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EDITORIAL



Light at the Crossroads

In Leo Tolstoy's book *Resurrection*, he describes the long march of a procession of prisoners through Russia. Most of them are victims of harsh, unjust laws and circumstances beyond their control.

As they walk through various towns, they attract attention from onlookers. They evoke a mixture of pity and horror.

At one particular road crossing, the long line of prisoners holds up an elegant open carriage. Inside the carriage a little girl and boy sit with their parents. Their father is angrily reprimanding the coachman for not crossing before the procession delayed them.

The obviously well-off family are on their way to their country house. But Tolstoy points out that neither of the parents explain to the children what they see passing before their eyes. So the children have to find out for themselves the meaning of this long line of ragged-looking, destitute people.

"The girl," he writes, "considering the expression on the faces of her father and mother, came to the conclusion that these people were of a totally different kind from her parents and their friends, that they were wicked people and therefore had to be treated in that way.

"And so the little girl only felt frightened, and was glad when she could no longer see them.

"But the boy with the long thin neck, who had watched the procession of prisoners without taking his eyes off them, came to a different decision.

"He knew without any doubt—he was quite sure, for he had the knowledge straight from God, that these people were just the same as he and everyone else was, and therefore something wicked had been done to them, something that ought not to be done, and he was sorry for them, and horrified not only at the people who were shaved and fettered but at the people who had fettered and shaved them.

"And that was why the boy's lips swelled up more and more, and he tried harder and harder not to cry, supposing that it was shameful to cry on such occasions."

Will the little boy always feel this way? Or is it just a matter of time before he be-

comes hardened and insensitive like his parents?

He hasn't totally lost his innocence. His natural instinct is to feel pity for the people he sees who are in need. But his sister is well on the way to becoming desensitized.

The little boy has to fight his natural inclination to cry. But the pity is that maybe in a few more years it will become easy. Maybe he won't have to choke back the tears. Maybe he won't have to fight his emotions. Maybe he'll become calloused.

But perhaps he will retain his sensitivity. Maybe he'll hold to the pure vision in every one of us—the compassionate vision that wishes the best for others.

Some Christians feel uncomfortable talking about the goodness in people. We're often told that we're so corrupt that there's no good in us at all. After all, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Jeremiah 17:9.

However, in the lives of the people we meet we can see that the divine spark hasn't been totally extinguished. Like it or not, we *were* made in the image of God. And although we've done our best to make ourselves in our own image, we haven't totally succeeded. The Lord can still touch us.

John says that Jesus is the true light who gives light to every person who comes into the world (John 1:9). (This is part of the miracle of creation, and there's not a lot we can do about it. We may not be conscious of it, or we may deny it, but it happens!)

And if we give that light room in our lives, we begin to find out what life is really all about. The light can do powerful things. It can make us compassionate and loving and generous and kind and forgiving. It can make us "real" humans.

Like the little boy in Tolstoy's story, we come across various crossroads in life. Some of them we hardly notice. At some of them we can laugh.

But if the light is still lighting our lives, many of them are going to make us weep like the little boy. Weep for that day when the light will light the whole world.

Gary Krause.

LETTERS

Congratulations!

Congratulations to author and editor for sharing such a mind-extending, heart-expanding, front-page "Cover Up" (November 4).

(Mrs) Dorothy Christian, NSW.

Clarification

We read a statement in Flashpoint (October 21) that was misleading. The "Egervari group" in Hungary were said to have *left* the church—when in fact they were *disfellowshipped* because of their concern about the Adventist Church's membership in the Council of Free Churches.

Michael and Kristine Stahl, SA.

Yes and No

The article "The Organist Speaks" (October 21) presented some worthwhile points, yet also made some arbitrary statements.

On what basis is it valid to say that "music in worship should acknowledge history and tradition"? And how far back into history do we go? To monophonic music and plainsong?

And on what basis is it valid to say that "music in large-scale public worship should be classical—not popular"? Would the Wesley brothers have agreed with this principle in their hymn writing?

The writer states that, "except in a missionary sense, there's no need for church music to be relevant to secular society." Should there ever be a time in Seventh-day Adventist worship when music should be anything but missionary-orientated?

Gary C. Roberts, Qld.

Not for Sale

Praise the Lord for your courageous printing of "I Can't Buy It" (October 21).

We *are* being infiltrated. Families are being divided. Some of our relatives have been all but brainwashed. They've become evangelists of selling. They consider all who refuse to be "converted" to be lacking in ambition.

Thanks to "Norm D. Pluim" for his concern and courage. May the true nature of this thing be fully revealed.

Name Supplied.

Kudos

We should all give Dr Norman Young of Avondale College a smart salute.

Dr Young's 303-page book *Innocence Regained*, reviewed in the RECORD (October 21), is a package of literary skill, insightful scholarship, and well-above-average legal and scientific insight. And all of this is laced with strong moral fibre. W. A. Townend, NSW.

Guy Fawkes

Why should we remember the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 by annually burning an effigy Guy Fawkes?

Guy Fawkes and his men endured much torture and suffering before being dragged behind horses to the scene of the execution, where they were hanged, drawn and quartered. Yet we mark the anniversary of this atrocity with laughter, fun and excitement.

What does God think of all this? Is He pleased when we gleefully celebrate the execution of men made in His image? Proverbs 24:17, 18 and 1 Corinthians 13:6 tell us not to rejoice over others' sins.

I don't condone blowing up buildings with intent to kill. But I'm equally disgusted with torture, sadism and capital punishment.

Dudley S. Keightley, New Zealand.

Perfection

In response to the editorial "Perfectly Pigeonholed" (October 21), I share the following quotations from Ellen G. White:

"Because the law was immutable, un-

changeable, God sent His only begotten Son to die for the fallen race. But did the Saviour take upon Himself the guilt of human beings and impute to them His righteousness in order that they might continue to violate the precepts of Jehovah? No, no! Christ came because there was no possibility of man's keeping the law in His own strength. He came to bring him strength to obey the precepts of the law."—*Selected Messages*, Book 3, pages 179, 180.

"God requires perfection of His children. His law is a transcript of His own character, and it is the standard of all character. This infinite standard is presented to all that there may be no mistake in regard to the kind of people whom God will have compose His kingdom."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, page 315. Wendy Fox, Qld.

Why?

Why do you wish for people to respond to your article "The Church and the Relevance Crisis" (October 28) if in fact "the church didn't really encourage Why questions. . ."? And if "the answers often weren't all that satisfying. They seemed arbitrary, sometimes even illogical"? C. E. Gaitskell, Qld.

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My Close Encounter

by Bob Penman

“God, if you exist,” I said almost inaudibly, “then let me find another 10-shilling note—and I promise that I’ll give it to the police.”

I lived at 11 Haughfield Terrace, Kingskettle, Fife, Scotland, when I experienced my close encounter with God. That was more than four decades ago.

Why I didn’t tell anyone about it at the time, I don’t know. A few years ago I read that at least once in a lifetime most people experience some unexplainable phenomenon—and they’re usually shy about sharing it with others.

But when we sense the powerful reality of Jesus, we need to share our testimony. And this is my testimony.

I was 12 years old. World War II had just ended. I was walking past a pub with my mum, when suddenly I looked down and saw a 10-shilling note. That was a *fortune* to me.

I showed it to my very honest mum, fearing her response. But because the fortune was found outside a pub, she told me I could keep it. Mum wouldn’t even drink tea from a cup that had previously been used to consume alcohol.

Four years later, I was walking my dog, thinking those deep, mixed-emotion thoughts that belong to the adolescent. I was thinking about the young men from my village who had gone to the war. Some came back; some didn’t. One still suffered from shell shock. I knew that in two years I’d be called up for National Service. Was the God of my Sunday school real?

Do you exist, God? I wondered.

Then a thought came to me—about that day four years before when I’d found my 10-shilling note. It’s strange how thoughts run. Yet the scene of that day is still vivid in my memory. It’s as if time has stood still.

I see myself looking up at a blue sky. I see the swallows darting in all directions, picking insects on the wing. I reason with God. I remember myself thinking, *If you exist, God, then it was wrong for me to have kept that 10-shilling note. But if you don’t exist . . . well . . . what the difference?*

My mind was in fierce turmoil. Then I threw down the challenge. I stopped on the grassy verge beside a lamp post. “God, if you exist,” I said almost inaudibly, “then let me find another 10-shilling note—and I promise that this time I’ll pass it over to the police.”

My bull terrier, Beaut, waited patiently during this momentous event of my life. But after throwing out the challenge, I looked down to see if God had answered.

It wasn’t a hair-on-the-back-of-the-neck-raising experience. Nor did the blood rush to my head. As I remember it, I simply looked down with a peaceful confidence. And there, in the long grass beside the lamp post, was a 10-shilling note. I *knew* that God existed. I had tangible proof.

Keeping my part of the bargain, I took the note to the police. Three months later it was returned to me. No one ever came to claim it. Unfortunately, though, I didn’t keep the note—I spent it!

Nonetheless, that experience told me that God exists. And that fact can never be taken from me. But what I didn’t understand was how to get to *know* Him.

While growing up, I did the things most of my friends did—movies, dancing, pubs, girlfriends, work, night school, soccer, and spectator sports. Life was a mixture of fun and longing. Something was missing. I volunteered as a Sunday school teacher, hoping this would help me find that elusive something—or Someone.

About this time I began to have asthma attacks. On three occasions I suffered from a partially collapsed lung. Consequently, I was declared unfit for National Service. It upset me to see most of my pals joining the armed forces—while I was left to contemplate the implications of a life of sickness. (I enjoy excellent health today.)

I desperately wanted to know God. I needed Him so much. I tried a variety of churches, but nobody wanted to answer

my many searching questions.

One Sunday as Dad, Mum and I were playing cards for halfpennies (I usually won!), there was a knock on the door. Two young men about my age asked if I’d give a donation for leprosy. That’s all I remember their saying.

Not only did I give, but I asked Mum and Dad for a contribution, as well. They said Thanks, and gave me a leaflet. An ad for “Free Bible Lessons” caught my eye. I put the leaflet in my bedroom to examine later.

Could this be providential? I wondered. I sent away for the lessons.

Now, it just so happened that I enjoyed a radio program on Radio Luxembourg—“Top Ten of the Charts.” I listened to it regularly. Then one day I discovered that immediately following “Top Ten” was a religious program. The speaker was a man named Victor Cooper—and I digested every word he said. His voice, the singing, the message—it satisfied my soul.

Then the lessons began to arrive. I was thrilled. They explained the Bible.

Shortly after commencing the correspondence course, I went to a dance in a nearby city. I looked over the huge crowd of girls who congregated at one end of the ballroom. (We males tended to congregate at the opposite end.) I spotted a beautiful girl, and when the announcement was made to “Take your partners,” I quickly hastened in her direction.

Annie and I were soon “going steady.” And as young people do, we talked about everything. Sometimes I’d mention my Bible lessons. “Anne,” as I called her, usually went quiet—but she listened.

The lessons were so thrilling that I asked if there was anyone in my area with whom I could talk. Soon a smiling-faced person knocked on the door and introduced himself. I was immediately drawn to this loving pastor—George Bryan. When I asked which church he belonged to, his answer—“Seventh-day

Adventist"—meant nothing to me.

Pastor Bryan invited me to attend evangelistic meetings he was conducting in a nearby city. Anne and I went together. I'd never heard anyone preach like he did. He preached with love, power and conviction.

Then it happened. The next correspondence lesson was about the Sabbath—and that was it. *They must be wrong*, I thought. *This was just too stupid for words*. I sadly put all the lessons away. Pastor Bryan urged me to continue, but I stubbornly said No. And he departed from my life.

Anne and I became engaged. I completed my apprenticeship as a compositor and moved to Perth (Scotland) to work for a larger printing company. I was busy looking for a house for after our marriage. But the Sabbath idea kept niggling me. I asked questions at every opportunity, but no one really answered.

Meanwhile, my beautiful Irish mother bought a book from a door-to-door salesman named Mr McGilveray—who later emigrated to Australia. (She has a heart of gold, and would never turn anyone from our door.) The book was *Bible*

Readings for the Home Circle.

I had seen the book in a drawer, and when I came home one weekend I thought it might help me find an answer to this Sabbath problem. Needless to say, it didn't turn out to be helpful for proving that Saturday isn't the Sabbath!

As it happened, Anne and I found a little house in her home city of Kirkcaldy. We were married, and I found employment close to our home.

Shortly after, we found a leaflet in our letterbox, advertising an evangelistic crusade in Kirkcaldy. The speaker was Pastor George Bryan! We went. We were baptised.

I learned later that there were only some 400 Seventh-day Adventists in all of Scotland. That two of those 400 came to our door in a little village, and that we received a leaflet in a city of 60,000, is part of my wonderful God's continuing miracle.

Thirty-five years down the track I still think back and marvel.

Thank You, Lord. □

Bob Penman writes from Whyalla, SA.

MUSINGS

Today's Commandments

by Julie Squire

1. I'm God. You shouldn't have other gods—except where this contradicts already-held beliefs, or you're an atheist.
2. Don't worship idols—except for money, power, status, yourself, people in high places, or anything else that captures your fancy.
3. Don't take God's name in vain—except when you're angry, or you hit your thumb with a hammer, or you need to add variety and spice to your everyday speech.
4. Observe the Sabbath. You don't have to keep the *entire* day holy—an hour or two when you're in church will do. And the rest of the week doesn't matter.

5. Respect your father and mother—except when they do something you don't like, or disagree with you, or try to discipline you, or embarrass you, or are old-fashioned.

6. Don't commit murder—unless they hit you first, or they had it coming, or they have something you want.

7. Don't commit adultery—unless the person with whom you want to commit adultery agrees.

8. Don't steal—unless it's something you want or need, or you figure the person you're stealing from had it coming, or they're rich.

9. Don't accuse anyone falsely—unless you stand to gain by it, or you're getting back at them, or you're in a bad mood, or you just feel like it.

10. Don't desire someone else's house, husband or wife, or possessions—unless they're better than yours. □

Julie Squire writes from Rylstone, New South Wales.

STORY

Special Drink

by Bev Hankinson

Helen liked to go shopping with Mummy. She liked to watch the juice bubbling in the drink vending machine. Her favourite treat was to stop there for a drink.

"Mummy, may I put the money in, please? I'd like a red drink today."

Clink, went the money, and the machine began to whirl. Down dropped a paper cup. Whoosh! The juice poured in and stopped right at the very top. Helen carefully took the cup from the shelf. "Mmmmm, this tastes so nice. Thank you, Mummy."

One day when Helen was five years old, she had to go to the doctor's for a little operation on her leg. She held Mummy's hand tightly. Outside the doctor's room Helen saw a bubbling drink machine.

"Please, Mummy, may I have one of those?" Helen felt Mother's arms hugging her.

"After your operation I'll buy one."

Soon Helen came out of the doctor's room. Her leg was sore and her face damp from spilled tears, but she'd been very brave. Slowly she and Mummy went to the bubbling machine and together they listened to the machine whirl as it served Helen a cool orange drink.

When Jesus was on earth, a very important man named Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house and heal his daughter. She was so sick that even an operation couldn't make her well.

As Jesus walked to Jairus' house, a messenger met them. "Master Jairus," he said, "your daughter is dead. Why trouble Jesus any more?"

Jairus looked at Jesus. But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Only believe."

Soon they arrived at Jairus' house. Jesus took the little girl's cold hand and said, "Little girl, get up." Immediately she stood up and walked around.

Before Jesus left the thankful family He reminded them to give their daughter something to eat and drink. Jairus' daughter would never forget that meal. But most of all, she would never forget her friend Jesus who made her well. □

Bev Hankinson writes from Sydney, NSW.

Considering Christ

compiled by Gordon A. Lee

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven . . . whereby we must be saved.”

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.” Hebrews 3:1.

“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” 1 Corinthians 2:2.

“But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood.” Galatians 1:15, 16.

“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” Ephesians 3:8.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12.

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6.

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:14, 15.

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” John 12:32.

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” Hebrews 12:1-3.

“In whom [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:3.

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” James 1:5.

“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” Romans 1:20-22.

“But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption.” 1 Corinthians 1:30.

A Revelation From God

“For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” John 5:21-23.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” John 1:1, 14.

“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.” John 17:5.

“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,

though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” Micah 5:2.

“Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.” John 8:42.

Christ Is God

“The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself.” Psalm 50:1-6.

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matthew 24:30, 31.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” John 5:28, 29.

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand." 2 Thessalonians 2:1, 2.

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him." Psalm 50:3.

"... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8.

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre." Psalm 45:6.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the

word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Hebrews 1:1-9.

"For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. . . . But Christ as a Son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Hebrews 3:3, 6.

"... Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is the BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: even he shall build

the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." Zechariah 6:12, 13.

"And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." Mark 10:17, 18.

"Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" John 8:46.

"... Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." 1 Peter 2:21, 22.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21.

"... the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him." Psalm 92:15.

"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:5.

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . ." John 14:8, 9.

"I and my Father are one." John 10:30.

"Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God." John 10:31-33.

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." John 1:18.

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58.

"For it pleased the Father that in him all fullness dwell." Colossians 1:19.

"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Colossians 2:9. **17**



Gordon A. Lee is Island National Leadership Development coordinator for the South Pacific Division.

Choir Camp

Some 100 students from Years 4 through 9 attended a Choir Camp at Yarrahapinni (NSW) from November 2 to 6. Organised by Joan Patrick and under the tutelage of Isabel Aitcheson, the camp aimed to inspire students to fresh heights of enjoyment and excellence in choral presentation. According to North NSW Conference Education director Ray Faull, it was a thrilling venture, and the deportment of the students was impressive. Plans are being made to conduct a similar type of camp for concert-band enthusiasts in 1990.

Creation View

Ten speakers, including scientists, academics and other professionals, will be featured speakers at a Creation Science Foundation seminar to be held at Wesley College, Sydney University, from January 8 to 13. Further details may be obtained from PO Box 302, Sunnybank Qld 4109; phone (07) 345 8122; fax (07) 345 3887.

First Smoke-Free?

The Government of Singapore hopes it will become the first nation to achieve a smoke-free environment. It has outlawed smoking except in selected places.

Strong Stand

The Victorian Government has demonstrated its willingness to forego considerable gain in the interests of public health. The government refused to endorse sponsorship by cigarette companies of the Grand Prix at Phillip Island. "This state government should be commended for



Photo: Mick McKean.

Prisoner Responds to Destiny Singers

A young man who found Christ when a prisoner in gaol was baptised by Pastor Peter Raymer in the South Brisbane church on October 21. Wade Dix (pictured) found his heart moved during a performance at Wacol Gaol last March when listening to a Brisbane-based group, Destiny Singers. "Much of Wade's story can't be told here," says prison chaplain Mick McKean. "But before his baptism he gave a stirring testimony before a large congregation. He was physically and verbally tested as he endeavoured to witness in various prisons where he was confined. It was fitting that the Destiny Singers provided special music for the baptism. A fellowship luncheon concluded the joyful occasion."

taking such a strong stand against smoking," says South Pacific Division Adventist Health director Pastor Don Bain. "Church members everywhere should commend them for such a stand."

IAD Accessions

As of October 15, accessions for the year in the Inter-American Division totalled 101,855, reports Pastor Neal C. Wilson, General Conference president. The total represents a growth of 7,740—8 per cent more than during the whole of 1988. Pastor Wilson reported the news from Puebla, Mexico, where division leaders were holding their year-end meetings. "This is the first time in the history of the Adventist Church that a division has had more than 100,000 accessions within one year," said Pastor Wilson. "The record accessions were

achieved through the combined efforts of thousands of pastors and church members." The IAD has already exceeded its five-year Harvest 90 goal of 400,000 new members.

Ambassadors Visit

Seventh-day Adventist leaders at the new General Conference complex in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, recently hosted two ambassadors—one from Mozambique, the other from Afghanistan. On separate occasions each conferred with General Conference president Pastor Neal C. Wilson and with church leaders from various departments. Acting Ambassador Miagol of Afghanistan, who was accompanied by his Russian-born wife, Ludmila, assured the church officers that they were welcome to visit his country and for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency to start pro-

jects for rehabilitation and development. Ambassador Ferrao of Mozambique conferred with Pastor Wilson and ADRA leaders regarding possible aid to that country in the near future. "In addition to ADRA's development and relief programs, the ambassador was interested in building up his country's health system," reports Dr Neville Matthews, associate director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department, who officiated at the occasion. "When he called for medical-personnel assistance, especially for those speaking Portuguese, our thoughts went to Brazil. Doctors there are looking for overseas mission work."

Heart Team

Some 37 volunteers left Sydney early in November for three weeks in Nepal, where 20,000 people are in need of heart operations. Twenty-nine of the team members will assist in the 10 operations planned at Bir Hospital in Katmandu. A major objective of the trip is to help the Nepalese develop expertise to undertake heart operations. Bir Hospital is attempting to gain financial support for such a venture through support from various governments. The remaining eight team members will work at Scheer Memorial Hospital—a small Adventist institution half an hour's drive from Katmandu—where they will assist with surgery and development work.

Breaking Ground

In a venture shared with the Mennonites, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency broke ground in mid-October for a major rehabilitation centre for

children injured in the earthquake in Yerevan, Armenia. Twelve volunteers from the USA and Germany are working on the centre, supported by local Adventists. Seven satellite clinics in outlying villages will complete the project. Visiting in the tent homes of many earthquake survivors, Pastor Kenneth Mittleider, a vice-president of the General Conference, and Haroldo Seidl, development director for ADRA, found the people eager for a knowledge of God. Sensing the comfort that our leaders were able to share, one of the accompanying government leaders told him to feel free to share what the church believes. "You owe it to them to tell them who prompts you to do this good work," the official said—adding, "even though you believe differently from my church." At one fibreglass home erected by the Italians, the group met a family of three women and three children, all that were left from an extended family of 19. Earlier shipments of medicines and food for babies have made ADRA well-known in the region.

Fulton Barbie

Five students at Fulton College, Fiji, will be able to graduate this year, thanks to the support of Dundas church members. Elwin and Val Ferris organised a barbecue at their home on November 4 to raise funds for the students who were not able to find the full amount of fees. A benefactor provided \$500, and a further \$1,050 came from the barbecue—with donations still coming in. Elwin Ferris has accepted the position of Projects and Development Coordinator for the Central Pacific Union Mission. He and Val will be moving to Suva in the new year. Elwin was

born of missionary parents in Fiji and speaks the language fluently.

Tribute to FOL

Recently the Adventist Media Centre put on a program at the Papatotoe church (NZ). The TV director engaged in the "Focus on Living" shoots taking place in Auckland, Peter Moss, was invited to participate but was unable to because of a prior commitment. However, he sent the following message: "Some 20 years ago I became a Christian. Now, after praying that Christians would use this great tool of communication, I can rejoice that pioneers like Nat Devenish are leading the way with the support of many New Zealanders. The team he has around him is a credit to the Adventist Media Centre. God called craftsmen to build the temple in the Old

Testament, and He is the same today. I love presenting to the world the glory of God's creation through the medium of television, and rejoice to see the day that Christians have their own TV channel in New Zealand. God bless you all."

Gays Can Marry

The Danish Parliament recently passed revolutionary legislation allowing civil marriage between homosexuals, making Denmark the first country in the European Community to legalise homosexual marriages. The bill gives homosexual marriages in Denmark virtually the same legal status as conventional marriages between males and females, with respect to property ownership, joint rights to pension and social benefits, taxation, inheritance and divorce. There are an estimated 200,000 Danes of the same sex cohabiting in Denmark.

Record Week

The first week in November proved more than busy for Sydney Adventist Hospital. The first patients occupied the new maternity wing, and 231 operations were performed in five days, including 18 cardiac bypass and valve-replacement surgeries—a record.

FOL in December

"Focus on Living" radio programs for this month include—December 10: Breast Cancer in the Over 50s, plus interview with George Rollo on Loneliness in Society; December 17: Skin Cancer, plus interview with Dr Rod Ellison on Social Change in the Family; December 24: The Story of Roaring Camp; December 31: Message for 1990, plus interview with Dr William Loveless on Children of Divorce.

Soviet Stage Set

"For many years we've waited for this moment," said Pastor Nikolai Zhukaluk, president of the Association of Seventh-day Adventists in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, following unanimous acceptance at the recent Annual Council (held in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA) of the recommendation to create a new Soviet Division. Outreach opportunities in Russia include: an invitation to print Bibles for the United Bible Societies; an invitation from Soviet authorities to minister in the 800 prisons and labour camps throughout the country; and an invitation to the Loma Linda University heart team to perform surgeries in Leningrad.

Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided by the Adventist Review.



Fijian Sailor Uses Videos in Soul Winning

Saula Tuikoro (centre), a sub-lieutenant in the Fiji Navy, uses Kenneth Cox videotapes in his witnessing program. Two of his interests—the chief photographer for the *Fiji Times* and a former member of another denomination—have commenced attending church regularly. They are preparing for baptism. Also pictured are the church elder, Tomu (right), and the church pastor, Alivereti Sauroutu.

Photo: Wapole Talemaifoga

Writing for Year of SDA Missions

Next year is the Year of Adventist Missions. In a special way the Adventist Church around the world will be informed of what has happened and is happening in its mission fields. And if they are to know what is going on, someone has to write the reports. That is where each person in the mission field can help.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone. All expatriate missionaries, volunteers and nationals can share their mission experiences. Describe the challenges, the joys, the problems, the rewards from your point of view.

We especially urge national pastors and lay members to share stories and experiences that are of particularly high interest, even if English isn't your first language. As editors we're glad to help. Of course, we won't be able to publish everything we receive. Please keep the articles brief.

What to Write About?

We need stories, news or experiences that will encourage and inform readers regarding the work of missions. Basically, we're looking for three types:

1. **Hard News**—brief details of important events or developments.

2. **Stories That Appeal**—experiences that make you laugh or cry or praise God or dig deeper into your pockets. Stories about people.

3. **Analytical Reporting**—we need more articles that evaluate what is happening, by analysing projects and mission activities, quoting various opinions. Why has something been a success or failure? What might have been done? What can we do better?

And Photos?

Good, clear photos, in which the subject is in focus and close up—and not cluttered—especially action shots, are most acceptable. Black-and-white prints, colour prints or properly exposed colour slides are both acceptable. All photos should be clearly identified and captioned. Sometimes a well-composed picture and a few facts are far better than a long article. So please send plenty

of photos—they'll be returned.

Who to Write to:

Material of high interest should be sent to one of the following:

1. Your union mission Communication director—for inclusion in the local union newsletter.

2. South Pacific Division Communication director—if you think a story is of significance and interest for the world church—via *Adventist Review*—or if you feel that an item could be of interest to the media or other churches and denominations.

3. The Editor, RECORD. News items, feature stories or experiences to share with other Adventists in this Division.

What to Expect?

If your article or news report is considered of sufficient interest to readers and selected to be published, it will be

edited first. This may not be because you haven't written well—but simply because the editors wish to present the material in a way that will more effectively keep the reader's interest. Remember that the same story may need to be presented differently for different groups. So don't be surprised if your article is severely shortened or published with a different slant. Space even limits the number of articles that get printed.

What to Avoid?

Avoid exaggeration, second-hand news, rumour or a negative approach. Cut out complicated, flowery language. Tell the facts simply and accurately. Avoid padding and waffle. Use quotes, direct speech and reported speech. Be up-to-date. Don't report an event months after it has happened. Relay fresh news by fax, if feasible, as soon as possible after the event.

Family Life Centre Opened in WA



Photo: G. W. W. Drinkall.

The Adventist Family Life Centre was officially opened at 48 Havelock Street, West Perth, on September 28. Those participating in the ceremony included then-conference president Pastor Peter Colquhoun (right) and Family Life director Pastor Don Hosken (left). The then-secretary-treasurer Pastor Laurie Evans offered the prayer of dedication. Counsellors at the centre are Lesley Schilders and Dianne Warner.

Teacher Calls for Expansion at Batuna



Students from Batuna Vocational School were among 141 people baptised on September 30.

The Adventist Vocational School at Batuna, in the Western Solomons, not only provides training in practical skills, it's also a base for evangelism.

"Sixteen per cent of our students aren't Seventh-day Adventists," says Eric Dick, deputy principal at Batuna.

"That's why our Harvest 90 campus crusade held from August 1 to 15 included a soul-winning emphasis."

Main speaker was Pulepanda Ghemu, assisted by Pastor John Kosmeier from the Coffs Harbour church, New South Wales. He was visiting his son, Ben, and his wife, Kaylyn, who are currently volunteers at Batuna.

"The result of the campaign was amazing," says Pastor Dick. "Never in the history of this school have we harvested such a big number—42 students made their decision for baptism. Twelve of these are non-Adventists, 13 requested rebaptism and 17 were our youth."

Those students who prepared for baptism formed part of a group of 141 people baptised in the Marovo district on September 30.

One student testified, "Three weeks before my baptism I visited my parents in Honiara and told them of my desire. They were very unhappy. My sister told me if I continued to follow the Adventists, I would be cut off from the family. And my brother, after returning from a hotel one night, told me I would have to find a Seventh-day Adventist family to live with.

"I was very sad to be rejected by my own family, but I found strength from the Lord. I have now been baptised, and although I do not know what the future holds, I am determined to follow Jesus, in spite of opposition. I thank God for Batuna Vocational School."

This year, more than 300 young people have applied to enter the school—but there is room for only 70 new students (171 is the maximum enrolment).

"This means that many Adventist parents will still be disappointed because their children haven't been selected," says Pastor Dick. "But I also share a burden for those young people who would find the truth if attending this school. And new converts often become missionaries to their own people. Previously 'unentered' villages are now open to us because of them.

"We desperately need to expand our classroom facilities for mechanics, carpentry, home science and business typing so we can accommodate more students. I believe this school is God's agent for the salvation of many young people in the Solomon Islands."

New Hydrotherapy Clinic Set Up in Solomons

A hydrotherapy and massage clinic has recently been established in the Solomon Islands. Pastor John Lee, president of the Western Pacific Union Mission, officially opened the clinic on October 8, with some 100 people present for the occasion.

The clinic is the result of several years of planning following the visit of Dr Dorothy Nelson during the Tucker Quiet Hour Mission in Honiara in 1986.

Dr Nelson brought together two women who showed a deep interest in hydrotherapy and massage treatments—nursing sister Esther Sale and Fay Olsen. Mrs Olsen agreed to conduct a training

class at the Kukum Evangelical Centre and 18 men and one woman attended.

"Esther's enthusiasm for the course flowed over into her responsibility as Dorcas leader for Kukum church," says Mrs Olsen. "She requested I conduct a course especially for the Dorcas women. Then the Ba ha'i women requested a course that was greatly appreciated and friendships developed."

The Dorcas room at Kukum church has been curtained to allow for six massage cots to be set up each Monday evening. Usually three teams give more than 20 treatments. "In addition, treatments are often given in areas where a minister would not be able to go, so this proves a real Christian witness," says Mrs Olsen. "It was exciting to hear these women give their reports, and their enthusiasm was the motivation I needed to work toward establishing this clinic."

Pastor Luther Tanaveke, Kukum church pastor, pledged his members' support for this new outreach program, and Pastor Wilfred Bili, secretary of the WPUM, gave the dedicatory prayer at the opening.



Photo: Leon Olsen.

Women from the Kukum church in the Solomon Islands established a hydrotherapy clinic under the leadership of Fay Olsen (right rear). Participants in the program (from left): Esther Sale, Joyce Manele, Junlyn Posala, Lisa Paia.

Harvest Dangers

Inviting the neighbours on your right to come to church with you could be dangerous. They may become your friends. And just imagine if they found your Christianity attractive! By the way, it could work with the neighbours on your left, too. Have a nice Harvest 90!—Peter Joseit.

10th Triennial Session Held in Suva, Fiji

The 10th triennial session of the Fiji Mission was held in the Suva National Gymnasium from August 21 to 27. But because of church growth, the venue proved far too small for those attending the *bose* (camp-meeting).

"Because the session coincided with the school holidays, members came from all over Fiji and Rotuma," says Fiji Mission Communication director Wapole Talelaitoga.

"More than 6,000 attended on Sabbath, and thousands invaded the campus of the University of the South Pacific, assembling around the swimming pool to witness the baptism of 114 converts."

Some members were billeted in schools close to the meeting places, and three other venues—two halls and a tent—were provided for the youth, juniors and kindergarten groups to meet together.

Official visitors included South Pacific Division assistant secretary Pastor Vern Parmenter, Pastor and Mrs C. S. Adams, who participated in the 25th anniversary of Dorcas Societies in Fiji, and former secretary-treasurer of the Fiji Mission, Owen Twist, and his wife. Mr Twist is currently treasurer of the Victorian Conference.

A highlight of the *bose* was a march of 2,000 Pathfinders and young people carrying banners depicting the harmful effects of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. The Gau Pathfinder Brass Band led the parade.

The Dorcas celebrations included a vegetarian luncheon served to 500 guests, and baskets of food sent to the President of the Republic of Fiji, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara and the former Governor-General Ratu Sir George Cakobau.

"The whole program was geared to challenge church members to total commitment," says Pastor Talelaitoga. "The reports given by departmental and district leaders brought real encouragement that made me echo the words of the inventor Marconi, 'What hath God wrought!'"

Boy's Remark Inspired Robert Hare

You've forgotten something, Pastor," the teenager told the smiling little man as he assembled his bags on the front veranda ready to depart.

Pastor Robert Hare gave a puzzled glance at his luggage. He usually travelled light, and felt sure he'd collected all his belongings after an overnight stay with an Adventist family in Bowen, Queensland. He asked the boy to tell him what he had forgotten.

"You've left behind your footprints," the lad told him with a laugh.

The incident was all but forgotten until a few weeks later the boy received a poem from Pastor Hare.

The story—and the poem—surfaced recently at the funeral service of the one whose comment prompted the poem—George Hess.

Footprints

It was only a boy with a careless smile
Who said to me that day—
"Be careful what you leave behind
When ready to go away,
For no one has ever left this place,
However well inclined,
But something has missed his watchful eyes,
And so has been left behind."

I thought for a moment—my coat was on,
My glasses and hat as well,
My notebook was safe, and what was left
I surely could not tell.
Something behind? I questioned still,
What possibly could it be?
And then that boy just laughed and said—
"Your footprints, don't you see?"

Well, that was true! The simple thought
Expressed, was deep and wise.
Our footprints always stay behind
Without the least disguise.
And time itself cannot erase
The impress we have made—
It lives behind when we pass on,
In sunshine or in shade.

Whatever way our feet may turn,
Wherever we may go,
Some footprints still are left behind,
Our life and thought to show.
We often deem the vision lost,
It lives for good or ill—
Some day we yet shall meet again
The footprints of our will.

Thanks, thanks to thee my little friend.
The lesson I will keep—
Footprints are always left behind,
And as we sow, we reap.

—Robert Hare.



Pastor Shares Pleasure of Painting

During his 40 years of ministry, Pastor Kenneth Mead has introduced hundreds of young people to the joy of painting. Now retired, he and his wife, Elwyn, live at Launching Place, Victoria. But he still uses his talent by sending paintings to young people who send him sermon outlines after he takes a church service.

As a young man, Ken Mead studied at Sydney Art School. On becoming a Seventh-day Adventist he turned from a career in commercial art and enrolled at Avondale College to prepare for ministry. His first appointment was to evangelism in Sydney under Pastor Max Grolimund.

He formed a choir and his creative ability soon led to his involvement in youth ministry, starting in 1956. Since then he has shared his appreciation for nature and his enjoyment in recording its beauty on canvas with hundreds of young people at vacation camps.

A limited edition print, produced by Signs Publishing Company, of one of Pastor Mead's pictures "Bullock Wagon at Rest" (pictured) is available from him. Write to 45 Alpine Road, Launching Place Vic 3139.

SS Offerings to Assist India's Millions

If you were to take a train ride in India and travel past 1,000 villages, in 950 of them there would be no church, no Bible, no school and no hospital of any Christian denomination.

"Only 5 per cent of the 500,000 villages in India have been touched by Christianity," says Dr Janet Kangas, editor of *Mission* magazine. "There are 156,503 Seventh-day Adventists in India—an average of only one Adventist to nearly four villages. But the church is growing. Today, almost 1,000 converts are being baptised each month."

One reason why Christian penetration into India has been difficult is the language barrier. India has 16 languages, but more than 100 times that many dialects. The Bible is available in only 74 languages and dialects, while the Orient

tal Watchman Publishing House produces Adventist literature in only 21 languages. And a literacy rate of 36 per cent further compounds the barrier.

The 13th Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build churches in northern India where new work commenced recently. Each church will cost about \$10,000, including the land.

"Money stretches in India," continues Dr Kangas. "Three dollars meets the expenses for a village pastor in India for one day. Three dollars will also pay a labourer to haul bricks for a church building, or supply a handful of tracts for distribution to those who can read. Wherever our evangelists preach they are able to raise up new congregations of believers."

It's planned to establish an Institute for Evangelism and Pastoral Care to provide experience in the broad range of church life and work. Existing churches in the cities of Hyderabad and will serve as "lab" churches for 30 trainees completing a one-year course.

In addition, the 13th Sabbath Offering will provide dormitory additions at Khunti School, which has served the

educational needs of tribal young people of Bihar for many years. Some years ago special appropriations allowed for new classrooms to be added at this school that now urgently needs additional hostel accommodation and homes for teachers. These additions will provide minimum requirements to offer a high school education.

"Please don't forget India after 13th Sabbath," concludes Dr Kangas. "Even after our offerings have built the chapels, evangelism institute and dormitory additions, India will still need our prayers that these facilities will help provide a Christian witness to the 95 per cent of villages yet unreached."

Fly'n'build Makes Impact Near Mount Hagen

A school to teach practical skills to young people is being established at Ulya, near Mount Hagen in Papua New Guinea, under the auspices of Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

"Village youth who haven't had opportunity for significant basic education will benefit from this youth training program," says Roger Millist, president of the Western Highlands Mission. "We're confident the school will make a significant impact on the young people who run wild as rascals. They'll be provided with practical skills useful in their villages, and even the possibility of gaining employment."

A fly'n'build organised from Canberra with assistance from Kevin Kane (Loch, Victoria), Phil Hampton (Bathurst, New South Wales) and Ron Brunner (Murwillumbah, New South Wales) worked for two weeks. Three buildings were erected—a double classroom block with office, the teacher/director's residence and the septic toilet and shower.

"Once a machinery shed and water tank is constructed, the basic shell of the school will be complete," says Canberra pastor Ken Vogel, a former missionary pilot in PNG. "The eyes of the PNG Government are on this ADRA project and success here could open a positive direction to help alleviate law and order problems for this emerging nation. Please pray that this new school will demonstrate the added benefit of the spiritual and moral values associated with Seventh-day Adventist schools."

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Anniversaries



Pastor and Mrs Ronald Rice. Ronald and Nelia Rice were married on November 5, 1939, at Rangoon, Burma. Both have served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the field of education. Ron was principal of Spicer College (India) and also Education director for the Southern Asia Division, before coming to Australia to join the staff of Avondale College. Since their retirement they have dedicated themselves to the needs of welfare. Two days after the opening of the new Community Services Centre at Cooranbong, on September 22—for which Pastor and Mrs Rice had worked for years—some 200 friends commemorated their 50 years of marriage. The celebration was held a little early, prior to the Rices' leaving for an extended overseas visit.—*Vere Wood-Stotesbury.*

Life-Sketches



Rose Merle Radley. The eldest of five children of William and Nellie Martin, Rose grew up in the Ourimbah district (NSW) where her father was an orchardist. After attending Australasian Missionary College and working at the Sanitarium Cafe in Sydney, Rose took nursing training at Sydney Sanitarium and Hospital. Following graduation in 1922 she worked at the Warburton Sanitarium. In 1925 she married John Clifton Radley.

In 1927 the couple were called to mission service. For the next eight years they worked in the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu). After John broke both legs in an accident, they returned to Australia. Rose remained in Cooranbong, caring for their daughters, while John returned to captain mission boats. Following World War II she and John sailed to New Guinea on the largest supply ship in the mission fleet, *MV Ambon*—the first mission ship to return to the

war zone.

Until 1956 Rose criss-crossed the South Pacific aboard mission vessels captained by her husband. She displayed indomitable courage and skilfully carried out nursing duties under the most trying circumstances. She treated tropical diseases, battled with difficult baby deliveries and combated the medicine of the witchdoctors.

She and John often faced desperate situations. Their first home was blown away in a cyclone. They were confronted with an erupting volcano. They frequently launched rescues for ships in distress on reefs. They struggled with faulty engines and faced enormous seas. Often Rose helped her husband unload cargo from their mission boats for use in building or rebuilding mission schools, hospitals and homes.

Following her husband's death in 1968, Rose lived with her daughter Rose-marie, who was then Director of Nursing at Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. They returned to Australia in 1971, where Rose cared for the home, tending a beautiful garden and devoting her life to God and her family.—*T. H. Ludowici.*

Appreciation

Gosling. We wish to express our deep appreciation to all who shared with us the loss of a wife, Edna, and mother by sending cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Please accept this as personal thanks from Arthur, Margaret and Douglas and families.

Weddings

Billett—Louis. Neville John Billett, son of Edward and May Billett (Tokoroa, New Zealand), and Hilda Martha Louis, daughter of Fred and Losalini Louis (Rotorua), were married on November 5 at the Rotorua SDA church. Neville is a carpenter and interior plasterer, and he and Hilda plan to set up their home at Howick, Auckland. John Veld.

Knowles—Combe. Frank Arnold Knowles and Violet Constance Combe were married on November 12 in a garden setting at Tarcoola Retirement Village, Shepparton, Vic. Frank and Connie will live in retirement at Tarcoola. E. M. Logue.

Millist—Burnside. Graham Colin Millist, son of Colin and Helen Millist (Waipara, South New Zealand), and Leonie Kay Burnside, daughter of Tom and Margo Burnside (Ruby Bay, Nelson), were married on October 22 in the Nelson SDA church. Graham and Leonie, whose friendship began on a kayak trip in Christchurch, both love the outdoors, hiking, camping etc. Graham has a farm at Waipara. Aaron Jeffries.

Stewart—Mitchell. Rodney Michael Stewart and Wendy Leigh Mitchell, daughter of Ken and Ngaire Mitchell (Cowra, NSW), were married on November 5 at Pymble Gardens, Sydney. Rodney comes from Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, and he and Wendy plan to set up their home in Sydney. Robert V. Saunders.

Obituaries

"We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. . . . Therefore encourage each other with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16, 18, NIV. The Signs Publishing Company staff join the church family in expressing sincere sympathy to those who have lost the loved ones recorded below.

Davison, Doris Gwendoline, born October 8, 1918, in Barraba, NSW; died October 25 in the Barraba Nursing

Home. A service was held at the Beresfield Crematorium, attended by family and close friends. W. V. Fedorow.

Cormack, Maud, born December 27, 1907, at Willoughby, NSW; died October 26 at the Gosford District Hospital, after a prolonged illness, and was buried in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong. Maud was baptised at the Hurstville church in 1929. She later married Pastor Andrew Jackson and became the much-loved stepmother of Joyce Smith (Adelaide, SA), Audrey (Bonnells Bay, NSW) and Yvonne Douglass (Adelaide). After the death of her first husband, she married Pastor James Cormack in 1980 and added to her stepfamily, Enid Allan (Berkeley Vale, NSW) and Lynette Donald (Sydney). Maud served in the literature ministry and held several offices, including that of organist, in various churches. She was also an accompanist for the Voice of Prophecy broadcasts. Ever sensitive to the needs of others, she did what she could to brighten their lives. E. D. Oliver.

Hess, Walter George, born September 5, 1909, in Proserpine, Qld; died October 8 in Rockhampton, after a prolonged illness. His parents were pioneer members of the SDA Church in northern Queensland, and George was baptised in 1921 at Bowen by Pastor Tom Kent. He lived and worked in Bowen, Mackay, Charters Towers and Rockhampton. At the time he retired in 1971, George was senior gardener for the Public Works Department in Rockhampton, and was reputedly one of the best gardeners in the area. He was a member of the Orchid Society, involved with State Emergency Services, and for a number of years was senior deacon at the Rockhampton church. In 1988 George and his wife May (nee Walz) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife (Rockhampton); daughters, Delcia Todd (Charters Towers) and Gay Schirmer (Rockhampton); and their families. Bruce Grosse.

Howard, Florence Alice, born March 26, 1904, at Beccles, Suffolk, England; died October 27 at Victor Harbour, SA. Florence, her husband and three young children, spent the war years in a concentration camp in Germany. She is survived by her son, Edwin (Surrey, England); daughters, Marian Jehan (Jersey Island) and Maureen Rault (Victor Harbour, SA); 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Graeme Olson.

Mills, Arthur Alfred, born February 18, 1913, in England; died in his sleep on October 5 in the Royal Newcastle Hospital, NSW, and was buried in the Whitebridge Cemetery. Arthur attended church school and was baptised at the age of 14 by Pastor W. P. Prescott. A builder by trade, Arthur came to Australia in 1952. During the following year he built the main church in Suva, Fiji. In 1961 he became a charter member of the Charlestown church, where he was an active member. He helped to build the Burke and Bonshaw churches, and was known for his choir and humanitarian work. He is survived by his son, Roger (Shoal Bay, NSW); daughter, Anita (Dunedin, New Zealand); and wife, Enid. John V. Oaklands.

Moroney, Marjorie Miriam George, born June 4, 1907; died November 2 and was buried in the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong, NSW. At the age of 16 she became an Associate of the London College of Music and a Licentiate at 17, when she received her cap and gown. On April 5, 1932, Marjorie married William Henry Moroney at the SDA church, Hamilton, where she was organist for 18 years. She was well-known as a music teacher and professional in Newcastle, having 60 students on her books at any one time. She is also remembered for her musical contributions to camp-meetings and mission programs. In 1961 Marjorie became a charter member of the Charlestown church, where she worshipped until ill health forced her retirement to the Garden Suburbs Nursing Home. She is survived by her son, Reginald Edward; and grandchildren, Ian Wayne, Glendon Mark and Craig Allan. John V. Oaklands.

Radley, Rose Merle, born March 14, 1900, at Parramatta, NSW; died October 7 at Wahroonga, and was buried at the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong. Rose's significant life of service in the South Pacific advanced the

work of the church in many places. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Merle and Stan Wildman (Bundaberg, Qld); and daughter, Rose-marie (Director of Nursing, Sydney Adventist Hospital); grandchildren, Kevin, Owen, Robyn (Hodge) and Jim; sister, Dorothy Munro; and brother, Glen Martin. A life-sketch appears in this issue.
T. H. and P. I. Ludowici.

Robson, Raewyn Sylvia, born April 26, 1951, in Gore, New Zealand; died October 9 in Christchurch. On the previous day she had completed her Master Guide requirements at a Pathfinder training course, fulfilling one of her life's ambitions. Raewyn was a member of the Papanui church, Christchurch. She is survived by her husband, Dale; children, Ainslie and Phillip (all of Christchurch); mother, Mrs Williams (Rangiora); sisters, Gloria Lindsay (Palmerston North), Margaret Tooley and Gail (both of Rangiora); sisters-in-law, Jessie Tasker and June Simpson (both living in Australia).
Bob Larsen.

Sherriff, Audrey Lillian, born December 23, 1920, in Cessnock, NSW; died October 30 at the Liverpool Hospital. Audrey and Harry Sherriff were married on December 9, 1942. After the war they lived in Hornsby, then Villawood, and finally Mount Pritchard, where they had resided for 31 years. During her lifetime Audrey was a faithful member of the Cessnock, Fairfield and Cabramatta churches, and will be remembered for her kind and gentle manner. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Elizabeth; daughter and son-in-law, Bonita and Andrew (Blue Mountains); and five grandchildren. Pastor George Hirst assisted in the services.
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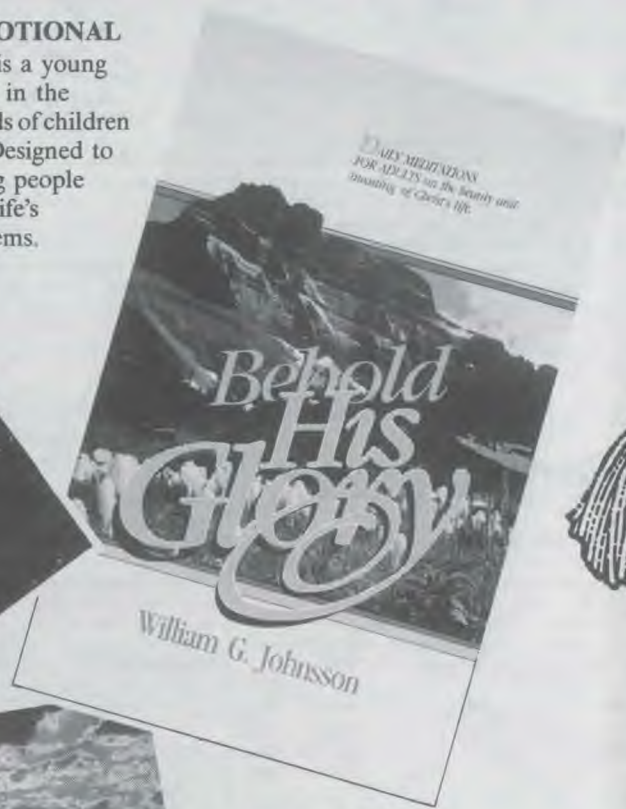
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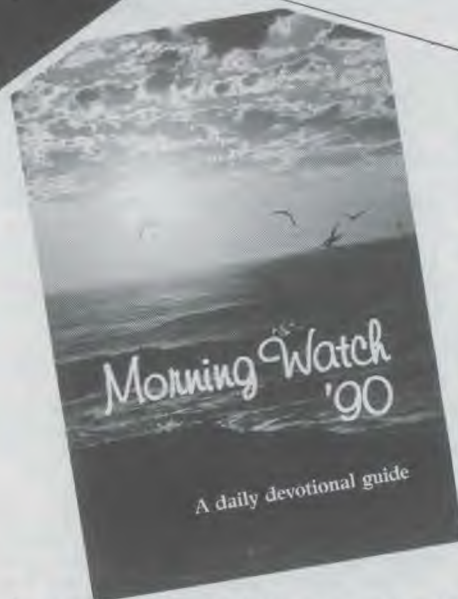
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