the English programme.

These programmes will be broadcast on 9670 kHz in the 31-metre band, shortwave. German will be broadcast at 0730 UTC (9.30 am, Central European Time). English programmes will be at 0830 UTC (9.30 am, Western European Time; 10.30 am, Central European Summer Time). Transmissions will originate from leased facilities in Portugal.





AID FOR THE DISABLED DAY – SABBATH 22 JUNE DON'T DISCOUNT THE DISABLED

by Paul Clee, PERSONAL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR, NBC

I have just been out digging the garden. There is something satisfying about thrusting the spade in deep, pulling back, unearthing weeds and worms, removing the former and blessing the latter. Then with all the weeds out of the garden (hopefully) preparing the soil for planting fruit, vegetables, and flowers. There is something satisfying about planning, perspiring, and planting, to see in a few weeks, and with the blessing of God, the effect you had imagined in your mind push up through the soil. Certainly, this amateur gardener finds a great deal of delight in enjoying the fruit of his labours.

Think for a moment of those who, through no fault of their own, are unable to plan and execute such a simple operation. Think of those who are mentally handicapped and physically disabled. The British Union Conference Executive Committee designated Sabbath 22 June as Aid For The Disabled Day. I would like you to join me in doing two things.

Firstly, spend some time thanking God for the blessings we take so much for granted – the ability to run and walk, to think clearly and efficiently, to enjoy what delights us and shun things that can harm us. What great blessings we have and, in general, take so much for granted. Spend a moment thanking God for His creative power, and the marvellous and efficient mechanism of the human body.

That brings me to the second thing I would like you to do on 22 June. Please will you spare a thought for those of our number who are not so fortunate as the majority of us, who may have problems coordinating mind and body or are physically disabled, perhaps confined to a wheelchair. Remember those, often happy individuals, whose minds have not developed to full maturity or who have suffered some terrible injury. Spare a thought for them and their long-suffering parents on this very special day.

Your church is trying to help the handicapped every year. Since Pastor G. M. Bell left the Community Services Department at the BUC the North British Conference has been running a summer camp for the handicapped in beautiful Aberdaron, North Wales. For one week, the staff of young enthusiasts and seasoned experienced folk on a busman's holiday, join together to help those in need, and to give the parents and guardians a little break. Many give up their holiday to attend and are so dedicated that they

BOARDING AT STANBOROUGH SCHOOL

Few places are now left for secondary pupils hoping to join Stanborough School as boarders for the next school year commencing this September 1985.

There is considerable pressure from overseas Adventists for entrance into our Boarding School and parents who are members of churches in the British Isles and are interested in boarding their children should contact the school immediately as we wish to give them preference.

Applications are also invited from parents wishing day places for their children.

The school offers a good, sound secondary education programme to university entrance in a friendly, supportive, Adventist environment.

Please write to the Headmaster, Stanborough School, Stanborough Park, Garston, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JT. (Telephone: Garston (0923) 673268.)





Left, Juan De Armas of the Inter-American Publishing Association. Right, Paul Hammond, manager, The Stanborough Press.

SECRETOS DE LA SALUD FAMILIAR

In January 1984 The Stanborough Press published the first edition of A GUIDE TO FAMILY HEALTH. Such has been the demand for this book – written by twenty doctors and specialists from the Adventist Church in Britain – both at home and in the Caribbean, that it has run into a second edition and a number of reprints.

The most recent edition is in Spanish for the markets in Central and South America. The title of the book in Spanish is SECRETOS DE LA SALUD FAMILIAR. In the picture above Elder Juan De Armas of the Inter-American Division concludes a deal for the printing of a Spanish edition with an initial 15,000 run.

return year after year. Several have expressed to me their real sense of achievement despite the exceedingly hard work. Please pray, today, for the success of our camp, 7-14 July. Should you wish to express practical thanks to God for the co-ordination of hand and eye which enables you to dig a garden, iron a shirt or cook a meal - while at the same time having a part in bringing a really practical blessing to a project that desperately needs funds, you may wish to hand a donation to your church's Conference treasurer, marked, AID FOR THE DISABLED.

Thank you for your help.

EVENING OF SONG AND PRAISE

Here at Camp Hill church a school for the West Midlands is very much in our thoughts and prayers, and many fund raising activities have been in progress. On Sabbath 4 May Pastor Carl Fletcher and Sister Joan Lewis from London acted as compères to the beautifully rendered songs by the Syder Sisters, Camp Hill Advent Youth Singers and Brian Allen, together with serious but witty poems given by Steve and David Brooks. Joan Lewis (née Day) gave her personal testimony on the death of Joan Day and the rebirth of Joan Lewis; how Jesus had worked in her life making her a new person now rejoicing in her Redeemer.

Pastor Don McFarlane, NBC secretary, who opened the concert with prayer, made an appeal for the church school. He told us that in three weeks' time contracts are to be exchanged, with regard to the school building, but that pledge money still had to come in. We desperately need £40,000 to complete the purchase. The collection taken that evening amounted to over £280. We feel sure that anyone reading of the urgent need to reduce this amount will be willing to dig deep in their pockets and send the necessary money to the North British Conference, so making the dream of purchasing a school where our children can receive a Christian education a reality.

To close the evening we stood and clasped hands, thus forming a chain around the packed church, while one of the Syder Sisters, Audrine Bryan, sang 'Sanctify Yourselves', backed by the Advent Youth Singers. Joan Lewis appealed to all to open their hearts while Jesus is still knocking on the door, and that we may be ready to open them to Him. Pastor Masih closed with prayer. E. W. BRYAN

INVEST FOR JESUS – HE INVESTED IN YOU

This was the motto for Hampstead's Investment Campaign which was launched in February 1984. The goal to be reached was £2,000!

Members were stirred into action and undertook projects which not only highlighted their talents, but the church members benefited as well projects such as mouthwatering home-made delicacies; patties, buns, sausage rolls, sweetbread, cakes and preserves. A mini-market was held to sell home-grown sweet corn, tomatoes and onions.

Most of the young people saved certain coins or gave sacrificial offerings, some as a result of having given up sweets. One young person sold pears from her pear tree which had not borne fruit successfully until she invested it for Jesus. Another sold T-shirts with a Christian motto printed on them. A new member of the church offered his qualified services to anyone who was seeking advice on furthering their career.

The kindergarten and junior divisions were also involved and their projects included helping mum at home, saving bus fares, even money found on the pavement, and obtaining high grades in school work.

'DENEFIELD'

RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR THE ELDERLY For Tender Loving Care Registered with Rochdale Metropolitan Council

Proprietors: Stan D. Hensman, RGN, RMN, Josephine and Elizabeth Hensman A Self-supporting Adventist Institution

providing: * Eleven single, double and three-bedded rooms.

- Lounge
 Dining/TV room
- . Central heating
- Stair lift
 24-hour attention
- Long or short stay
 Beautiful extensive grounds
- Inspection invited . Brochure available on request.
- Situated at corner of Elbut Lane and Bury and Rochdale Old Road, Jericho, Heywood, Lancs.

Telephone (pro-tem) Tottington 4465 (803). Welcome to the newest SDA self-supporting institution.

Each month a member

would share their project with the Sabbath school, emphasizing the blessings they had received and how wonderfully God works when we labour in His name.

The year was highlighted by two investment sales, each raising over £200, and a presentation made to two outstanding members - one who had contributed £293.55. the other for regular contributions.

On the last Sabbath of every month the members would bring their investment funds in a variety of containers, always with a smile and a promise that there would be more next time.

Now, as 1984 drew to an end, would that £2,000 goal be reached? To help matters along, money boxes were made by the Sabbath school committee and given out to the members with the text from Matthew 25:15 printed on them.

December was the official closing date, but right up to March 1985 investment money was still coming in. However, on 9 April Pastor P. J. Boyle, Stewardship director from the South England Conference, came to receive the cheque, a cheque that was worth £2,692.94.

Well done, Hampstead Sabbath school members. May God bless you all for your faithfulness in this campaign. M. TANNER, Investment secretary

HIGH WYCOMBE YOUTH WITNESS ON ISLE of WIGHT

Easter weekend saw the first of a special witnessing programme on the Isle of Wight by the High Wycombe Youth.

Each day spent on the island brought something new to look forward to, or to take part in, beginning with

Friday sunset worship, which was held in 'Levi's chalet'. Everyone, except baby-sitters, and 'our preacher for tomorrow' (who was meditating upon his sermon) attended worship. The singing was most powerful - and it wasn't just soprano, but tenor, bass and harmony, that also added a little 'savour' here and there. To turn our attention towards our dying Saviour and His life on earth, we were shown a film entitled, 'The

Gospel Road' by Johnny Cash. When we 'witness' the many miracles Jesus performed, listen to the words He spoke, and see the trials that He endured, we have no choice but to say with the centurion, 'Truly this Man was the Son of God'. Yes, it was because of this Man that we were in the Isle of Wight. It is for Him that we had come to witness.

Approximately fifty youth from both the Micklefield and Sands churches crowded into the 'upper room' of a Conservative Club at Shanklin for the Sabbath morning programme. which was conducted by the youth themselves. Paul Horslen from Derby conducted Divine service.

With the help of Pastor Sven Ohman, a strong witnessing programme was held at Ryde on Sabbath afternoon. The youth were divided into three groups - group 1 sang praises to God, while group 2 mingled with the passers-by, to whom they gave a range of literature including Voice of Prophecy cards, FAMILY LIFE, and FOCUS magazines, meanwhile group 3 collected for Ingathering, which resulted in £60 being raised for World-Wide Advent Missions.

Not only was the weekend spiritually filled, but arrangements were made for a variety of social activities. Sabbath night, a social was held when everyone (including Pastor Ohman's dog) joined in. However, the 'chief' cook for the night, Nigel, spent his time making delicious pizzas, which were enjoyed by all who managed to get a bite. Sunday morning the rain did not keep the youth from going jogging and climbing, including a visit to the 'Needles', which gave us more opportunity to see God's wonderful creation.

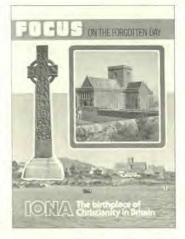
All good things must come to an end, and so it was with the retreat on Monday.

We are all young in the faith, out still we have work to do. We may not see the results of our efforts, but we know we have sown the seeds. Lord, we ask you to do the reaping.

A follow-up witnessing programme is planned for Sabbath 20 July, when even more youth are planning to be on the Isle of Wight.

(A video of the weekend retreat was recorded by 'Amana Music Sound and Vision.' To obtain a copy telephone: 0733 266797.)

E. R. THOMAS



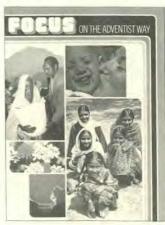
The Man Next Door

Jesus died to bring salvation For the rich and for the poor;

- Men of every tribe and nation-He includes the man next
- door. Millions are in heathen darkness
- And with pleading hearts implore
- For the Gospel of salvation-What about the man next door?
- 'Go into all the world.' said Jesus.
 - 'Tell them of My mighty power:
- Bring your sheaves from every nation-
- bring with you the man next door."
- When we stand before our Saviour

On that glad eternal shore,

Heaven's glory will be brighter If we've brought the man next door.



Continued from page 1

graduating class. Division president, and past principal of Newbold, Dr. Jan Paulsen, was guest speaker. Keeping in mind the motto, he took as the point of departure for his speech the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, 'Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.' 'A peacemaker must reject the principle of retaliation', said Dr. Paulsen. 'If we accept this principle we are drawn into a vicious circle, we debase ourselves, we lose ourselves in hostility and anger." Peacemakers should be servants of reconciliation, healers. 'Our Church needs peacemakers, not to cover over the cracks, but to keep the channels of communication open.

Profile of the graduation. Graduation is a turning-point for every student. For some the road from here is uncertain, though the destination may be clear. Others are marking time and look at the map. Some have already started down the road, knowing clearly both route and destination.

Looking for satisfying paths of Christian service sometimes takes time and there are a number of graduates who have finished their studies knowing that they want to work for the Church but not knowing exactly how. Arinbjorn Bjornsson plans to study computer technology and combine this with a teaching career. Styrkar Dramstdad is studying business studies at Helderberg - the Seventh-day Adventist college in South Africa. Kathy Calder, inspired by her experience as a student missionary in Masanga Leprosarium, Sierra Leone, wants eventually to go into mission service. Finn Larsen and Nwaozichi Esther James want to 'work for the Church somehow'. Dorothy Roper will come back to Newbold to continue her job as assistant preceptress before taking up a teaching career. Branko Loncar is going to take an MA in Counselling somewhere in America. Pirkko Leppanen will go into ministry in her home country with her husband. Barney Allen-Mersh will finish his preparation for a teaching ministry, while his wife Hannele finishes her music studies.

Pastoral ministry is the

immediate or ultimate goal of a number of the graduates; a minority will enter or return to the ministry this year. Sam Davis, Vincent Lloyd (president of the graduating class) and Karina Reistad hope to go into pastoral ministry in their home unions later this year. Arvild Andersen and Lehnart Falk will pastor churches in their native Denmark, while Reidar Olsen will pastor the Alesund church in the west of Norway. Daniel Cudjoe, Paul Daniels, John Ferguson, Frederick Mapp, Andrew Marttinen, Geoffrey Smith, Tapio Tervamaki and Widar Ursett plan to take postgraduate studies before entering the ministry. A number of post-graduates are already working in their home unions or elsewhere - Jonathan Barrett (at Stanborough Park) and Richard Willis (at Eastbourne) and Spanish-born Jesus Carreras is pastoring the Hispanic church in Stockholm. Wilfried Werner is teaching and pastoring at Friedensau, the Adventist seminary in the German Democratic Republic. Ewald Jurak, Thorgeir Johansen and Harry Kuhalampi are all pastoring churches in their home unions.

Welcome return. Dr. V. Norskov Olsen, head of the Bible department and principal of Newbold College during the 1950s and early 1960s, was a special and, for many, surprise guest for graduation. Dr. Olsen has for many years been the president of Loma Linda University, USA. As he read the charge to the graduates he was in a better position than most to compare and contrast the old with the new. Mingling with the many visitors in the Moor Close garden he encountered many old friends, recounted many shared experiences and commented favourably upon the many changes which have taken place in the college in so many respect since his years of service.

Top: Graduation speaker, Division president Dr. Jan Paulsen, chats with visitors after the ceremony. Centre: Newbold's 'external student' – this time carrying away his MA – Barney Allen-Mersh compares impressions with Dr. Leonard. Right: BUC Vicepresident W. J. Arthur chats with Enid Tolman in the grounds of Moor Close.







FARE YE WELL!

On Sabbath 27 April the Glasgow members were joined by the East Kilbride and Irvine companies for a farewell service for our assistant minister Brian Webster and his wife Isobel.

Brian was due to take up his new appointment in May, in charge of the Middlesbrough and Darlington churches.

Sister Aileen Nuttall rendered a beautiful solo accompanied by our accomplished organist Gordon Bauwens.

In his farewell sermon Brian delivered an inspiring message on the second coming.

Senior minister Pastor C. D. Baildam, thanked Brian and Isobel for the tremendous support given to him, and for their dedicated service to the church in the last two and a half years, and presented them with an occasional table and a cheque on behalf of the members.

We pray God will richly bless them as they labour in their new field for Him. MARTHA SMITH

IF I HAD KNOWN YOU WERE ADVENTISTS . . .

'If I had known the Focus series was from the Seventhday Adventist Church I would never have attended the meetings', said Mrs. Sheila Allen, a devout Christian and member of the Baptist Church for fifteen years.

Her husband Derek had shown little interest in the Bible or religion during their thirty years of married life, until mother-in-law, a Christian Scientist, attended the early lectures of Pastor Derek Marley's series on the Holy Land being held in Exeter at that time. At her suggestion Sheila and Derek attended the seventh meeting and from then on never missed a programme.

The Christian Scientist lady lost interest, but for Derek, as the prophecies were unfolded and the life of Jesus was revealed, so the Bible came to life. He read it hungrily and a love for Jesus filled his heart.

During campaign meetings we at reception were privileged to meet many sincere and lovely people. If any questioned the identity of the Church they were told, but Mr. and Mrs. Allen never asked. Sheila believes that the Lord permitted them to be blindfolded, unquestioning, that the Holy Spirit might speak to their hearts, removing barriers and revealing the Sabbath truth, which they accepted gladly. Our minister, Ian Lorek, gave further Bible studies prior to baptism.

That their united desire was to obey God's command was very evident as Derek was baptized on 28 April by Pastor Marley, and Sheila was joyfully accepted into Church fellowship. Sheila has already shown one of her talents in singing soprano solos.

Pastor Marley's stirring address reminded all present that God is particular, and as recorded in 1 Samuel 15 He wants obedience from His children, that our hearts might be free from fear and His love perfected in us.

IRENE STOCKLEY, Communication secretary

MANCHESTER BAPTISM

It is always an occasion for rejoicing when souls decide to take their stand on the Lord's side and dedicate their lives to Him. So it was that on Sabbath 25 May Manchester South church had the joy of witnessing the baptism of three candidates, D. Brown, S. Coleman, and D. Forbes. They were immersed by Pastor Lloyd Antonio, assisted by Steve Mitcham.

It is our prayer that the Lord may abundantly bless these brethren in their future life and that they may become faithful witnesses for Him. EUGENE FREEMAN

3,500 copies of the purple booklet Introducing the Seventh-day Adventist Church – extract from the International Church Index (Doctrinal) – FREE to anyone able to use, either all 3,500 or part. Only cost, any postage or transportation costs involved. Phone Exeter 35345, or write to: The Minister, SDA Church, 4 Warren Road, Torquay, Devon.

DUTCH girl, age 21, would like to spend a couple of months in an English Adventist family as an *au pair*. Please write to: Gracia Mannessen, Léharstraat 30, 6904 KK, Zevenaar (G/D), Holland.

FOR SALE. A most attractive pebbledashed, two-bedroomed detached bungalow in a select and much-favoured residential location in East Rhyl, North Wales. Gas central heating, good decorative order, garden front and rear, garage. Three minutes walk from promanade and beach. Five minutes car drive to church. Price: £22,950. Phone: Rhyl 2666.



MAGAZINE RACK EVANGELISM

Everyone of you can engage in distributing literature through magazine rack evangelism. Simply ask your local shop, library, or launderette if you can place a free magazine rack in their shop in a prominent position then watch the magazines go. You then have to keep the rack filled with our Gospel magazines. To give you a start with this programme the Adventist Book Centre is offering –

FREE MAGAZINE RACK WHEN YOU BUY 20 FAMILY LIFE

and 20 FOCUS TOTAL COST ONLY £9.90

PLEASE SEND ME A FREE MAGAZINE RACK WITH MY SUPPLY OF 20 FAMILY LIFE AND 20 FOCUS.

I ENCLOSE £9.90 (Cheques payable to The Stanborough Press Ltd.)

Name

Address _

Postcode

Post to: ABC DEPARTMENT, THE STANBOROUGH PRESS LTD., ALMA PARK, GRANTHAM, LINCS., NG31 9SL.

A SHEPHERD – FOUND!

In the summer of 1984 one of our young people at Nottingham Central stood up in church and described the youth as 'Sheep without a Shepherd'. All of them wanted to do something but they lacked a natural leader.

We met after the service, discussed and voiced our frustrations, and realized there was something we must do. We were dying in our own apathy. This time, less talking, we decided we were determined to do something.

We formed a seven-man committee and started preparations. 'We'll run the campaign in March.' 'No, surely, too early - people won't come, it's too cold, summer's a better season!' March it was, but we needed preparation of mind and soul. After all, if people came into the church and saw us, they might end up like us! We must have a two-week intensive revival. And what a revival that was!

Fifteen young people spoke on fifteen consecutive nights. Pastor Don MacFarlane, secretary of the NBC, opened the campaign and Pastor Philip Rhodes of the Nottingham Central church closed it.

The Friday night meeting began in a way no one could have imagined. A night of communication, we talked to each other and to youth who we'd usually pass by.

A session of eyeball to eyeball proved to be most memorable. The youth became so much closer that night.

There followed a Sabbath of testimony. The AYS meeting came alive as people, young and old, spoke to God as they had never done before.

Many preached and some gave testimonies during the two-week period of preparation. People who usually remain silent opened up.

The senior folk supported us. They saw their children committing themselves to a Cause.

Thus prepared we moved into the main four-week campaign. Based on Ellen White's Steps to Christ, a young person would preach for some thirty minutes. A valuable and inspiring part of the meeting was the lively singing, this filled the church; no doubt about it, this was music from a group of people united, with

Christ in their midst, touching each heart.

The visitors came, not always in their tens. On one middle-of-the-week evening we only had two. But we were blessed nevertheless.

The four-week campaign is over now. We did not baptize 3.000 or establish 80 VOP

contacts. But we have begun to work for Christ, to think on His Word and witness in and outside the church. We are not ashamed now of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it being the power of God unto salvation.

This is not the end. Just the beginning!

COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

DESECRATED – THEN DEDICATED

At Hastings we have had to say farewell to our 'Marathon' minister, Pastor David Tressler, his wife Margaret and their baby, Luke. The Tresslers have returned to their homeland, Australia. We have now welcomed our new minister, Pastor Richard Willis, with his wife and sons Andrew and Laurens. Shortly after the arrival of Pastor and Mrs. Willis, we had a special ordination service. Our ordinand was Jim Hunter who, with God's rich blessing, has been the mainstay of the Hastings church for many years. This was a very happy day for us all, but particularly for our new minister. As Brother Hunter came forward, Pastor Willis said, 'You know, Jim, an elder is elected annually but ordination is for perpetuity and you will need the confidence and prayers of the whole church with you constantly.' After our pastor explained to all the role and function of an elder, the congregation knelt in prayer during the laying on of hands. A beautiful holy communion service followed.

The dedication of our church was scheduled for 16 February. The 'willing' members became zealous with painting, cleaning and polishing ready for the great day. The press were notified of the event and gave us a good write-up with the promise of a photographer for the special Sabbath. However, the severe weather altered our plans completely as during the Wednesday night several pipes burst, creating havoc. Hence the dedication had to be postponed until 27 April. Between these two dates our church was vandalized three times; the last was just one week before the dedication. Members arrived for Sabbath school on 20 April to find the vestry and church in absolute chaos; a torn family Bible, books and flowers strewn all over the floor and the chairs thrown all around and many valuable evangelistic slides stolen. After the arrival of the police we were all invited to a nearby Methodist church to hold our divine service. It was then a matter of re-painting and cleaning. This was to be re-

peated three times. A vandalized wall has also had to be repaired. A good heading for a press article could have been 'Church desecrated one week and dedicated the next', but as we had already had coverage we were thankful to have a photographer on our 'special day'!

To all the dedicatory service was most impressive. We wish our church was a little larger with a room apart where we could welcome and chat with friends. Before the service a letter of greeting was read. from Pastor Tressler and family, also one from a church in Austria brought to us by Elfreda Benjamin. Dr. Silburn Reid performed the ceremony with Brother B. Jas. Powell, SEC treasurer, ably assisted by Pastor Willis; church elder, Jim Hunter; and head deacon Peter Nasseau; and Sister Guest who read the lesson.

Dr. Reid took as his theme, 'Let them build me a sanctuary that I may dwell among you.'

A delicious lunch was followed by an informal address when Dr. Reid brought us all up to date on happenings throughout the South England Conference. The flower and lunch arrangements were in the capable hands of head deaconess, Mary Hobday, U. Guest, and other ladies of the church, and a very big 'thank you' must be extended to them.

Our little church seems to have really come alive with our new minister, new elder, Jim Hunter, and new Sabbath school superintendent, Sister

Left to right: Head deacon Peter Nasseau; Pastor Richard Willis; Dr. Silburn Reid, president SEC; B. J. Powell, treasurer SEC; Jim Hunter, elder; on the occasion of the church dedication. Photo: Hastings and St. Leonards Observer



Benjamin. We are fortunate in having four youngsters whose ages range from 4 years to 12 years, and two babies who all take part in some way! Brother and Sister Benjamin and Brother and Sister Husband make an excellent and harmonious singing quartet.

We have welcomed quite a number of visiting speakers, including Pastor Robert Olson of the E. G. White Estate, Washington.

DORIS A. JORDAN, Communication secretary

STRAINED KITTY

A tape recorder was badly needed for the Peckham youth to help out with choir rehearsals and plays. Therefore, we decided to take some positive action to raise funds, rather than burden the already strained church kitty.

On Sunday 19 May we held a Bring and Buy Sale to raise the necessary capital. A variety of items were brought and sold including water jugs, quality clothing, handbags, records, shoes and food. We even sold a five-speed bicycle! The food alone raised £40. Bartering, auctioneering, bargaining, the lot, everything went, and at the end of a wellspent day we were proud to announce a grand sum of £130!

God surely did bless our efforts and we really want to give Him all the thanks, not forgetting those who came along and supported us with their items as well as their donations and time. JOYE HANSON, Communication secretary

OUR HIGH CALLING

'Our High Calling' was the theme for the Walthamstow youth inreach campaign. The campaign ended with an agape feast, and testimonies from the speaker and from those who attended.

YVONNE E. ASGILL

300 VISITORS AT HUDDERSFIELD CAMPAIGN

With hopeful anticipation the ushers stood at the main entrance to the Huddersfield town hall. It was 6.30 pm and although not a word was spoken out loud, the whole building seemed to echo with the prayers of all the members

THE MINISTER'S LAMENT

I've been a minister for umpteen years.

I have come to the realization I am the man who can never be right. My sermons are either too long or too short.

- If i engage in long hours of study preparing them, they are over the heads of the people.
- If I keep them simple and straight to the point, there is nothing in them.
- If I introduce humour, I am too frivolous. If I am serious, I have no sense of humour.
- If I speak too low, the congregation falls asleep. If I speak loudly, I am shouting.
- If I wave an arm in gesticulation, change my expression, or modulate my voice for effect, I'm acting.
- If I stand like a wooden post in the pulpit, I'm boring.
- If I stay in my study I ought to be out visiting. If I do a lot of visiting then obviously I have nothing else to do or I ought to be in my study.
- If I am not in when someone telephones, no one can ever get hold of me. If I am at home, I should be out. If they telephone me in the evening and are successful, I ought not to be in. If I telephone them when I return home, they are in bed.
- If I am a 'hail-fellow-well-met' type, I have no dignity. If I keep my place, I stand on my dignity.
- If I speak with a pleasing accent I am too upper class. If I drop my tone I am uneducated.
- If I try to see both sides, I'm sitting on the fence. If I see one side or the other, I'm taking sides.
- If I have no friends in the congregation I'm snobbish. If I choose some friends, I am showing favouritism.
- If I dress to befit my calling, I'm old-fashioned. If I adopt a 'new look' I get quizzical glances.
- I'm either too young or too old.
- The young complain that I'm for the elderly. The elderly say that I'm only for the young.
- The first few years I was a promising young man. The next few I was more mature. The next few I was mediocre. Soon I'll be past it. As they say – 'you cannot please all the people all of the time.' But I try!

PASTOR DENYS BAILDAM An adaptation, with apologies to the Scottish Sunday Post

of the Huddersfield church. They remembered, too, how they had planted, watered, and tended the field – and now it was time to reap the fruits of their labours. Even if this meeting had yielded only one soul it would have been a success, but the good Lord saw fit to touch the hearts of over 300 relatives and friends who attended on 22 April to see the film 'I Beheld His Glory'.

It was the start of 'The Way to Happiness' campaign, a series of three-nightly meetings to be held at the Huddersfield church for a period of eight weeks. Along with NBC secretary Pastor Don MacFarlane and local minister Pastor Brian Pilmoor, the members of the Huddersfield church intend to reap that precious harvest of souls. Indeed we have already been touched by the number of people who have asked for prayer and further Bible study.

We feel that you, too, can do your part – in fervent prayer.

Other information: 23 April - First meeting at the church very well attended. Along with Pastor Don MacFarlane and Pastor Brian Pilmoor, NBC president Pastor Ron Surridge was also present.

JEAN MANIFOLD, Communication secretary

PRIDE AT CHELMSFORD

As Seventh-day Adventists we are invariably, and quite rightly, suspicious of pride and the adverse effect it can have on people. However, there happens, once in a while, something which makes it extremely difficult not to feel proud.

Such an occasion was the achievement of some of the youth of Chelmsford church. Most of the girls belong to the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Two sisters, Lynett and Michelle Martin, have just been presented with the highest award possible for cadets – The Grand Prior Award. To achieve this the girls had to pass twelve proficiency tests over a range of subjects. Several more girls, a year or two younger, have passed seven or

eight tests, so are also on their way.

The combined Chelmsford youth have also surpassed themselves with their Ingathering – bringing in several hundred pounds.

A. N. HILL, Communication secretary

SINGING FOR THEIR MONEY

This year, in an attempt to boost the Ingathering totals, we thought we would try something new. Permits were obtained from the Chelmsford Council, the police and the management of the precinct. This allowed 'Advent Strings', consisting of Charles and Robert Beswick (guitars, mandolin and ominichord), and Alfred Hill (vocals), to play from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm virtually non-stop. Around them were a team of members collecting. The precinct in Chelmsford is undergoing a face-lift so we had to compete with a certain amount of noise.

At the end of the day, however, we still managed to collect £346.28. The previous week, also on a Friday, we played in Basildon precinct for a similar amount towards Hutton church's Ingathering total.

It is often said, 'God moves in mysterious ways', and surely He does, because the venture at Chelmsford was planned three months in advance of Ingathering, but when Ingathering came around, a spate of illnesses and other circumstances prevented some of the best collectors from taking part, yet we still managed our second highest total.

Now while 'Advent Strings' had done this before and collected £1,218 for ADRA, it was a new thing for Ingathering. Other churches may well have done this already, but if not, it is worth thinking about – 'Music hath charms'.

A. N. HILL, Communication secretary

DEAF AND DUMB

Recently I visited our church in Warsaw. There were twenty-five deaf and dumb people there. Someone was interpreting the hymns and the preaching in their own deaf and dumb language.

They asked me to pass greetings to any of our members in Britain afflicted in this way. They suggested you might like to get in contact with them via the Union Office in Warsaw. In the first instance write to me: Don Lowe, NED Offices, 119 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts., AL1 3EY.



The National President of the BWTAU, Mrs. G. Stretton, addresses the Ipswich congregation.

NATIONAL RALLY AT IPSWICH

The National British Women's Total Abstinence Union held their Spring Rally at the Ipswich church on 9 May.

The National president of the Union, Mrs. G. Stretton from Birmingham, was the speaker. In the absence of the president for East Anglia, Mrs. M. Newman of Lowestoft, the meeting was led by the secretary, Mrs. E. Hitcham.

Mrs. Stretton spoke of many experiences in her work and of the present increasing trends in the use of alcohol, particularly among young people, urging the necessity to speak out and give a word of warning wherever possible. B. DUKE



Left to right: Bobby Mason, Jonathan Barrett, and John Carlson. Not pictured, Sarah Koch.

WATFORD GOES TO IRELAND

Four young people recently went to Ireland to learn how to share their faith. They sat at the feet of Pastor S. Monnier from the General Conference who was conducting a Lay Evangelists' Training Seminar.

The trip came about as a result of Pastor Monnier's visit to the Stanborough Park church, during which he outlined his ideas on witnessing. Members of the Park church were motivated, and four of them ended up sharing in the experience of the eight-day seminar. Those who attended are now trained in the art of doorto-door witnessing, giving Bible studies, and conducting home evangelistic crusades. Pastor Monnier recommended that his 'trainees' go back and put into action what they have learned, rather than spending too much time shouting about it. With this in mind, the Park 'trainees' plan to implement various parts of the programme. COMMUNICATION

DEPARTMENT



SEC's Sister Flemming-Noel outside the Riverside SDA church, Cape Town.

ADVENTISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

A report by E. R. Cambridge of the visit by G. Flemming-Noel

When Sister G. Flemming-Noel was invited by her travelling companion to visit the peoples of South Africa, she had no idea of the extent of the work in which the Lord had called her to participate. She was the first worker

from the South England Conference to visit the three Conferences in South Africa; the Good Hope, the Cape, and the Cape Field. These conferences are responsible for the spiritual welfare of the white, coloured, African and native peoples in the region.

After a three-day journey from London via Lusaka and Johannesburg to Cape Town, she was met by some church members and taken to the home of Pastor and Mrs. Lakay of the Capetown church to be their guest for eight weeks.

The work began immediately with counselling sessions for both the youth and married people; Bible studies in homes, talks on health and temperance, and preaching at both Sabbath and Wednesday meetings. The response was excellent throughout.

The president of the Good Hope Conference, Pastor Beyers, invited Sister Noel to preach at the Riverside church, the main church within that conference, on her first Sabbath (9 February) in Cape Town.

The highlight of the visit was on Sabbath 9 March. An invitation was accepted to preach in the Cape Field Conference which covers only African and native work. The people speak only their native language and understand little or no English. The church was packed to capacity with people standing outside; they were warmhearted and anxious to hear the message which had to be preached through an interpreter. The Spirit of God could be felt moving within the congregation, and Sister Noel was deeply impressed to do without the services of the interpreter and preach the message in English only. She obeyed this prompting, and at the close made a call. To the amazement of the pastors and officers present a large part of the congregation responded to the call and surrendered their lives to the Lord.

The church groups have a very active social life with many Christian parties and visits to places of interest. The churches are lovely, the people on the whole friendly and happy. By preaching and counselling in fifteen different churches, the seed of the Gospel was sown over a wide area. Evangelism is progressing in a simple way but parents and young people have to learn how to foster and protect the Christian home from outside influences.

Eight weeks completed, time to return home. The last Sabbath, 28 March, was spent in Johannesburg, where Sister Noel preached and held the last counselling sessions. Tired but satisfied with such a rewarding journey, she left for London and home, a chance of a lifetime stored within her memory.

HULL CHURCH. The new permanent address for services for the Hull church is now 23-27 Worship Street, adjacent to the city's New Theatre and Central Fire Station. Car parking available at rear of the church.

CHILDREN IN THE PULPIT

'Out of the mouths of babes', whispered one mother as she listened to the children present their programme.

This was no ordinary programme, neither was 13 April just another Sabbath. Those present saw an unusual event take place at the Nottingham Central church. As the inclement weather of the previous day subsided into golden rays of warm sunshine, the children, aged 7 to 16 years old, took their places on the platform. Their bright smiles and glowing expressions created an atmosphere of Sabbath peace. And one or two parents chuckled to themselves as they considered how they were used to seeing their children replace them in the pulpit during Sabbath school or an afternoon programme, but never during divine service as well.

After six weeks of patient supervision from Sister Sue Robinson, the children were ready to reveal the blossoming of their Christian training.

Many were impressed with the joint sermon entitled 'The Invitation', presented by Natasha Gunter age 7, Nigel Wood age 10, Paula Gray age 11, and Trevor Watts age 16. Tears and amens flowed freely but calmly as hearts responded to the children's appeal 'Come to Jesus'.

At the end of what can only be described as a gourmet lunch, provided by Sister Claudette Gray, for the children and all visitors; the children once again displayed their talents in a dramatic illustration of the scene between Jesus and the ten lepers recorded in the gospel of Luke.

It was an occasion which will be remembered for a long time; it was a stirring sight to witness the children, lent to us by God, take their positions in the heavenly march home.

We express our heart-felt thanks to Sister Sue Robinson for her kind guidance to the children as they planned their day of fellowship. Our only regret is having to say goodbye to Sister Robinson and family as they emigrate to America. We wish her God's richest blessings, and pray that the children at her new church will be as greatly blessed by her presence as ours were. L. PEACHES. MITCHELL, Communication secretary



NATIONS IN HARMONY

As well as young people from Britain, Stanborough School has boarders from many other nations. This was demonstrated on 18 May when the boarders directed the Sabbath school for the adult division at Stanborough Park church. The boarders' own brass band accompanied all the hymns. The band is trained by their con-

FAITH REWARDED

Now that the Ingathering

campaign is over I'm sure

to give of the way in which

many people have testimonies

God has blessed them. In Tot-

tenham (High Road) we have

had our faith rewarded. We set

our faith goal for the campaign

at £3,000 and collected

As well as young people from Britain, Stanborough School Dyason.

Apart from the band, part of which is pictured, young people taking part were Sarah Koch from Germany; Myrna Nortey from Ghana; Frank Synman from Holland; Chikati Sampa and Natasha and Sebako Siame from Zambia; Thuli Dlamini from

final figure is not yet known).

us in this way.

total of £676.70.

Thanks be to God for blessing

All those pictured have col-

lected over £100 each. Our top

collector, Brother R. McKen-

zie (extreme right), collected a

P. T. WILSON, Communication

noto ritex cumuojiun

Zimbabwe; Brett Badger from the USA; and Patience Acquah (originally from Botswana) and Rebekah Hullott from Britain.

Adults taking part were Mrs. Sue Anscombe who, with her husband Roger, cares for the boarders, and Mr. John Carlson from the USA, who is here for a year and assists the Anscombes.

BRONWEN ATKINSON

RENEWAL AND AWARENESS

The youth and young-at-heart of the Walthamstow church celebrated the youth Week of Prayer, Joy and commitment – at 5 am every morning!

This was the third consecutive year in which we have enjoyed the 5 am start to each day of the youth Week of Prayer. The meetings were held in the church. It is a real joy to sing praises to God at that time in the morning. This is a real time for recommitment.

The Holy Spirit moved mightily in the course of the week. It was a week of spiritual renewal and awareness. YVONNE E. ASGILL

TWO German girls would like to visit the UK between 12 August and 8 September. They would be willing to help with expenses. Please write to: B. Wahrer, Sauerbruchstr. 37; 7200 Tuttlingen, Germany.



13

ESCAPETO

Treat yourself to a most exciting, inexpensive holiday in glorious North Wales!

Family Camp	19 July - 28 July
Junior Camp	29 July - 5 August
Senior Special Pursuits Camp	5 August - 14 August
Earliteen Special Pursuits Camp	15 August - 22 August
Senior Holiday Witness Camp	23 August - 1 September
Applications to: Pastor A. R. Rodd, Youtl	h Department, North British

Conference, 22 Zulla Road, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, NG3 5BZ.

HOME STUDY INTERNATIONAL

Literature Evangelism

Hot off the press! Our new LITERATURE-EVANGELISM course is ready!

Supplies have been ordered and should be here in time for you to start work in the autumn.

Write for details to: Secretary/Registrar, Home Study International, Newbold College, Bracknell, Berks., RG12 5AN

CHANNEL 23 PSALM

The TV is my shepherd, my spiritual growth shall want.

It makes me sit down and do nothing for the cause of Christ because it requireth all my spare time.

- It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian, because it presenteth so many good programmes that I must see,
- It restoreth my knowledge of the things of the world; it keepeth me from studying God's Word.
- It leadeth me in the paths of failure to attend the worship services.
- Yea, though I live to be an hundred, I shall still keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work.
- For my TV is my close companion; its sound and its picture they comfort me
- It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family.
- It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God.
- Surely little good will come of my life because of my TV, which offers me no time to do the Will of God.

And I will dwell in spiritual poverty forever.

DR. MUELLER AT EASTBOURNE

Dr. Konrad Mueller was speaker for a special day at the Eastbourne church on 2 March. Dr. Mueller is director of the E. G. White Research Centre based at Newbold College. Fellow members from other Adventist churches in the area joined us to hear and witness this dynamic scholar whose retirement is imminent.

Dr. Mueller devoted the morning session to the characteristics of 'the remnant Church' after the 'disappointment' of 1844, making clear to us Christ's movements in heaven, marking the beginning of the end.

The afternoon session was just as absorbing as about sixty faithful members discovered afresh from the Bible and the writings of Ellen White how Jesus is still leading His Church, Dr. Mueller continued to warn us in firm tones that 'the very last deception of Satan will be to make of noneffect the testimony of the Spirit of God'. The day ended with questions and answers, to everyone's satisfaction. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Mueller a peaceful retirement, and everything that is good for his successor, Dr. Pierre Winandy, at the E. G. White Research Centre.

COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

WEST BROM PRESENTS CHEQUE

On 2 February the West Bromwich church presented the Secretary for the Mary Spooner House with a cheque for £45. For fifteen years the centre has cared for battered wives and their children. BRENDA BURTH

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. The treasurer of the British Union Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £10 tithe from an anonymous donor. *M. B. Musgrave.*

The treasurer of the North British Conference acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £150 tithe from T.D.T. L. D. Eastwood

CONGRATULATIONS to Veronica Crooks of the North Manchester church on gaining her MA in Race Relations from Bristol University, Veronica already has a BA from Birmingham and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Manchester. She has now commenced work as an education officer in Manchester.

WANTED, copies of *About Face* by Don Christman. Please state price and postage. Mrs. C. F. Hardy, 14 Chaddesden Lane, Chaddesden, Derby, DE2 6LQ. GERMAN girl, 21. Adventist, secondary school, seeks accommodation with a family (possibly in the Home Counties) for six to twelve months, from October 1985. Both *au pair* and 'exchange' arrangement possible. She is lacto-ovo vegetarian. Write to: Dr. Alfredo Romano, Moitzfeld 77, 5060 Bergisch Gladbach 1, West Germany.

NEWBOLD SCHOOL require for September 1985 suitable qualified and experienced teacher for third and fourth year juniors. For application form apply to the Head Teacher, Newbold School, Popeswood Road, Binfield, Berkshire, RG12 5AH.

GREECE. A unique opportunity to visit and stay in Greece. Aristotle Vont-zalidis, an elder in our Athens Adventist church, would like an English-speaking Adventist young lady to work as an au pair looking after his 4-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter and assist with the housework for at least a year. His wife is unable to do this work due to a spinal illness. Full accommodation will be provided - also fare and pocket money. Please phone immediately to The Stanborough Press (0476) 64284 ext. 31 or (0476) 70689 (evenings) for further information. His address is: Aristotle Vontzalidis, 85 Afronditis Street, Hellikon, Athens, Greece,

GERMAN girl, with previous experience as an *au pair* in England, would like to spend five weeks in an Adventist home from 8 July to 11 August approximately. Enquiries please to: Christine Fischer, Auf der Marienhöhe 32, 6100 Darmstadt, Federal Republic of Germany.

AUSTRIAN boy, 14, would like to visit England for about three weeks some time in July or August in order to improve his English. If interested, please give details of accommodation available, board and lodging costs, etc. to: Pastor M. Stickland, BUC Offices, Stanborough Park, Garston, Watford, Herts., WD2 6JP.

TWO Yugoslav girls – early 20s – would like to work in an English family in return for board and lodging for a period during the summer – July to September. For details write to: Svetlana Milovanović, Prilaz Ja 77, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

SWISS Adventist girl is looking for a job as an *au pair* with a family and children. She is 20 years old and has two years of nursing experience and one year with handicapped children, and speaks some English. Preferably starting around November this year. Apply: Benhams, Herbis, 3714 Fruitigen 2, Switzerland.

GORDANA MAGAŠIĆ, a Yugoslavian girl (16) would like to exchange visits with a British girl aged 16-20 this summer. First, she invites a British girl to spend two or three weeks with her in her parents' holiday home situated in a nice little town, on a lovely island, on the warm Adriatic Sea. Then she would like to spend two or three weeks with the same British girl in her home here in Britain. For further information write to: Gordana Magašić, Jalševačka 14, Gajnice, 41000 Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

HOLIDAY HOME for hire by church members (2-6 people), situated at Lierschied/Taunus, near St. Goarshausen Nähe Loreley/Rhein, West Germany. Write to: E.u.U. Gotting, Bahnstr. 12-14, D - 6237 Liederbach, Taunus, West Germany. Tel: 069 (Frankfurt) 31 35 28.

OBITUARIES

HAINING, Robert Boyd, MD. d. 29 April. Dr. Haining was born in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire on 14 December 1904, the son of Pastor George B. Haining and his wife Agnes Scott Haining. The family moved to Stanborough Park shortly after it was purchased. Robert Haining attended Stanborough College and later was preceptor for a period. Gifted as a speaker, writer, and student, he turned at last to the field of medicine and emigrated to California to Loma Linda University, where he gained his MD degree. In 1932 he returned to Britain to pick up the medical degree of LRCP&S from Edinburgh. In 1930 he married Verna Irene Harrower, the daughter of another Scottish emigre, Dr. Henry R. Harrower. Dr. Haining served as the counsellor of the Los Angeles County Medical Association for Glendale, and as vice-president of the Loma Linda University. Dr. Haining was buried at Forest Lawn, Glendale, and the funeral service at the graveside was presided over by his friend, Dr. Ted Heppenstall. Dr. Haining is survived by four sisters (Mrs. Marie Craven, Mrs. Agness Cairncross, Mrs. Gretta Pyle, and Mrs. Violet Bell); his son (Dr. R. G. Haining); his daughter (Mrs. Sylvia Odening); eight grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. J. B. CRAVEN

PASTOR FRED EDWARDS Sabbath



morning 4 May 1985 Pastor Edwards passed peacefully to rest in the Dorchester General Hospital where, following surgery, he had been in a coma for five weeks.

On

Thus ended the mortal life of one of God's servants whose self-effacing manner yet diligent ministry merits him a place among the greatest workers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Pastor Edwards was born in Hull, Yorkshire, on 13 May 1902. At the age of 13 he was baptized and became a member of the Hull church. Seven years later he enrolled as a student at Stanborough College and graduated from the ministerial course in 1928. Then followed a year at Marienhöhe College where Brother Edwards taught English and completed his study of the German language. In June 1930 he married Jelena Budicki and with his bride accepted a call to mission service in the Gold Coast of West Africa. Upon his permanent return to Britain in 1934 he served for three years in the Welsh Mission at Shrewsbury and Newport.

By far the larger part of Pastor Edward's ministry was in the North England Conference. There, for twenty-eight years, he served the churches on the Tyne and the Tees, then the three churches in Birmingham, also assisting in campaigns in Stoke-on-Trent. Coventry, Leicester and Rugby benefited from his ministry. The five years he spent in Nottingham, Suttonin-Ashfield and Beeston he considered the most fruitful in his experience. Following this he moved to Northants, caring for the Kettering, Northampton, Wellingborough and Rushden churches, and the Peterborough and Colsterworth companies.

It was appropriate that Pastor K. A. Elias, who also has had a lengthy association in and with the ministry in North Britain, could be present at the funeral to pay tribute to our departed colleague.

Pastor Edward's transfer to the South England Conference brought him to Portsmouth. When he reached nominal retiring age he decided to continue in active service by accepting a hospital chaplaincy in Trinidad which he much enjoyed. When he and his wife returned to England in 1972 another call awaited him, to be the leader of the Gloucester district. His final ministerial appointment was to care for the Weymouth church, and he chose to live in the lovely Dorset village of Milborne St. Andrew. After two years he was compelled to make his retirement complete due to the sickness leading to the decease of his wife in 1978.

Towards the end of 1979 Pastor Edwards married Veronica and they became regular members of the Bournemouth church and also continued to give Bible studies to interested people with whom they made contact. In his terminal illness, Pastor Edwards was blessed with the professional skill and loving care provided by Veronica whose devotion is commended.

The funeral service was held in the Parish church of Milborne St. Andrew, whose vicar, the Revd. Peter Matthews, graciously granted this facility for a fellow minister whom he highly respected. In the peaceful surroundings of this delightful Dorset village churchyard, Pastor Edwards awaits the call of the Giver of immortality.

Pastor Edwards' sons Siegfried and Ronald and his daughter Margaret (Mrs. Martin Anthony), with his five grandchildren, although saddened by separation, rejoice in the certain hope of reunion.

As was mentioned at the funeral service, if an example of complete commitment to the Gospel ministry needs to be provided for the inspiration and instruction of present and prospective ministers, it is to be found in the experience of God's servant, Pastor Fred Edwards, whose life and dedication we remember and honour with gratitude. EDWIN H. FOSTER

THANK YOU. Mrs. V. Edwards and members of the family would like to express their very sincere appreciation for the many messages of sympathy that have reached them. The reality of the resurrection promises is a great comfort.

LACK, Eleanor - d. 11 March. Sister Lack fell peacefully asleep after a short illness at the age of 91 years. Widowed twice, she embraced the truth in 1931 through the ministry of Pastor Roy Anderson and his Bible worker, Miss Guntrip. Our sister was a member of the Holloway church for more than forty-five years and then attended the Muswell Hill group. After moving to an elderly resident's flat opposite the Wood Green SDA church, she eventually decided to transfer her membership there as advancing years made travelling very difficult. She loved the truth and her Church and she was well loved by all who knew her. The pastor and deaconesses arranged for an escort every Sabbath morning so that our sister could cross the busy main thoroughfare. There were not many Sabbaths when she was absent from Sabbath school. Right up until her last illness, Sister Lack was an avid reader, besides taking much pleasure in her favourite hobby of knitting baby coats for the church welfare department, and some of the last garments she made before going into hospital were 'vests' for the Ethiopian appeal. Her mind was active and alert until the end and the Lord gave her a wonderful memory, knowing

by heart every birthday of her nine children, sixteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by her family including three Adventist daughters - Mrs. Eva Walker of Avondale, Australia; Doris, president of the British Adventist Nurses' Association; and Mrs. Helen Emm of Stanborough Park. Pastor Roland Fidelia conducted the funeral service in the Wood Green church, where many of her children, grandchildren and friends came to bid her farewell; after which our dear sister was laid to rest, at her request, with her SDA friends in the North Watford cemetery, Pastor Ken Gammon conducting the committal proceedings. We look forward to meeting our sister on the resurrection morning when Jesus comes again, and she hears Him say Well done thou good and faithful servant'

HELEN EMM

HORN, Edna Marion - d. 21 March. It is with deep sorrow that the Southend church records the passing of another of its long-standing members. Sister Horn fell asleep after a short illness at the age of 78. Sister Horn and her twin sister Evelyn heard the message through the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts during the winter of 1965-66. Both were baptized by the late Pastor John French on 21 May 1966. She and her sister jointly held the office of organist and pianist for the Sabbath school, as well as that of joint librarians. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Southend church followed by cremation at Southend. We sorrow not as those who have no hope for we look forward to meeting our sister again when Jesus returns

PASTOR V. LLEWELLYN

SCOTT, William Thomas Griffith. - d. 13 April. It was fitting for this valiant soldier of the Lord to end his 77 years on a Sabbath morning. Bill Scott loved his Lord, the Church and the Sabbath. fully demonstrated by his life and service to the church and community in Hereford. He was born in Cardiff, then worked diligently as a draper/manager for sixty-two years. As a teenager he was a Sunday school teacher, then a lay preacher, and this interest and commitment were actively in evidence in his years as an Adventist Sabbath school leader, elder and indefatigable Ingatherer. The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Ernest Logan in the Hereford crematorium, when the Christian hope and faith were shared with attending church members and friends. Brother 'Bill' fought a good fight and kept the faith. This assurance is treasured by his wife Edith, relatives and friends. With them we await the Lord's return and a blessed reunion. COMMUNICATION SECRETARY

TAYLOR, Margery - d. 13 April. Sister Margery Taylor, wife of the Bournemouth church treasurer, passed to her rest after a short period of hospital care while Brother Taylor was undergoing surgery. Sister Taylor (née Biggins) was born in Eccleshaw, Sheffield, but it was in Brighton that her path crossed that of her husband-to-be. Through his witness Sister Taylor committed herself to baptism and joined the fellowship of the Hove church in 1937. The late Pastors G. W Bailey and E. R. Warland were the officiating ministers. Some thirty years ago the Taylors located in Bournemouth. Sister Taylor's lifelong impairment of hearing and sight which gradually deteriorated, prevented her from the enjoyment of full church fellow-

ship. She did, however, serve the church as associate treasurer for a period. God had granted her long life and her husband had devotedly attended to her every need. The funeral service was held in the Bournemouth church on 22 April followed by interment in the Wimborne Road cemetery. The sorrow of separation is mitigated by the anticipation of that day when 'the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped'. EDWIN H. FOSTER



MORRIS-BUCHANNAN - Although rain was forecast, God sent His blessing in the form of a bright sunshiny day on Sunday 5 March, for Janet Buchannan and Roland Morris, who after much prayer, counsel and thought, decided to join their lives together in holy matrimony. They wish to express their gratitude and thanks to everyone for their gifts and contribution to the organizing of the wedding and for making their day such a wonderful experience and success. The Peckham church would like to wish them much happiness now and for the future as they embark upon a life together. JOYE HANSON

LEEDS-CRUTCHFIELD - Sunday 5 May was a happy day for the members of the Wimbledon church, for it was on this day that Cheryl Crutchfield and Stuart Leeds took their vows in holy matrimony. The church was full with relatives and friends who had travelled from as far as America and Switzerland, along with many local friends and members, to witness the marriage service which was conducted by the bride's father, Pastor George Crutchfield, who, along with Mrs. Crutchfield had flown in from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to perform the ceremony. Cheryl and Stuart met at Wimbledon church while Pastor and Mrs. Crutchfield were assigned there. It was a real 'family' wedding, as the bride's grandfather flew in from Switzerland to give the bride away; Cheryl's brother Stuart was the organist, while Stuart's mother Irene Leeds rendered an apt and beautiful solo entitled 'O Promise Me'. The bridegroom's brother Clive was best man, and Garreth Leeds was an usher along with Andrew Souch. The bridesmaids, Julie Alexander and Melati Baybars were friends of the bride. Divina Giarraputo, aged 4, looked the perfect picture as the flower girl for the occasion. Grant Sleigh, aged 5, was the ring-bearer. The church was beautifully decorated with large floral arrangements in pink, white and lilac, made up of carnations, lilies and chrysanthemums. Chervl looked radiant as she entered the church on the arm of her grandfather. Stuart and Cheryl smiled throughout, even though the occasion was saddened by the sudden collapse and death of the bride's great-aunt in the church minutes before the wedding service. She had travelled from Switzerland for the occasion. The Wimbledon church, at this time, would like to express their deepest sympathy to the bride and groom, Pastor and Mrs. George Crutchfield, and their relatives at their great loss. We wish Cheryl and Stuart every happiness for their future together and God's richest blessing in their new home in Sutton, Surrey, upon their return from honeymooning in Switzerland.

ANNE OGDEN

Article Four – in Cradle Roll – IT'S TIME TO START SABBATH SCHOOL!

The Sabbath school room and your teaching materials should be in complete readiness

be fore the first child enters on Sabbath morning. Greet each child warmly and make sure they are cared for before the programme begins. This may mean you have to be extra early, but it is important that you establish a close relationship with your boys and girls right away.

To encourage reverence have the pianist play the songs through softly before the programme begins, or use the tape, Sabbath Songs for Tiny Tots - Cradle Roll. Providing an atmosphere for worship is one of the best things you can do to teach about the importance of God's house and the Sabbath. Talk very softly; help each child with the attendance device, and see him to his seat. Ouite often this is all that is necessary - very young ones will be content to listen to the music or discuss with their teacher the picture

The Great Sabbath School Event

The Place Newbold College

The Time 26 - 28 July

Calling all Sabbath school superintendents, officers and teachers to a really big Sabbath school event.

How-to-do-it workshops on Teaching, Visual Aids, Organizing Effective Sabbath schools.

Displays of resource materials, books, visual aids, flannelgraphs.

Learn how to be a better Sabbath school leader. Discover how you can have brighter and better Sabbath schools. Find out how you can become a better Sabbath school teacher and Bible student. Enjoy the fellowship and the lovely surroundings of Newbold College. Reserve your place now to avoid disappointment. Fee for the weekend £22.50.

Please reserve for me a place at the Sabbath School Weekend, 26-28 July, at Newbold College. I enclose £10 deposit.

Name ______Address ______

Church

Send to: Mrs. Barbara Izasars, Sabbath School Department, 25 St. John's Road, Watford, Herts., WD1 1PY. you have placed on the felt board.

Make your room as beautiful as possible. Arrange the chairs in a semicircle with a low felt board as the focal point. Because you will use many materials during the programme these must be to hand and in order, preferably behind the felt board so there is no untidiness.

There are many opening songs you can choose from. A great favourite is the 'Ticktock Song'. Give each child a toy watch to wear or a card clock with a ribbon pendulum to swing from side to side. Or they can tap two dowel sticks together in time to the music. Sing each song through at least twice, don't hurry, and use the same opening song every Sabbath in the quarter. Bells on colourful chenille wires, which can be obtained at craft stores make delightful accompaniments for the song 'Sabbath Bells' (No. 8).

You may like to give each child a toy car to 'park' by a large card church picture. Then sing, 'Here is the Way We Drive to Church' (No. 18). Make the church with doors to open and a mirror behind so that each child can have his turn of seeing himself in church when you sing, 'Who has come to Sabbath School?' (No. 4).

The same felt board poem or finger-play about the Sabbath is nice to use every week. An easy finger-play is:

- 'I love God's House (make a roof shape with
- your hands)
- I love His day (show seven fingers)
- I like to sing
- (point to mouth)
- I like to pray
- (hands in prayer)
- I like to hear the stories true (cup hand behind ear)
- That Jesus sent for me and you.'
- (point up, then to self and children).

Repeat this very slowly, being very deliberate in your actions and waiting for the children to follow you. It is best to kneel as you teach, so you have eye-contact with each boy and girl. Emphasize many times how good it is to worship Jesus on Sabbath. Place the village church on the felt board, then ask:

'Who is in Sabbath school today?

Jesus comes with you and me -

So we must very quiet be.' Place a felt Jesus to one side of the Church, and speak very softly:

'Who is in Sabbath school today?



MIRACLE EXPERIENCED Dear Editor,

My wife, Nellie, and I have always appreciated the 'Letters to the Editor' column, never dreaming that we might want to use this service ourselves. However, in view of the events of the last few weeks, we felt it appropriate to share some of our thoughts and feelings in this way.

First, I want to say that we are grateful to our gracious God every waking moment of the day for His loving protection and care extended to us on 11 April. We shall never forget the sweet and sustaining assurance of His love that has been ours during this time.

Secondly, we were both overwhelmed by the flood of love and concern that has come to us from here in North America and overseas.

We have always believed in miracles but have never experienced quite such a dramatic one personally. God used our dear friend and neighbour, Pastor Harold Reiner, who came along at the crucial moment to stop the attack by our son Ronald who has been ill for the last twenty-two years. He had been off certain of his medications due to a case of hepatitis which he contracted at the Board and Care Home where he lived. We were taking care of him following his stay in the hospital since he could not go back to his care home until the hepatitis was cleared up. We experienced two of the nicest weeks we have ever had with him and we both commented on what a joy it was to have him at home. He was so pleasant and congenial. In times past, we have always been able to observe any sudden changes in his behaviour. But this time, aside from a few restless remarks the day before, there was no warning nor were there any alarming signs.

Another evidence of God's protection was that the attack occurred outside just as Ron and I were leaving to go on an errand for him. Had it happened inside the house, Harold would not have seen it as he drove by, and no one else was at home.

Contrary to what the news reported, the cuts on my face were from my glasses and the pavement, and these cleared up quickly. Praise God, the wound in my back did not strike a vital organ. The doctors called it 'luck'; I said it was 'Providence', and they heartily agreed.

Nellie and I were permitted to see Ron two weeks after the traumatic event took place. His first words to me were: 'Please forgive me, Dad. I couldn't help it. I had no control.' Of course he was forgiven before he asked. The *angels* come with the girls and boys –

So we must listen and not make a noise.'

Place an angel on the other side of the board.

'Who is in Sabbath school today?

Why! It's — and — and —.' Name your children and let them place a felt boy or girl on the board.

SUSAN CROWE

(NEXT ARTICLE: Visual aids to lead the children into prayer)

Our hearts ache for him for we love him dearly. He is a kind and sensitive person afflicted with a serious illness. We earnestly ask for your continued prayers for Ron.

Again we thank all of our friends everywhere for their prayers and loving concern. We look forward more than ever to the second coming of our Saviour when there will be no more heartache. I am determined to herald that message to a hurting world as long as God gives me strength. *George Vandeman, Thousand Oaks, California.*

RAFFLES

Dear Editor, Warm greetings from Exeter. Could you answer a question on behalf of our Welfare Society? We have been wondering how we could raise money for this year's charity project, the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Other churches and societies have raffles, but we do not engage in this method. We wondered why not? What text could we quote to them, from the Bible? We could not think of one. Is it the principle? or rather the motive, that is 'giving to get'?

W. Bradbury

Editor. 1 cannot quote you a texi – though others may be able to think of one. However, a principle is very definitely involved. What do our readers feel?



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

a o o o o						
		Lond	Card	Nott	Edin	Bell
June	21	9.22	9.34	9.34	10.03	10.04
	28	9.22	9.34	9.34	10.03	10.04
July	5	9.19	9.31	9.31	9.59	10.00
	12	9.14	9.27	9.26	9.52	9.54

MESSENGER

VOLUME 90 NUMBER 12/13 21 JUNE 1985

EDITOR: D. N. MARSHALL COPY FOR No. 15/16 - 8 JULY

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 Seventhday Adventists. Printed by The Stanborough Press Limited, Alma Park, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 9SL. ISSN 0309–3654