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thanks to the efforts of retirees in  
Queensland.



# Take the Challenge

As the one coordinating this year's *Signs* campaign, I have a challenge for you. And I'll be right up-front: It's going to cost you something. If that bothers you, you might as well take another look at the cartoon or the letters. Or turn to page four.

My challenge is, as I've implied, about *Signs*. If that brings a yawn, by all means go directly to the cartoon, letters or page-four option. If you're still reading, I assume that you're at least serious about seeing what the challenge is. But first let me describe the problem.

*Signs* has been printed for more than 100 years. Our church can be proud of that fact. Over the past decade, however, the magazine has had a tightrope existence—its financial support comes from Adventists, but it's meant to appeal to the average Aussie and Enzedder.

And what are average Aussies and Enzedders like?

Earlier in the century most people in both countries believed that the Bible was inspired and should be respected. *Signs* could run comprehensive doctrinal articles that used numerous Bible texts and well-reasoned arguments to prove the point. Such an approach ministered to both the public and the majority of the church members.

But times have changed—and so has *Signs*. (Similarly, you'll have noticed that most of the church's media programs have had to tone down their doctrinal content to get even an initial hearing by the general public.)

I guess some will say that truth has been watered down. Not so! The truth is the same—it's just that it has to be dressed in different clothes to capture the attention of today's population, whatever the medium.

*Signs* is still featuring Adventist doctrines as it always has—but today you'll find them surrounded by more human-interest and general-interest features to catch the attention of those with little interest in religious things.

I mention this because *Signs* has received some criticism concerning its doctrinal content. Yet to successfully capture the interest of a society no longer attuned to the spiritual, the magazine must increasingly address itself to the

needs and tastes of the non-Adventist reader—yet it's still the Adventist reader who pays the bill! Thus it seems that as long as *Signs* remains committed to reaching the uncommitted it will come in for criticism from some.

At the moment *Signs* has about 33,000 subscriptions. The editors hope to see that number rise to 40,000 by the end of the year.

Only some 5,000 Adventists actually subscribe to or sponsor *Signs*. That's a small percentage of the total Adventist population in Australia and New Zealand. (The number of people subscribing rose last year, although the number of magazines they bought decreased.)

My challenge to you is this: If you already subscribe to and/or sponsor *Signs*, please continue your support. If you don't subscribe, please subscribe to *Signs* for 12 months. When the time for renewal comes around, I'll place a response sheet in with it so that you can comment about what changes you'd make and why you are (or aren't) going to continue your subscription.

**The truth is the same—  
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The editors are listening to what people are saying about *our*—the church's—magazine. Recently the editors did a survey of church pastors asking if they saw sense in having an annual special one-topic issue of *Signs*. More than 80 pastors responded. The answer was an overwhelming Yes. And they chose the topic. November's *Signs* will be a special on end-time prophecies. Next July's issue will feature the family.

If you're serious about having input into *Signs*, we're serious about listening. But to demonstrate your seriousness, it's going to cost you a subscription—which is about as much as a family-sized pizza and drinks at your local pizza place.

Take the challenge. It's an investment in *our* magazine's future.

Bruce Manners

# LETTERS

## Sinful Feet

An increasing number of Adventists are putting their feet on church pews, with their shoes on, without conscience. I've even seen a whole row of people with both their feet on the church pews. It looked like a horse-and-jockey club.

Would the Hebrews dare put their feet upon temple chairs on the Day of Atonement? We're living in the antitypical day and should be aware of how this sin is proliferating among the churches.

Grahame A. Bernoth, NSW.

## Harassed Editor

I picture Moses as the *Exodus Record* editor, harassed by the grumbings, growlings and groanings of the Laodicean Israelites. Many letters to the editor are critical, and some are even vitriolic.

Editor Moses seeks the Lord. "What shall I do with this rebellious people?" he asks. "Shall I publish their un-Christlike criticisms in the *Record*?"

I picture the Lord replying, "Publish 'all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is loveable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable—fill all your thoughts with these things.'"

"But Lord, what about freedom of speech?"

"Read Philippians 4:8," the Lord answers.

Maurice Bland, WA.

## Fantastic Bubsie

Re "Bubsie's Triumph" (July 14): I was among the group who waved goodbye to Neville and Greg when they left for their adventurous trip in the Baby Citroen.

All across the Nullabor the road consisted of deep sand or dust tracks and stones. The sealing of the road came many years later. They must have travelled close to 1,600 kilometres on rough road, yet Bubsie still arrived in good shape. Fantastic!

Eva A. Lang, WA.

## Applause

Congratulations to the South Pacific Division executive committee for granting company cars to Sanitarium executive staff. It's clearly time to extend commensurate commercial employee benefits to an organisation whose profits contribute significantly to the financial viability of the Adventist Church.

Ken Long, NSW.

## Le Toga

I, like Richard Harder (Letters, June 30), support Dr Oosterwal's article on gospel, culture and mission. But I hope Mr Harder agrees that the article doesn't necessarily suggest an all-out utilisation of just any aspect of culture without a thorough discussion regarding its origin and symbolism.

I wonder if forgiveness in this apology system is really brought on by a truly forgiving heart, or by the sacredness we place on an ornament made out of dried leaves. Does the end really justify the means? Although an excellent system, I'm reluctant to compare it to God's supreme act of love.

Statistics show the tremendous, rapid growth of the Adventist work in Samoa. I can't see how the *le toga* can be of more benefit to the Samoan work than the wonderful story of Jesus. Paul wisely counselled that everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial (1 Corinthians 10:23).

Etuali V. Erika, Vic.

## Qualified Applause

The approval of company cars (subject to specific guidelines) for people in Sanitarium Health Food Company management is probably long overdue.

However, will these salary remunerations be based on performance and results? Will Sanitarium have full rights to dispense with the service of non-performers? And will key positions be

widely advertised and filled on merit?

A "job for life" syndrome isn't tenable where people are "looking for higher rewards and faster promotion." To earn the remuneration they seek, people will need to perform accordingly or pay the price if they don't.

It's also interesting to note Mr Eddie Long's fulsome support of the recommendation. In building up his businesses to their successful levels he wouldn't have suffered poor performers for too long. Neither should church enterprises. Roger Hargreaves, ACT.

## Unprofessional

The report on the Newcastle Health Retreat (Church News, July 21) mentions attendance by "48 professionals and their wives." Were the only females present married and non-professionals?

I also noticed that a recent *RECORD* referred to an "ex-patriot Australian." Surely not! Australians employed overseas in church work aren't engaged in treasonable activities.

In spite of the above, I'm finding the *RECORD* of more interest, with the news items well presented. God bless you and your team.

Jan Clarke, New Zealand.

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*Just a Coincidence...*



# Rock and Roll Parents

by Steve Wold

**It does no good to simply condemn the music your children listen to.**

**T**urn that music down!" is the all-too-familiar shout that rings through many Christian homes. Many parents despair of the music their children listen to. And when they approach their children about the music, the conversation often ends in a fight. Teenagers tell parents, "You're out of touch." Parents reply, "Do as you're told."

Naturally parents are concerned about the type of music their children listen to. But often, instead of being constructive about rock music, parents say things like: "The beat is evil." "It's too loud." "It's Satanic."

Rock critic Bob Larson suggests three ways of approaching the problem of rock music so that it doesn't come between you and your teenager.<sup>1</sup>

## Be Informed

It's no good simply condemning the music your children listen to. Banning or destroying certain types of rock music without reason can needlessly frustrate your children and undermine your own authority.

Parents should help their children to discern for themselves what's right and what's wrong. Don't just say, "It's wrong!" Say, "Look at this. What is it promoting?" Pray with them. Ask them their opinions. Help them. Don't make them *guess* why you're concerned.

When you try to talk about rock music with your children, they may automatically be on the defensive. They may be looking for any blunder on your part that will disqualify you from commenting about their musical taste. So be informed.

Visit your local record shop. Flip through the albums, music videos and rock paraphernalia. Familiarise yourself with the different groups and the record covers. Notice who uses pornographic, violent and occult imagery.

Your next stop should be the local newsagent or bookstore. Examine the

latest rock magazines. Look at their content. Buy a couple and read the articles. You may be shocked, but you'll also be informed. Learn what you can about rock's history. Find out about concert dates, and the rock videos and rock-related movies. Then go to your Adventist Book Centre or local Christian bookstore. You'll find books that give a thorough, but balanced, Christian look at the rock world.

Turn on the music. Listen to your local rock radio station(s). Concentrate on what is being sung. Take note of how many songs portray sex, violence, rebellion, suicide and the like.

Finally, take a look at your teens' music collection. Note the favourite artists. Learn what style of music they play. Become familiar with the lyrics. Again, notice how many songs deal with the darker side of life. Learn to talk to your teenagers in their own language. It will be time consuming, but it will have its rewards. They may begin to appreciate your concern, and your judgment.

## Show Love

Perhaps the reason why teenagers sit in their rooms with the stereo going full blast is because they've discovered that their parents have little to say to them, or that parents are too busy doing the "important" to spend time with them.

Parents should ask, "Am I aware of what's going on in my child's world?" "Can my children freely talk with me about anything at any time?" "Do my children know that I really love them. Do I tell them?" "Do I spend quality time with my children every day?"

Your child may know that you love and care for him or her, but unless this love is regularly expressed, it has little value.

Be sympathetic to the problems and pressures on teenagers. Your children will feel left out if they aren't aware of Midnight Oil's latest album or David Bowie's new sleeping partner. Their

peers know the words to the latest rock songs.

Be patient. Don't over-react to the faddish influences in their lives. Releasing your frustrations by breaking records, tapes or compact disks only destroys communication. Destroying the effect won't make the cause go away.

## Set an Example

Albert Schweitzer once said, "Example is not the main thing if life. It is the only thing." Like it or not, children are mostly a reflection of parental values.

What disturbs young people the most is religious hypocrisy that can gloss over the television set, or the country music scene.

Adults may claim to deplore the violence and sexual themes they see on television and movies, but ratings tell what they watch. Why should a young person be expected to give up rock music if Mum is addicted to soaps, and Dad taps his toes to stories of violence, lust and infidelity through country and western music?

Are songs about truck drivers who shack-up with a bar maid, or nights spent having a drink with Duncan any better than what rock and roll offers? Parents need to be as critical of their own musical tastes as they expect their children to be.

Ask God for wisdom (James 1:5). Parents need all the wisdom they can get when dealing with teenagers and the rock music question. Don't tell teenagers that they have to get rid of their music because God says so. This will only make them resent God.

And don't use God as a wall to hide behind just because you haven't taken the time to be informed, show love, or set an example. [2]

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## 9. Profile of a Priest

by Alfred S. Jorgensen

The letter to the Hebrews was an "exhortation" (Hebrews 13:22\*), written to encourage Hebrew Christians not to "throw away" their confidence in the faith that they had embraced (Hebrews 10:35). It's a faith that glorified Jesus as "the apostle and high priest whom we confess" (Hebrews 3:1), who by His blood had inaugurated "a new and living way" (Hebrews 10:19-23).

Jesus fulfilled in every respect the profile drawn by David in the Messianic psalms. This profile had as its model the priesthood of Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20; Psalms 110:4; Hebrews 6:20; 7:1-3).

### A. The Davidic Psalms.

1. His *person*: He's acknowledged as "My son" (Psalms 2:7, 12), yet as a man identified with His "brothers" (Psalms 22:22).

2. His *principality*: He's to be installed by God as "My king" to rule the world (Psalms 2:6; 110:1, 2).

3. His *priesthood*: He's to be inaugurated by God as "a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4), yet Himself to be offered as a sacrifice for sin (Psalms 22 and 69).

### B. The Priesthood of Jesus.

1. *Affirmed*: "We do have such a high priest" who ministers at the throne of God in the heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 8:1, 2). He's the Son of God, superior to the angels, thus truly divine (Hebrews 1:1-4). He's the Son of Man, a little lower than the angels, thus truly human (Hebrews 2:5-18).

2. *Argued*: The validity of His priesthood is demonstrated by the termination of the levitical system by a change in the law of the priesthood (Hebrews 7:12).

His priestly role is "perfected" by His suffering (Hebrews 5:7-10; 2:10) and His victory over the entire range of temptation (Hebrews 7:25; 2:17, 18).

He's a priest who effects eternal salvation by the superior sacrifice He offered (Hebrews 5:8, 9; 7:25; 9:12, 26).

### C. On His Father's Throne.

(See Zechariah 6:12, 13; compare Revelation 3:21.) At His ascension

"Jesus, the Son of God ... has gone through the heavens" (Hebrews 4:14), and "sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary" (Hebrews 8:1, 2), "now to appear for us in God's presence" (Hebrews 9:24).

His ministry is described as "more excellent" (Hebrews 8:6, RSV) because of what His priesthood embraces.

1. He administers the new covenant (Hebrews 7:22; 8:6-9:15; 12:24). This new covenant conditions the life and experience of every citizen of the "commonwealth of Israel." Ephesians 2:12, RSV. It's a covenant of grace and redemption, in which all the promises are met by God in response to faith and obedience (Hebrews 5:9).

Sealed by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:16-23) which "cleanses" the "conscience" of the believer (Hebrews 9:14; 10:1-18 see RSV), the application of its benefits is the source of our "joy and peace in believing" (Romans 15:13 RSV). It gives direct and confident access to God (Hebrews 10:19-25; 4:14-16). It's our assurance of "eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:11-15; 7:22; 13:20, 21).

2. He awaits the consummation (Hebrews 10:13). This verse should not be read as if Christ is passively waiting for the final triumph of God's eternal purpose. From the sanctuary typology we see the Saviour's priestly intercession, carried forward between the two advents, is terminated by the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary in the great antitypical day of atonement—the "hour of (God's) judgment" announced in Revelation 14:6, 7.

3. He'll appear in glory (Hebrews 9:24-28). The letter to the Hebrews points to the sequel to our Lord's heavenly session, when, having ended His mediation, He will lay off His priestly robes and appear in glory for the redemption of all who have waited for Him.

\* All Bible references, unless otherwise stated, are quoted from the New International Version.

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## The Camel

by Ena Ho

If the camel had been made differently, it wouldn't be able to survive in the desert.

When the wind starts blowing dust, its long eyelashes protect its eyes. And its muscular nostrils close to keep out the sand.

A camel's foot is wide so that the camel can walk across sand without sinking. But the foot has a tough, padded sole that enables the camel to walk over rocky ground.

In the heat, a camel can lose up to a quarter of its body weight in water and show no signs of distress. When humans lose only half that amount they're in trouble. This is because the fluid in humans is drawn from the tissues and the blood. The blood becomes thick and sticky. The heart has difficulty in pumping it through the veins.

In a camel, water is lost from the tissues and not from the blood. There's no strain on the camel's heart through fluid loss.

A camel's hump (some camels have two humps) stores fat. When needed, the camel uses the fat to supply energy. In the process, water is released.

The hump of an adult Arabian camel (that's the one-humped camel) holds about 45 kilograms of fat. That will yield about 60 litres of water.

Even on the hottest of days, a camel doesn't sweat much. This means that it retains most of its moisture. Its coat insulates it during the heat of the day and keeps it warm during cold desert nights.

The camel is another good reason for saying that God is a wise Creator (see Job 12:7-9).

Ena Ho writes from Mansfield, Queensland.



# That Ye Sin Not

by D. G. Pennington

**“Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate . . . wrongdoing.”**

**P**erfection is a contentious issue. Those who take a Calvinist view of the gospel seek to brand traditional Adventists as “legalists” and believers in “sinless perfection,” without adequately defining what they mean.

The purpose of this article is to set down what I believe is the Adventist Church’s traditional understanding of perfection, which was consistently taught in the 19th century and which is supported in the writings of Ellen White. However, a schism developed in the early 1950s among some Adventist scholars as a result of exposure to views of other Protestant scholars.<sup>1,2</sup>

First we must define the terms “character” and “character perfection,” for they’re often misunderstood. The Oxford Dictionary defines character as “mental or moral nature.” Character is the moral or ethical facet of personality. It’s revealed in our attitudinal responses to the myriad moral stimuli of life and results in a consistent pattern of behaviour.

The New Testament Greek word most frequently translated “perfect”—*teleios*—conveys a peculiarly apt meaning of completeness or maturity. Although we may be perfect in Christ at all stages of Christian growth, the term character perfection implies that there’s a place when that growth is completed—“Till we all come . . . unto a perfect man, unto a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:13.

Ellen White frequently uses the terms “character perfection” or “perfection of character.” She never feared being misrepresented as a “sinless perfectionist.”

“Are we striving with all our God-given powers to reach the measure of the stature of men and women in Christ? Are we seeking for His fullness, ever reaching higher and higher, trying to attain to the perfection of His character? When God’s servants reach this point, they will be sealed in their foreheads. The recording angel will declare, ‘It is done.’ They will

be complete in Him whose they are by creation and by redemption.”—*Selected Messages*, Book 3, page 427.

Because Christ’s sinless life *while on earth* is often held up as our example, many falsely conclude that character perfection includes other attributes of Christ that belong more to His godly nature—for example, foreknowledge and perfect memory. (Even these God may choose to give us if we submit our wills to the will of the Father as Christ did. See John 5:19, 30; 14:12.)

In *Christ’s Object Lessons*, page 330 and 331, Ellen White spells out what character perfection is and isn’t:

“Moral perfection is required of all. Never should we lower the standard of righteousness in order to accommodate inherited or cultivated tendencies of wrongdoing. We need to understand that imperfection of character is sin. . . . Let no one say, I cannot remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you cannot overcome.”

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has never taught:

1. That Christians are required to achieve, or will attain to, the absolute perfection of God.

2. That a Christian’s place in heaven is earned by a life of obedience, and that they’re admitted only because they’ve reached a state of perfect obedience.

3. That character perfection includes the eradication of the sinful nature.

The church *has* consistently taught, at least until the 1950s,<sup>2</sup> the following:

1. Justification is the beginning of the new life of the Christian. It involves *forgiveness* through the merits of Christ’s atoning blood, *transfer* of the forgiven sins to the heavenly sanctuary, and *imputation* of the merits of Christ’s perfect life to the believer. The believer may remain in a saving relationship with Christ although still committing sins of

ignorance—but not while committing known sin.

2. Sanctification is the progressive work of the Holy Spirit in the believer. The goal is character perfection.

3. Character perfection has the following characteristics:

● The daily personal acceptance of the indwelling Holy Spirit in the mind of the believer (John 14:17).

● The cooperation of the will with the work of the Holy Spirit in revealing unrecognised sin in the life and faulty traits of character. This may come through instruction, study or direct revelation (John 16:13). Then, by the power made available—“exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20)—we may have the privilege of purifying our characters. (See *Christ’s Object Lessons*, page 331.)

● Final perfection, or maturity of Christian character, will be achieved by all who have permitted the Holy Spirit His full work. They will make up the remnant after the close of probation.

“So, in the time of trouble, if the people of God had unconfessed sins to appear before them while tortured with fear and anguish, they would be overwhelmed. . . . But while they have a deep sense of their unworthiness, they have no concealed wrongs to reveal. Their sins have gone beforehand to judgment and have been blotted out, and they cannot bring them to remembrance.”—*The Great Controversy*, page 620.

Character perfection is necessary for those who, after the close of probation, “must live in the sight of a Holy God without an intercessor” (*The Great Controversy*, page 614). This doesn’t mean that they’ve abandoned the robe of Christ’s righteousness. They’re living the life that Christ did, relying on the power given by the Father (John 5:19-30).

While a judge and jury may have trouble determining if people are lying when they claim ignorance of the law,

# More of the Same

by John B. Trim

**The more-is-better syndrome also appears in the spiritual realm.**

God doesn't. God can take into account whether people have acted against their own consciences (see Romans 1:18-25). He's able to "overlook" true sins of ignorance (Acts 17:30; 1 John 5:16,17).

The Old Testament levitical system made provision for sins of ignorance (see Leviticus 4). Specific sacrifices could be made for unknown sins of the individual and the nation. But the sacrifice wasn't made until the sin became known. God is fair. He doesn't impute sin to us when it's done in ignorance.

Jesus added, "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloke for their sin." John 15:22.

Many despair of character building because they fear that their unknown faults will cause them to be lost. Not so. It's the purpose of the Holy Spirit to reveal them. Our part is to pray and respond to His prompting.

The Bible never uses the term "sinful nature." While Ellen White sometimes uses the term to describe the corrupted character caused by a life of sin, she also uses it in a different sense to indicate the nature Christ inherited from His human forebears (*Signs of the Times*, July 30, 1902).

She says, more than 80 times, that Christ had a "fallen nature"—meaning that his human nature was weakened by heredity. Nevertheless He overcame the liabilities of that nature as well as temptations far greater than we'll be required to bear. And He lived a sinless life.

Christ promised to us the same power—and greater. That means that the problem of sinful nature has already been solved for us (see John 14:12).

Our Saviour isn't willing that any should perish. He not only forgives sins, He enables us, through no merit or strength of our own, to keep His commandments. And He won't allow us to be tempted more than we're able to resist (1 Corinthians 10:13). R

**A**fter attending a stress-management program, a participant stated, "I gained no benefit from this seminar. Should I attend another one?" The presenter replied, "If one program hasn't helped you, attending another one won't. You need something different." The participant was referred to a doctor, who subsequently hospitalised her.

There's a belief that if something is good for you, more is better. Self-prescribed mega-vitamin therapy follows that premise. To remain healthy, the body requires vitamins and minerals on a daily basis. Some assume that if some vitamin A is beneficial, more will be better. So they megadose—or overdose.

Others believe that if a medication is good in the doses prescribed, then larger doses should be more beneficial. In fact, larger doses may make them ill, or, in some cases, prove fatal.

The more-is-better syndrome also appears in the spiritual realm. We can be caught up in it when we fail to see results from our literature distribution in the community. We can then decide to distribute more literature.

If we fail to get baptisms from the Bible studies we give, then we're tempted to give more Bible studies on more nights

of the week, sometimes to the neglect our own families.

If we fail to get decisions for Christ from our sermon appeals, then we pastors can make a decision to preach more sermons and make more appeals. And if we haven't achieved our Appeal goal or 13th Sabbath Offering aim, we provide more promotion.

We end up developing a frenzy of urging, cajoling, compelling and psychopathic pleading.

All this is based on the faulty assumption that more of the same is better. But what may be needed is a change, a different attitude, a new method. The current method of working may be unproductive or only partially productive. Proper evaluation of the literature distributed, the radio or TV program, the evangelistic approach or the method of working may indicate need for a change.

Jesus once faced a situation in which He was overworked as He travelled to villages and towns, teaching, preaching the gospel, and healing the sick. The crowds followed Him. He said to His disciples, "The labourers are few."

There weren't enough workers, and not enough hours in the day. The harvest was ripe, ready for reaping, but there were insufficient workers to gather it in.

Christ could have urged his disciples to work longer hours, or to stay on the job seven days a week, or to ignore their own health and their families' needs, or to forget their exercise program, or to get their meals on the run. That's the more-is-better approach.

Christ had a different solution—get more workers; don't overwork those already employed. He said that we should pray to the Lord of the harvest for Him to send out more labourers into the harvest (Matthew 9:38). R

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D. G. Pennington, a surgeon, is head of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales. He is an elder of the Waitara church.



John Trim has recently retired as director of Special Services at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. Pastor Trim and his wife are at present in England.

## August Focus

"Focus on Living" radio broadcasts for August include: August 5—Say No to Your Children, plus interview with professor Ariel Roth on Dogma; August 12—Child Molesting, Growing Danger, plus interview with Ron Flowers on Father's Role in Family; August 19—Starting Your Fitness Program, plus interview with Anne Browning on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; August 26—Stress for Success—Danger for Kids, plus interview with Dr Harold Coffin on Fossils.

## Buying Australian

Pacific Union College, California, USA, has contracted with Longa Life Vegetarian Products to distribute the Queensland-based firm's products throughout the USA. "The college is currently importing 20 tonnes of Longa Life products each fortnight," says director Jim Driscoll. The college's marketing company—Howell Mountain Distributors—had distributed a large proportion of Loma Linda Foods until that company was sold to a non-Adventist firm. This caused a dilemma until the Australian products filled the vacuum. Longa Life recently donated 650 cases (\$A11,000 worth) of vegetarian Hot Dogs to the Adventist Development and Relief Agency for use in Third World countries.

## Crash Kills Three

Three Adventist Church leaders were among the passengers killed when a small Airlift plane crashed on takeoff from Manila airport on May 18. The dead included the president and a departmental director of the

Northeastern Mindanao Mission, and a pastor.

## 10th Homecoming

The program for Avondale College's Homecoming weekend, September 14 and 15, will include a Friday afternoon Golf Classic and a vespers presented by Pastor Roger Vince at 7.30 pm. On Sabbath the sermon at the first service will be presented by Dr Athol Piper at 8.30 am, the sermon at the second service will be presented by Dr James Cox at 11 am, and the sermon at a youth service will be presented by Althea Halliday at 11 am. An alumni lecture will feature Dr Gordon McDowell at 4.30 pm, and the Alumni Annual General Meeting will convene at 6.30 pm. A concert, which will include the cutting of a cake to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Homecoming will take place at 8.00 pm. Special class lunches on Sabbath will be hosted as follows: 1920-30, Ivan and Eleanor Scale (049) 77

2255; 1940, Laurence and June Gilmore; 1950, Joan Sawert (049) 77 1440; 1960, Chris and Lorna Akroyd (049) 77 1076; 1965, Rodney and Pat Woolley (049) 77 1311; 1970, Bobbie-Mae Fish (049) 77 2007; 1980, Kelvin and Belinda Peuser (049) 73 3471. For other Homecoming guests, cafeteria lunch tickets can be purchased between 3.30 and 5.30 on Friday, September 14, or from the cashier during business hours, or at the cafeteria during non-Sabbath hours. For further information phone (049) 77 1107.

## New Openings

Recent political changes in Czechoslovakia have made a tremendous impact on the religious climate there, says Kiri Lukl, executive secretary of the newly established Czechoslovakian Bible Society. "One can listen to Christian programs on TV and hear good things about faith in God. The new challenge is for

Christians to show by their lives what it means to be a Christian and to make faith attractive for others."

## PNG Floods

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency responded quickly to the needs of nearly 3,000 villagers when their houses were destroyed by flood waters following heavy rains in the Morobe Province of Papua New Guinea during July. Local mission president Pastor Tony Kemo, using the mission's power boat, and church members wearing ADRA T-shirts, led by Warren May, distributed blankets, cooking pots, clothing, bales of brown rice and fish. Pastor Lionel Smith used the mission's Cessna plane to airfreight the supplies as near as possible. "We have little outreach in this area, and the floods gave us an opportunity to reveal the caring arm of the Adventist Church," says Mr May. "We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts for the salvation of souls."

## New Videos

The Adventist Media Centre is this month releasing two videos by George Vandeman—*Showdown at Armagedden*, and *Empires in Collision*. In addition, five Adventist-produced videos, with two Bible stories on each tape, will soon be available for children. Prices are \$A29.95 each or \$A134.95 for the set.

## ACF Video

The Avondale College Foundation has produced a video sharing the story of the foundation and highlighting the Million Dollar Bursary Challenge. It is available on loan from:

## New Office Receives Construction Award



The new General Conference headquarters complex (in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA) has been named the 1990 Building of Excellence in greater Washington, DC. The award was presented by the Iron Workers Employers Association. A glazed steel beam with chrome identification was given to then GC president Pastor Neal C. Wilson at a special office-staff assembly. "This building pays tribute to superb craftsmanship, and those who work with their hands," said John J. McMahon during the presentation. "It also reflects your church image and stature."

Western Australia, Pastor Harold Gunter (09) 291 9095; South Australia, Brett Palmer (08) 263 3015; Victoria, Eric Van Schoonhoven (03) 763 7653; Tasmania, Verona Kerrison (002) 20 5003; New South Wales, Ken Long (02) 29 4081; Queensland, Henry Miller (07) 283 4308.

## New Manual

The Signs Publishing Company is at present printing copies of a new Church Leader's Manual especially designed to fill a need in the island fields. Prepared by Pastor Doug Robertson as part of the Island National Leadership Development program in the South Pacific, it is expected to provide a valuable boost to leadership training, and be an important resource to national pastors and church officers in the rapidly growing Pacific island churches. The manual was shown at ministerial meetings prior to the General Conference, and other world divisions expressed interest in using the manual in their own fields. To date, 6,000 copies have been ordered by the three island unions.

## Karen Academy

Eden Valley Academy—the newly resited school for Karen refugees operated in the northern hills of Thailand by Helen Hall—is under way. Thanks to the efforts of the students and their leader, and the enthusiasm and skill of a fly'n'build team from Victoria, around 300 students, many still needing sponsors, have commenced school. "The enthusiasm and skill of the visitors amazed the locals," says Miss Hall. "In this culture few men engage in manual labour, so to see men pitching in with such enthusiasm was a wonderful example for our young



Photo: Matupit Darius.

## New High School Gathers First Fruits

Twelve students from the new Vanimo Provincial High School, situated only 30 km from the Irian Jaya border in Papua New Guinea, were baptised in the Daunda River on June 30 by Pastor Matupit Darius. Four of the new members came from non-Adventist families. Gideon Apen conducted Bible studies at the school, where others will be baptised later in the year.

people—they haven't stopped talking about it yet! In just 10 days Ray Ferry, Tom Wake and Andrew Wilson, with local help, cemented floors and erected three leak-proof girls dormitories. Tom also designed and built a bunk bed for us, and now the boys are producing more. The girls are in need of materials for their sewing classes and the boys need more English Bibles."

## Women's Fellowship

The annual camp for women in Western Australia will be held this year from October 26 to 28 at Quaranup, a resort close to Albany. The theme chosen is "I will arise and go unto my Father." Application forms are available from Margaret Martin, 15 Wakefield Cres, Albany WA 6330.

## Alstonville

Stage 1 of the \$15 million development of a retirement village at Alstonville, on the northern coast of New South Wales, began

with the recent unveiling of a plaque by the State Member for Ballina, Mr Don Page. Forty two-bedroom units and four motel-type units are due to be completed early next year. The entire complex, to be built in four stages, will comprise 80 resident-funded units, a nursing home and hostel accommodation. The North NSW Conference manager of retirement villages, Pastor Aubrey Shirley, says an exhibition unit will be completed before year end.

## Drive'n'Build

A drive'n'build designed to complete two churches in two weeks—which was postponed last year because of the unsuccessful sale of the Wollongong church property—is definitely on this Christmas, according to church pastor Ross Chadwick. A demolition stage for the old church begins on December 9, and the construction of both new churches begins on December 26. For further information, phone Pastor Chadwick on (042) 85 1645.

## Corrections

The man identified as Brian Ward in the photo on page 12 of the July 7 RECORD is in fact Brian Warren. And the man who brought the bullet-marked flag from Romania to the General Conference session (Flashpoint, July 28) was not Pastor Dimitru Popa, the leader of the church in that country until recently, but Pastor Nelu Demitrescu, the current leader there.

## SHF Sales

The Sanitarium Health Food Company representative in Northern Australia, Wayne Cooper, reported the largest April sales ever for the company. Breakfast biscuits increased by 20 per cent, and So Good by 84 per cent.

## Nature Documentary

An Adventist film maker has recently completed a nature documentary that will be shown throughout Australia on the Channel 9 network's *Our World* program tomorrow night (August 19) at 6.30 pm. Glen Threlfo, who attends the Springwood church (Queensland), has spent two years making "Rainforest—The Amazing World Within." "It's one of the very few nature films that doesn't involve evolution and that recognises God as the all-embracing power guiding our world," he says. "I've endeavoured to catch the magic and the mood of the rainforest. The film portrays beautiful creatures that viewers have never seen in nature documentaries." Mr Threlfo is also the author of four nature books.

*Most Flashpoint items from outside the South Pacific Division are provided courtesy of the Adventist Review, and have been sent to the RECORD via facsimile transceiver.*

# CHURCH NEWS

## Retirees Reach Out

The retirees of the South Queensland Adventist Retired Workers Association last year raised money to purchase four bicycles for use by lay workers in the Kiribati Mission. "One of the bikes is being used by a trained nurse to go around to conduct health programs," says retirees reporter Pastor Geoff Garne. "Another has brought a wide smile to the face of a grateful lay evangelist who is beaming his pleasure on this week's RECORD cover." This year the association has purchased an overhead projector and a lettering machine, as well as a set of the Frank Bredden transparencies for use by the Omauru Layman's Training School in Papua New Guinea. The equipment has already been delivered.

## Bendigo Baptisms

A woman who with her husband attended "The Youlden Report" in Bendigo, Victoria, last year because she was interested in travel has recently become a member of the Bendigo church, following baptism by Pastor Youlden. Mrs Florence Bell found that her interest in the lectures prompted her to continue through the followup prophecy seminar, after which she was convicted to be baptised. Mrs Alice Long, who was also baptised, came to the lectures as a result of a Gift Bible card placed in her letterbox. "Church members gathered on the Friday evening prior to the baptism for a praise service," says church pastor Jeff Webster. "Following the reading of the baptismal vow, spiritual guardians were assigned to the new members." Pictured, from left: Mrs and Mrs Ray Turner, Mr and Mrs Jim Kerr, Mr and Mrs Bell, Pastor Youlden, Mrs Long, Jeff Webster, Mrs Greenshields and Mrs Cooper.



Pastor Geoff Youlden and Bendigo's church pastor Jeff Webster meet with those involved in "The Youlden Report" baptism at Bendigo.

## Centre Needs Dukane

The Inverkeithing Health Centre, a self-supporting medical evangelistic centre in Kaikohe, in the far north of New Zealand, is in need of a Dukane projector to expand its outreach in an area as yet untouched by videos. "The centre is particularly involved in work among the Maori people," says Dr Michelle McLeish. "We're thrilled at the changes we're seeing in people's lives as they warm to the love of our Lord. It's exciting to see them sharing their new love with their friends and families. But our two Dukanes are sadly inadequate to cope with our rapidly increasing interests. We would welcome any now-disused machines."

## Boating Adventure

Young people from the Northern Australian Conference boasted that they were not superstitious when Bill and Vi Turner invited them to join them on the maiden voyage of their new cruiser *Vibel Too*. The trip commenced on Friday the 13th—the same day of the month that the *Titanic* commenced its tragic maiden voyage. "Although the weather wasn't ideal at first, the ship gave a satisfactory performance," says North Mackay church communication secretary Elizabeth McLaren. "The trip proved most educational as passengers were trained as crew. The *Vibel Too* is available for charter by Adventist groups of up to 10 for the price of fuel used." Contact Miss MacLaren at 4 Orion Avenue, North Mackay, Queensland 4740.

## Dorcas Retreat

Dorcas women from the Wainibuka district of Vitilevu, Fiji, recently held their annual weekend retreat at the predominantly non-Adventist village of Soa, 80 km from Suva. "The retreat served as a good opportunity to invite the village to the meetings," says Fiji Mission communication director Pastor Wapole Talematoga. "The twice-daily devotional meetings, based on the theme 'Looking Unto Jesus,' brought spiritual uplift and encouragement to the women." Guest speakers included local minister Apolosi Qalilawa and Dr Apisalome Talematoga. Mrs Senikau is the district Dorcas leader in that area of Fiji.

## Camden Haven Harvest

Gray and Ann Smith were baptised recently by Pastor John Richardson in a creek on the Patrick property at



Pappinbarra, 40 km west of Wauchope, New South Wales. "We were fortunate that the day was fine, as the area was drenched by nearly 40 mm of rain overnight," says Ken Moore, communication secretary of the Camden Haven church. "The Smith children, together with other young people from the Camden Haven and Wauchope churches, participated in the service by floating flowers down the stream prior to the service." Several weeks earlier, Ray Price and Laura Osmond were baptised at Camden Haven. "Our tiny church is really growing," says Mr Moore.

## Margate Outreach

Members of the Margate church, Tasmania, recently visited the Kingston Retirement Village Rest Home, providing a variety of items from both adults and children. "The residents enjoyed the program, which was interspersed with the singing of their favourite hymns. They asked us to return as soon as possible," says correspondent V. G. Ward.

## Mountainous Retreat

Forty young people from Ilam, South New Zealand, recently camped at Hanmer Springs, a picturesque forested area renowned for its thermal hot springs. "Church pastor Eric Kingdon and his family joined the campers, and helped make the weekend a memorable one," says youth coordinator Maria Carter. Activities included walks, mountain-bike riding and cricket.

involved, and deputy leader Theo Freriks reports they intend to lay a wreath next year," says communication secretary Marilyn Craig. "The RSL Club secretary recognised the Pathfinders when he saw them camping the following weekend, and especially came to thank them for taking part."

## Toongabbie Turns 20



Pastor Claude Judd was guest speaker at celebrations on the first Sabbath in June, which marked 20 years since the formation of the Toongabbie church in Sydney. On the first Sabbath in June, 1970, Pastor Judd had formed the church following a lay mission conducted in Wentworthville under the leadership of Pastor F. L. Taylor. The current church pastor, Milton Hook, gave historical details of the church from its beginning in the Wentworthville OES Hall. "Ever since its formation, the Toongabbie congregation have been active in outreach programs," says communication secretary Meryl Watson. "Currently we are conducting a stress-management course, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless, as He has done in the past."

## Bands Get Together

Adventist bands from Melbourne and Adelaide met in Mount Gambier, South Australia, recently for a weekend of combined music making and fellowship. South Australian Conference president Pastor Malcolm Potts preached the Sabbath sermon, and the bands, under the direction of Rennel Gilson and Elwyn Bullas, gave performances in Mount Gambier's 130-year-old stone Uniting church and at several nursing homes in the area. The group also visited nearby Blue Lake, world famous because it changes from blue to grey at certain times of the year.

## Sandgate Loop

At least six people in the Sandgate church (Queensland) benefited from the recent installation of an audio loop. "The system involves an FM transmitter to which people can turn the T-switch on their hearing aids, thus enabling them to pick up the programs and sermons via the PA system," says communication secretary Marilyn Craig.

## Taree Harvest 90

On the last baptismal day scheduled for the Harvest 90 campaign, four people joined the fellowship of the Taree church (New South Wales). Pastor Bob Murray baptised Bruce Molin, whose interest in the Seventh-day Adventist Church stemmed from an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* by Pastor Ross Chadwick. Soon afterward, Bruce moved to Old Bar, near Taree. "When he visited the Adventist church, it happened to be communion Sabbath," says communication secretary Margaret Newton. "He has missed only one Sabbath since. And his first Sabbath as a church member was



Pastor Bob Murray and Paul Tyler watch as Joe Tyler is baptised by Pastor Lyn Thrift.

again communion. It proved a special celebration to Bruce and the rest of the congregation." On the same day, Pastor Lyn Thrift baptised Joe Tyler, husband of church member Beryl Tyler, and their two sons, Paul and Michael. Mrs Tyler and her sister, Noreen Wisemantle, had joined the church following a mission by Pastor John Carter, and Mr Tyler and the boys made their decisions as a result of Pastor Peter Jack's mission last year.

## Exciting Project

The Northern Rivers churches in New South Wales are fitting a refuge unit and a caretaker's residence. They would like to hear from anyone who might consider moving to the area who would be able to act as a counsellor and guide for those using the refuge. "This project is an ad-

venture in faith, and all the local churches are cooperating," says church pastor Peter Ansell. "The units are located on the southern end of the Gold Coast and have been made available to us rent-free. Caretakers and counsellors would be welcome on a short-term or long-term basis. The refuge is almost ready, but we still need a caretaker and someone interested in the counselling role." Direct inquiries to Tony Anderson, 90 Pacific Highway, Kirra Qld 4225. Phone (075) 90 9724 (home) or (075) 36 6900 (work). Fax (075) 36 8110.

## Kiribati Catalyst

The introduction of a 10-night video series by Pastor Baraniko Mooa has led to an explosion in evangelism in Kiribati, according to mission president Pastor Alvin Coltheart. "Local churches are conducting campaigns comprising 21 meetings, which incorporate the videos and talks. "It has been thrilling for me to see the interest from the ministers and paid laymen to get involved in some form of public evangelism," says Pastor Coltheart. "Most of the baptisms have resulted from these programs. We are also rejoicing in the growth of the work on Christmas Island—3,200 km from our headquarters in Tarawa—where we now have 12 members and a similar number of interests. A paid-laymen scheme, initiated by Pastor Bill Blundell some years ago, is proving fruitful. Without the help of these laymen, three growing companies would be left without support."

## Simeon Says . . .



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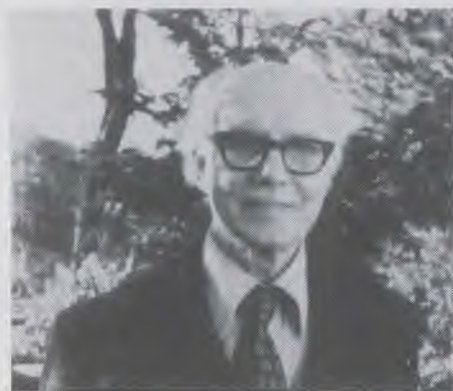
## Anniversaries



**Mr and Mrs Alf Craig**, of Corio, Victoria, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 8 with an evening at the Bush Barn in Warners Bay, New South Wales. The occasion was organised by their four children: Alice Terrill (Mount Isa, Queensland); Julie Conley (Broadmeadow, New South Wales); Michael (Strathfield); and Colleen Mills (Cooranbong).

Alf and Daphne were married in the tiny Anglican church in Dora Creek, New South Wales, shortly before Alf was called into the RAAF for five years of war service. They became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1950 as a result of studies with Pastor H. C. Harker. Alf joined the staff of the Sanitarium Health Food Company at Cooranbong. After retiring in 1978, the couple went to live in Geelong (Victoria), where they are currently church members.—*Colleen Mills*.

## Life-Sketches



**Hart, Pastor Cyril Allan**, was born in 1906 in Northern India and died May 11 at Coronella Retirement Home, Melbourne, Vic. Cyril's parents became Seventh-day Adventists when he was a teenager and he attended the church-operated Vincent Hill School and College situated in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains at Mussoorie, northern India. Having completed qualifications, he was appointed as the school accountant. This was the beginning of 43 years of denominational employment. He served in several union conferences before being appointed secretary-treasurer of the Southern Asia Division.

While working in southern Asia, Cyril met and married Esther Hanson, a school teacher, who had recently become an Adventist. In 1948 the family came to Australia, where Pastor Hart continued service in the Coral Sea Union Mission as treasurer.

After three years they returned to Australia and joined the Voice of Prophecy—now known as the Adventist Media Centre. He especially enjoyed this work and was en-

tirely dedicated to God.

He retired in 1970 and with his wife went to live in Warburton, Victoria. After Esther's death in 1983, Pastor Hart moved to Coronella Retirement Village, in Nunawading. He is survived by his four children: Paula Judd, Biddie Thrift, Jenny Scott (all of Melbourne), and Geoffrey (Bathurst, NSW); 10 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.—*Merv Sparrowhawk*.



**Murray, Ralph Stewart**, was born on May 10, 1929, in Kew, Victoria, and died as a result of a road accident in Western Samoa on June 11. He was the second of six children and spent most of his childhood on farms near Robinvale and Narbethong.

After joining the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a result of the influence of the Goldsmith family of Warburton, the Murrys moved to Cooranbong, NSW, for their children's education. Ralph graduated from the Building Construction Course at Avondale College, and went to work for Mr Arthur Hawken, of Dunedoo. While there he met Betty Hawken, a nurse, who was visiting from North Queensland. Betty and Ralph were married on April 21, 1955, in Ayr, North Queensland. While on their honeymoon they received a call to the Hatzfeld Haven Leper Colony in Papua New Guinea. They responded enthusiastically and gave 28 years of service in the mission fields, plus four years in the homeland. The buildings at Sopas Hospital are Ralph's workmanship, erected under difficult conditions.

But the greater part of their lives was spent at Kabiufa High School, where Ralph taught woodwork and worked with the Mittleider Farm program. An early morning branch Sabbath school at Kotuni was the highlight of Ralph's week. In 1977 Ralph volunteered to erect the Neiafu church in Tonga and later joined the Beulah College staff. In 1982 he returned to Papua New Guinea for another seven years.

Following a few months filling in at the Adventist Alpine Village, Jindabyne, New South Wales, Ralph responded to a call to reconstruct cyclone damaged buildings in Western Samoa. He arrived there on May 20, and on June 11 was travelling by motor-bike from Kosenia to Apia when he met with another vehicle and died in hospital in Apia some hours later.

Pastor Samuelu Afamasaga accompanied the coffin to Australia, in accordance with Samoan culture. "I represent the island people who loved Ralph so much. We all knew him as a hardworking, yet kind, individual. He was truly one of us—he ate with us and stayed in our homes. He was a true missionary."

He was buried in the Avondale Cemetery on June 18, with Pastors Len Barnard and Harold Christian assisting the writer in the service. He is survived by his wife, and five children, all born in PNG: Marcia (Mrs Graeme Christian); John, Lester, Malcolm and Denise.

V. B. Parmenter.

## Appreciation

**Perez.** John Perez, sons Tony and David and their families, wish to thank all who sent letters, cards, and floral tributes in loving sympathy for their recent loss of wife and mother, Sylvia (nee Hall, Class of 1936 Avondale College).

## Weddings

**Craker—Heard.** Stewart Charles Craker, son of John and Allison Craker (Berri, SA), and Annette Kay Heard, daughter of Kenneth and Brenda Heard (Home Hill, Qld), were married on July 1 at the Home Hill SDA church. Stewart is an ambulance officer at Home Hill, and Annette is a trained teacher. Mark Robinson assisted in the service.

Rob H. J. Steed.

**Pratt—Harper.** Mervyn Arthur Pratt, son of Joe and Daphne Pratt (Sydney, NSW), and Rowena Joy Harper, daughter of Peter and Helen Harper (Bathurst), were married on July 8 at the Bathurst SDA church. Mervyn, a regional manager, and Rowena, a legal secretary, plan to set up their home at Gorokan, Central Coast. V. P. Harper.

**Sparavec—Pedersen.** Steven Sparavec, son of Pero and Anna Sparavec (Castle Hill, Sydney, NSW), and Laila Pedersen, daughter of Thorkild and Annemette Pedersen (Formerly of Uganda and now Auckland, New Zealand), were married on June 24 at the Parramatta SDA church, NSW. Steven and Laila plan to establish their home in Sydney, where Steven works in private practice as an osteopath/chiropractor, and Laila as a Registered Nurse at the Sydney Adventist Hospital. The bride's father assisted in the service.

John A. Shaw.

**Windus—Truscott.** Mark Rodwyn Windus, son of Ray and Judith Windus (Turramurra, NSW), and Julia Anne Truscott, daughter of Peter and Barbara Truscott (Wahroonga), were married on June 24 in the Kellyville SDA church. Mark, employed by the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Castle Hill, and Julia, completing her final year at Sydney Adventist Hospital, plan to set up their home at Waitara.

George W. W. Drinkall.

## 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.

**Bird, Ruth Sarah** (nee Ross-Lewin), born January 7, 1901; died June 17 at Riverview Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. The elder daughter of Adventist parents, in 1939 the family moved to Ryde where Ruth became a successful literature evangelist, pedalling her bike thousands of miles. Ruth and Charles Bird were married on December 16, 1923. Over the years, many people enjoyed Ruth's hospitality, each Sabbath her house being full of visitors. Always an avid collector for missions, in her retirement she was a tireless worker for Asian Aid and other charities, raising hundreds of dollars through her beautiful handcrafts. She is survived by her daughters, Joyce Dustin, Audrey Price, Elaine Hopping and Noeline Moodie; son, Edwin; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and sister, Irene. Dr James Price, a son-in-law, was associated with the writer in the service.

S. G. Winter.

**Britten, Verna Ruth**, born January 6, 1915, in Warburton, Vic; died June 15 in Toronto Private Hospital, NSW. For most of the years 1933 to 1965, Verna worked at the South Pacific Division, Sydney Adventist Hospital, the Sanitarium Health Food Company, and Avondale College, as secretary, cashier and teacher. She is survived by her sister, Grace Sommerfeld; six nieces and one nephew. Her brother, Raymond, predeceased her. Linda Driscoll and John Britten were associated with the writer in a service at the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong.

Arthur Patrick.

**Campbell, Thomas Milne**, born April 20, 1919, in Brisbane, Qld; died July 12 in the Royal Brisbane Hospital

after a short illness. A master painter, he employed a staff of 11, and painted many civic and business buildings in Brisbane. Tom and his wife were married on November 21, 1942, and baptised in 1957. Active in church affairs, Tom served in a number of positions, including head elder of the Red Hill church. He was also involved in prison ministry. He is survived by his wife, Louisa; daughter, June; and son, John (all of Brisbane). D. M. Lamb.

**Collins, Evelyn Lillian**, 96, died July 2 at the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, NSW. The last eight years of her life had been spent as a resident at the home. She is survived by her five children, Catherine (Jackson), John, Joyce (Hutley), Shirley (Durrant) and Max. A service was held at the Avondale Memorial church. S. R. Goldstone.

**Conrad, Conrad (Bullu)**, born October 9, 1945, at Te Kao, New Zealand; died suddenly on June 23 and was buried at the Tutumaia Cemetery, Te Kao. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; children, Francis and Phil, Leisha and Kura (all of Auckland), Nicky (Te Kao), Rosie (Kaitia), Mokopuna, Kerewai, Hemi and Poia; mother, Kerewai Conrad, and family. Glass Murray conducted a service, assisted by the writer, and Simon Snowden the committal. Errol Murray.

**Crawford, Hilda Maude**, born May 26, 1916, at Hamilton, Vic; died July 12 at Lyndoch Nursing Hostel, Warrnambool, and was buried at the Macarthur Cemetery. Hilda became a member of the church in Warrnambool in 1963, under the ministry of Pastor Don Self. She is survived by her sons, Maurice and Rex; daughters, Ruth Hendra and Pauline Morton; and a wide circle of relatives and friends. E. M. Logue.

**Dubois, Gladys May**, born February 15, 1893, at Coonamble, NSW; died June 17 in the Adventist Nursing Home, Kings Langley. Baptised by Pastor Hector Kingston on December 3, 1960, she was a member of the Lakemba church, where she spent many happy years of fellowship and service, particularly in the Dorcas welfare work. She is survived by her sons, Allan, Bruce and David; and daughters, Ellen, Joyce and Betty. A service was held at the Pine Grove Crematorium. H. W. Hollingsworth.

**Gilbert, Robert James ("Robbie")**, born June 1, 1945, at King Edward Hospital, Subiaco, Perth, WA, died suddenly on July 5 at Armadale, while taking his dog for a walk. Following a serious accident in 1971, Robbie was unable to talk and had some difficulty walking. A charter member of the Armadale church, Robbie was baptised by Pastor Austin Fletcher in 1964. In spite of his disabilities, he served as a deacon, and faithfully cared for his Ingathering territory. He is survived by his mother, Joan (Armadale); daughter, Debra Tibbs; sisters, Joan White (Wellington, New Zealand); Nola Alexander and Leanne Franklin (both of Armadale); brothers, Keith (Mundijong) and Neil (Karridale). Pastor Cyrus Adams assisted in services at the Armadale church and Karakatta Cemetery. Don Fehlberg.

**Haworth, Clara (nee Smith)**, born December 27, 1901, in Manchester, England; died July 12 at Charles Harrison Nursing Home, Cooranbong, NSW. Clara came to Australia at the age of eight, and lived in Queensland. When she was 14 she began work as a seamstress. Walter Haworth and Clara were married on June 27, 1925. Clara enjoyed worshipping with members of the Dora Creek church, NSW. She is survived by her daughters, Shirley Yates, Alice Keen, Betty Liston and Beatrice Cooper; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. L. C. Coombe.

**Judd, Albert Edgar**, born February 4, 1914, at Ariah Park, Riverina area, NSW; died June 16 in Toronto Private Hospital, and was buried at the Avondale Cemetery, Cooranbong. A farmer until his retirement, Albert had carried on the family tradition and farm, in the Riverina area. He and his wife, Marie (nee Basham), were married in 1935. Baptised in the 1950s, Albert was a member of the Dora Creek church. After his wife's death, he married Ruby Wallace in 1983. He is survived by his wife; and children, Lionel, Helen and Ken. Pastor Les Coombe assisted in the service. G. B. Scott.

**Lancaster, William Fred ("Bommer")**, born April 27, 1914, in England; died July 7 at Flinders Hospital, SA,

following a heart attack. Fred migrated from England with his parents in 1928 and grew up in North Adelaide. He enjoyed cricket, and was a fast bowler. Fred and his wife, Anne, were married in 1952. Anne is a member of the Brighton SDA church, and although Fred was not a member, he would occasionally accompany his wife to church functions. He was a well-respected, patient person, and had a sense of humour. He is survived by his wife; daughter and son-in-law, Bernie and Michael Tobin (Sydney, NSW); grandchildren, Sarah and John; and son, Brian. Pastor John Wade assisted in the services. Lee Bowditch.

**Lance, John William**, born April 12, 1912, in Kalgoorlie, WA; died June 28 in Perth. An upholsterer by trade, John operated businesses in East Perth and Victoria Park. In 1950 he married Gladys Borgas in Perth. After attending Pastor Geoff Youlden's evangelistic crusade in Gosnells in 1979, and studies with Pastor Ron Hodgkinson, he joined the Queens Park SDA church. He is survived by his wife (Beckenham, Perth); children, Susan Jurotte (Glenfield, NSW), Graeme (Beckenham), Daryl (Marshall, NSW), Neville (Beckenham), Trevor (Fernvale, Perth) and Rosalyn Davis (Gosnells); 10 grandchildren; and brothers, Harry (Wimbley) and Frank (Mandurah). Vern Turton, senior elder of the Queens Park church, assisted in the service at Karakatta Crematorium. Don Fehlberg.

**McJorow, William James Alexander ("Pat")**, born April 20, 1908, in Southbridge, South New Zealand; died June 21 in, Dunedin, after a prolonged illness. Pat was baptised on March 3, 1963, and was the oldest member of the Dunedin church. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Don Wilson (Brisbane, Qld) and Heather and Bill Boddy; daughter, Pam Dey; and grandchildren, William, Steven, Quentin, Amanda, Julie and Ricky. Granddaughter Monica predeceased him. Pastor Ray Moody assisted in the service. Jerry Matthews.

**Macgillivray, Patricia**, 41, died suddenly on June 10 at Devenish, Vic. Patricia was a well-respected teacher at the Benalla Secondary College and through her Christian influence several of her pupils attend Lilydale Academy. The principal of the college closed the main part of the school so that he, several fellow teachers and a number of students could attend the service held at the Springvale Cemetery on June 14. Patricia is survived by her husband, John, and family. David J. Dabson.

**Penman, Annie Melville (nee Mackie)**, born September 4, 1897, at Leuchars, Scotland; died June 20 in the Adventist Nursing Home, Kings Langley, Sydney, NSW. Following a service in the Wollongong church, she was buried in the Bulli Cemetery. With her late husband "Jock," Annie accepted the Advent message and became a charter member of the Kurri Kurri church, NSW. Later they moved to the south coast, where they supported the old Bulli church, she with her musical talents, he with his Scotch wit, good humour and leadership. Following a stroke in 1984, Annie's health gradually deteriorated, but right until the end she continued to sing the hymns she loved. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Elaine, and Alex and Raynor; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. H. W. Kingston.

**Robinson, Francis Joseph ("Frank")**, born August 8, 1911, at Murwillumbah, NSW; died June 7 in the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. When Frank was seven years of age, his father died, contributing to a rough life in his younger days. During his late teens he met Elizabeth Davis and, after their marriage on October 4, 1930, they set up home in Condong. Later they moved to the Tweed area. Frank was baptised by Pastor Selwyn Bartlett in 1960. Following his conversion, Frank experienced many direct answers to prayer. A tireless worker for his Lord, Frank took every opportunity to share with others through filmstrips, tapes, and Bible studies. He felt called to hospital ministry and, over the years, ministered to both patients and medical staff. He held church office at Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Gatton and Maryborough, and more recently worshipped at Kingston. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and family, Coraleen Stoffels, Charles and Nola, Lloyd and Mary, Rex and Marjorie, Lynette and Bob Murray, and Dianne Burgers; 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. David Jack assisted at the service in the Eight Mile Plains church. Maurice E. Nash.

**Singleton, Robert David John**, born September 23, 1904, at Campsie, Sydney, NSW; died July 10 at Byron Nursing Home, and was buried in the Byron Bay Cemetery. In 1934 Bob married Mavis McGrath in Lismore. A champion athlete, Bob was snooker champion of NSW, had a bowls green in Byron Bay named after him, and was an excellent cricketer. Bob and Mavis had no children, but cared for and trained four of the neighbour's children. Bob is survived by his wife, a member of the Byron Bay church. F. M. Slade.

**Speedie, Ailsa**, born 1906 at Paeroa, New Zealand; died, June 9 at Thames. Baptised on December 7, 1957, Ailsa became a Seventh-day Adventist through the ministry of Pastor Ralph Wood. Her husband, David, predeceased her in 1979. She is survived by her only daughter, Margaret. Ken Bullock.

**Speering, Lydia Florence**, born August 6, 1903, in England; died July 13 at the Adventist Retirement Village, Victoria Point, Qld. When she was four years old, Lydia, and her brother, Edward, went to live in one of Dr Barnardo's orphanages. She came to Australia in 1924, and on February 28, 1932, married Alfred William Portway. He predeceased her in 1950. Later she married Alfred John Speering, and shortly before their marriage on August 6, 1969, Lydia and John were baptised by Pastor Arthur Bath. John predeceased her in 1980. Lydia is survived by two daughters, Janet Doyle and Heather Perkins (both of Brisbane); six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. A son, Robert, died in infancy. D. M. Lamb.

**Vysma, Ernest Hugo**, born September 24, 1906, in Indonesia; died June 5 at the Charles Harrison Home, Cooranbong, NSW. He was the third of four sons born to Dutch parents, Anton and Katherine Vysma. The family lived and worked in Indonesia, his father being a plantation manager. Ernest studied at a technical college in Bandung and became an engineer. In 1928 he was baptised by Pastor H. Eelsing. When plans were made to build a training school for ministers in Bandung, Ernest was the first to enrol. From 1930 he served in many places in Indonesia. Ernest and his wife, Emily, were married in 1932. During World War II Ernest drove ambulances for the Red Cross. After the war he was transferred to Irian Jaya (West New Guinea), where he was responsible for starting up several new church groups. For education reasons, the family moved to Australia in 1963, and settled in Cooranbong. Ernest worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for nine years, retiring in 1972, after 41 years of service. He is survived by his wife; children, Heino (Qld); Helene Zaska, Jeanette Turner (both of Cooranbong); and foster children, Richard Ver Meulen (Cooranbong) and Ben Beitz (Auckland, New Zealand). A son, Alfred, predeceased him. J. N. Beamish.

**Wilkinson, Ernest Thompson**, born May 19, 1901, in Birkenhead, SA; died June 15 at Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyn, WA, after a prolonged illness. The eldest of six children, Ern was 16 when his father died and he became the breadwinner for the family. In 1924 Ern married Ellen Grigg. While colportaging in 1943, Pastor Bert Grosser contacted the Wilkinsons. He introduced them to Pastor J. W. Harvey, who baptised four of the family. For some years prior to his retirement Ern worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company. He was then caretaker of the campground at Morphet Vale for many years. He also helped to run youth camps and establish the Ankara Youth Camp. In earlier days Ern and Ellen helped Pastor Wilf Rudge start Pathfinder Clubs in SA. After the death of his first wife, Ern married Charlotte ("Lottie") Jasper and they had 16 happy years together. In 1984 they moved to Sherwin Lodge Retirement Village, WA. Ern is survived by his wife; daughters, Gwen Chapman (Eaton, WA), Adrienne Hunt (Tenants, Qld), Wendy Blucher (Adelaide, SA); son, Trevor (London, England); 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Pastor Maurice Bland assisted in the services. M. A. Chapman.

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