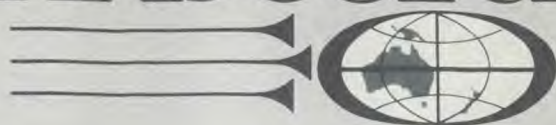


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Adventist Recognised for Community Service

R. K. BROWN, Communication Director, TAUC

ONE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S most distinguished citizens, Mr Norman Green, was recently honoured by the Governor of South Australia, Sir Donald Dunstan, who presented him with the Order of Australia Medal (previously Order of the British Empire).

Brother Green lives in Murray Bridge, and the award was made in recognition of his outstanding service to the community and in particular to the dairy industry. During a period of fifteen years he has occupied three positions in connection with the dairy and milk industry of South Australia: President, Dairymen's Association of South Australia; President, Metropolitan Milk Equalisation Committee; and Chairman of the District Council of Dairymen, Murray Bridge. In addition he has served as a member of the Murray Bridge Hospital Board and the River Murray Advisory Committee to the Government, and is a Justice of the Peace.

At the same time he has faithfully served his church by conducting evangelistic outreaches in all the surrounding areas of Murray Bridge. He has been an elder of the Murray Bridge church for thirty-five years, and also a member of the conference executive committee for sixteen years, during which time he was associated with four conference presidents who were the chairmen of the conference committee: these were Pastors W. M. R. Scragg, J. W. Kent, W. E. Rudge and C. D. Judd. Brother Green also served on the TAUC executive committee for four years during the presidency of Pastor T. C. Lawson.

Brother Green comes from a long line of Adventists. His grandfather was among the first six Adventist members in South Australia, having first heard the third angel's message from Pastor J. O. Corliss in the Adelaide Town Hall in 1886. Pastor Corliss came from Melbourne, where the



first missionaries arrived the previous year from the United States. [*Remember that 1985 is the centenary for Adventism in Australia.*]

Norman's father, Horace Green, was baptised by the first president of South Australia, the late J. H. Wood. Norman was married to Elvira Christian in 1938 by Stan Patching, and they have three sons: Eric, Milton and Trevor.

During his long association with community groups, Brother Green has been an active witness for his church. Before taking on his community posts, he was well known for his faith and beliefs. Whenever he was asked to be the leader of a committee, he made it clear as to what his position was in relation to the Sabbath, diet, alcohol and other principles for which he stood. Brother Green said, "They always respected my convictions and I never had any problems. In community

service I could not only serve my fellow men, but I could also be a witness for my Lord."

Photo: R. K. Brown.

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Guest Editorial . . .

A More Sure Word



HOW OFTEN we hear folk say they wished they might have lived at the time of Jesus, and had the opportunity of listening to Him and seeing Him! We may envy the first group of disciples, who had that privilege. Peter acknowledges their first-hand experience, and then contrasts that with prophecy and declares prophecy is "a more sure word."

This solid assurance is ours also. Note Peter's statement: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy: whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.

Here is a word more sure than even the personal contact with Jesus that was experienced by His disciples. Peter refers to the voice heard by them at the time of the experience on the mount of transfiguration (verses 16-18). He specifically refers to their own witness with their own eyes of the glory of Jesus, and of hearing the voice from heaven that proclaimed Him to be the Son of God.

Above and beyond the perceptions of Jesus by their senses, he refers to the assurance that prophecy brings—a "more sure word." The prophecies that had been made centuries before and had met their fulfilment in Jesus had defined and delineated His mission. Now as they looked back, Peter could state unequivocally that in prophecy there is an absolute assurance of Jesus, His mission, and its fulfilment. Faith can find a foundation greater than sight or feeling or ecstasy.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has always preached the prophecies of the Bible, and has given to those of Daniel and Revelation a special emphasis that befits the closing scenes of the world's history. Prophecy has been proclaimed especially in the setting of God's "final ultimatum"—the three angels' messages, where the gospel of Jesus is emphasised along with the realisation of the time—"the hour of His judgment is come."

The very mission of this church is rooted deep in prophecy. Along with other Christians we share the great commission of Jesus Christ to take the "good news" to the ends of the world. We also believe that prophecy delineates details of the rise of this movement, called by God, to "prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings." Revelation 10:11, NIV. We believe that Revelation chapter 12 portrays the history of the Christian church down to "the remnant of her seed which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Since its inception, the Seventh-day Adventist Church has preached prophecy, taught prophecy, believed prophecy, and to some extent fulfilled prophecy! And at the present time, it is not about to withdraw from, or lessen the impact of its prophetic message. Indeed, a sense of urgency gives greater emphasis in proclaiming "the more sure word."

The great Reformers through the centuries have seen the lines of prophecy delineating the dealings of God in the history of the world. This found added emphasis during the Reformation.

Prophecies such as Daniel chapters 2 and 7 have foretold the power struggle in "the great controversy between Christ and Satan," and between those loyal to God and those opposed to Him. Seventh-day Adventists have agreed with this historical interpretation, and indeed have seen history unfold and the fulfilment of prophecy foretold centuries before. Revelation chapters 12 and 13 are examples of this.

These apocalyptic prophecies find their great culmination in "the blessed hope"—the literal, visible, personal return of Christ to gather His own. Such a culmination is the finale of Daniel chapter 2, as well as of other chapters in Daniel. Revelation continues in this vein, and the coming of Christ is portrayed in Revelation 14 and 19.

By means of prophecy, God's foreknowledge is clearly seen—His omniscience. To His children, He is seen as the One in control of all events—guiding, leading to their eventual reunion with Him. Little wonder that the messages of those who "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" is spoken of as "a more sure word"!

Counterinterpretations have been proposed through the ages, placing many of these events down in the distant future. Others will spiritualise away the messages which bring reassurance, peace and hope. We have been well warned of this: "We have a sleepless adversary, and he is constantly at work upon human minds that have not had a personal experience in the teachings of the people of God for the past fifty years. Some will take the truth applicable to their time, and place it in the future. Events in the train of prophecy that had their fulfilment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined."—*Selected Messages*, Book 2, page 102.

Another warning regarding spiritualising away the messages is that "Many will make the words of the Revelation a spiritualistic mystery, robbing them of their solemn import. God declares that His judgments shall fall with increased dreadfulness upon any one who shall try to change the solemn words written in this book—the Revelation of Jesus Christ."—*Review and Herald*, August 2, 1906.

Others will take these prophecies and endeavour to bring out fanciful interpretations which would indicate the times for the fulfilment of future events. Again and again God's servant has warned against this. Study the *Review and Herald* of March 22, 1892, or *Selected Messages*, Book 1, pages 185 to 191.

As we see omens around us that continue to remind us of the nearness of the coming of our Lord, let us hold fast to the faith we have been given to proclaim. Let us not minimise the "more sure word." Let us recognise the relevance of the prophetic messages and add our voices to proclaim a message of surety, hope and certainty to every nation and kindred and tongue and people.

H. G. Harker,
President, South Queensland Conference.

If You Have Non-Adventist Relatives, This Story Is for You!

PAUL GREDIG, Pastor, North Mackay Church, Northern Australian Conference



Adventists because of a sister's testimony and the gift of a *Signs* subscription. The Parrish family: Keith and Gezina, with sons David, Stephen (rear) and Tony.

Photo: G. Parrish.

JUNE 12, 1982, was a special day. On that day, in the Rotorua church in New Zealand, two people stood in the baptismal font, and pledged their lives to the service of Jesus. The lady in the baptismal font was Sister Gezina Parrish. She had one sister who was a member of the Adventist Church, Betty Gredig, the wife of Paul Gredig, now working in Mackay, in northern Queensland.

At the end of 1980, Betty had returned to New Zealand to help care for her mother, who was quite sick in the Rotorua Hospital. Betty is a nurse, and her presence enabled the doctors to let Mrs Vyver leave the hospital earlier than would normally be permitted, to convalesce at home. Despite her mother's illness, it was a happy family reunion. One evening, as the two sisters were talking, Gezina said to Betty, "You know, I believe I should start studying the Bible."

"Whatever has brought that on?" was Betty's surprised reply, for the Vyver family had been staunch members of the Dutch Reformed Church, and there had been opposition when as a teenager Betty had made her decision to join the Adventist Church.

"Oh, you know those magazines you have been sending me?" replied Gezina, "As I have been reading them, I believe the Holy Spirit has been speaking to me, and it is time we made our lives ready to meet Jesus." The magazines were of course the *Signs*, which Paul and Betty had been sending for some two years to Keith and Gezina, and to other members of the family as well. She went on, "You wouldn't have anything with you that I could study, would you?"



Signs donors and concerned for their relatives. The Gredig family: Paul and Betty with children Anthony and Tanla.

Photo: Paul Gredig.

The Lord had already answered that question. Betty had taken with her a special complete set of Bible study guides which had been used as a correspondence course with the Brisbane City Mission, run by Pastor Ray Kent in 1980. Paul had been on the mission team, and had given Betty the set to study on Friday nights during her stay in New Zealand, for the rest of the family usually watched TV on Friday evenings. Betty was only too happy to leave the set for Gezina and Keith to study.

Up until this time, there had been no comment whatsoever made about the *Signs*, but

it soon became obvious that curiosity had been aroused. An unusual Bible study program began. Paul and Betty were transferred to Maryborough in southern Queensland, where Paul was to run a mission, and care for the Maryborough church. From that home went telephone calls, cassettes and letters, answering the steady stream of questions that came. At this time Keith and Gezina were living at Kaiangaroa Forest Village, about forty kilometres from Rotorua. Keith was (and still is) employed by the New Zealand Forestry Department.

After this long-range study program had been in progress for some time, Paul suggested to Keith and Gezina that they might be interested in a visit from the Rotorua Seventh-day Adventist minister. And so Brother Graeme May, whose parents worshipped in the Toowoomba church, where Paul and Betty had worked in 1978, made his first approach to the home. Graeme faithfully visited the home every Thursday evening for eighteen months. He was delighted to see Keith and Gezina finally make their decision to follow the Lord. Pastor Harold Waldrip performed the baptism. Paul's parents, Frank and Peg Gredig, then of the New Plymouth church, travelled to Rotorua for that special Sabbath, for they had encouraged Keith and Gezina through the months.

The *Signs* articles had done their work. Curiosity had been awakened. Interest had been aroused. Many questions had already been answered. Now the harvest was reaped. But that is not the end. Keith and Gezina have become active in the church and the church school program. Both currently hold more than one office. Both testify to the rich and abundant blessings the Lord has brought to them as they have decided to follow Him in faith. Gezina confesses to having read the magazines from cover to cover when they arrived. She is now training to become a literature evangelist, so that she might, through the printed page, share the truth of God with others. May the Lord continue to bless them and their family. They have four children, so not just a couple, but a whole family, have been won through the outreach of that one *Signs* subscription! ■

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If you have any relatives who are not yet Adventists, you are duty-bound to send them *Signs*, through which you can share with them the blessings and hope that are yours. Now, during August, is the time to send in their names. Use the coupons in the *Signs* brochures that have been distributed in your church this month (the *Signs* wrap-around). If you haven't handed yours in yet, be sure to do so today. Someone could be praying that you throw them the lifeline you have in your hand!

NEXT WEEK'S RECORD

AUGUST 18 is listed on our church calendar as Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath. Under normal circumstances the devotional feature in next week's issue of the RECORD would have been devoted to focusing attention on that important theme. Since Avondale College is taking next week's issue, however, the Spirit of Prophecy material which would have appeared on August 18 will appear the following week, August 25.

G.E.G.

Youth Feature . . .

1984 AND THE NEW MYTHOLOGY

DANIEL A. SHEEHY

"A LONG TIME AGO, in a galaxy far, far away . . ." were the opening words for the 1977 blockbuster science-fiction movie "Star Wars," and they parallel the language used to begin all typical fairy stories. In a fast-moving, space-age setting, George Lucas, the creator of "Star Wars," included other mythical elements such as a lovely princess (dressed in white), an evil lord (dressed in black), good and evil knights (Jedi) and magical powers (the force). The two "Star Wars" sequels have proved to be even more popular. Science fiction, with its movie messiahs such as Superman and ET, now dominates the cinema scene, and there seems to be no end in sight.

Why is it, then, that these cinematic fantasies have become so popular? What elements have appealed to the general public, and why? These questions become even more puzzling when we bear in mind the fact that we live in a so-called rational, scientific and high-tech society.

A Seductive Alternative

Stephen Spielberg, the director of the 1978 science-fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," outlined part of the answer to the above questions when he said, "I knew that if 'Close Encounters' was to be popular, it wouldn't be because people were afraid of the phenomenon, but because UFOs are a seductive alternative for a lot of people who no longer have faith in anything."¹ Spielberg is referring to the ideological vacuum that has hung like a shroud over Western society following the failure of the counter-culture experiments of the 1960s—a "decade of dissent." The price for permissiveness has been seen to be too high, and as a result there has been a sociological swing to the right in Western society in an attempt to regain some of the old values cast off during the sixties. There is a preoccupation with cultural nostalgia and, more importantly, a persistent and growing yearning to believe in something.

This then helps to explain the popularity of science fiction and other cultural forces in what can be termed "the new mythology" that is assuming all the proportions of a strong and resilient cultural trend. As Jack Kroll reported in *Newsweek* as early as November 1977, in an article entitled "The UFOs Are Coming," "It's no wonder so many millions of ordinary people want desperately to believe in the reality of other worlds and other beings, free from the hype and heartlessness that increasingly afflict this paranoid planet."

Kathleen Agena, writing in the *Weekend Australian*, in an article entitled "The Decline

of Reason into Myth and Magic" (January 7, 8, 1984), reports that "There is no coherent vision guiding the culture, and no uniform shared set of meanings by which individuals can lend larger significance to their own experience or to the events of the world as a whole. 'The result,' says the cultural critic William Phillips, 'is intellectual chaos—a cacophony of contradictory opinions spreading all over the political and ideological map.' The collapse of a coherent world view is, in my own view, the root of the psychic numbness that many psychologists describe as the contemporary malaise. . . . The emergence of archaic, mystical motifs in the culture today represents a groping effort to find a replacement for the world view we have lost." She goes on to talk of "a swing from rationalism toward things mystical, religious and intuitive . . . in a modern era shaped by science and technology, it is startling to see this fascination with mystical symbols and motifs that hark back to notions of an enchanted universe."

Man Guided by Friendly Aliens

The first faint beginnings of the new mythology can be traced back to 1969, with the publication of Eric Von Daniken's book *Chariots of the Gods*, which presented the belief that man's scientific and cultural evolution has been guided and assisted down through the ages by friendly aliens visiting the earth in spacecraft. The book was a best-seller right around the world, because it came at a time when people had become disillusioned with science and its manifest inability to provide answers for mankind's deeper prob-

lem. Von Daniken's pseudo-scientific theories also popularised the idea that the evolution of the human race has not occurred by accident or chance. A similar idea had been presented the year before in 1968 with the popular science-fiction movie "2001—A Space Odyssey" (which now has a "cult" following). In this film, Arthur C. Clarke and Stanley Kubrick portrayed the evolution of man from apes to astronauts as being under the direction of benevolent and intelligent beings from outer space, who manifest godlike abilities. This mystical movie represents the optimistic fantasies of an atheistic scientist who cannot face the horrible conclusions of his own evolutionary world view, and retreats into mysticism within a "scientific" framework. It provides early evidence of the gradual breaking down of optimism about Darwinian evolution and rationalistic humanism.

Since that time the new mythology has taken on worldwide proportions, and has enough diverse elements in music (the British new-wave bands and singers), in art (neo-expressionism), in literature and mass media (sci-fi) and the resurgent popularity of astrology and the occult to generate a wide appeal. Even some of the more popular figures in the scientific community are injecting mythological or mystical elements into their current thinking regarding the origins of man and the universe. Sir Fred Hoyle, Britain's best-known astronomer, has just published a book entitled *The Intelligent Universe: A New View of Creation and Evolution*, in which he states that he believes a cosmic intelligence is responsible for creating life on earth.² Nobel Laureate Francis Crick (who helped crack the DNA code), in his latest book *Life Itself—Its Origins and Nature*, suggests that an advanced civilisation doomed by, say, a dying star, spread life-seeds in guided rockets. Fritjof Capra, a theoretical physicist working in particle physics at the University of California, published *The Tao of Physics* in 1975. "It is an account of the similarities between modern fundamental physics and mystical philosophy, particularly the Eastern versions."³ Thus we see evidence of the new mythology beginning to pervade scientific circles, leading to a gradual breaking down of the last bastion against the widespread acceptance of a religious and mystical mentality in Western society.

Significance for Adventists

What significance then, does the new mythology have for Seventh-day Adventists? It represents, I believe, the softening-up phase for the final great deception that the forces of darkness will perpetrate upon the human race. (See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10; Matthew 24:23, 24; *The Great Controversy*, pages 624, 625.)



Daniel Sheehy lives at Carina, Queensland. This was a highly commended entry in the Writers' Award Competition.

The New Testament writers warned that just before the final showdown between Christ and Satan, there will come into existence a worldwide religio-political alliance. With the rationale of solving the chronic problems of the human race, this power will mercilessly persecute any dissenting minority groups or individuals. In her article, Kathleen Agena even warns of this ominous authoritarian element already inherent in the new mythology: "... a subtle authoritarianism pervades the trend—for example, a feudal social order wherein lords have absolute rule by divine right, and larger-than-life heroes whose very existence discredits the notion of the equality of mankind. This may have ominous political and social implications. Individuals torn by anxiety and confusion always have a tendency to give up their freedom to half-baked ideologies and self-proclaimed messiahs, but that tendency is enhanced during periods of rapid social change, like today."

Revelation 13:11-17 identifies this persecuting power as an alliance of apostate Protestantism, spiritualism and the papacy. (See also Revelation 16:13-15.) The new mythology is providing the religious and mystical mentality that will be a necessary prelude to the acceptance of this religious power. Taking this together with the following current trends we see developing a scenario that Ellen White, almost 100 years ago, said would eventuate just before the end. (See *The Great Controversy*, pages 437-50; 590-592.)

1. The close and well-documented connection between UFOs and spiritism.

2. The serious research into psychic phenomena that is being undertaken at the highest levels by both the US and the Soviet Union.⁴

3. The current political movements on both sides of the Iron Curtain toward a unified Europe (in response to the arms race).

4. The emerging role of Pope John Paul II as a travelling ambassador for worldwide religious unity.

5. The upsurge in the strength and popularity of evangelicalism in the USA and the growing influence of its political wing, the Moral Majority.

6. The increasing penetration of the electronic media into both Western and Third-World countries.

George Orwell predicted a similar scenario in his chilling novel *1984*. He may have been wrong in his date about the advent of the "big brother" oppressive regime, but it would be premature to write him off as a false prophet just yet. Bearing in mind that one of the main characteristics of the new mythology is to encourage the substitution of reactive feelings for well-reasoned faith, let us contemplate anew this important warning: "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."—*The Great Controversy*, pages 593, 594. ■

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A VISION FOR THE NORTH

GRANT BLADIN, Communication Director, Northern Australian Conference



Northern Australian Conference president Pastor Reg King and Division treasurer Pastor Tom Andrews unveil the model of the proposed college at a ceremony held during the recent camp-meeting for Northern Australia.

IT IS ALWAYS a great privilege to meet men and women of selfless vision. This shows us that among the peoples of this world Christianity is alive and well.

It was a thrilling experience to sit and listen to the way God has moved the members of Maranatha Enterprises (NQ) Ltd as they planned for the further development of the Mission Beach College Estate.

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The architect's model for the proposed Maranatha agricultural college.

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Devotional . . .

THE LAURELS, THE WREATH AND THE CROWN

ALTHEA HALLIDAY

I THINK when God gives my mum the laurels of victory, and the angels come forward with a golden crown, she'll probably think they're for somebody else. She's like that, you know. The first time I sent her flowers for her birthday, she assured the lady that they couldn't possibly be for her. There must have been some mistake. And often when we've been shopping together, she has said things like, "What about you, dear? You buy something for yourself. I don't need anything."

I'm sure she believes to this day, that she doesn't really need anything that she has not already received. She would tell you that she has "a good measure of health and strength" (I remember that phrase), faith in God, work to do, a loving family, the quietude of the bush, calves to look after, freshness after rain, roses in new soil and corn on the cob. Yet I can think of lots of things that would make her life "better" or "easier."

Perhaps that's why I was always excited whenever she went in for competitions. I was quite sure that one day Mum would become rich and famous: if she didn't win the dream home, she'd be sure to win the overseas trip, and if she didn't win the overseas trip, she'd at least win the \$5,000. Interestingly enough, despite an era of Tangle Towns and Rinso competitions (where I did little to help, except hold my breath), she never won anything big. She came close, mind you, and I think she may have won £5 once as a consolation prize. But the house or the car or the trip always went to someone else. The good thing was, however, that she never

gave up. She never believed in luck, and all the competitions she entered required skill and research. She never went in for competitions that were merely "games of chance."

It was no surprise, therefore, that in late 1963 she entered the International Bible Contest. The prize: a trip to Jerusalem as guest of the Israeli Government.

To my young mind, this was a really big stake. Imagine flying to the other side of the world and walking in the streets of Jerusalem! Imagine all the pottery that she'd be able to buy me: candleholders, and vases for dried flowers. Fortunately, Mum had far more pure motives than I did. Her main reason for entering the competition was that it gave her an opportunity to witness for her church and the Word of God. The trip to Jerusalem was an added bonus.

How she had the patience to read twenty-one books of the Bible onto tape, I will never know. But she did. And she wrote charts and lists and facts and figures and hung them around the house, above the sink, and in the cowshed: the judges of Israel, the kings of Israel, the kings of Judah; the rivers, the mountains, the places of battle, the provisions on Solomon's table, the obesity of Eglon and the vision of Ezekiel. Often, after school, I would go to the cowshed and hear her, and I could hardly believe how she could know the king whose mother was Maacah, or the furniture in the room prepared for Elisha.

Mrs Halliday lives in Kellyville, New South Wales. This was a highly commended entry in the Writers' Award Competition.

Mum survived the elimination round and became one of the two Queensland finalists in the contest. It must have been a considerable time between the final examination and the publishing of the results, for when I collected the telegram in the old, white mailbox by the main road, the thought that it might hold the contest results never entered my head. I was sure someone else had died and that Mum would cry and we would all be sad for weeks. I dragged through the dust along the track to the house, and with my saddest face, confronted the cowshed. Mum was there among the kings of Israel, and as I held out the telegram, she said that I could open it. I got as far as "Congratulations," and began to shout. "You've won! You've won!" Whatever the cows thought as we leaped up and down amidst the brook Cherith and the list of judges flapping on the old shed pole, I'll never know. But our joy was full. When Dad came home, I yelled that Mum had won, and he nearly backed into the yard rails.

This time I was sure that Mum would win the really big prize, and at once began to make a mental list of what I wanted from Jerusalem. In the meantime, the tape-recorder went day and night, flies littered the lists on the shed wall, and Mum learned and learned and learned.

I remember feeling so proud that my mum was a State finalist and that she was going to be on ABC TV in Sydney. She was also going to fly to Sydney and back free of charge and enjoy free hotel accommodation and a civic reception in the town hall. I remember, too, that Mum bought a new outfit for the occasion: a grey suit, and a white blouse with tiny, embossed flowers. She bought a red hat and gloves to match, new shoes and a new bag, and when we drove to Brisbane, at a furious pace, there was no doubt in my mind that she would win.

Mum did not win the really big prize. She came close, mind you, a close second, missing Jerusalem by a mere three points. Somehow, though, it didn't seem to matter too much, for when she got home there was a heroine's welcome, and photographs in the newspapers and *TV Times* and the *RECORD*. She had won distinction by being the only woman finalist, and the ten-volume set of *The Master Library* took its place next to the beautifully bound family Bible that she had won in the State finals.

One day, I'm sure, Mum will win the really big prize. It won't be a house or a boat or a car. Far from it. It will be symbolic of the love and generosity of God: immortal life and everlasting joy. There's no doubt in my mind that Mum will hold the wreath of flowers and wear the golden crown. She'll receive the laurels of victory. And even though she won't be able to believe it, for once in her life they'll be hers. They won't belong to anyone else.

HEARTBEAT FOLLOW-UP

G. W. W. DRINKALL, Health Director, Western Australian Conference

HEARTBEAT, as many are aware, is an ongoing program—the screening and evaluation only constitute the beginning. Gosnells church, Western Australia, ran their screening and evaluation programs earlier in the year, and conducted a Stress Management program almost immediately.

They have now just completed two more facets—the 5-Day Plan, at Armadale-Kelmscott Hospital, where the facilities are provided free of charge "as the hospital's contribution," and a nutrition series.

Pleasant Surprise

The nutrition series is worthy of note in that the organisers were hoping for twenty people, but were pleasantly surprised to receive bookings for fifty, and an actual attendance, on the first night, of fifty-two.

Over the six weeks, attendances fluctuated—upwards—with seventy-two on one night and eighty on another. The finale was a well-attended vegetarian dinner, with many expressions of appreciation and a good rapport with the large proportion of non-Adventists who attended.

The next facet in the program will be a nine-night series of Scriptural presentations by Conference president Pastor Gordon Lee, whose home church is Gosnells.



Josephine—directed to It Is Written.
Photo: J. Chan.

WAKE UP!

J. CHAN, Church Pastor, Preston Church, Victoria

EARLY one Sunday morning, Josephine was wakened up by an urgent call, "Wake up! Wake up!"

"What's the matter?" Thinking something was wrong, she turned to her husband.

But he was sound asleep.

"Turn on the television set." The voice spoke once again.

Josephine was reluctant to watch television so early on Sunday morning, but the conviction was persistent. She turned it on. The program just beginning was *It Is Written* with George Vandeman. Josephine was gripped with fascination as Pastor Vandeman expounded on the four angels holding back the four winds. From then on it was a weekly habit for Josephine to tune in to the *It Is Written* program.

Methodically she read through the books offered. One day Sister Adams from Preston church called and invited her to attend some meetings on the Holy Lands conducted by Pastor S. Jakovac. The meetings sounded interesting. Yes, why not! By then her husband had passed away, and she needed some outside diversions. Josephine thoroughly enjoyed the meetings.

After a while Pastor Chan followed up the interest with Bible studies in the home. Josephine was baptised at the Preston church just a few weeks ago with three other candidates. Today Josephine is bubbling over with joy because of her new-found Saviour and the many lovely brothers and sisters in the family of God. She is praying for her son and brother, who are also receiving Bible studies. ■

Young Ministers' Retreat at Howqua

ALVIN SCHICK, Youth Minister, Warburton, Victoria

NOT FAR from Lake Eildon, nestled among the Howqua hills, lies beautiful Camp Howqua—the new youth camp for the Victorian Conference. Situated on the Howqua River, Camp Howqua embodies the blending of comfortable living, with its modern cabins and lodge facilities, and a true Australian bushland environment with its surrounding bushland, fauna and flora. This beautiful location was the venue for the 1984 TAUC Young Ministers' Retreat.

Now you are probably asking yourself, "What is a young ministers' retreat?" Well, it is basically what the name says, although "young" in this sense does not necessarily refer to age, but to years in the ministry. Ministers in the TAUC who have been in the ministry five years and less were invited to the Camp Howqua retreat held from June 4 to 7. Ministers attended from Victoria, southern New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and King Island.

I suspect that you are asking yourself, "But what would they do at a young ministers' retreat?" As we traversed the beautiful countryside on our way to Camp Howqua, many of us were asking ourselves and each other the same question. However, we did not have to wait long to find out. On the Sunday evening after settling in and renewing old college acquaintances, Pastor Hankinson (Ministerial secretary, TAUC) took our opening meeting and outlined briefly what we could expect in the following four days. Each day followed a basic program of a devotional and meetings in the morning, recreation and further meetings in the afternoon, and group discussion and question time in the evening.

The four visiting speakers gave us very relevant and thought-provoking talks. Dr Salom, from the Avondale College Theology department, spoke on church growth (involving cell groups) and reactivating former church members, and on running spiritual gifts seminars. Pastor Bradford, from the South Australian Conference, gave a very timely discussion on Ellen White and inspiration, along with talks on giving Bible studies, and evangelism. Pastor Hankinson also dealt with Bible studies and how we as ministers could find more Bible studies. Our Union president was also with us; Pastor C. Judd led out in very profitable discussions on a minister's roles and priorities, and on

building up love and fellowship in the church. I think I can say without fear of contradiction that the topics dealt with at the retreat were very beneficial to us as young ministers.

The Young Ministers' Retreat was something which was exciting to be a part of. There was a great spirit among all there. All there were bound together by a common goal and purpose. I felt a special sense of unity present—not just between college-mates who had been reunited, but between young ministers and their more experienced leaders.

A highlight of the retreat was the evening group discussion and question times. Many of us had questions on various topics relating to our ministry, to people and, yes, even some on theology. I was very much encouraged by listening to these discussions. A spirit of openness and understanding pervaded them. There were reports given on the continuing theological program embarked on by our General Conference. For example, Dr Salom reported on the work of the Daniel and Revelation Committee and the books which it will soon be publishing.

Another important highlight was the share times. Before the morning devotionals and the evening discussion times, we had a couple of ministers share their experience of conversion and the call to the ministry. To me, these moments were some of the most inspiring. All, including the senior ministers, gave their story. These experiences helped us all to understand each other better and drew us closer together.

We also engaged in fellowship through recreation—on the volleyball court, with table tennis, and even on horseback. Most of the ministers and lecturers saddled up the youth camp's horses and rode through the rolling countryside. However, some paid for it the next day with a few sore muscles here and there.

There is much that I could say about the retreat, but I think that I can sum it up by saying that the retreat was a refreshing time of fellowship, instruction and encouragement for all the young ministers in the TAUC. I know that for myself, as a six-month-old minister, it was an important growth experience and a period of reflection and revision. Young ministers' retreats are of vital importance for the future ministry of a young worker. ■

MY DAYS AT ATOIFI

DR DOUGLAS PIKACHA, Medical Superintendent, Atoifi Hospital, Solomon Islands



Left: Dr Douglas Pikacha. Above: his wife Dr Junilyn and their children Patrick and Nola.

Photos: D. Pikacha.

IT WAS LATE 1981 at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, when I was asked to answer a telephone call. Pastors Rex Moe and John Banks from the Western Pacific Union Mission, Honiara, were on the line. They needed doctors for Atoifi Adventist Hospital (a ninety-bed hospital) in 1982. Would we (my wife Junilyn is also a doctor) accept the call? They needed the answer as soon as possible.

Well, that was a major decision to make. My family were at Kerema, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea. Junilyn was working at the hospital there. I had done a year of surgical term, and was at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for six months' attachment with the surgical department. Prior to this telephone call, I received letters from the PNG Health Department offering an appointment as registrar in Port Moresby General Hospital, the University of Papua New Guinea's main teaching hospital. This would be a work-study program, at the end of which I would be eligible to sit for an examination to obtain a postgraduate degree in surgery. This was an unexpected opening that I had always been waiting for. Now here was a call to come to Atoifi Adventist Hospital, located in one of the most isolated and primitive areas in the Solomons.

What a "Loss"!

There was no time to call my wife to discuss the matter; no time to really think and pray about it. What did I do? I accepted the call and dropped the telephone. Then followed a sleepless night, after thinking about what I was going to lose—a position in a university teaching hospital, a good salary and a free study program with the possibility of obtaining a higher degree at the end of it. What a "loss"! So I asked the Lord to make the best of my "bad" decision.

In January 1982 we landed at the then beaten-up Atoifi airstrip. Then followed the walk on the muddy road up to the hospital. Looking at the dirty bush people in the hospital

and the inadequate facilities, I was aware of the contrast to the big hospitals where I had just been. But I have found that these years at Atoifi have been the most fruitful and enjoyable in my life.

Thinking back over the past two years, I remember Mrs A, a middle-aged bush woman. She was in hospital because of TB arthritis. While in hospital she developed obstructive jaundice. We tried to persuade her to go to the government central hospital to undergo the necessary operation. But she would rather return home to die than to go to Honiara. So we did a cholecystectomy and removed the obstructing stone from the common bile duct.

Now with the problem removed, we were relieved, satisfied that we had done her some good. Unfortunately the jaundice, while initially improved, became worse again. The obstruction was not relieved. What was wrong? We consulted every possible source of help. At 8 a.m. of the day we were to operate again, we heard of the Barnards' (a volunteer team of American surgeons) arrival on that same day in Honiara. More consultations followed, and then the Barnards were at Atoifi. A member of the team was a gall-bladder specialist. Our problem was solved. Coincidence? I believe it was providential.

Miracles at Atoifi?

Early in 1983 we received an interesting referral note from a doctor working in a government hospital. The doctor was commenting that we must expect an influx of patients because of a rumour that Atoifi Adventist Hospital had been providing miracle-producing medicines. This reminded me of the incident which occurred six years ago when I was called urgently to see a critically sick young woman in an intensive-care unit. She developed complications during labour and became comatosed.

The consultant physician outlined our plan of management. Other specialists were consulted

for their opinions. Despite all that was done, her condition remained critical. It must have been about 6 p.m. that day, when the physician was reassessing her, that he suddenly turned to me and asked, "Douglas, do you believe in prayer?"

"Yes," I answered, pointing to the desperate father who at that very moment was praying for his dying daughter. She died that night.

A few days later the physician commented how that university hospital was equipped with almost everything, but lacked "spiritual power."

I believe that the spiritual power which this big university hospital lacked, is the "miracle-producing power" that Atoifi has been associated with since its beginning. We are a Christian institution, and Christ has given us His healing power and, in loving gratitude for His grace, it is our desire that Atoifi will continue to shine.

Grateful for Atoifi

Mr J was left to die at home. As a last resort the relatives brought him to Atoifi. He was a dirty, emaciated, dying man on admission. Six months later he limped out of the hospital on crutches. When seen again at the clinic, he was no longer dirty and emaciated, but a clean, healthy man with a smile that extended out to both ears. He thanked me profusely for what Atoifi had achieved in his life, and returned the crutches, which he no longer needed. Indeed, what a privilege is ours to have and to share Christ's healing power!

My greatest joy at Atoifi came when I was at my weakest physical state. Monday, May 21, 1984, I had an attack of malaria. On Tuesday, May 22, I staggered to the airport, boarded a Solair flight to Honiara to attend the Senior Medical Officers' Conference. There I met an elderly physician, and I discussed our hospital work program with him. Then he asked how much I earned, compared to the government-employed medical officers. After he told me how much they earn, I told him that I receive only a portion of what they earn. But he said, "You have God with you." He made me feel good, because for the first time ever, somebody told me that beside everything else, I have God. What a compliment! I am glad I came to Atoifi because it has the formula for success—and the formula is: Atoifi and the little it has, plus God, equals success. I am glad I accepted the call to come to Atoifi. The "good things" I missed from the big hospitals are now of little value.

A Need at Atoifi

Time has come and gone too quickly, and we are leaving to do further study next year. This means that doctors are again needed for Atoifi. If you are interested, contact Pastor R. Moe, President, WPUM, PO Box 63, Honiara, Solomon Islands. I assure you, it's one decision that you will never regret.

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The Atoifi Memorial Church

IAN CAMERON, Treasurer, Len Larwood Memorial Fund

CONTRIBUTORS to the Len Larwood Memorial Fund will be pleased to see this pictorial progress report of the Memorial church being built on the campus of the Atoifi Adventist Hospital, on the island of Malaita, Solomon Islands.

Despite some initial unexpected delays, it is now anticipated that the building will be completed by the end of the year.

We wish to thank all who have contributed to the Len Larwood Memorial Fund, which requires only \$5,000 to facilitate the completion of this house of worship. For more information, write to: The Treasurer, PO Box 119, Wahroonga, NSW 2076. ■

The Otto Mission Team Hits Oamaru

EDITH WISHART, Communication Secretary, Oamaru Church, South New Zealand

IT WAS FEBRUARY when the opera house here first had its walls shaken inside by the powerful voice of that smiling, sturdy, "short in stature, but not of words," evangelist Bill Otto. The ears of an audience of about 150 people heard some amazing things at that first meeting, and their eyes saw slide pictures of "Amazing Discoveries in Lost Cities of the Dead." These pictures truly speak in thundering tones—crying, "Believe or perish, as we did."

People from the town and the surrounding districts, as well as people on holiday here, were shaken along with the opera house walls. Some found the truth fascinating and spiritually educational, and they kept returning to the twice-weekly meetings which followed.

Pastor Bert Godfrey, from Timaru, assisted a few times at the beginning, but Pastor Lou

Barker was always on duty. Elsie Otto played her electronic organ sweetly. The church ladies decorated the hall tastefully with flowers. Helen Barker (nee Hay) was the friendly, helpful receptionist in maroon skirt and white blouse. Two young men who attended Longburn College last year, Elwyn and Reyce Wishart, in their maroon-flecked tweed trousers, white shirts and maroon bow ties, as they ushered and cared for the lighting, made quite an impressive but relaxed atmosphere for the visitors each week.

What a treat it was for this small town! Something that might be only a "once in a lifetime" experience.

Well, the busy months passed and fewer appeared to be finding the words and pictures "exciting news" on cool autumn evenings, so Pastor Otto moved into our cosy little church to

continue with the Sunday afternoon meetings. Soon afterwards, on June 10, the church walls reverberated with the words of Pastor Otto, as he stood in the water inside the font proclaiming the baptism of Jim Begg, in the name of "The Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Friends happily sang with joy of heart, "I am so glad that our Father in heaven . . . loves even me." This was the favourite hymn of our new brother. I am sure angels were joyful also with the children of God here that day, as the oldest follower (to my knowledge) of the mission courageously stepped into the watery grave to be first to give his heart unreservedly to his Saviour.

We look forward to the pleasure of rejoicing at another baptism in the near future, and more to follow. May many be added to the number who will sing with joy of heart in the New Jerusalem (Isaiah 65:14). ■

SAH HELPS NEPAL HOSPITAL

SAH News Release

IN RECENT YEARS the Pathology department of the Sydney Adventist Hospital has had a special "Sabbath" fund through which several staff members contribute towards missionary enterprises for work done on Sabbath. During a recent Adventist trekking party to Nepal, Bernice Underwood, who has spent eleven years working as a medical technologist in the laboratory, became aware of a problem in our small Scheer Memorial Hospital located in Banepa, Nepal. This Adventist hospital of thirty-five beds is in a district with a population of half a million people, and an area where there are no other medical facilities. There are, of course, many needs with this hospital, as there are with mission hospitals around the world, and Bernice found out there was no way of analysing blood electrolytes (very important in cases of gastroenteritis, amoebic dysentery, cholera, and post-operative patients on intravenous therapy).

Bernice asked Dr Vigna, the medical superintendent of the hospital, how he managed. (Dr Vigna, by the way, is an Adventist missionary doctor from South America.) His answer was, "We guess, and we pray." As Bernice says, she accepts the power of prayer, but is not too keen on the guesswork. So she was inspired to follow through with this project, and will spend ten days in Nepal installing the instrument, training the national laboratory technician in its use, and in helping in whatever way she can.

We are grateful to the hospital pathology staff who have made this gesture possible. Bernice has also undertaken to care for any follow-up facilities in the maintenance of this machinery, and will care for this from her own resources. She says there are many other needs at this institution, but with limited funds this is all that can be done at this stage. ■



Bernice with the machine which is being donated to the hospital in Nepal.

Photo: Sandra Hunt-Mason.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Crystal Set to Satellite

ROBERT R. FRAME, President, Adventist Media Centre, USA



The modern Voice of Prophecy building sits between the satellite dish and its shadow.
Photo: R. R. Frame.

PASTOR H. M. S. RICHARDS often recalls a happening that took place on a winter night in 1920. The house where he was staying had a crystal set with an antenna rigged to his iron bed. As he lay there, listening to a variety of voices, he thought, "If only the gospel could be preached on the radio, then many more could be reached with God's Word."

What happened is now history. From a small beginning fifty-four years ago grew the Voice of Prophecy radio program, which is now broadcast more than 90,000 times each year through North America.

The philosophy of Pastor Richards has been based on a quotation by John Wesley, who said, "I want to do all the good I can to all the people I can as long as ever I can. As long as I can do anything, I will." Now retired, and approaching his ninetieth birthday, Pastor Richards is delighted at the advances being made by the Voice of Prophecy; for, like John Wesley and the broadcast's founder, this operation continues to do good and hundreds of thousands benefit thereby.

Harold Richards Jr, the current

director/speaker at the Voice of Prophecy, recently updated the board of directors on new advances by the "Voice" through the use of satellite. In 1983 the board authorised the purchase of time on 100 satellite stations made available by Satellite Radio Network. Now a new contract is to be signed, adding another 100 daily broadcasts on SRN, with the possibility of an additional 100 outlets.

With the use of the satellite, the Voice of Prophecy prepares but one master tape for the uplink to Satcom III over Hawaii. This saves the expense of reproducing hundreds of tapes to send to the stations if they were not served by satellite. Harold Richards states it costs only \$12 to broadcast one program on an SRN station. He goes on to refer to the seven million people in Chicago as an example: a broadcast can cover this metropolis for less than the cost of a bag of groceries.

Stations used by the VOP on a regular basis for years continue the broadcast. These need to be maintained, for large audiences have been built up over the years.

Another recent step taken by the VOP is to provide a six-month subscription to the *American Signs of the Times* to every first-time response on the radio broadcast. The Pacific Press prints a special VOP edition every month for these respondents. This issue carries a VOP banner and on the back page a sermon by H. M. S. Richards Jr. Thus the *Signs* subscription list is boosted by tens of thousands each year, and interested people receive top-class Adventist literature.

What results accrue from the VOP outreach? Current statistics record 55,000 VOP Bible school graduates as having been baptised in the past twenty years. During the same period more than an additional 12,000 have been brought to a knowledge of the truth by VOP public evangelistic crusades.

When H. M. S. Richards Sr dreamed dreams in 1920, as he listened to a crackling crystal set and marvelled at the genius of man, he could not have dreamed that today his son's voice would be heard by millions across the land through the use of satellite. Surely there are no limits to God's horizons! ■

Your Life and Health Goes to Prison

Throughout the past few months a strong prison ministry has been carried on by Review and Herald employees and local church members in the Hagerstown, Maryland, area. The inmates of two large correctional institutions located near Hagerstown, the Maryland Correctional Institution, and the Maryland Correctional Training Center, benefit from weekly services conducted by publishing house employees.

The publishing house makes its contribution by sending overruns of our beautiful journals to the inmates. The prisons welcome the reading material, and it is not uncommon for one of the prison ministries team to be greeted with questions like "Where's my *Guide*?" or "Did you bring any health magazines this week?" Our journals are filled with precious truths, and they are far too valuable to end up in the baler for the recycling process, when they could help an inmate recyle his life and encourage him to give his heart to Jesus.

—Rose Otis.

Adventists Featured in the Post

The *Saturday Evening Post*, America's oldest and one of the most respected magazines available, featured the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a major article in its March issue. *Post* has established itself as a wholesome family magazine. The *Post* has long been known as a magazine featuring great art, wholesome humour, and a wide selection of stories by famous authors. It has long been an American institution. More recently, however, the *Post* has chosen to make health and religion a major part of its editorial content. By mixing its tradition of good, solid reading with medical research and articles on religion, the *Post* has become one of the most popular and growing magazines in America.

In keeping with the policy of health and religion, the *Post* expressed a special delight in publishing this major article about the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The article is written by John Cook. Much of the content is taken from a chapter in his book, *Diet and Your Religion*.

Outline of Beliefs

The article itself outlines many of the Adventists' basic beliefs concerning nutrition, as well as its abstinence from alcohol, tobacco and harmful drugs. The article also highlights statistical reports showing, on an average, that Seventh-day Adventists have increased life expectancy and less cancer than the general population.

One reason this article fits right into the editorial content of the *Post* is that the *Post* does not accept alcohol or tobacco advertising. It seems quite providential that the March issue, which contains the Seventh-day Adventist article, is the first issue following the *Post's* no tobacco advertising policy. No alcohol advertising has been accepted for years.

Canadian Union Messenger.

(The Post editors and the author, John Cook, have given us permission to reprint their article in Signs of the Times. It is one of the many exciting features we'll be sharing with our Signs readers during the coming months. You can share the article with others by sending or giving them Signs of the Times! G.E.G.)



The young and growing church group at Komu—a swarm from the Goroka town church.
Photo: J. Gate.

LIKE THE BEES

JOHN GATE, President, Eastern Highlands Mission, PNGUM

THE GROWTH and expansion of the three angels' messages here in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea is an inspiration and success story which turns our hearts to God in gratitude and thanks for His leading.

In early 1980, I was invited to join the church board of the Goroka town church to discuss plans for a new central church building in Goroka. I did some preliminary investigations, and had my facts and figures ready for the meeting when they commenced.

When invited to counsel and share some information with them, I discouraged them from thinking of building a new church on the present site, as this would not solve their problems of seating accommodation. You see, each Sabbath there are about 600 to 700 people who try to find accommodation in a church that seats 280 members. We run three church services concurrently here in Goroka; one in the main church, one in the hall at the back in Pidgin, and another in the side room for older people who do not understand Pidgin but only talk-place (the local language).

I counselled the church members that we ought to do what the bees do when they become too many for a hive, and encouraged them to swarm, and start new hives in other communities around Goroka.

So the word got around among members; and some of the leading laymen have now started little churches away from the main church, where they can have the blessings of a church in their home areas.

One church is Komiufa, which has a Sabbath school membership of about 150; and the other

is a little church just three kilometres from the main town church at a place called Komu.

On Sabbath, April 8, it was my privilege to visit the Komu church and to participate in the Sabbath school program and lead out in the divine service. Unfortunately, most of the baptised members had gone to Goroka town church for the ordinance service, and those who remained were either those in the baptismal class or visitors.

This was my first visit to Komu, and I was surprised to find that there were eighty-five people present, most of whom are in the baptismal class. The three young men who remained behind to conduct services for the day were really enthusiastic. What impressed me most was that these three young men, who would have been lost in the large town church, were full of fire and enthusiasm for the progress and development of the church in their home village. They spoke of running evangelistic meetings in all the villages around the little church, of conducting branch Sabbath schools and of starting the new youth club there—I know that this will soon become a thriving area for the Advent message. They gave many examples of how established churches in the area are seeking for something better, and how people are very quickly joining our new church there.

We are just sorry we do not have enough generators and projectors at our headquarters to help these young people to run their evangelistic programs, but God will bless their picture rolls and multiply the best that they can do. So please remember the Eastern Highlands program in your prayers day by day. ■

Exchange Student at Avondale High

MARY STELLMAKER, Teacher, Avondale High School, NNSW

DURING FIRST TERM 1984, students and staff at Avondale High School enjoyed a new experience. Sue Hall, a fifteen-year-old Rotary Exchange Student from Rotorua, North New Zealand, spent the term with us.

Having an older sister and brother who had both been exchange students, Sue was keen to participate in the scheme. Her family own and operate a farm, and her father has a position on the local council and is also national chairman of technical colleges, while her mother is an on-call Karitane nurse.

Sue was delighted when her application was approved by Rotary. Finally the news came through that her "Rotary matched twin" was Melissa Trimmer, a fifteen-year-old Year 10 student from Carey Bay, who attends Avondale High School. This meant that during the time the two girls, one a Uniting Church member and the other an Anglican, would spend together in Australia, Sue would attend Avondale High with Melissa.

What an opportunity was ours as we enjoyed Sue's company and the contribution she made to the various classes and school activities! She proved an excellent ambassador for her school, Western Heights High, and her country.

Sue's first impression of Avondale High was "What a tiny school!" Compared to an enrolment of 1,300 students and sixty-five teachers at Western Heights, our 314 students and twenty-two teachers would seem small. Bible classes were a bit of a shock at first, but she realised she had to be able to change and fit in.

Learning Vegetarian Cooking

Then came vegetarian cooking in home science, but Sue happily settled in, cooking with Melissa—and thought gluten steaks cooked in tomato soup "really nice." A big change indeed for a girl who was used to home-killed meat on a New Zealand farm.

Being a "fun person," Sue quickly made friends among her age group. Her talks in various classes and school assembly were much appreciated. Maybe from what she taught us, we will know better how to host an exchange student, if another opportunity comes our way.

But what were her impressions of our school and us as people? Did we represent our church and our God as we should have done? Let Sue tell you in her own words.

"I feel being an exchange student has been very beneficial to me, in that it has made me more aware of the world around me, and it has helped me to grow as an individual. I feel it has given me more self-confidence. I have also learnt to appreciate my friends and family more than I did."



Exchange student Sue Hall speaks during assembly time.

Photo: M. Stellmaker.

"Teachers here really show a personal interest in students. You can talk to them at any time. I have enjoyed this school at Avondale immensely, and have the friendly staff and pupils to thank for it. It's been terrific." ■



PUC Church Building

It was with great interest that I read the article on the dedication of the first sanctuary at Pacific Union College (RECORD 9/6/84). What a magnificent building it must be to house a pipe organ of such grandeur!

Recently, our church was visited by two representatives from our Avondale College, who conveyed the plight of several students who are of good standing, but are having difficulty in meeting fees. Members were asked if they would like to give assistance.

While I realise that God's house of worship should be one in which its members take pride, can the spending of almost \$8 million be justified, when these students have such great needs?

Elinor Schirmer,
Queensland.

The Mystery Solved

E. I. TOTENHOFFER, Lay Activities
Director, Victorian Conference

RECENTLY I received a most interesting letter from Sister H. Kita, who is currently living in Stanthorpe, Queensland. She told of her joy at reading about the visitor from England who, with the permission of the motel manager, took a copy of *Your Bible and You* from the Seymour Motel in Victoria.

I must share with you the interesting information given in her letter.

"It was a thrilling experience to read your article 'Solve the Mystery.' In 1980/81 I decided I wanted to do something extra to bring people to Jesus, so I bought 500 copies of *Your Bible and You* and, with Pastor Eric Robinson, distributed them to a few motels in Melbourne. Then I was on my own.

"Not all motels were willing to accept the books, so I thought perhaps the country area would be better. I went to Bendigo and left some twenty-five books in the Flag Inn. Brother P. Walsh helped me to distribute them to other motels.

"I also went to Shepparton and found in Brother M. McKenzie a willing helper. On my journey back to Melbourne, I was travelling through Seymour, and had one box of books left in my car. It was a long, hot and weary day, but I thought, 'I don't want to take these books home.' Coming into Seymour, I noticed on my left the Seymour Motel, and had a strong impression to try to leave the books there. "After asking for the manager, I was ushered into his office, and found a kind and nice gentleman. He asked if he could help me. 'Yes,' I said, 'I have some wonderful books here for your customers, and they are all free.'

"After a few questions such as if there were any costs involved, he said, 'But what is your purpose in doing this?'

"I answered: 'If travellers read those books and come to know Christ—He will change their lives.'

"I put the books in about twenty motels—saying to myself, 'If only one soul can be won for Jesus, it's worth the money.'

"I went home and eagerly waited for a response, but none came, and I became very discouraged and gave up motel ministry, and turned to cassette ministry (which I place free in church libraries).

"Now, after three years, this good news. Praise the Lord! All honour and glory belongs to Him—His Holy Spirit convinces people. But one thing we can do—we can plant the seed, and one day rejoice in the harvest.

"Wishing you God's richest blessings.

"With Christian regards,

"Henrietta Kita."

God promises that if we sow the gospel seed, and take time to cultivate, a harvest will surely result under the blessing of the Holy Spirit. Of course, motel evangelism is just one way of sowing seed in the hearts of needy men and women. Let us use this and every other means God has entrusted to us, so that an abundant harvest will be reaped for His kingdom. ■



Fifty Years Wed

Hawera Star

A MANAIA [Hawera] couple who live in retirement believe that "a bit of give and take and having a sound Christian faith" is one of the essential ingredients of a happy and successful marriage. And Mr and Mrs Jack Harris of Karaka Street should know, because they have recently celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr and Mrs Harris were married on April 24, 1934, at Westport by the Reverend Foster of the Methodist Church. They spent much of their earlier life in the South Island, where Mr Harris held several occupations, including those of country postmaster and poultry farmer. Keen on farming matters, he served for a time as secretary of the local branch of Federated Farmers, and was an executive of the Nelson branch of the Poultry Producers Association.

Mr Harris was born in Christchurch, and Mrs Thelma Maude Harris was born in Marton. The couple spent most of their married life in the Nelson area, but retired from active life in 1974, and came to live in South Taranaki, where they settled in Manaia. Their main interest now is in their garden and church work, Mr Harris being an elder and treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Hawera.

The couple have also had a long association with the St John Ambulance movement, and in 1971, before coming north, were both awarded the Queen's Medal for services to St John.

Mr and Mrs Harris have four children, two boys and two girls, and nine grandchildren. The golden wedding celebration was held at their daughter's home in Christchurch, where there was a large gathering of family and friends. Following their golden wedding, Mr and Mrs Harris returned to South Taranaki, where they were guests of honour at a tea and social organised by their church. ■

South Pacific Music on Cassette



THESE SIX brand-new cassettes have been released by the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, and are the work of Advent Media Productions (PNG). The quality of music is of a high standard, with a distinctive island flavour. Their value is further enhanced by the fact that most of the tapes are double the length of a normal record. Church workers and lay people who have visited the South Pacific will treasure these musical memories. If you have never been there, but want to share the musical delights of the faith of these peoples, then these cassettes are even more a must buy.

Available from your ABC for just \$5.95 each.

More VNIs for Western Australia

G. W. W. DRINKALL, Health Director, Western Australian Conference

DURING RECENT years Western Australia has become known in health circles for its large contingent of Vegetarian Nutrition Instructors (formerly Home Nutrition Instructors). Age, illness, moves and inactivity take their toll, however, and it had become obvious that there was a drop in the number of currently registered personnel. At the same time it was gratifying to know that others were anxious to be trained in this positive form of outreach.

Accordingly, an instructors' school was planned and advertised, to run from Sunday, April 29, to Thursday, May 3. Despite the predictions of the sceptics, who felt that the school should go to local areas and not be in a central location like the campground, twenty-five applications were received. Unfortunately, work, family situations and inability to find baby-sitters prevented seven of the applicants from attending. (Work and a family situation even prevented Conference trainer Glenis Thomas from attending!)

The eighteen ladies who arrived to register all saw the course through. At the end, all spoke in glowing terms of the instruction, experience,

friendship and fellowship. A pleasing feature of the school was the certification of Kay Grubb as a Conference trainer. Kay has been very active in the nutrition sphere in the west, and there is a constant demand for her services.

Dr Hilda Rainda acting Health director of the Australasian Division, was the main lecturer at the school, taking eight of the fourteen sessions. Her warm personality, wealth of knowledge and humble Christianity endeared her to all. She was ably supported by Kay Grubb, who took several sessions, and Dr Warren Grubb, who graciously gave up his free time on Sunday to present two papers. The Conference Health director cared for the morning devotionals and took two sessions during the school. An "update" program was held on the Wednesday, so that qualified instructors could receive the latest information, and these sessions were well attended.

Most of the new graduates will be involved in nutrition programs within the next few weeks. Others have plans for later in the year. The muscles of the "right arm" are flexing! ■

My Favourite Recipe

BANANA-DATE BISCUITS

3 mashed bananas
1 cup chopped dates
1/3 cup of vegetable oil
1/2 cup walnuts
2 cups rolled oats (some millet flakes make a nice addition)
Vanilla
Salt

Combine the first three ingredients. Then add the rest. Let stand for 10 minutes, to absorb moisture. Drop onto oiled tray. Bake at 400°F for 15 to 20 minutes. The result is a little like a health candy bar!

Sue Crozier,
Miami, Queensland.



FAITHFUL NED

MYRTLE O'HARA

OLD JOE climbed into the cart and clucked to his horse Ned. Ned and he had been pals for many years; the horse and the man loved and understood each other. Joe lived alone in a shack in the bush a few miles from his nearest neighbours, the Hendersons, and today he decided to visit them.

The track was rough and stony, and presently the horse stumbled. The jolt sent the old man tumbling off his board seat, and he landed hard on the road. Ned stood still and waited for him to get up, but Joe just lay there, and at last Ned felt he must do something about it.

So, with the reins dragging on the ground, he continued on his way. Carefully he pulled the cart down half a kilometre of very rough track, where he had to keep twisting and turning to dodge the trees. Then he went over a bridge without sides, that was scarcely wider than the cart. Ahead the track rose steeply, then dipped sharply before it became level again. Soon the horse had to turn at right angles to pass through a narrow gate which, just as well today, had been left open. Along another track he went over another bridge, then over a culvert, and at last reached the gate by Henderson's shed, where he stopped and waited for someone to come.

Mr Henderson and his boys were working in the yard, and when they heard the sound of the cart on the track they looked up. Imagine their surprise to see the horse and cart, the dragging reins, but no driver. "Boys, something has

happened to old Joe! Get into the cart and go back and look for him," Mr Henderson instructed.

The boys climbed in and drove back over that dangerous track, wondering all the while how a horse could possibly have travelled that same way without having an accident. At last they found Joe sprawled unconscious in the middle of the track. Between them they lifted him into the cart and took him home.

Their father sent for the doctor, who lived many miles away. Old Joe had been badly hurt, and but for Mrs Henderson's care he would have died. At last, after eight weeks, he was well enough to go home. He and faithful Ned went back over the track together. Every foot of the way Joe felt thankful for such a wise horse, for if it hadn't been for him he would probably not have been alive. ■

Weddings

EADES—OLSEN. Amanda Eades and Graham Olsen were married at the Royal Oak Seventh-day Adventist church, North New Zealand, on June 25, 1984. Amanda is the daughter of Brother and Sister David Eades, and Graham is the son of Brother and Sister Roy Olsen. We rejoiced in the presence of Christ on their wedding day, and are glad that Amanda and Graham want the Holy Spirit to continue to bless them as they establish their new home in St Ives, Sydney, New South Wales. J. M. Denne.

FAIRALL—RORICH. Kym Fairall and Nola Rorich joined their lives in marriage on July 8, 1984, at Warburton, Victoria. Kym is the son of Ray and Glenda Fairall, while Nola is the daughter of Len and Joan Rorich. Both these families live in Warburton, and are much loved and respected. Kym and Nola plan to establish their home in Sydney, and we wish them God's richest blessings. May the Lord use their lives as a beautiful witness of what Christian living is all about. R. Possingham.

GAY—RALPH. The Nunawading Seventh-day Adventist church was beautifully decorated by Mrs June Berry for the marriage of two local young people, Greg Gay and Glenda Ralph. Both have been members at Nunawading for many years, and on Sunday afternoon, July 1, 1984, they exchanged nuptial vows before a large group of relatives and friends. Both the Ralph and Gay families are well known in Melbourne Adventist circles, and displayed an abundance of unusual talent at the reception held in the Wantirna church hall. As Glenda and Greg establish their new home in Blackburn, we believe God's richest blessing will attend their united witness. E. I. Totenhofer.

Till He Comes

HANSEN. I hold in my hand, as I write, a small, gilt-edged card which reads, "In Memory of Karen, aged 12, 18th April, 1984. 'She fought a good fight.' " It is signed by her parents, Don and Marilyn Hansen, her brothers David and Michael, and her grandparents, Richard and Dorothy Christian. Truly, our dear Karen "fought a good fight" as she sought to overcome the illness which finally took her life. In that "fight," she was such an inspiration to us all. Though saddened by our loss, we are comforted and encouraged by our hope. With her family, we, her friends, look forward, in confidence, to that day when the promise of Jesus, "the Resurrection and the Life," namely, "The one who believes in Me will live (even though he/she should die)," is fulfilled for Karen. In the meantime, while we wait, she rests quietly in the Avondale Lawn Cemetery . . . "till He come." The writer was assisted at the graveside by Pastor Nelson Palmer and Dr Geoff Madigan. J. J. C. Cox.

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1985 Tour Program now being prepared, and will include a very special tour to Papua New Guinea via North Queensland. Ask to be on our mailing list for future tours.

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FLASHPOINT

LINCOLN STEED
Assistant Editor



THE SEPTEMBER and October issues of *Signs of the Times* are devoted to the theme of Creation's Design and Designer. They contain excellent articles on God's hand in nature—all by Australian and New Zealand authors. Profusely illustrated in four colours, these issues would be eminently suitable to place in the hands of students and academics.

A FIRST FOR VICTORIA in the field of chaplaincy. Pastor Kingsley Andrews has just finished a three-month, full-time conference-sponsored course in Clinical Pastoral Education at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Pastor Andrews found the 400 hours of supervised in-service training demanding and rewarding—well qualifying him for his work as Adventist chaplain in Victoria, which he fills along with responsibility for the Greensborough church.

CATCHY TITLES for upcoming *These Times* radio broadcasts promise exciting listening. "Hell in the City of the Angels," August 12. "The Power Jugglers," August 19. "Say No to Nasties," August 26. "Deadly Dioxins," September 2. "Where the Fire Fell," September 9.

COORDINATED PLANNING was the theme for a special July 22 meeting held in Brisbane to prepare for the Youlden campaign to begin there early next year. Lay contributions, Revelation Seminars and other outreach avenues are being coordinated for a big reaping campaign.

LE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL. Division Publishing leader Pastor John Knopper has just concluded a special three-week training school for new Publishing leaders—with 13 new or potential leaders, including one from the Western Pacific, attending the quite wide-ranging studies presented at the Division office.

PAC GPA SUCCESS. In real words that translates into the successful completion of the first semester for our Pacific Adventist College in PNG—with two-thirds of the students achieving Grade Point Averages of over 2.0.

SEMINAR '84 was a great success—with a total of 150 attending Pastor Russell Kranz's inspiring presentation in the Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne, on July 15. Basis for the presentation was *It Is Written* seminar material prepared by George Vandeman. A series of six city-wide weekly follow-up seminars is currently being conducted by various pastors.

REVELATION ENTHUSIASM. Following recent Revelation Seminars, Sth Qld is extra-alive and stirring, with action teams in a number of places. This weekend brings a Revelation Seminar training program at Rockhampton (August 10, 11), with TTUC Lay Activities director Pastor N. K. Peatey leading out.

COLLINSVALE 95. Collinsvale church, Tasmania, one of the oldest in this Division, is celebrating ninety-five years on August 18, with special guest speaker Division president Pastor Walter Scragg and a full day of sanctified celebrations. Dedicated in 1889 as the Bismark church, Collinsvale counts among its memories an April 23-25 preaching visit from Ellen White.

MISSION FIRST FOR SA. Using the recently purchased conference video projector, the Berri church began the first such mission in SA on July 24. Church Pastor Gary Kent is using the Vandeman video series in this exciting mission venture.

VIDEO FIRST IN TASSIE. The first-ever video mission series for Tassie was launched on July 18 in the Glenorchy church, using the Vandeman series. Shown on a TV monitor, not by projection as the SA first, the series nevertheless drew an attendance of around 70, with about 25 per cent non-Adventists. Pastor Porter also set a precedent by launching the series with a very well received vegetarian supper.

EVANGELISM IN GRIFFITH, NSW. Pastor Ivan Vickery launched his evangelistic series in Griffith last month, and despite some quite heavy opposition, a total of 220 attended the first night; with a heartening second-week attendance of 140.

EVANGELIST VICTOR SCHULZ drew audiences of around 170 to his Hispanic series held in the Oakleigh church, Victoria, and concluding early this month. The ministry of this Argentinian-born, US-based evangelist has certainly been a great morale-booster to the thirty to forty Spanish believers who worship at Sandringham. There are 60,000 Spanish-speaking people in Melbourne; a huge potential!

SYDNEY'S THIRD Spanish church company was recently organised (June 30, at Eastlakes, near the airport), with Bill Cortizo as pastor. A major catalyst for this church was the mission series Victor Schulz conducted in Sydney—with seventy-five taking their stand and requesting baptism.

DAY OF PRAYER. Today, August 11, has been designated by the Greater Sydney Conference as a special day of prayer on behalf of the Chamberlain family. The tragedy occurred four years ago this week. An indication of the spirit accompanying this special day can be seen in the fact that a number of churches are holding all-night prayer meetings to lay the matter before God. Hurstville, for example, will hold their prayer session this evening through to Sunday morning.

300 BAPTISMS IN ONE WEEKEND! That is the great news from Pastor John Gate in the Eastern Highlands Mission, PNG. On Sabbath, June 23, over 300 were baptised—109 from one pastor! Mission investment pays real dividends!

MARATHON FOR BIBLE SOCIETY. Mary Hughes, National Youth Officer for the Bible Society, has committed herself to an August 18 to October 6 Sydney-to-Melbourne marathon (even downhill that is a tough task!). She expects to raise \$50,000 to supply Bibles to SE Asia. The walk commemorates the 200th birthday of a Welsh girl named Mary Jones who walked 40 km to buy a Bible.

"FINALLY, BRETHREN . . ." We should give freely, generously, in accordance with what we reported on our income tax return.