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1,000-Hour Workers

J. T. KNOPPER, Publishing Director, Australasian Division

IN the AUSTRALASIAN RECORD dated June 28, 1982, the 1,000 hours literature ministry plan during the 1,000 Days of Reaping was launched and explained. In the meantime a leaflet is being distributed and posters are being pinned on church noticeboards.

A part of the plan is that along with some books the 1,000-hour workers offer the customer the opportunity to purchase a large, fully illustrated Family Bible. The Bible contains a Bible dictionary, concordance, family register and other attractive features. Also it contains a series of Bible studies similar to the H. M. S. Richards' studies in the Collins Bible.

To encourage customers purchasing such a Bible to pay attention to these Bible studies, a series of twelve question-and-answer sheets have been prepared by the Adventist Media Centre in Wahroonga.

With the sale of each Bible, sheet number one will be presented and explained to the customer. After the question sheet has been completed it is returned and the second sheet will be presented, and so on. Upon completion of all twelve sheets an appealing certificate will be given to the student.

The 1,000-hour workers will be trained to sell the small "Bedtime Stories" five-pack and some other literature, and then will have the opportunity to call attention to the purchase of this beautiful Family Bible.

Many names have been recruited already and are under training. If you have not yet given your name, why not write to your local Publishing Department director or to the Signs Publishing Company, informing them that you are interested.

Not all of us can be public speakers or mission evangelists, but to meet people on a friendly basis at the door with some attractive literature and such a beautiful Bible is not too difficult.

Your efforts will be blessed because God's promises are your guarantee. ■

WITNESSING TAXIMEN



MEET BROTHER MICHAEL HITCHENS. He is a member of the Henderson Seventh-day Adventist church in the North New Zealand Conference, and an enthusiastic Pathfinder leader. If you were to ask him what his work is, he would probably give the kind of reply William Carey did when he was asked that question. He replied: "I cobble shoes to earn a living, but my job is to preach the gospel." Brother Hitchens would be able to say, "I own and drive a taxi, but my job is preaching the gospel." He has plenty of opportunity! His Bible always lies on the dashboard of his taxi. On the panel is the text "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. This gives him opportunities to answer questions his clients ask him about his faith. Behind the backrests he has literature pockets in which he

keeps copies of *Signs*, *Good Health*, *Alert*, and any other Adventist literature he can lay his hands on. He keeps a cartonful of literature in the boot of his car from which to replenish the pockets in the cab.

Brother Hitchens is one of sixteen Adventist taximen in the city of Auckland. There are another twelve in Wellington and four in Christchurch. They have, and utilise, many opportunities to witness. The mere fact that they are not available on Sabbaths, and that their cars are "berthed" instead in the parking lots of the churches where they worship, is in itself a powerful witness. All of them are actively engaged in various roles of leadership and responsibility in the respective congregations in which they worship and serve. They can all use any good Adventist literature that is passed their way—plenty of it! God bless our witnessing New Zealand Adventist taximen!

G.E.G.

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A Message from our World Leader . . .

Attacks on the Church

EIGHTEEN unsophisticated cartoons were placed on my desk recently. Several I had seen before. I'm told that these are being circulated by individuals who feel angry and critical. It is evident that these cartoons are intended to ridicule and discredit the writings of Ellen White, the leadership of the church, the *Adventist Review*, the belief that 1844 has any real prophetic significance, and the basic concept that the Seventh-day Adventist Church constitutes a prophetic movement destined, under the blessing of God, to go through to final triumph.

One of the cartoons depicts a large graveyard, and the sign over the entrance reads: "Private Property. . . Owned and Operated by the General Conference, S.D.A." This place of death is filled with fresh graves. The tombstones and crosses carry the names of specific persons who have recently denounced certain pillars of our faith, and who have left the ministerial ranks of the church, either voluntarily or at the request of controlling committees.

Another cartoon caricatures me driving an open automobile from the vintage of the 1920s. The name of the car is SDA, and written on the bonnet . . . are the words "Remnant Church. The Kingdom or Bust!" As the car goes around a curve on a perilous mountain road, with one of the wheels flying off and the radiator boiling and shooting steam, the people packed in the back seat of this ill-fated vehicle are visibly frightened. Immediately in front of the careening car is a precipice and a sign that reads, "Route 1844—Dead End."

In one way this is humorous, but it is also sad! Thank God, few condone this kind of scandalous activity, but it is indicative of the attacks and efforts of some to bring confusion to the church.

Almost everyone is familiar with the efforts of Sanballat, governor of Samaria, to hinder Nehemiah from completing the restoration of the walls of Jerusalem. The attempts of Sanballat and Tobiah, his co-conspirator, to bribe and threaten Nehemiah, were without effect and seemed to fall on deaf ears. Nehemiah felt secure in his source of protection: "But now, O God, strengthen Thou my hands." Nehemiah 6:9, R.S.V. Then the enemy in desperation tried a new tactic. Shemaiah, a self-serving prophet, urged Nehemiah to take refuge and hide from Sanballat inside the newly rebuilt Temple. But Nehemiah sensed that something was wrong. Why should a prophet urge him to run and hide, even if it was in the Temple? "And I [Nehemiah] understood, and saw that God had not sent him, . . . because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him." Verse 12.

God tells us: "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition. . . . Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their

powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren."—"The Great Controversy," page 608.

Satan, the enemy of souls, has tried often to counterfeit the voice of God. Even Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, in rebelling against Moses, claimed that they were helping the Lord and liberating the people. This type of spiritual deception is listed as one of the signs of the last days. "The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared." 1 Timothy 4:1, 2, R.S.V.

We have not been left in doubt as to Satan's agenda and his strategy. He will redouble his efforts in the days in which we live and will try through every means at his disposal to deceive the saints and get them to snipe and criticize and throw stones at the church. Based upon the record of those who in the past have sought to discredit the church, we find it safe to predict that their counterparts today will, in time, give up their faith in the Bible and in God. More than likely they also will begin to fragment and quarrel among themselves. God has brought us through before, and He will do it again. "The church may appear as about to fall, but it does not fall!"—"Selected Messages," Book 2, page 380.

We are talking about the great controversy and the final phases of the struggle between Christ and Satan. Tragic as some of these circumstances may seem, there is the assurance of glorious victories. "In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. . . . The battle raged. . . . A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ's soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by the enemy."—"Testimonies," Vol. 8, page 41.

It is with great sadness that we see here and there fellow believers, fellow workers, fellow teachers, and fellow ministers, begin to doubt and give way to scepticism. But God tells us that some will be reclaimed and new converts "will receive the truth, and these will take the places made vacant by those who become offended and leave the truth. . . . The ranks will not be diminished."—"Selected Messages," Book 3, page 422.

By the grace of Christ we must not be turned aside from our mission and message; we must not run or hide, and we must not abandon the joy of fellowship in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Neal C. Wilson,
President, General Conference.
—*Adventist Review*.

Understanding the Prophetic Gift More Fully

"I AM 100 per cent supportive of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and of Ellen White as God's prophetic messenger," Dr. Arthur Patrick, director of the Ellen G. White/S.D.A. Research Centre, Avondale College, told the ministers of the Victorian Conference at the 1982 Ministers' Retreat held at The Basin in September.

The first day of the three-day retreat was devoted to presentations by Dr. Patrick on the prophetic role of Ellen G. White in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This was examined analytically and in depth in the light of recent disclosures that Ellen White referred extensively to a wide range of authors in writing and preparing her own books. It is now obvious that she was both a prolific and widely read person and that she drew from other literary sources to a greater extent than was previously realised. The effect of this realisation need not in any way minimise confidence in the prophetic guidance given to this church—the fruitage of which can be measured by more than Ellen White's mere literary achievements—but to give us as Adventists a new understanding of the subject of inspiration-revelation, how it is given, and how it operates. Many Adventists were previously under the misapprehension that every word Ellen White wrote was given to her by God. We now understand that it was *the message* that was inspired, not necessarily the words in which the message was framed.

Need for Even Greater Emphasis

"In evangelism and pastoral work I used to emphasise our heritage and Ellen White," Dr. Patrick told his ministerial colleagues. "I think I would do that even more if I were in full-time ministry now out in the field than I did back there, even though a number of things that I would say now would be different from what I said before. In other words, I think we must go through a continual process of understanding more fully, more perfectly, our heritage and the way the Lord has led us and His teachings in our past history, and we must be able to translate those things for our people in an effective way, so that we will have no hesitation or shame in teaching and preaching about Ellen White to Seventh-day Adventists and non-Seventh-day Adventist audiences. And might I say that people whom I talk to that are becoming Seventh-day Adventists that understand the kind of perspective on Ellen White that we can give them now, are having no difficulty coming into the Adventist Church, seeing a clear role for Ellen White, prizing her books, and so on. So there is no need to be defensive or afraid of these aspects of our task."

Dr. Patrick expressed the conviction that one of Sister White's greatest contributions to the

establishment and development of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was as "a possibility thinker." "God used her enormously well," he said, "in helping Adventism to assess its possibilities." He affirmed to his ministerial audience that he has "no misgivings or anxiety about telling people that God has been very good to us as a people in giving us the gift of prophecy."

Dr. Patrick recommended several important papers that have been published in recent months as being helpful to us in our understanding of both Ellen White's prophetic ministry and of the subject of inspiration-revelation and how it operates. Among those he mentioned were Dr. Robert Olson's article in the recent "Friendship edition" of *Adventist Review*; the article by Warren H. Johns, "Ellen White: Prophet or Plagiarist?" which appeared in the June issue of *Ministry*; "The Truth About the White Lie," published as an insert for the August issue of *Ministry*; the essay, "Ellen G. White, Prophetess in Perspective; Reviewing the White Lie," by Gary Land, in the *Student Movement* of May 6; the interview between *Student Movement* and Ron Graybill, associate secretary of the White Estate, published in the same issue of that paper; the review of Walter Rea's book, "The White Lie," by Dr. Roy Graham, provost of Andrews University, and "An Abstract and Evaluation of The White Lie," by Raymond F. Cottrell. We are using Dr. Olson's article as a devotional feature in this week's RECORD.

Dr. Graham closes his review with these thought-provoking words: "The phenomenon of the ministry of the Spirit through the gift of prophecy cannot be lightly dismissed. It is worthy of careful and painstaking study, but always within the parameter of faith, for we are dealing with sacred issues—God's loving

concern and consequent communication to all who are willing to accept His offer of pardon and full salvation in Jesus Christ."

All of these documents are available on request from the Spirit of Prophecy Resource Committee, Australasian Division of the S.D.A. Church, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, N.S.W. 2076. We refer our RECORD readers to the announcement which appears on page 11 of this issue.

We believe that Dr. Patrick was stating the truth succinctly when he told his fellow-ministers in Victoria that "this whole experience"—the challenge to Ellen White's prophetic authority and role by which the church has been confronted—"can be a process of healing and not one of destruction."

G. E. G.



Dr. Arthur Patrick of the Ellen G. White/S.D.A. Research Centre, Avondale College, lecturing to ministers of the Victorian Conference on the prophetic role of Ellen White in the context of challenges currently being confronted by the church.

Pastor John Skrzypaszek tells Dr. Patrick about the experience with the Spirit of Prophecy of the church in Poland.

Photos: G. E. Garrie



YOUTH FEATURE . . .

Confessions of a Cubist

JOHN W. HOOVER

THE MINUTES trickled away, and with them most of my patience. The New York shuttle was right on time—one hour late.

"Well, look at the bright side," I consoled myself. "At least you have an hour to spend doing what you love most."

Instinctively, I snapped open my briefcase and felt for the small, familiar shape that had occupied so many of my leisure moments. The colourful cube was in its usual place. I held it lovingly—almost reverently. Six solid-coloured faces smiled back at me, every piece in its proper position. Well, not for long!

With a few quick twists, order gave way to chaos.

Two thirty-six. That was my best time so far. Good time. Lucky, but good. Certainly not in the same class with those twelve-year-old, forty-second phenomenons, but a respectable time by pre-midlife crisis standards.

Well, no time like the present to try for a new personal best. In seconds I was deep in concentration, oblivious to anyone or anything around me.

"You must really like to play with that thing."

Voice Across the Room

The voice came from across the room—close enough to give me a start. It was a college-age traveller, neatly dressed, pleasantly curious, and obviously a fellow "heel-cooler."

"I'm sorry, were you speaking to me?"

"Yeah, I just said you must play with that thing a lot. You're pretty good at it."

"Well, I've got a way to go, but I'm getting there. Care to try it?"

"Naw, it's not for me. When it comes to working with my hands, I'm all thumbs. How long have you been doing it?"

"Oh, about ten minutes."

"No, I mean how long ago did you buy it?"

I did a few quick mental calculations. The answer even surprised me.

"About six months. My wife gave it to me for my birthday. I think it's part of a conspiracy to drive me crazy so she can take over the family fortune."

We both laughed. It helped to cut through the "new acquaintance jitters." We were beginning to enjoy each other's company.

"Do you practice very much? I mean, how long would it take to learn to do it?"

"Not as long as you might think. I keep it handy and just pull it out during free moments. You'd be amazed how many minutes you can waste in the average day!"

The conversation drifted off to other topics, all trivial, before our flight was finally called. It was full, and I quickly lost track of my new-found friend with the inquisitive face.

I found my seat and took off my coat to place it in the overhead rack. Something fell from the inside pocket. It was my New Testament—shiny brown cover, gold leaf, still with that freshly printed smell. It, too, had been a birthday present. Same birthday, come to think of it.

Mechanically, I reached down to return it to its proper place, when an uncomfortable thought interrupted my motion.

Two gifts for my birthday. One already showing the signs of use, the other still "factory fresh."

One began as a baffling puzzle—a jumble of patterns—a set of confusing instructions. But with patience and practice and persistence, the pieces were beginning to fit together.

The other also came as a puzzle. And through neglect, its many mysteries had remained precisely that: mysteries.

One had captured my heart, and, with it, most of my free moments. I couldn't get enough of it. Though "old," its fascination was ever new.

The other—well, it, too, was billed as "old, yet ever new." But I hadn't given it much of a chance to prove that claim.

My thoughts took another uncomfortable turn.

My nameless friend had asked me about that little plastic toy. And I had eagerly proclaimed the wonders of my five-dollar puzzle. Why hadn't I gotten around to talking about my Saviour?

The Result?

We had talked instead about the thing that occupied my time and attention. And the result? My friend went away knowing a lot about my cube—but nothing about my Christ.

A snatch of a sermon emerged from the misty past. "If you ever feel guilty about something you have done, most likely it's because you are."

At 35,000 feet, that wasn't exactly the kind of thought I needed to buoy my spirits. But it was what I needed to goad me into a new course of action.

Carefully, I put away my cube and reached for my other birthday present—the neglected one. The minutes sped by with the miles as I began to study its pieces, faltering at first, just like any novice.

"You must really like to read that thing."

The voice came from across the aisle. The face was new, but somehow it had a familiar expression.

Pleasantly curious.

—This article appeared in *Moody Monthly*.
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One Thousand Days of Reaping

REFLECTIONS ON FAMILY WORSHIP

MY CHILDHOOD memories are mostly happy ones. Playing with my brothers on the hills and in the forests of our farm, rounding up wonderful cooking and lively discussion around the table, especially when relatives or friends visited.

However, the most lasting and warm memory of home is that of family worship. Every morning when Dad and the other older boys came in from the milking and before the younger ones left for school, the Bible was opened, the "Morning Watch" read and the "doctrinal text" memorised. This was followed by Dad praying or asking one of us to pray. I can still hear Dad pray, "And may we be a united family in Thy kingdom."

Friday evening worships in the summertime were most enjoyable. The milking was over, baths taken and the family would gather on the high front steps of our farmhouse to talk and watch the shadows move higher up the opposite hill of the valley. The frogs down by the creek would start their late afternoon croaking. The magpies made for their nests in the big pine tree. The willy wagtail would start his "sweet pretty creature" song to his mate sitting on the eggs in the neat little nest under the eaves of the house.

As the last of the sun's rays slowly faded on the tops of the trees a deep peace seemed to settle over us—another Sabbath had begun. We would repeat some memory texts and have prayer together or go inside, put on the light and sing hymns around the piano. More than forty years later these memories are still very precious; the memories of family worship.

—J. K. Hankinson, Ministerial/Stewardship Secretary, T.A.U.C.

YOUTH MISSION IN LISMORE

LEANNE BENNETT, Lismore Youth Mission Coordinator



Visitors make the most of the opening night smorgasbord meal.

Photos: D. Adams.



Opening night in the church. This was after the smorgasbord meal. Leanne Bennett is up front making the announcements.

IN THE EARLY part of this year the Youth of Lismore church ran a most successful mission: a seven-week series of programs. The series was entitled "Spectrum of Living," an appropriate title as the programs were designed to give an overview of different aspects of Christian living. Our "symbol" for use in advertising, for shop-window posters, handbills and hall decoration, was a rainbow, which further enhanced the "Spectrum" idea used in the series title.

There was much decision-making and planning behind the scenes for months before the series began. This was done by the youth mission committee, comprised of approximately ten people, which was chosen by the youth for the purpose of organising and planning the series (and designating jobs as well!). For example, there was the problem of funds. We started the fundraising by obtaining pledges from the youth, and other church members soon followed suit by giving donations. Other money-raising ventures included a walkathon, youth teas and selling meals at inter-church cricket matches!

Wise Decision

Another decision was that the speakers at this series would be people with professional expertise in their particular field—in retrospect this was a very wise decision. We also decided to include on each night a "spot" on health in the form of an interview, film or slides, as part of our "spectrum" theme.

The first program—the opening night—consisted of a free vegetarian smorgasbord followed by the showing of the first half of the video "In Search of Noah's Ark" on a five-foot video screen. The remainder of the film was shown at the second program. The success of these first two nights far exceeded all our expectations! Nearly 200 people came to each of these programs, of whom over half were non-Adventists.

The third week of our program featured members of the Adelaide-based group "The Covenant Players." Through acting out a number of sketches, these very professional people conveyed the concept that salvation is freely available to all, by God's wonderful grace. A most successful and enjoyable program!

The program on our fourth week was a lecture by Jenny Knight, who has an M.A. in Public Health. She lectured on the topic of the role of fat, fibre and sugar in the diet. We also had the opportunity to taste various samples of healthful alternatives to unhealthy, non-nutritious foods. Jenny also provided recipe sheets of the samples.

Guest Speaker

For the fifth program our special guest speaker was Danny Sheehy, from the Media Department of the Queensland University. He titled his message "Man, Movies and Modern Art—Man's Search for Meaning in the Twentieth Century." His aim, to show the effects that the media has on society, was most clearly illustrated in slides of various art forms and movies. These indicated the influence that the evolutionary theory has had upon artistic expression, and consequently society. At the conclusion of his lecture, Danny gave a powerful appeal directing people to make a decision between putting their faith in evolution or creation.

Our sixth program featured a variety of speakers on several subjects. A lecture on "Nostradamus and Prophecy" by Leanne Bennett pointed out the fallacies in this man's prophecies and their so-called fulfilments, while the Biblical standpoint of what constitutes a true prophet of God was outlined. Pastor David Adams supported this message by showing that the prophets of the Bible were accurate in their predictions because God was the source of information. He showed slides of

archaeological sites to illustrate his lecture. The guest speaker for the evening, Pastor Alan Walshe, then clearly conveyed the evidence for Christianity. He pointed out the evidence for Christ's existence from a historical viewpoint, and also indicated clearly how we can know who Jesus really was. Pastor Walshe's message was entitled "People on the Run."

The series was concluded with the seventh program. As on the first night program our catering committee (which had been set up during the behind-the-scenes work before the series started) again worked hard, this time to provide a sit-down vegetarian meal. This meal was followed by the Josh McDowell film "More than a Carpenter," which successfully tied the series together and brought everyone attending the program to face the most critical decision in life: that concerning the acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Other Features

There were other important features in our "Spectrum of Living" programs. For instance, each night after the program, we supplied drinks, which provided us with the opportunity to mingle with and get to know the people: an important aspect of our "Spectrum of Living" theme. Perhaps this social aspect is all too easily neglected in mission activities of this nature. We also gave away recipes, Good News Bibles and copies of "The Desire of Ages" and "Steps to Christ."

At least 10 per cent of the non-Adventists originally attending the program have become A-grade contacts, and surely many seeds have been planted and many barriers have been broken down between Adventists and the rest of the community, some of whom are genuinely searching for the truth. With innovative ideas for outreach and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we continue the work of spreading God's message in our corner of this old world while we still have time. ■

PLEASE HELP US ON OCTOBER 16

D. E. G. MITCHELL, President, Papua New Guinea Union Mission

TIMES of recession and times of growth and expansion do not go well together. We have ample evidence, however, that they co-exist here in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission. The general state of the country's economy is one of depression; copra, coffee, cocoa and metal prices are very low; for example copper, which was bringing 99 cents (U.S.) a pound in 1980, is bringing less than 10 cents at present, and these are Papua New Guinea's main exports and money-earners. As one reads the Government gazette, there is an alarming increase in the number of business enterprises that are going into liquidation and folding up.

When it comes to setting mission budgets, the depressed state of the economy looms gloomily over the treasurer's head, because the general depressed state of the country's economy affects the earning capacity of the church member as it does the general populace. Unfortunately inflation seems to be an ever-present bogey as well, and thus in a number of missions retrenchment of staff has had to take place. In our largest mission, the Eastern Highlands, with over 16,000 members, we had to cut back by twenty-two worker budgets this year, giving us a new low as far as ratio of members to workers is concerned, of one worker to 137, and only one ordained minister per 946 members. (The homeland average is one ordained minister to 174 members.)

But in spite of the depressing situation financially, the soul-winning picture is much brighter. In one district of the same large mission, all the ends have been removed from the churches so that extensions can be added to enable the growing numbers to be accommodated at the worship services.

Missions Extension Projects

This year we in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission are looking forward very hopefully to the Missions Extension Offering which is to be taken Division-wide on October 16. We need your support for the three listed projects in three different missions.

School Upgrading—Madang Manus Mission. It is one thing to be able to establish a school. This is often done, thanks to an offering or a special allocation from the Division; but then to maintain it is quite another thing.

We have two schools in the Madang Manus Mission that especially need our help—Pisik on Lou Island in the Manus group, and Panum in the Madang Province on the mainland. Both schools desperately need quite a deal of repair and maintenance that has not been able to be done through the years because of the lack of operating funds. Pisik was well set up after World War II, when army huts became available. These huts, which were erected as dormitories, were quonset type with iron frames, and curved iron roofs, like a

half-moon. The tropical climatic conditions wreak havoc with iron in a fairly short time, and so the dormitories are now only partly useable, particularly during the wet season, as the salt air and rust have made their roofs more like sieves.

Panam school likewise is in much need of repairs, and especially needs help with its water supply and toilet facilities.

Laymen's School—Eastern Highlands Mission. As mentioned above, the Eastern Highlands Mission has a real growth problem, and at the same time a shrinking worker force. Our answer is to give our laymen as much training as we can so that they can hold the churches together. The Eastern Highlands Mission has started a laymen's training school. The building is made of native materials, but we would like to develop a more permanent structure and once again are looking for your help. Pastor Doug Robertson is in charge of the

laymen's training program in the Eastern Highlands, and is very pleased with the response from the first group of church leaders who have recently completed the training course.

Primary School, Togoba—Western Highlands Mission. Paglum school in Western Highlands has developed of recent years into our newest junior high school, and thus it becomes necessary to relocate the primary sector of the school. The site chosen for this is Togoba. We already have a day primary school operating at Togoba, but because of the extra pupils who will be transferring to Togoba we urgently need extra facilities to accommodate them.

Fellow believers, these projects are only a few we would list as urgent needs, but your liberal support will help to supply those needs and is very much appreciated.

Back to Aore

R. V. MOE, President, Western Pacific Union Mission

WHAT IS HAPPENING to the physical plant at Aore? To answer that question, I must tell you about our plans in the area of education, as they affect the whole of the W.P.U.M.

Betikama is the senior educational institution in our union. Presently we go to Form 5, and from there the students go to Fulton or Sonoma, and some to Atoifi to train as nurses. Three other secondary schools within the union feed into Betikama: Kukudu Adventist High School in the Western Solomon Islands Mission, which goes from Forms 1 to 3; Kauma Adventist High School on the island of Abemama in Kiribati, which also takes Forms 1 to 3; and Aore Adventist High School, taking students for Forms 1 to 4.

Three issues have made us take a long, hard look at the education program within the union:

1. The increasing number of students coming through our three junior high schools.
2. The education policies of the Solomon Islands' government, which recognises the healthy education program of the church, and is urging us to give a Form 3 education to all our Adventist children in the Solomon Islands.
3. The coming of Pacific Adventist College.

With the increasing number of students coming through Aore, Kauma, and Kukudu, we now have two streams of Form 5 at Betikama. In order for students at Betikama to go on to P.A.C., Betikama must have Form 6.

To ease the increase of students coming into Betikama at the lower levels, we must upgrade Kukudu to one stream of Form 4 and one stream of Form 5. We must do the same at Aore and Kauma. Not all in one year, of course. It is what we have called "the five-year plan."



Aore church.
Photo: R. Moe

This is where the physical plant of the Aore Hospital comes into the picture. It is anticipated that as the need for accommodation increases, so the school can absorb the existing facilities of the hospital. An adequate portion of the building will always be retained for a good, well-equipped, well-staffed clinic as it has in the past. It has never been suggested or thought that there would be no clinic at Aore.

Aore Adventist High School goes on from strength to strength. David Iredale and his team are doing a splendid job. We are going to need everything that is there in the future and more as well. Aore is a small part of the whole of the church in Vanuatu. A very important part. The main difference from its past role, is a change of emphasis.

People with the Spirit of Prophecy

ROBERT W. OLSON, Executive Secretary, Ellen G. White Estate

NEWSPAPERS, magazines, and other communications media have given wide publicity to Ellen G. White in recent years. Who was Ellen White?

In short, she was an earnest Christian from New England who, in 1844 when she was only seventeen, was called by God to a special spiritual ministry. With her husband, she helped found the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1860. Blessed with the gift of prophecy (one of the gifts of the Spirit, according to 1 Corinthians 12), she wrote prolifically on a wide range of subjects. The global Adventist medical work, educational system, and international family of publishing houses, all are the fruit of her vision.

Deprived of formal schooling beyond the age of nine, because of an accident that nearly took her life, she was self-educated. She read hundreds of books, especially those dealing with Biblical subjects. Often, when she found truth expressed in a beautiful or graphic way in the works of other authors, she adapted these passages and used them skilfully in portraying the message she believed God wanted her to give the world.

Ellen White knew Jesus not only as her Saviour, but as an ever-present Friend. Many Christians testify that, apart from the

Bible, no known literary works are so Christ-centred or deeply spiritual as are those penned by this dedicated woman. Christ is the centre of practically every page of her almost 100 books and pamphlets, which have been circulated by the millions and translated into about 100 languages.

Adventists believe that Ellen White's writings are inspired, but they do not place them on a par with the Bible. As early as 1847, church leaders took the position that "the Bible is a perfect, and complete revelation. It is our only rule of faith and practice." Mrs. White's writings are noncanonical, but have the same authority as the messages of ancient prophets whose literary productions did not become part of the Scriptures.

Mrs. White was the mother of four sons, two of whom became ministers. She was a friend of young people, many of whom she helped to obtain the education she was denied; bearer of heavenly messages for all who will read and listen; counsellor to church leaders and workers while living, and even now, through her writings; and founder of institutions. She died in 1915 at the age of eighty-seven and is buried in Battle Creek, Michigan.

—Adventist Review.

A Layman's Statement of Belief

WALTER GERALD

I believe God wants us to be part of a corporate body of believers even though we will be saved as responsible, accountable individuals.

I believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church has the clearest understanding, as a body, of the Scriptures of any church of my knowledge.

I believe ours is a church of prophecy and destiny, with a unique mission. Notwithstanding all the present-day attacks on her works, I believe God called and used Ellen White to give a clearer understanding of His will and that she indeed was a prophet like any prophet of Scripture.

I believe God is a responsible, predictable God, who loves us enough that when He spelled out His law and will, He meant every word. By the process of elimination, I end up with our church as the only one that endeavours to live by all that law.

I believe our beliefs are best understood in the context of the great cosmic struggle vividly described by Ellen White.

I believe God is a God of absolutes, and that too many Christians, including

Adventists, are rationalising their actions, deceiving themselves into believing that because Jesus paid for our redemption, their own behaviour is almost unimportant.

I believe that although Jesus won the battle on Calvary, unequivocally, that was not the end of His work in our behalf. He wants to reproduce His character in us. If we believe this is impossible, we make Him a liar, and the Bible a piece of taffy to be pulled this way and that.

I believe God expects us to put forth earnest, conscious effort to cooperate with Him in placing ourselves where His Holy Spirit can work in and through us. Although we cannot be perfect in the same sense as Jesus was, we can walk through life with Him, abiding in Him, and letting the same Spirit help us to meet temptation as He helped Jesus overcome. In the growing process we may fall, yet we will fall forward and accept His outstretched hand. We will yearn for Him, the tenor of our lives will be toward Him, and one day we will walk right into heaven with Him.

As a natural response to His great love, I believe our behaviour will be tightly

Walter Gerald describes himself as "no theologian, but a simple carpenter-layman," an occupation for which he makes no apology since "Jesus dignified that trade, as He would have any other." During a recent Sabbath afternoon conversation with some friends about trends within the church, one friend commented that he wondered how many Seventh-day Adventists could write a concise statement explaining why they are Seventh-day Adventists rather than members of another church. His friend's words challenged Mr. Gerald, who, after considering the matter carefully, wrote the following statement of belief.

bonded to our belief, and that one day, not far hence, God will be able to prove to the entire universe that Satan's accusations are a lie by pointing to us and saying, as in Job's case, "I know My people who keep My commandments and have My faith. I know they will be safe to save, not because I will make them robots, but because they believed and trusted Me, acted on that belief, and allowed Me to make them new creatures."

I believe it is God who is on trial. We will be His trophies and His evidence. That is the beauty reflected in the sanctuary doctrine.

I believe through the power of Christ's ministry in heaven, I can be among that group saved, along with millions who down through the ages have taken God at His word.

I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church, feeble and harassed by problems as it may be, is the only communion to which I can conscientiously belong.

—Adventist Review.

COALS TO NEWCASTLE?

L. STEED, Assistant Editor, AUSTRALASIAN RECORD

NO! It was colporteurs travelling to Warburton. And far from being the absurdity implied in the old saw, it was one of the most invigorating experiences we at the Signs Publishing Company have had for a long time.

But how did twenty colporteurs and their wives come to be visiting us for the long weekend of Friday evening, September 3, to Monday morning (not so early—the goodbyes were hard for some to make)?

The whole trip was the brainchild of Pastor Lance O'Neill, North New South Wales Conference Publishing director. He believed that a visit to the production centre of Adventist literature, and fellowship with the workers there, would be a shot in the arm for the colporteurs in his conference. He first demonstrated his persuasiveness by convincing the conference to sponsor such a trip, and then presented the plan to his army of workers.

No it wasn't to be an outright gift—but it would be easy for any dedicated worker. All full-time workers would be eligible for the trip (the first of its kind ever, by the way). Eligibility was on an incentive basis—each worker's hourly rate was to be matched by forty demonstrations. I don't profess to understand the mathematics involved, but it seems that a lot of demonstrations lay behind the group who qualified over the months of February, March and April this year.

Catching the Vision

The spirit of adventure was catching. Many achieved their goals with weeks still to go. That spirit of enthusiasm was to take them through a fourteen-hour bus trip to Warburton, and to ensure that their visit would be an inspiration to us here.

In anticipation of the invasion, Signs workers had volunteered to billet the bookmen for the weekend—and were on hand on Friday evening to meet the bus. Friendships were made from that moment which will doubtless last for eternity.

On Sabbath they made a welcome addition to the Warburton church family. Lance O'Neill took his leave and preached at nearby Healesville. But he was back that afternoon for the combined Signs/colporteur march—a leisurely walk through the green glades of Warburton, followed by a drive to the Upper Yarra Dam.

It was a busy weekend: film evening that night; visit to the Signs factory and Warburton Health Care Centre on Sunday; further sightseeing tours of the area, and a memorable fellowship tea on Sunday night—complete with a presentation of those heart-warming colporteur experiences.

Monday morning was full of the electricity of imminent parting. Our staff worship has rarely been as well attended, and rarely have we had the opportunity of showing such interested "tour groups" over the factory.

It's much quieter now. They were needed on the front line again. And speaking as one of the backup team, I am glad we had the opportunity to have these live coals with us for those few days.



ABOVE: One last photo, please! The group prepare to board the chartered bus for the trip home. Signs general manager David Woolley and assistant general manager Winston Fletcher (on the left) were there to farewell the visitors.



RIGHT: Signs and RECORD editor Pastor G. E. Garne gives a final word of encouragement to Pastor Lance O'Neill on the Monday morning.
Photos: H. Anderson

RIGHT: Overflowing from the Signs foyer up the steps to the second floor is the entire North New South Wales group. Pastor O'Neill is front right and his assistant, Phil Davison, is at the rear, again on the right.



A RESERVE FUND WITH A DIFFERENCE

LANCE O'NEILL, Publishing Director, North N.S.W.

SISTER E. LANDREBE, of South New Zealand Conference, champion Appeal for Missions collector, has collected more than \$2,000 per year individually for the Appeal campaign. Last year she brought in over \$3,000. I know of whole churches who struggle to raise \$2,000 with 100 members.

But that's not all. She has worked for many years in south New Zealand as a part-time literature evangelist, giving all she ever earned back into God's work and to be used at the discretion of the Publishing Department committee. The fund built up over the years when I was Publishing director there. Through Mrs. Molly Rankin we arranged a motor-cycle to be purchased for one of our Papua New Guinean evangelists—Nimi. He made good use of it, then the bike finally went to his brother who became a literature evangelist.

The fund continued to grow, and it was decided that we send this stalwart appealer and literature evangelist out for a trip to the island fields where she could see the results of the work that she had helped to foster. We arranged for her husband (since deceased) to travel with his energetic wife.

The fund continued to grow, just like the widow's oil. Where else could we look to assist God's work? Back to the island fields again. After contacting Pastor Lester Hawkes, then based at Lae, Papua New Guinea, it was decided to buy the film "I Beheld His Glory" for use in the islands. We didn't receive much information as to the impact that this film had made until recently. While visiting the Warburton Health Care Centre, I met Pastor Lester Hawkes for the first time. He was full of enthusiasm for what the film had done out there.

In a letter he wrote, "Few films have had the impact for good that that film has had. The lady who helped to start this process can find real satisfaction in the fact that, in a sense, she was a very active missionary in Papua New Guinea. The good she has done to help the cause may be as much as some of us have accomplished in years of service."

May God continue to bless these unsung heroes and any others like her who work tirelessly and unnoticed to further the cause of God.



Mrs. E. Landrebe.
Photo: L. O'Neill.



Earlier in the year, all the literature evangelists of the Trans-Tasman Union Conference converged on Warburton for their Institute. Two of their number received long-service pins. In the picture on the right, Bill Thorsen receives his twenty-five-year-

service pin from Pastor Walton Pitt, T.T.U.C.'s Publishing director. The other L.E., Mrs. D. Amos, who received a twenty-year-service pin, was unfortunately not available when this picture was taken. The happy group of literature evangelists



from Tasmania in the other picture, were, from left: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCrostie, Mr. and Mrs. Tim O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. George Hirst (he is the Publishing leader of the Tasmanian Conference), and Mrs. Lois Willis.

Photos: G. E. Garne



Members outside the Nairobi church in Kenya.
Photos: R. K. Brown.



Top left: Dr. and Mrs. Osirio of Kendu Hospital. Lower left: Ugandan church leaders. Right: Pastor Bekele Heye.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

LETTER FROM AFRICA—3

R. K. BROWN, Communication Director, T.A.U.C.

THE STORY is the same—from administrators, pastors, teachers—the doors of opportunity are wide open for evangelism in Africa.

In Nairobi I spent four hours with the leaders of our work in Uganda. In spite of the incredible trials for our believers in that troubled land, the gospel has made tremendous progress during and since the take-over by fanatical political leaders.

This afternoon I was talking with the executive director (President is reserved for the political head of the country) of the new Eastern Africa Division, Pastor Bekele Heye, who told me of the overcrowding of the churches with the ever-increasing membership.

In the bustling streets of Nairobi, cars and *matatus* (wagon taxis) compete with pedestrians for every available inch of the road. Out in the country Kenya is a different place. On a 400-kilometre journey from Kendu Bay to Nairobi one passes through fertile country not unlike many parts of Australia and New Zealand. There are small farmlets dotted with thatched roofed and mud-walled houses. The land is still tilled by local tribespeople, mostly women using hand labour. They grow small crops of bananas, pawpaws, pineapples and vegetables. Larger properties are devoted to tea, coffee and sugar.

Temperance

At a meeting of the African temperance leaders, held in Nairobi, stories were told of people responding to our temperance message. The only training many have had is a two-day seminar conducted six months ago by Pastor Ernest H. J. Steed of the General Conference. They had gone back with their limited knowledge and put into practice what they had learned. The doors are opening, and God is using these keen young men to reach out to their fellow-men with a better way of life.

Uganda

You are no doubt familiar with the atrocities committed during the reign of Idi Amin. Our people did not entirely escape the butchery of this despot. At least six Adventists "disappeared," including a teacher and his son who happened to be working back at our school late one afternoon. For no apparent reason they were shot by the soldiers.

Churches were closed during this reign of terror and members were forced to conduct services in their homes. Missionary work was done house-to-house with great success. There has been a great influx of members, and churches are springing up everywhere. No money is available for church buildings, and services are often held in the open. The membership in Uganda has grown rapidly to about 17,000 out of a population of 12 million. To cope with this influx, Uganda has been divided into two fields (conferences).

Prior to independence in 1962, Uganda was a paradise in Eastern Africa. Its economy was strong and most goods were readily available in the shops. Today the country is in economic chaos. This situation has caused great problems for the administration of our work. I asked the leader in Uganda what was their greatest need. I was surprised at his reply, "Tents." He said, "Towns and villages everywhere are hungry for the gospel. People are eager to know what Seventh-day Adventists teach. We have enthusiastic young evangelists ready to preach, but they have nowhere to take the people, as halls are too expensive."

New Division

One of the highlights of my visit to Africa was talking with the executive director of the new Eastern Africa Division, Pastor Heye. An

Ethiopian, Pastor Heye studied at Newbold College and Andrews University, and was president of the Ethiopian field before his present appointment. His territory includes the six countries of Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia, with an overall population of nearly 80 million. We have some 265,000 Seventh-day Adventists in this area.

I asked Pastor Heye a number of questions about the Eastern Africa Division which has recently transferred its headquarters from Cyprus, to Nairobi, Kenya.

What is your objective for the 1,000 Days of Reaping program?

Originally our goal was 65,000, but in discussing it further with the leaders and laity of the churches we have raised the figure to 150,000. In Tanzania, a socialist country, plans have been made to conduct 1,000 lay efforts in 1,000 villages.

We have 2,000 colporteurs who, as well as selling literature, are real missionaries. Some of our ladies have begun to preach too. An evangelist went to one village and only won one lady to the message. This lady decided to see what she could do in her village. She raised her own funds and challenged other ladies to help her. In one year they have won 400 to the Lord.

Do you have any doctrinal problems?

I am happy to tell you that we are free of these problems. We are busy evangelising and we don't have time to sit down and develop problems. The Lord has revealed to us a beautiful message which has given this church a solid foundation of truth, and we want to tell it everywhere. We teach our people to study their Bible prayerfully and the Holy Spirit impresses the truth upon their hearts.

What are your greatest needs?

We need church buildings. Our churches are overcrowded. For instance, in the city of Nairobi we have eleven organised churches, but only one decent building. Our people are on very low incomes, and yet they are willing to sacrifice. At a Stewardship meeting the other week the members were pledging to build a church. One lady spoke up and said, "I don't have much. I only have two dresses, and I will bring the best one to the Lord." That is typical of the dedication of our members. ■

Teacher and Student Ordained

K. R. PRICE, Lay Activities Director, P.N.G.U.M.

ON THE Sabbath afternoon of July 17 in the Lae English church, two men were ordained to the gospel ministry. They are Kevin Silva, who is currently Papua New Guinea Union Mission Youth director, and Kila Vagi, who is serving as Morobe Mission Youth, Lay Activities, and Sabbath School director.

At the ordination service Pastor Lyn Weber, Papua New Guinea Union Ministerial secretary, spoke of the call to be a minister. He pointed out that God's great monuments are not great buildings of brick, but the lives of people transformed by the gospel. To this end ministers are not to be like the Egyptians, builders of great monuments, but to be like the children of Israel, shepherds of the sheep. Moses was cited as a Bible example who had received training as a builder of empires, but was not ready to do God's work in God's way until he had spent forty years as a shepherd. Then he could stand before Pharaoh not with a golden sceptre, but with a humble shepherd's rod. This rod was, for Moses, at first a symbol of failure, but with the blessing of God it became a force for deliverance and victory.

Pastor Colin Winch, Papua New Guinea Union Mission secretary, told of the experiences of these two men. Pastor Silva, from Springvale, Victoria, grew up in the home of an active lay member of our church. His wife, Thelma, was a student in the same high school class. She became a Seventh-day Adventist due to Kevin's influence. Kevin trained as a teacher in Melbourne and started work at Preston in

Sitting, from left, are Sisters K. Silva and K. Vagi. Standing are Pastors J. Oli, C. Winch, K. Silva, D. Mitchell, K. Vagi, L. Weber and J. Mave.

Photo: K. Price.



1953. From 1957 he has taught at various schools throughout Papua New Guinea and the Solomons. After several years in the homeland, spent at Mildura, the Silvas returned to Papua New Guinea where Kevin is the director of the Youth Department.

Pastor Kila Vagi comes from the village of Gavuoane on the Papua side of the Owen Stanley Ranges. His father has worked for our mission for many years, and provided Kila with an Adventist church school education. It was while Kila was a student at Bautama that Pastor Silva was his teacher. Kila is married to Marian

and they are blessed with a little boy and a baby girl. This couple served the mission in the Eastern Highlands before coming to Lae to serve as departmental director in the Morobe Mission.

In the ordination service Pastor Joseph Mave, union assistant secretary, prayed the prayer of ordination. Pastor Don Mitchell, union president, read the charge, and Pastor Joseph Oli, president of the local Morobe Mission, extended a welcome to Kila and Kevin as they joined the ranks of the ordained Adventist ministry. ■

Spirit of Prophecy Resource Group Appointed

K. S. PARMENTER, President, Australasian Division

AT ITS latest meeting, the Australasian Division executive committee appointed a twelve-member group to care for the preparation and supply of essential source material relative to the role and ministry of Ellen G. White in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The group will be known as the Spirit of Prophecy Resource Committee. The Ministerial Association secretary, Pastor A. N. Duffy, has been appointed to serve as chairman.

The work of the committee will include the assembly of recent research materials, especially those from the Ellen G. White Estate in Washington, D.C., and the provision of information on current questions about the relationship of the prophetic gift to the Bible and to the church.

Articles from the group will be printed in the RECORD from time to time, and readers will be informed concerning the various papers as they become available. ■

Part of the Family

EARLIER this year the Balclutha church company in South New Zealand, with several Dunedin supporters, held the first Adventist outreach meeting in Cromwell, South Otago. An enjoyable day was spent in fellowship with isolated members. Most of the group are shown in the accompanying informal photograph. Please pray for God's people who do not have the privilege of regular association with fellow believers. ■



A Christian Show

DAVID BRYCE, Public Relations Officer,
Youlden Report, Townsville

"I KNEW this was a Christian show the minute I got inside the door. Look at those young people—nobody could convince me that they are not Christians."

What a wonderful tribute to be paid to the Townsville youth acting as ushers and usherettes at the Youlden World Report opening night! Some of them had been rather nervous about the responsibility entrusted to them, but after a short while they were thrilled at the comments offered by the people attending, and felt far more confident.

But compliments were the order of the day at the Youlden World Report's opening program at the Twin Cinema theatre complex in Townsville. It was wonderful to see so many people roll up to see the "Lost Cities of the Dead." Total attendance was 1,442—a remarkable response in a city the size of Townsville. It is worthy of note that less than 4 per cent of those present were church members because of the shortage of seating. It was obvious that the Lord had blessed the faithfulness of the church folk who responded to the call to distribute the 44,000 handbills—we are convinced that every household in the Townsville area received one of the very professional brochures.

Brother Norm Douglas, retired Electoral Commissioner of South Australia, who travelled north with his wife Yvonne to organise the handbilling, bookings, and the filing of interests' names, was overjoyed at the response. Norm maintains, "The number who attended represents 3.28 per cent of the number of available handbills. Usually a response of 2 to 2.5 per cent can be classed as very good."

But more than letterboxing was done in preparation—advertisements appeared in the newspaper and on television. Pastor Youlden had been interviewed on the two local commercial radio stations during talkback programs, a spot interval on the local ABC radio station and on the commercial television channel. Much interest was drawn by displays at two of the city's shopping centres.

One woman, who loudly proclaimed before the program started that she had been the victim of misleading advertising, was closely watched by the ushers and was seen to take a ticket for the following week—this time loudly praising what she had seen. Perhaps the greatest tribute came from the advertising manager of a local radio station who hadn't been particularly impressed when arrangements for advertisements were being made. He accompanied his wife to the opening session, rather against his will. Next morning, Pastor Mike Browning received an enthusiastic phone call from him. "I just had to ring you," he said, "to say how much I enjoyed the show. It was absolutely marvellous."

We thank those who have prayed for us, and we do ask for continuing prayer as visitation gets under way after the fourth program. ■

Adventist Women in the Pulpit

CYRIL WERE, Church Clerk, Prospect Church, South Australia

WHO SAID there is no place for women in the pulpit? Who suggested that this is a new-fangled idea—a side-effect of the current clamour for liberation of the female sex? Just cast your eye over the South Australian Conference *Plan of Church Services for December 1914*. Did you notice the three lady preachers listed—Miss Barlow, Miss Stratford, and Mrs. Chapman? Did you wonder how Miss Stratford kept her appointment at Hamley Bridge? Definitely not by car—not in those days!

Long-time South Australian Adventists, and others, will know, either personally or by repute, most of the preachers listed on this plan, found as a fading document in the library of the late Walter C. Were. In those days Walter Were Sr., as well as his son Walter Cornelius, occupied the sacred desk on many a Sabbath morning. Even young Les Johnson (still attending Prospect church at eighty-eight years) stood up to preach.

Obviously there was a place for laymen on the preaching plan in those far-off days, as much as there is now—maybe more so. Perhaps more of our lady folk will be encouraged (and receive the opportunity) to "hold forth the Word of life" from now on.

PLAN OF CHURCH SERVICES—DECEMBER 1914

CHURCHES	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 26
PROSPECT	A. C. Chesson	E. B. Rudge	C. P. Michaels	C. P. Michaels
KENSINGTON	E. B. Rudge	C. P. Michaels	W. J. Westerman	W. Were +
CITY	E. B. Rudge	C. P. Michaels	E. B. Rudge	E. B. Rudge
UNLEY	R. S. Bell +	A. C. Chesson	W. Vercoe Jr. +	E. B. Rudge
PT. ADELAIDE	A. H. Rodgers	A. C. Chesson	W. J. Westerman	C. P. Michaels
GAWLER	A. C. Chesson	W. Vercoe Jr. +	W. Were +	W. Bowhey +
SCOTT'S CREEK	L. Johnson °		W. C. Were +	W. J. Westerman
CRAFRERS		Miss Barlow		Mrs. Chapman
ALDGATE		E. B. Rudge		
HAMLEY BRIDGE	C. P. Michaels		Miss Stratford	

° It is believed that L. Johnson is the only person on the above plan alive today.

+ Known to be a layman.

It Pays to Follow Up "It Is Written" Interests

NOEL SMITH,

Greater Sydney Conference

ON SABBATH, June 26, at the new Katoomba church, when Mrs. Christine Rajcany was buried in the waters of baptism by Pastor Noel H. J. Smith, it was the answer to many prayers and the result of much study of the Word, and clearly an evidence of the thorough and loving work of the Holy Spirit. It was a totally new woman who arose from that water, born again into the family of God. How did this remarkable change develop in a woman who hated the "It Is Written" church because it took her husband from her church?

Ferdinand, her husband, was baptised on November 18, 1981. His interest was awakened by the television program of Pastor Vandeman, so he booked to attend the seminar in the Sydney Hilton in February, 1981. That initial meeting aroused his desire to study further in search of truth, so he continued an unbroken course of Bible study at the Katoomba seminar.

He, his wife Christine, and his sons Stephen and Andrew, were regular members of the

Anglican church, so when a Seventh-day Adventist pastor called to take Ferdinand to another church for Bible study, it really upset his wife and created problems in the home—so much so that the study group resorted to earnest prayer for the family's spiritual welfare.

That "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" is no trite or glib platitude. God works wonders for His people. Soon Christine's resentment was changed to an avid love for further truth. She devoured two Bible lessons per week, and since their new baby Rachel arrived seven months ago, Christine has been faithfully worshipping on the holy Sabbath day and enjoying it.

A beautiful musical setting was provided at the baptism service by a Chinese group from Strathfield, and a Czech group from Katoomba church. Praise God from whom all blessed baptisms flow! Praise Him for the "It Is Written" evangelism program. Praise Him, because it pays to follow up! ■



The late Pastor W. Ferguson with his granddaughter, Faye Sonter.
Photo: C. Sonter.

Life-Sketch of W. R. Ferguson

GORDON A. LEE

A SON was born to the Ferguson family of Subiaco, Perth, Western Australia, on April 6, 1918. They named him Wallace Ross Ferguson. As he grew into his teens he entered Carmel College in 1935. With a break from college of one year, he completed the pre-ministerial and graduated from the Western Australian Missionary College (Carmel) in 1940. It was in 1938 that he made his full commitment to Christ, while attending a series of revival meetings conducted by Pastor E. L. Minchin, and was baptised that same year. Two further years of ministerial training followed at Avondale. He graduated in 1942 and was appointed to colporteur work in South Australia.

A young Sydney Sanitarium nurse, Phyllis Codling, had been his one interest for some time, and they were finally married by Pastor W. Scragg, Sr., on December 23, 1943. In 1946 the young couple answered a call to mission service in the Solomon Islands. For the next twenty-four years they continued as South Pacific missionaries in the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

On returning to Australia in 1971, they served their church faithfully in pastoral evangelism in the North New South Wales Conference, but the homeland was to receive only five short years of his ministry. The needs of Pitcairn Island were most pressing, so Wal and Phyl answered the call to return again to foreign mission service. Though the call was for two years, the isolation and difficulty in finding a replacement caused them to spend the three years of 1977-79 in this beautiful but lonely outpost.

On their return to Australia in December 1979 they determined to retire in their home state from which they had been separated for

Life-Sketch of Keith de Ville

R. N. LAWSON, President, Tasmanian Conference

WITH the passing of Keith de Ville on Sunday, August 22, 1982, in his sixty-second year, his wife Elaine lost a devoted husband; his children, Gail, Trevor, Yvonne, Mark, Paul and Andrew lost a loving father; the church lost a faithful minister, and those of us who knew him well lost a trusted friend.

Keith was born the fifth of six children to Sarah and Jean de Ville on January 20, 1921, at Dorriggo Plateau, New South Wales. Later the family moved to the Inverell district and it was here that they, like so many Australian families, experienced the extreme hardships of the depression years. The lessons learned by Keith in the "University of Hard Knocks" stood him in good stead in future years.

While living in the Inverell district the de Ville family heard and responded to the message of the gospel as presented by Adventist evangelist Pastor C. J. Reynolds. Keith himself became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Inverell in 1937. The de Villes joined other Adventist families such as the Crabtrees, McLeans, Turners, Bartletts, Rudds and Parmenters in the erection of the original Inverell Seventh-day Adventist church.

Keith was always a hard worker, and in his early years his work took him from the banana plantations of northern New South Wales to the pineapple plantations of coastal Queensland, the cotton fields of central Queensland, the big timbers of the Kilburnie Ranges and the sugarcane paddocks of Bundaberg. But it was not in this kind of work that he found ultimate satisfaction.

Ever anxious to know God's will for him and to follow His plan, he entered the literature ministry of the church. Selling gospel literature created in his heart a desire to understand more fully the message of the Bible. Thus it was that he enrolled as a student at Avondale College in 1942, graduating four years later from the theology course. For four years following his graduation he served the church as a leader of gospel salesmen in the North and South

many years. The retirement was sadly short lived. Suffering from peritonitis caused by a carcinoma of the pancreas, our very dear brother and warrior of the gospel passed away on May 25, 1982, at the age of sixty-four. He was laid to rest in the Guildford Cemetery, Western Australia, awaiting the call of the Master, whom he served with distinction.

Like so many of God's great men he did not "sit nothing" in his retirement. He was a willing preacher of the Word. He responded to an urgent call to teach Bible at his beloved Carmel College just prior to his untimely death. He is greatly loved and missed by his wife, his son and six daughters and their families. We, too, who served beside him suffer the loss, and press the harder now to complete the work he loved to do. ■



Pastor Keith de Ville.
Photo: E. Winter

Queensland Conferences. For the remainder of his thirty-seven years of service he served as a pastor/evangelist in south Queensland (eight years), Western Australia (five years), south New Zealand (thirteen years) and Tasmania (seven years). The church has greatly appreciated the dedicated, unselfish ministry of those thirty-seven years.

It was while serving in the South Queensland Conference that two special events in his life took place. In April 1953 he was ordained to the gospel ministry. At Southport, on May 17, 1952, he was united in marriage with Elaine Fletcher. Their bond of love has remained strong through the years, and Elaine has been a faithful companion and a constant help in his ministry.

In January 1981 we were all shocked to learn that it was necessary for Keith to undergo immediate major surgery to remove a growth in the lower bowel. Since that operation he has fought bravely, and for some time it did appear that he might make a complete recovery. Towards the middle of 1981 he was able to commence a gradual return to his pastoral duties, and in January of this year he accepted the responsibility of being camp superintendent, a work which he greatly enjoyed. Keith especially cherished the opportunity during camp erection to enjoy fellowship with his fellow ministers whom he loved and respected.

To our sorrow we learned soon after our 1982 camp-meeting that all was not well. Keith's deteriorating health caused him to enter into retirement in April. Through the years he was blessed with good health. He was a strong, robust person to whom sickness was almost unknown, and he therefore found it difficult to accept a forced retirement from the work he so dearly loved. Only a terminal illness, such as he had, could cause this faithful, rugged warrior to lay down his sword.

With the people of God through the ages we are not "sad, as are those who have no hope." We have no regrets, for (to paraphrase the Apostle Paul) Keith did his best in the race; he ran the full distance and kept the faith. And now the prize of victory is waiting for him; the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give him on that day. ■

Weddings

ABEL—ROCHE. Sandra Roche made a radiant bride as she walked down the aisle of the Erina church, New South Wales, on Sunday, August 21, 1982, to join Ian Abel in a lifelong commitment of marriage. Many friends and relatives travelled from Sandra's home town, Tottenham, in western New South Wales, and from Ian's home on the Gold Coast, Queensland, to share with them the gladness of the day. We wish them much of God's blessing as they begin their life together and lay the foundation of another Christian home in Erina. M. R. Potts.

APOSTOLOFF—McKENZIE. Mark and Kathy pledged their love for each other on Sunday, September 5, 1982. The wedding ceremony, which was to be held in the beautiful gardens outside Desmonds Restaurant, Tweed Heads, New South Wales, had to be held inside because of rain. This in no way seemed to diminish the joy and solemnity of the service, which was attended by about eighty of the couple's close family and friends. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Apostoloff of Mooball, and Kathy the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McKenzie, now living on the Gold Coast, but formerly of Goulburn. Our best wishes and prayers go with them as they establish their home in Jesus our Lord. P. B. Cousins.

DYNE—SMITH. On Sunday, September 12, 1982, Colin Dyne and Andrea Smith were married at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Bowen, north Queensland. Colin is the son of George and Pat Dyne of Delta, while Andrea is the eldest daughter of Neville and Margaret Smith of Melbourne, Victoria. After the service many relatives and friends enjoyed a delicious breakfast at the Castle Motel, and wished the happy couple the blessing of God in their life together. R. J. King.

McMAHON—GERKEN. Sunday, August 29, 1982, was a day we will always remember. Peter McMahon and Amber Gerken were married at the beautiful Hillview church, Morisset, New South Wales. Peter is the twin son of Val and Elizabeth (Betty) McMahon of Wahroonga, and Amber is the elder daughter of Pastor Bill and Dawn Gerken of Cooranbong. Along with perfect weather conditions and a sumptuous meal, friends from far and near witnessed the ceremony and wished this ideal couple God's richest blessing as they begin life together at Bonnell's Bay. May the love that is so evident in their lives stay fresh and vibrant until Jesus comes. W. J. Gerken.


POSSINGHAM—FITZCLARENCE. On Sunday, August 1, 1982, at Sale, Victoria, Mark Possingham and Mandy Fitzclarence pledged their love for each other. Mandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fitzclarence of Maffra, and Mark is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Possingham of Melbourne. We wish them God's richest blessing as they establish another Christian home in Ringwood, Victoria. R. E. Possingham.

Till He Comes

DAVIS. Howard Geoffrey Davis was born May 31, 1905, at Best Street, North Fitzroy, Victoria, not far from the old Echo Publishing Company, to Fred and Emily Davis. His father was associated with both the Echo and the establishing of the Signs Publishing Company at Warburton. Howard's schooling was at Warburton Seventh-day Adventist School. In 1919 he joined the Signs staff as a hand compositor. In 1930 with his young lady, Eileen Hampton, he attended Avondale College. They were married in 1932 in the College Chapel. Following a year in the literature ministry in Western Australia, he joined the Erwin Roenfeldt evangelistic team in Perth and served with Pastor W. M. R. Scragg. The Goldfields were their next appointment, where for two and a half years they helped with the Kalgoorlie church. The last three months' service there included the privilege of a radio session—Prophecy Speaks, on 6KG. In that year, 1938, he was invited to return to the Signs Publishing House, and continued in various phases of printing until his retirement in

Good Food

with Sally Hammond



I SUPPOSE summer is coming. . . . Not that I really mind the winter. But it is inevitable, human nature being what it is, that once the days begin their cycle of becoming longer again, we cannot help but look forward to the warmer days. However, summer brings some good things such as ice-cream, and. . . . But before the tumult of shouting and criticism begins ("Surely, YOU don't eat ICE-CREAM? Don't you know, that milk, eggs and sugar should never. . . . Ice-cream is far too fattening!"), let me just mention that the recipe I am about to give you contains NO cream, NO eggs, and very little sugar. Here it is:

Q.E.C. ICE-CREAM

1 tin evaporated milk, 410 g
sweetening or flavouring to taste

Do not open the tin. Boil it for 15 minutes in water in a saucepan. Chill in fridge, overnight, even up to 2 to 3 days, if necessary. Open tin and pour into mixing bowl and beat, preferably with electric mixer till thick and fluffy. Add 1 tablespoon icing sugar or honey or fruit and flavouring as desired. Turn into a 2 litre ice-cream container or similar. Freeze till frozen 1" (2.5 cm) from edge. Beat up again and refreeze.

N.B. Because homemade ice-creams do not contain all the chemicals, preservatives, antifreeze agents, etc., that commercial ice-creams do, don't expect your ice-cream to be at its best after 1 to 2 weeks.

Q.E.C.? Quickest, easiest, cheapest—that's all!

1970. During those years he and his girls, Eleanor, now Mrs. Russ Pringle, Gwenyth, for many years a missionary nurse, and Heather, now Mrs. Alwyn Stevens, had the sad experience of losing their wife and mother. About ten years later Howard found a loving partner in Myrtle Chapman. He passed away at Warburton on September 18, 1982, and was laid to rest two days later in the Wesburn Lawn Cemetery, till the glad reunion day. Pastor J. P. Holmes and Brother Jim Rabe assisted the writer in the service at the church and graveside. C. O. Lowe.

DE VILLE. When Pastor Keith de Ville fell asleep in Jesus at the New Norfolk Hospital, Tasmania, on Sunday, August 22, 1982, his eighteen-month-long struggle against cancer came to an end. His thirty-seven years of ministry ended last April when his illness forced him to retire from active service. Keith has been a faithful worker in the cause of Christ, and the high esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the scores of letters and cards that he received from all over the Australasian Division during his illness. Family and friends gathered at the Glenorchy church and the Malbina Cemetery where we said farewell, until the resurrection morning, to this faithful warrior of the cross. To his wife Elaine and his children Gail, Trevor, Yvonne, Mark, Paul and Andrew, we commend the promises of the Scripture which point us to our heavenly Father as the "God of all comfort," Jesus Christ our Saviour as "the resurrection and the life" and the Holy Spirit as the One sent to "abide with us forever." A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. R. N. Lawson, E.H. Winter.

FERGUSON. Pastor Wallace Ross Ferguson, born on April 6, 1918, in Perth, Western Australia, was laid to his rest on Friday morning, May 28, 1982, at the Guildford Cemetery, Perth. He served his church most faithfully as a missionary for many years. He is remembered with love by his wife Phyllis (nee Codling), and their seven children,

Caroline, Lindsay, Neroline, Laurel, Helen, Grace, Heather and fourteen grandchildren. He awaits the call of the Life-giver. A life-sketch appears elsewhere in this issue. G. A. Lee.

HOLMESBY. Marc was born to Andrew and Lyn Holmesby on Friday, June 25, 1982, but on Saturday, 26th, just twenty hours later, his little heart ceased beating. Around such sad experiences there is always the question "Why?" and once again the realisation that only after our Lord's return will we know. May that day be soon. Pastor C. V. Christian and the writer spoke words of comfort and assurance to the bereaved at the Dudley Park Cemetery, South Australia, with the prayer that Christ's voice will call Marc on the resurrection day. G. B. Agars.

PARKER. Mary Dorothea Parker slipped quietly to her rest at her home on Sabbath, September 9, 1982. She closed her eyes in sleep just one week short of her seventy-seventh birthday. Married for fifty-one years, she will be sadly missed by her husband, who lovingly cared for her in her illness. Brother Parker and the three children, John, David and Marguerite (Mrs. Siemienowicz), have fond memories of a loving, warm-hearted wife and mother. The glorious hope of the soon coming of Jesus was shared with the loved ones and friends at the Nunawading church, Victoria. The writer was assisted by Brother O. Ferris at the church and at the Templestowe Lawn Cemetery. Sister Parker rests in the wonderful hope of the resurrection morning. W. H. Doble.

STANTON. Mary Amelia Stanton of Sandfly, Tasmania, went quietly to her sleep in Jesus on September 5, 1982, and was lovingly interred at the Hobart Cemetery, Tasmania, following a service at the Glenorchy church, which hundreds of friends attended. The theme of the service was one of

confidence in the soon-coming Saviour and the resurrection of God's people, and the relinking of family ties that will never be broken. Born in 1897, this "mother in Israel" was the third child of the Fehre family who landed in Tasmania in 1871. In 1923 she joined her life with Roy Stanton (who predeceased her) in Christian marriage, which was blessed with eight children—Leonie (Duffy), Joyce (Totenhofer), David, Ray, Paul, Laurence, Ross and Harley. The godly influence of this Christian woman upon her family is evidenced by the fact that her children are all members of the church—her youngest son a gospel minister, and both her daughters the wives of ministers. To her children and their families, to her sister, Mrs. Constance Wenck of Port Arthur, and the many relatives, we extend our Christian sympathy. E. H. Winter, R. N. Lawson.

WILLIAMS. Rufus Fitzmaurice Williams was only eight months old when he died on the way to more advanced medical care in Brisbane, Queensland, on August 31, 1982. His funeral was conducted from the Mackay Central church, and he was laid to rest in the Walkerston Cemetery, on September 3. His sorrowing parents were pointed to the day when little Rufus will be restored once again to their loving arms. D. M. Lamb.

YATES. James (Jim) Yates was born in Ballarat in 1909. In 1943 he accepted the Advent message and later became a colporteur. He was called into Publishing leadership in 1957, and remained in that work until his retirement in 1975. Later he managed the Alawara Retirement Village in Bendigo. Jim, who was always a Christian gentleman, was suddenly called to rest on September 3, 1982, and will be greatly missed by all his friends in the Ballarat church. After a service in the church we sadly laid him to rest in the Ballarat Lawn Cemetery, Victoria, until the resurrection morning. Pastors L. Burns and B. Grosser were associated with the writer for the service. To Brother Yates' wife, Rita, his three surviving children, Pat (Mrs. T. Arnold), Laurie and June (Mrs. Thorne), his grandchildren and brothers, we extend our deepest sympathy. J. P. Holmes.

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RETURN THANKS

Mrs. Phyllis Ferguson and family wish to thank all kind, loving friends who sent cards and words of comfort and hope in their recent sad loss of their loved one, the late Wallace Ross Ferguson. Believing the Lord knows best, Romans 8:28. Again, thank you.

Myrtle Davis and family wish to thank all who made the lot of Howard more comfortable in his last illness. The Lord paved our pathway with the loving-kindness of church family and friends in many ways. Thank you all so much. May Jesus keep us faithful till He comes to gather us home.

A.A.A. MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association of South Queensland will be held in the Conference Assembly Hall, 19 Eagle Terrace, Brisbane, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, 1982. Members, and all interested parties, are invited to attend this very important meeting.

"BACK TO KANWAL" WEEKEND

and

OFFICIAL CHURCH OPENING

All friends and former members of the Kanwal S.D.A. church, Central Coast, New South Wales, are cordially invited to the special "Back to Kanwal" weekend of meetings which will climax in the official opening of the new church building.

Main services will include:

- Sabbath school, 9.30 a.m., November 6, 1982
- Divine service, 11 a.m.
- Musical program 3 p.m.
- Church opening service 3 p.m., November 7
- Hospitality Tea, 5.30 p.m.
- "Blest be the tie that binds."

BIBLE LANDS TOUR 1983

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CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the biennial session of the Greater Sydney Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church will be held in the Wahroonga church at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, November 21, 1982. Business will include the presentation of administration and departmental reports, and financial statements for the years 1980 and 1981. The officers, executive committee, and departmental directors of the conference will be elected.

E. R. Piez,
Secretary-treasurer.

COUNTRY LIVING

Large weatherboard home on 3 town blocks. Bitumen front and side, town water. Mandurama, central west N.S.W. on Olympic Highway. Walking distance to church, primary state school, bus to state high school. Inquiries (063) 6744, ask for 29.

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A small plant nursery in Cooranbong. To start 1983. Three months' free guidance from October to December, 1982. Good returns, opportunity to expand. Not much outlay. Reply: Mrs. D. Rowe, 575 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong, N.S.W. 2265.

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GOVERNESS WANTED

A reliable Christian lady required to supervise the correspondence school lessons for three children aged 6, 8, 13, situated on property 113 km south of Bourke, commencing February 1983. Applicants should be able to work with and understand children. Own furnished room and keep provided. Wages on application. Own car an advantage. No pets please. Persons interested write to Ilse Muirhead, Wilga Downs, Byrock, N.S.W. 2831

GOVERNESS REQUIRED IN 1983

To supervise correspondence school lessons for three children aged 11, 14, 16, on property 90 kilometres north of Bourke. Preference given to applicant over 21 having own car, able to teach music and to communicate freely with children. Apply in writing with references to Mrs. J. White, Congarra Station, Bourke, N.S.W. 2840.

HAMILTON PRAISE AND DEDICATION SERVICE

November 6, 1982

COME TO: Special Sabbath school, 9.30 a.m.

Divine worship, 11 a.m.

Fellowship Lunch.

Service of Dedication, 3 p.m.

All former ministers and members are especially invited to "Back to Hamilton, New South Wales."

Inquiries to Pastor G. Weare. Phone (049) 57 3969, or Box 129, Hamilton, N.S.W. 2303.

HOUSE FOR SALE—WARBURTON

Log-cabin fibro-cement split-level, 3 B/R home, spacious lounge, modern kitchen-dining area, opening to patio. Concrete drive, ample storage, handy to town, 2 blocks, separate titles. Permanent creek, garden, tree ferns. Wood Convair, gas heater and stove. \$36,000. M. I. Davis, Clarke Avenue, Warburton, Vic. 3799. Phone (059) 66 2509.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All students and parents, past and present, are invited to attend a dinner to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary and reunion of the Castle Hill S.D.A. School. The dinner will be held at the Castle Hill church hall on October 30, 1982, at 7.30 p.m. \$10 per head. To confirm your booking, please contact G. Hinze, Headmaster, on (02) 634 2199 or (02) 626 0493 A/H.

VOLUNTEER MINISTER NEEDED

The Tasmanian Conference seeks the services of a volunteer family to care for the newly established church on King Island in 1983. Active, retired minister preferred, but dedicated layman with proven soul-winning and church leadership abilities could be suitable. Home and car provided. Term of service would be twelve months or longer by mutual agreement.

Inquiries to: The President

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Old classics on life of Christ by authors such as Rev. W. Hanna. J. Lange, Box 1636, Mount Isa, Qld. 4825.

Flash Point



AT TIMES gathering the news for Flashpoint can be like delving into the secret life of Suzie Wong—extremely interesting when the details come to light but difficult to track down (I'm aided by the Division Communication directors, who are part of the Monday morning story). This week's news has been of that variety—thankfully the resulting news is far from inscrutable.

HOW COULD a news item on literature evangelistic outreach be inscrutable! A LE team in Dubbo and Quirindi, North New South Wales, recently sold \$4,600-worth of literature in a few days. Led by Publishing director Lance O'Neill, the team opened twenty homes for Bible study.

THERE WAS more good news on the Sabbath, with the usual Quirindi church group of ten members joined by twenty-two non-Adventists and a family of six who had drifted away from church fellowship. May every church in the Division experience such a disparate visitor/member ratio!

INVERELL, New South Wales, held a special baptism service last Sabbath. Baptised were a husband and wife who had first been contacted through the literature work.

IN one home, recently, Lance O'Neill and his assistant were surprised to find that a woman with a library full of J.W. books also had a copy of "Steps to Christ." She extolled the book and a neighbour who had given her the book.

THE neighbour had noticed the other books, and giving them "Steps to Christ," said, "Don't read anything else till you've read this." "What insight that woman had!" said the second woman of Ellen White—a statement which could be applied to her neighbour; a woman without any particular profession.

ONE more story to warm your heart. In one home LEs sold a woman and her sister-in-law a copy of "The Desire of Ages" and signed them up for the The Bible Speaks lessons. "I've been confused with religion all

my life," she said. "There is only one church I would join—the Seventh-day Adventists." It turned out that when she was a young girl, her family had been in economic trouble and the Adventists had helped with food, etc.

SABBATH, November 6, is "Hamilton's Praise and Dedication Service" day for the Newcastle, N.S.W., group. Former ministers and elders (and members) are invited to attend this official dedication of a now debt-free church.

ON SABBATH evening, October 30, at 7.30 p.m. (sharp! Adventist time!), Castle Hill School, Greater Sydney, is celebrating twenty-one years of operation with a dinner program. Students and parents—past and present—are invited to attend (\$10 per head) via G. Hinze (02) 634 2199.

PRICES are constantly escalating, aren't they? "PLEASE NOTE," writes R. Nixon, Signs book manager, "the Bible Commentary prices as listed in the Week of Prayer RECORD should be \$256.50 per set, or \$28.50 per volume." That issue was prepared some time ago, and the dramatic change in exchange rates lies behind this notice and the accompanying apologies.

THE ANNUAL Victorian Youth Department Camp for the Visually Handicapped will be held from December 17 to 24. Why announce it so early? They need volunteer helpers—aged sixteen or older. Interested? Contact the Victorian Youth Department by phone (03) 818 1513 or P.O. Box 44, Hawthorn, Vic. 3122.

GREATER Sydney has planned a Lay Preachers' Seminar for the weekend of December 3 and 4, at Strathfield High School. Obeying only the union rule of uniting their efforts with God, participants will spend over twelve hours together on the main part of the seminar!

A FIRST-ever Avondale Science Summer Camp is to be held for young people in Years 10-12 (grades, not ages). Young people interested in a combination of interesting science, recreation and devotion can obtain information on the camp from church

elders, science teachers, Adventist schools, or from the college (my recommendation!).

A SERIES of Communication seminars have just been conducted for district leaders and departmental personnel at Honiara, Solomon Islands, and Santo, Vanuatu.

TOP executives of the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Commission told Division Communication director Pastor Russell Kranz recently that our radio speaker, Haikiu Baiabe, is one of the best broadcasters in the country. "He has such a pleasant, natural voice and effective presentation," said one official.

NEW CALEDONIA Mission president Y. Missud appeared on a Noumea TV talkback show recently to tell his own story of how a French fighter pilot became an Adventist minister.

VIDEOTAPES have played an important role in Geoff Youlden's Townsville campaign. "If folk can't attend meetings, we record it and show it on their TV," he said.

WARBURTON has to be different. Its own week of prayer has just been held (September 25 to October 2) with Dr. and Mrs. R. Ellison, from Greater Sydney, as the special guest speakers. We reported earlier on Danny Sheehy speaking there at the time of the Week of Prayer. This was coincidental and his visit was for one weekend and at the invitation of the youth.

A CONTINENT away near Perth (we still love you) twenty-six students from the Bickley Central School have just raised \$178 collecting for the Austcare Freedom from Hunger campaign.

IT'S ANNIVERSARY time for Bickley Central School on November 21, and they have big plans for the day. Look for an advertisement giving details of their seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations.

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