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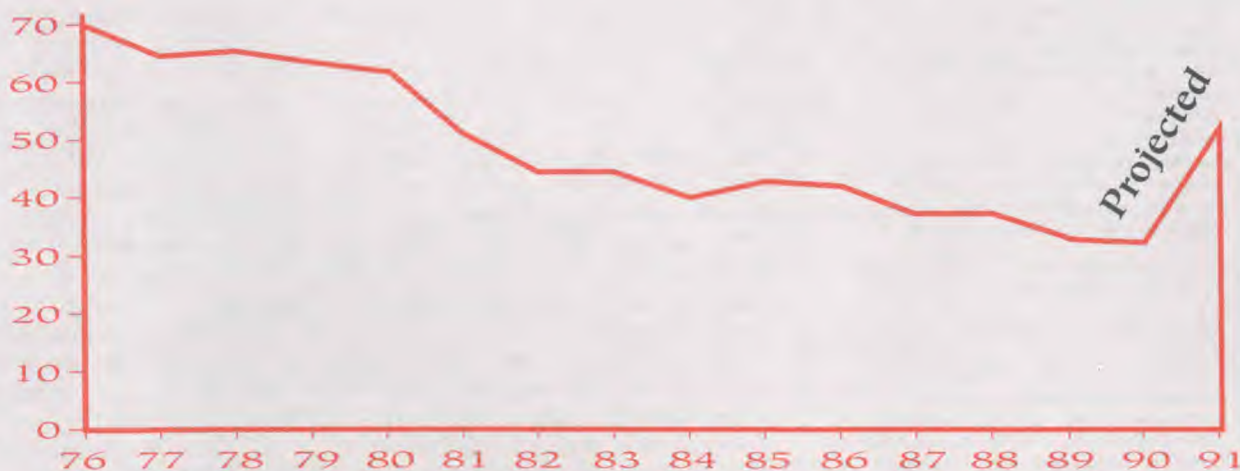
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15-YEAR SIGNS CIRCULATION SLIDE ENDS

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Signs of the Times has ended its 15-year circulation slump, according to early 1991 campaign reports from about one-third of the churches in Australia and New Zealand.

Nine of the 11 conferences began their Signs promotional campaigns on Sabbath, August 3. Most of these showed solid circulation increases, based on pledges received in those churches that phoned through a report.

The pledges reported represent about a 60 per cent circulation increase, provided they are converted into subscriptions. And additional subscriptions are likely to come in by

the end of August that were not pledged on the first day of the campaign.

Many members said they did not have time to evaluate the new-look magazine, so would make their commitment later in the campaign (see story on page 10). And, by design, subscribers from last year had not yet received their renewal notices.

On the first day of the five-week Signs promotion, 40 churches pledged nearly three times or more subscriptions than in 1990. And some pledged 10 times as many. The 35 churches with the largest percentage increases are listed on page 10.

"Sabbath's result is only the beginning," says Signs Publishing Company manager David Woolley. "We expect people will make pledges each Sabbath of the August campaign. Just how many of these pledges will come in depends to a great degree on local church ministries leaders and the effort they put forth.

"The style of promotion we asked them to do wasn't easy," he adds. "Most found it drained them considerably. But if they follow the program we've outlined for the last two weeks of August, their work will not only become easier, but they will see subscriptions increase even more."

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EDITORIAL

You Will Decide



Church members expressed surprise when John began to lose interest in the church. They put it down to the influence of his university friends. They felt sorry for his parents, who are respected members.

One day John's parents told their church friends that he had found work in another city. They said they hoped he would often come home to visit.

John did, at first. He seemed to be prospering. But after a couple of years he didn't come home much. And he didn't attend his church.

That's when the rumours began. Someone had seen him in the other city. He was with a man. "And they were more than just 'good friends.'"

"Yes," John told his parents, "I'm gay—a homosexual. And, yes, I'm living with someone. I'm sorry, but that's just the way it is."

Five years later and another rumour hits John's church. Some say John has AIDS. The rumours persist for six months. That's when the church pastor receives a phone call from John.

He's back home with his parents. He confirms that he has AIDS. He can't work. He has come home so his parents can look after him.

He says that he has given up his old lifestyle and wants to come back to church, beginning this Sabbath. "Would that be all right?"

Let's hold the story there for a moment. Whether we like it or not, it's no longer a matter of *if* AIDS is going to visit your church, but *when*. Each story will be different, and it may not have some of the moral implications. But the question is the same: How will you respond?

Imagine for a moment that you're the pastor. How will you answer John's request? Will you choose:

[] "Your life has been in a mess. Have you really cleaned up your act?"

[] "Yes, of course you can. But you must be hurting right now. Can I drop by and see you?"

[] "No. I don't think the people of the church would understand."

Now imagine that John is from your church. Next Sabbath he turns up (he had decided to attend no matter what

the pastor said). You're shocked when you see him. He's obviously sick. How are you, as someone who once knew him well, going to react:

[] You decide that it's better to avoid him.

[] You welcome him with a handshake or a hug.

[] You ask him how long he has left to live.

[] You say something like, "I guess this was to be expected, considering your lifestyle over the past few years."

A few weeks later someone asks the pastor if John is still a church member. The records confirm that he has been a member since he was baptised at 14 years of age.

"His lifestyle has been incompatible with church standards," says the inquirer. "Don't we, as a church, have some responsibility to discipline?"

Imagine that you're a member of the church board. At the next meeting you have to consider whether John should be disciplined or not. John's parents are board members, but they leave the room while you consider your options. What stand do you take during the discussion?

[] "We must be seen to maintain the church standards no matter what the situation. John should be disciplined."

[] "John is suffering enough now. Let's support him while he's alive and discipline him, if we must, when he's dead."

[] "The church must make a public statement about where it stands on questions of morality. Therefore we must discipline him."

[] "We first heard rumours about John being an active gay five years ago. If we were serious about disciplining him, that's when we should have acted. It's too late now."

John's story is fictitious. The story you'll have to face (if you haven't had to face one already) may have different elements, but it will be real. What will your reaction say about you? What will it say about your understanding of Jesus' ministry to the untouchables of His day?

Bruce Manners.

LETTERS

Grouse!

Grouse (as in excellent)! Thank you for an erudite journal. Grouse (as in grump)! Viewpoint authors are allowed up to 800 words. Respondents, in order to keep to the "very short" instruction (Letters, June 8), must stay below about 50 words. Not fair.

Alf Craig, Vic.

The "very short" reference was a recommendation, not an instruction. However, your point still stands in so far as we do restrict letters to far less than 800 words. However, there's no restriction on respondents writing a counter "Viewpoint" article.

Joyful Noise

Re the "Just a Coincidence" of July 20: It appears to do an injustice to the brass bands of our church. These were around a long time before the concept of celebration services.

They have always performed a valuable function both in their music and in giving a very healthy interest to their members. If having a church brass band participate in the church service classes it as a celebration service, then let's have more of them. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Amen.

Athol Briden, NSW.

Changed Life

Today I reread your editorial "Changing Lives" (June 1). I was baptised on the day it appeared.

Nearly two years ago a friend brought Pastor Jerry Matthews to see me in hospital. I really appreciated his kindness in visiting a stranger in those circumstances.

The day I left hospital my friend and her husband were baptised. In the following months I noticed a remarkable change in them. I was also aware of their restraint in talking about what must have been a spiritually exciting time in their lives. They spoke of their newfound faith only if I asked them a question about it.

Knowing that my friends and their church family were praying for me in my illness touched me deeply and I started attending the Sabbath service. I found the atmosphere friendly and the congregation quietly hospitable.

I felt more and more at home. The utter sincerity of the prayers and ser-

mons impressed me most. I read *Steps to Christ*, watched the "Digging up the Past" videotapes, and attended a prophecy seminar on Daniel.

I finally began to feel that the time had come to commit myself fully to Jesus, whom I had grown to love. It was a big step but I never felt pressured.

I hope this letter will reassure you that if what's happening in our church in Dunedin is representative of other Adventist churches, the worship and preaching is certainly helping to change lives. It changed mine, and with Christ's help will change many others.

Maria J. Wolken, New Zealand.

Carnival Spirit

Re the "Just a Coincidence" of July 20: It was spot on. Audio and video tapes, plus written accounts of eye witnesses, confirm that pentecostal-celebration-type services are emotionally popular.

They're attracting large crowds of Seventh-day Adventists who enjoy the pulsating throb of band and rock music, and who enthusiastically join in the clapping, swaying, singing and the resulting bedlam of noise.

As Berto indicated, only a minority won't follow the crowd. A few will sigh and cry, "How sad." One thing is certain: We can choose to follow the Bible and the testimony of Jesus

regarding quiet, reverent behaviour in the house of God; or we can follow the popular pentecostal-celebration-style service with its fanfare of fast music, frolic and fun. But we can't have both.

Bertha V. Cook, Qld.

Quick Judges

I would like to congratulate you on your editorial "What Are You Doing?" (July 20). Too often we're quick to jump in and judge without knowing the facts or reasons that lie behind certain behaviour.

I recently arrived home one Sabbath afternoon to discover that someone had been in my yard and had pruned my fruit trees. I hadn't even asked for it to be done.

On inquiry I learned that a couple of young men, not Adventists, had done me a good turn while I was absent. I don't know if any of my neighbours, Adventist or otherwise, saw or heard. But I haven't heard one questioning remark.

Thank you, neighbours. And weren't they a couple of nice young men!

Bessie Mitchell, Vic.

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The Problem of Abuse

by Bryan Craig

Abused children get the message that they're of little value.

Child sexual abuse isn't something people like to talk about. However, we're becoming increasingly aware that children are being hurt. Violence and abuse in families is having a significant long-term effect on a growing number of individuals.

Research indicates that up to 28 per cent of girls and 9 per cent of boys have been sexually assaulted (Goldman & Goldman 1986). Some 75 per cent of the victims are girls, and 90 per cent of the offenders are male (Finkelhor 1986). Other studies show that all child abuse has secondary psychological effects that may be more harmful to the child than the abuse incident itself (Preston 1984).

As a church, we need to acknowledge the existence of child sexual abuse in our community and church. We need to learn more about what causes such abusive behaviour. We can't pretend that this issue is of no concern to us. Our teachers, pastors, doctors and counsellors are hearing reports of such abuse within our own homes.

We can no longer remain silent.

In conjunction with National Child Protection Week (August 18-24, 1991), organised by the Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, the South Pacific Division has released the following statement on "Child Sexual Abuse."

We do this to show our recognition of, and support for, individuals who have been affected by child sexual abuse. We agree with Dr Kim Oates, the Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at Sydney University, when he states that there are 10 reasons why child abuse should be prevented:

1. Child Abuse Can Kill Children

Each year in Australia many children, particularly infants under one year, are killed by those entrusted

with their care—usually their parents.

2. Child Abuse Injures Children

Injuries can range from mild bruising to severe injuries that cause handicap for life. Although the scars might heal on the body, the emotional scars can last for life.

3. Abused Children Feel Worthless

Abused children get the message that they're of little value—why else, they ask, would their parents or other adults misuse them physically, emotionally or sexually.

4. Child Abuse Breaks Down Trust

Children learn trust in their own families. It's based on being able to rely on and trust their parents. Abused children, who learn that they can't trust their parents, may have difficulty in adult relationships where trust is required.

5. Behaviours Are Transmitted

Children learn most about being parents during their own childhood. Abused children are more likely to repeat the abuse when they have children of their own.

6. Child Abuse Is Expensive

Assessment and treatment of child abuse is a long-term commitment. It's very expensive. It consumes medical and counselling resources that are much needed for other areas.

7. Prevention Is Better

Treating abused children is difficult, time consuming and in many cases

will not be totally effective. It would be far better to put resources into prevention.

8. Prevention Programs Do Work

There's good evidence that provision of parental support, home visiting programs and parenting education reduces the incidence of child abuse.

9. Prevention Reduces Problems

There are strong correlations between child abuse and later crime, drug abuse, poor social adjustment, poor marital adjustment and sexual difficulties. A significant proportion of these problems could be prevented if these adults hadn't been abused as children.

10. It's a Sign of Maturity

If we really do care about our society's future we will want our children to grow up free from abuse and exploitation.



As a community of concerned and caring Christians, we have a responsibility to minister to the needs of others and to act as servants of God's grace in bringing healing and hope into the lives of those who are hurting.

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope" (Matthew 12:20, 21 NIV).

Bryan Craig is the director of the Church Ministries Department for the South Pacific Division.

Child Sexual Abuse

by Arthur J. Ferch

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a moral obligation to be actively involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse.

During mid-year meetings of the South Pacific Division executive committee, two documents submitted by the Committee on Ethics were adopted. The statements represent the official position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific.

The document on "Child Sexual Abuse," approved by the South Pacific Division Executive Committee on May 23, 1991, was first drafted by the South Pacific Division Family Ministries Committee, and then widely discussed and further developed by the Committee on Ethics.

At a time when the general public is becoming aware of increased child sexual abuse, we present the following statement as a challenge to ourselves and our society, noting the causes and effects of child sexual abuse, Scriptural statements on the subject, and the Church's moral responsibility to become actively involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse:

1. Preamble

Child sexual abuse occurs when a person uses his or her power, authority or position of trust to involve a child in any sort of sexual behaviour or activity including incest.

While it is believed that sexual abuse is greatly under-reported in our community, current research indicates that a growing number of both girls and boys have been sexually abused by the age of 18 years. It is rarely a single, one-time event, with many cases involving repeated abuse over a period of time—some for months, others continuing for many years.

Sexual abusers are mostly men, and may be of any age, nationality or socio-economic background. They tend to be married with children and have respectable jobs. It is common for offenders to strongly deny their

abusive behaviour and refuse to see their actions as a problem. Also, they may seek to rationalise them away or blame them on something or someone else.

2. Causes

Child Sexual Abuse has many and varied causes. Often, it seems to arise out of the deeply rooted insecurities and low self-esteem of the abusing adult. Abusers frequently use sex to meet their need for support and affection but use force and control to achieve that end. It is incorrect to say that child sexual abuse is mostly performed by mentally ill males (only a small proportion are mentally ill). Child sexual abuse can never be excused. It cannot be substantiated that abuse is the result of the flirtatious, seductive behaviour of the child or an inadequate, indifferent sexual relationship with one's spouse.

3. Effects

Child sexual abuse has short and long term effects on its victims by dramatically influencing the way they think, feel and behave during and even long after the abuse has ceased. It often results in a wide range of emotional, behavioural and relational difficulties that frustrate normal development. Abused individuals can develop psychosomatic illnesses, disturbed or self-destructive behaviour

or feelings of low self-esteem, fear, isolation, anger, guilt, shame and depression. Frequently they have difficulty in forming close, intimate relationships and may even develop distorted views of God and others. In the long term, sexual abuse can lead to truancy, drug dependency, promiscuity, marriage and family breakdown and even mental illness. It can also have devastating consequences for the perpetrators and their families.

Early detection and intervention is the key to recovery from the trauma of abuse. The short and long-term effects can be minimised when counselling is sought to help victims work through their feeling about the abuse.

4. Scriptural Perspectives

When God created the human family, He began with a marriage based on mutual love and trust with very clear and distinct gender boundaries. This relationship is still designed to provide the foundation for a stable, happy family in which the dignity, worth and integrity of each family member is protected and upheld. All children, both male and female, born into families are to be regarded as gifts from God. Parents are given the privilege and responsibility of providing for the nurture, protection and physical care of their children. They must not betray the respect, honour and trust placed in them by their children.

In this context, the Bible condemns sexual abuse in the strongest possible terms. It sees any attempt to confuse, blur or denigrate personal, generational or gender boundaries through sexually abusive behaviour as an act of betrayal and a gross violation of personhood.

Scripture openly condemns the abuse of power, authority and responsibility because it strikes at the very heart of the victim's deepest feelings

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about themselves, others and God, and shatters their capacity to love and trust.

(This statement is informed by principles expressed in the following scriptural passages: Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25; Leviticus 18, 20; Deuteronomy 27:20-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-22; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Timothy 5:5-8.)

5. The Church's Responsibility

We believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has a moral obligation to be actively involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse. We are committed to assisting abused and abusing individuals and their families in their healing and recovery process.

The Church has a responsibility to:

a. Listen to and take seriously the reports of those suffering from sexual abuse.

b. Become informed about child sexual abuse, especially within the church community.

c. Educate ministers, teachers, health professionals and selected lay church leaders to detect sexual abuse and assist or refer sexually abused children and their families.

d. Establish an effective referral relationship with appropriate counselling agencies who can, with their professional skills, help the church in its effort to assist both abuse victims and abusers and their families.

e. Educate church members to:

(i) Beware of theological misconceptions which may be used to justify child sexual abuse.

(ii) Examine the ways in which parents are teaching their sons and daughters about gender roles and responsibilities, and to help them understand that Christianity does not sanction male domination by use of force or control.

(iii) Understand how to build healthy, mature relationships between males and females.

f. Provide a network of support within the church community for abuse victims, and a healing redemptive ministry to abusers.

g. Train selected personnel to facilitate the healing and recovery process of abuse victims.

Arthur J. Ferch is Field Secretary and the secretary, South Pacific Division Committee on Ethics.

STORY

The Crab

by B. J. Lansdown

I am a crab. You may never have seen me, but I've seen you when you've come to the beach. And I think that you would have seen some of my relatives.

I'm only a small crab, and I can hide in the sand quickly if I have to. There are many of us along the beaches. There are many more in the ocean. I even have some cousins who live in lakes and rivers.

Some people, especially children, don't seem to like us. They look at our shape, and our 10 legs, and our eyes on stalks. Then, instead of trying to be friends, sometimes they scream.

I don't know if they scream because of the way I look, or because of the way I run across the sand. It's much easier for me to run quickly if I go sideways.

Actually, I think I'm rather handsome. But

because other creatures don't think so, I'm often left alone. The hard crust I have on my body protects me and makes it less likely that some other sea creature or birds will want to eat me.

I love to run on the warm sand. While I nearly always run from danger, I have big pincers at the front of my body that I can use to defend myself. Sometimes I wish I were like my cousin, the long-legged spider crab of the Pacific Islands. He's about two and a half metres from the tip of one pincer to the tip of the other. I could really defend myself then!

I like making patterns in the sand. You might have seen some of the sand balls near my home in the sand. When I come out of my hole I make these patterns and balls as I feed on tiny creatures in the sand. You might prefer to eat off a plate, but I like to suck my food out of the sand.

There are two things I don't like about humans. One is when they pick me up. I like keeping my feet on the ground. The other

thing annoys me even more. That's when people call each other 'crabby.' Crabs are rarely impatient or cross—and that's what humans mean when they say 'crabby.'

I may be a crab, but I'm rarely crabby. Humans shouldn't be either.

B. J. Lansdown writes from Ocean Shores, New South Wales.



ETHICS

Gambling

by Arthur J. Ferch

Gambling is a violation of God's command to love one's neighbour as oneself.

On May 16, 1990, the South Pacific Division Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the South Pacific Division Committee on Ethics approved the following statement entitled "Seventh-day Adventists and Gambling." It will be evident that this document also reflects a great deal of consideration, and we're pleased to share it with our membership.

Preamble

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is concerned with ethical issues in our society. The following statement on gambling, approved by the South Pacific Division Executive Committee, represents the official position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific Division. This statement may be reviewed for further refinement and updating.

Definition

Gambling may be defined as any practice in which a person risks money or other assets for a chance to win a reward that is predicated on the loss of another's money or other assets. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has consistently opposed gambling, for biblical reasons that include the following:

1. Gambling violates the Christian belief that all persons are stewards of all their assets (be they time, talent, knowledge or financial resources). These are to be used wisely for human sustenance and fulfillment, to support family, church and community, and to meet the needs of those less fortunate. Gambling is an improper application of these assets. (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15; Deuteronomy 8:11-18; 1 Chronicles 29:14; Psalm 24:1; Ecclesiastes 3:13; 5:19; Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 15:26,27; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.)



2. Gambling promotes a spirit of selfishness and a desire to have that which is not earned and which properly belongs to someone else. Gambling downgrades the God-ordained dignity of labour. (Exodus 20:17; Proverbs 21:25, 26; Matthew 6:24, 25, 31-33; Luke 12:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12.)

3. Gambling is a violation of God's command to love one's neighbour as oneself. Implicit in the act of gambling is a loss for those who are not winners. Gambling preys upon the weaker members of the community, who often must forego life's necessities because of their own gambling or that of one on whom they depend. (Proverbs 22:16; Isaiah 58:6, 7, 10; Matthew 7:12; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:10; James 2:8.)

4. Gambling brings about adverse social consequences to individuals, families and communities. Poverty, suicide, drug dependency and alcoholism are often associated with it. Gambling itself becomes an addiction for many. Since Christians have a responsibility to safeguard the well-being of "weaker" fellow humans, gambling, even in moderation, is an abdication of that responsibility. (Job

22:6-11; Psalm 10:2; Proverbs 23:21; 28:19; Isaiah 3:14, 15; Romans 14:7, 13, 21; 1 Corinthians 8:9.)

Fund-Raising

In the light of the foregoing, Seventh-day Adventists oppose the use of raffles, lotteries and other games of chance as means of fund-raising even for worthy projects.

1. Contributions made in the hope of personal gain rob the givers of the joy of altruistic giving.

2. Gambling even to raise money for a worthy cause may be a gateway activity that can lead to gambling addiction. As with alcoholism, there is no way to determine in advance who will become a compulsive gambler.

Business Risk

All business investment includes some element of risk, ranging from reasonably secure to extremely speculative. A fine line exists between business risk and gambling. High risk in business is often referred to as gambling and there are compulsive risk takers in business just as there are compulsive gamblers.

However, in business, high return on an investment is not necessarily predicated on the losses of other investors. Thus, while risk-taking in business may be questioned as proper stewardship of God-given assets and may be a violation of biblical principles, it should not be directly equated with gambling.

Church members may feel free to share these documents with the general public or agencies interested in the official position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South Pacific on these topics. 

Arthur J. Ferch, is the Field Secretary and secretary, South Pacific Division Committee on Ethics.

Compensation

The Northern Territory Government announced on July 16 that it had made payments of more than \$A400,000 to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Michael and Lindy Chamberlain to compensate for legal costs and personal property involved in the murder charges and trial of the Chamberlains. (The couple were exonerated by findings of the Morling Inquiry in 1989.) "Although the church has never claimed compensation from the Northern Territory Government, it had submitted details of expenses incurred on behalf of the Chamberlains through the Chamberlain's solicitor," says South Pacific Division Communication director Pastor Raymond Coombe. "NT Government representatives audited the records of the church, and although satisfied with the accuracy of the records, has not compensated for some expenses. But the church is very grateful for the \$395,500 ex gratia payment made." SPD treasurer Pastor Tom Andrews also expressed appreciation to the NT Government. The church has not been involved in the negotiation of personal compensation for the Chamberlains, as this is a personal matter. So far Michael and Lindy have received a total of less than \$20,000 in compensation for their car and personal items.

Writing Awards

Signs Publishing Company publications received two honours at the annual convention of the Australasian Religious Press Association, held recently in Melbourne,

Victoria. The RECORD editorial "Next Door to David Gray" won the category Best Editorial (Magazine), and the Signs article "To See Timothy" was commended in the category Best Short Story or Feature by a New or Non-Professional Writer. The editorial was written by Pastor Bruce Manners, and the Signs article was written by Lynden Kent. Thirty-eight religious publications submitted a total of 221 entries to be judged.

Neighbourhood

Some 26 former Adventists rededicated their lives to God as a result of visitation by church members living in the Marshall Lagoon area of the Central Province of Papua New Guinea. In response to Global Mission, the members visited door to door and discovered 16 blind people, 17 disabled and 90 backsliders. "In addition to the former church members, the blind and disabled are being min-

istered to, and many of them are now requesting to attend church," says communication secretary Nathan Lauriko. "The Lord richly blessed our efforts. The Wanigela church family are so encouraged they are now reaching out further."

Cot Deaths

Tasmanian researchers have found that babies who sleep on their stomachs are four times more likely to die from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS or Cot Death) than those placed on their side or back. The \$1 million study by Tasmania's Menzies Centre for Population Health Research, under Professor Terry Dwyer, was made possible by support from the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. For the first time anywhere in the world, the Tasmanian studies provide information on babies prior to the occurrence of SIDS. The research team has estimated that prone sleeping posi-

tion may account for 40 per cent of the risk of SIDS in Tasmania.—*Rotary Down Under.*

Pitcairn Visit

Youth With a Mission are visiting Pitcairn Island this month with a medical-dental team on the organisation's mercy ship, Pacific Ruby. They are offering medical and dental services. The isolated islanders normally depend on the Adventist minister's wife, Jenny Ferret, a registered nurse, or on passing ships for emergencies. Writer and historian Herbert Ford, who is director of the Pitcairn Island Study Centre in Angwin, California, will accompany the visitors. Youth With a Mission is an interdenominational organisation of volunteers that provides humanitarian services and a Christian witness.

Tari Camp

South Pacific Division stewardship director Pastor Wilfred Bili attended a campmeeting at Tari, in the Papua New Guinea Highlands during July. Highlight of the meetings was the ordination to gospel ministry of eight men, including expatriate Paul Rankin, and the baptism of 71 people.

Soaring Sales

The Adventist Media Centre reports that sales of videotapes for June were more than 23 per cent above the previous month. Top-selling videos included the new anti-smoking video for the islands, Just a Little Smoke; the children's Bible Adventure Series; the Roy Naden evangelistic Bible studies set; and a documentary on death and dying, Fear No Evil.



Photo: Wapole Talemloga.

Former Teacher Wins Relatives in Fiji

The work of Luca Sovanitabua, a government teacher who resigned from his work in order to evangelise his own people in Fiji (Flashpoint, RECORD June 29), has been successful. Some 43 people were recently baptised in the upper Rewa River at Navutu as a result of Mr Sovanitabua's efforts. Pastors Waisea Vuniwa (left), Fiji Mission secretary, Sepeti Titoko (centre), youth leader, and Bill Sleight (right), Central Pacific Union Mission Ministerial Association secretary, officiated in the baptism.

Nursing Graduation

Over the first weekend of July, 33 nurses graduated from the Diploma of Applied Science (Nursing) course at Avondale College and the Sydney Adventist Hospital. Alan Gibbons, assistant director of nursing at SAH, spoke on the theme "A Time to Begin" for the main ceremony held in the Avondale College church on July 7. Prize winners included Fleur Hillier, Michael Bowran, Kerrilyn Shotter and Andrew Lam. Fleur Hillier and Cinone Johnson were awarded distinctions, and Helen Curnuck, Andrew Lam and Lynelle Mackintosh received credits.

German Despair

Prior to reunification of East and West Germany, suicide killed more people per year in West Germany than automobile accidents—11,600 compared to 8,500. One of the world's highest suicide rates occurred in the former West Berlin.—*On Being*.

Receptionists

Auckland Adventist Hospital recently hosted doctors receptionists throughout the city for a tour of the hospital and theatres, followed by light refreshments. "The receptionists are now better equipped to share with patients information regarding the hospital," said a spokesperson. This is the second year the function has been held.

Compliments

The new church opened in Ulverstone, Tasmania, recently (RECORD, May 25) has received special commendation from the Ulverstone Promotions Committee for what it calls superb landscaping. "Developments such as this



Students Thank Volunteer Teacher

When Sheila Kirk could no longer go to the Ballarat Adventist School (Victoria) every week to help with reading activities, the 33 pupils brought school to her. They shared refreshments and thanked her for the work she had done and the friendship given over the past five years. Eighty-eight-year-old Miss Kirk is now a resident in the Queen Elizabeth Geriatric Centre in Ballarat.

enhance the appearance of our town and provide a talking point for visitors," the committee commented. The church is located at 94 South Road, and is pastored by Max Hatton.

Books Needed

The Papua New Guinea Union Mission is desperately in need of a set of reference books such as World Book Encyclopaedia to assist in the general operation of their Communication, Radio/TV and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty departments. Anyone wishing to donate such books should send them to either Pastor R. L. Coombe, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga, NSW 2076, or Roger Maua Kemo'o, PO Box 86, Lae, Papua New Guinea.

Widow's Mite

An elderly widow recently became the catalyst that provided the Naboro church on the outskirts of Suva (Fiji) with pews. Mrs Niumai Kavoa visited relatives and friends in Sydney (New South Wales) who gave her money for her per-

sonal use. She decided to donate \$1,000 to purchase six pews for her church. Once the pews were in place the members were motivated to lift a special offering to provide further seating.

LE Seminar

General Conference publishing leader Pastor Rudi Henning attended a literature evangelists seminar held in Fiji during June. Other guest speakers included South Pacific Division publishing director Pastor Bruce Campbell and Signs Publishing Company general manager David Woolley. Some 30 LEs—representing Fiji, Tonga and Samoa—attended the five-day seminar, which was organised jointly by the Central Pacific Union Mission and the Fiji Mission.

Health Director

Dr Percy Harrold of Brisbane is the new Adventist Health Department director for the South Pacific Division. He replaces Pastor Don Bain, who will be heading up the

new corporate health education service initiated by the division. Dr Harrold is also an ordained minister and brings a wide experience in denominational health service to his new responsibility.

On Furlough

Three expatriates from the South Pacific Division, who serve as leaders of church work in other divisions, are currently visiting their homelands. David Syme, Adventist Development and Relief Agency director for the Africa-Indian Ocean Division, Warren Scale, ADRA director for Thailand, and Pastor Bob Manners, currently president of the Bangladesh Union, all visited church headquarters in Wahroonga last month.

Stewardship

The stewardship director of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, Pastor Samson Sogavare, recently conducted a Stewardship Emphasis Week that attracted more than 10,000 people. Some 5,000 actually camped in the village for the duration of the meetings, and others came from surrounding villages.

AAA Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Adventist Aviation Association will be held on September 20, not September 13 as previously announced. Further details are available from Eunice Turner, "Melody Park," Advancetown Road, Nerang Qld 4211.

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 for immediate release.

Largest Increases

At press time about one-third of Adventist churches in Australia and New Zealand had reported their *Signs* campaign opening-day pledge results. The 35 churches that showed the greatest percentage increase over last year's attainment are:

Church	Per Cent
Greenvale Vic	6250
Portuguese NSW	1660
Kalgoolie WA	1245
Asian Vic	1200
Morley WA	1112
Avondale NZ	1082
Kyogle NSW	900
Kings Langley NSW	809
Ulverstone Tas	750
Colac Vic	700
Kellyville NSW	694
Bunbury WA	643
Maclean NSW	516
Elizabeth SA	513
Esperance WA	467
Maryborough Vic	466
Caboolture Qld	465
Barossa Valley SA	463
Devonport Tas	462
Brentwood Ave NZ	407
Maroochydore Qld	407
Stirling SA	400
Midland WA	382
Moora WA	367
Mt Barker WA	352
Beenleigh Qld	352
Mitchelton Qld	348
Hamilton NZ	340
Kaitia NZ	333
Glen Huon Tas	332
Wollongong NSW	331
Rockhampton Qld	302
Redcliffe Qld	292
Kurri NSW	281
Charlestown NSW	275

● Both the Northern Australian and South New Zealand conferences delayed the start of their campaigns, so no figures are available. South New South Wales Conference figures aren't available yet because of a technical problem.

● Twenty-five of the above churches had less than 30 subscriptions last year. This makes this year's increase look more spectacular as a percentage improvement. Some churches have consistently supported *Signs* at a high level over past years and won't be recorded among the dramatic-percentage-increase group.

● A number of churches with substantial increases aren't listed because they started from a zero subscription base. For example, Salisbury church (Qld) rose from zero to 573 pledges.



Signs Publishing Company staff attempted to phone all local church personal ministries leaders to encourage them to promote *Signs*. Above: James Coffin promotes *Signs* in the Warburton church.

More Time Needed to Assess New Magazine, Some Say

There wasn't enough time on the opening day of the *Signs* campaign to evaluate the new-look magazine." That is the most frequent complaint about this year's August *Signs* campaign.

"This problem makes the remaining weeks of the *Signs* promotion far more important than usual," says *Signs* Publishing Company general manager David Woolley. "Each church will need to run further *Signs* promotions late in the month for members who have needed more time to assess the new magazine," he says. "Considering the recessionary times, we can be extremely pleased with the 60 per cent increase in pledges so far."

"If these pledges are any indication," he adds, "we've done far better than the American *Signs*, which has just completed its campaign and had a circulation loss."

Elizabeth church in South Australia highlighted the advantage of giving people more time to see the new-look *Signs of the Times*. Its copies were given out a week earlier—and the church had five times more *Signs* pledged this year than last year.

The Elizabeth church board also had time to plan its involvement. It secured permission to place a stand

for give-away *Signs* in the city's largest shopping centre. (Stands for this purpose are provided free for bulk-posted orders of 100 or more subscriptions to one address.)

Signs Publishing Company has written to all personal ministries leaders asking that their church boards sponsor bulk-posted *Signs*. These orders can be paid for quarterly, which dramatically cuts the initial outlay for this type of evangelism.

"When these bulk orders come in we could see a further rise in *Signs* circulation," says Mr Woolley. "It's good to see that when laypeople are given a challenge, they can rise to it."

"Of course, pledges made on August 3 don't necessarily indicate a final decision," he adds. "Many members will increase the pledge they made. Any increases will be honoured at the special price until the end of August."

This year's *Signs* campaign has seen a far bigger response from ethnic churches. Because of language factors, most ethnic churches in the past have had very low *Signs* sponsorship. This year's campaign concentrated on solving these difficulties. As a result, three ethnic churches are among the 10 largest percentage increases.

Baptism Highlights Prayer Week



Twenty-three youth from non-Adventist homes were among 86 students baptised at Aore Adventist High School in Vanuatu. The baptism climaxed a Week of Prayer presented by Simon Garae.

Eighty-six people were baptised at the end of a Youth Week of Prayer conducted recently by retired evangelist Pastor Simon Garae at Aore Adventist High School in Vanuatu. Of those baptised, 23 came from non-Adventist homes.

"Some of the students received full support from their non-Adventist parents," says principal Pastor Titus Rore. "Grace Moses, who comes from the Banks Islands, is now the second Adventist in her village. She is pleased that both her parents are now attending baptismal classes on their home island.

"But Ruth Enoch, who comes from the island of Ambrym, does not know what awaits her when she returns to her parents at the end of the school year. She has received only disapproval for her actions. She needs our prayers."

According to Pastor Rore, a good number of students are still in the baptismal classes. The school expects to baptise more than 100 young people this year at Aore. "Let us pray for one another," he concludes.

SA Series Still Attracting Big Crowds

After eight weeks the public are still crowding venues for the evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor Ross Parker in Adelaide, South Australia. Pastor Parker holds three identical sessions of each program.

"In spite of having to use five different halls, attendances have amazed even the most enthusiastic," says program chairman Stan Loman. "Pastor Parker has been waiting for numbers to drop before issuing Bibles for Bible-marking segments at the conclusion of each lecture. But between 600 and 700 non-Adventists are still attending every week."

The mission committee has ordered twice the number of Bibles allowed for in their funding allocations. This, in addition to the fact that the better-

than-expected attendances has doubled expenditure for literature and postage, has also contributed to a budget blowout.

And to cope with visitation, the conference has enlisted all city and close country ministers, together with some retirees, and a team of lay people. Even the conference president has included himself on the team, with 20 homes to visit weekly.

The main mission meetings are held on Thursday nights in either the Town Hall meeting hall or the Hilton Hotel across the road. A Sabbath afternoon program is run in the Adelaide City church. Approximately 50 non-Adventists have paid \$25 each to study Biblical Archaeology and Daniel's times and writings, on Tuesday nights.

"The advertising and programs have been designed to attract the non-churched," says Mr Loman. "While still attracting good numbers of church people, it is thrilling to see many secular people coming regularly.

One Adventist couple invited their agnostic friends. They felt sure they wouldn't return. But after eight weeks they are still coming."

Another Christian family, who have been unable to find a church that suits their needs, travels 125 km each way to attend every meeting.

Despite the encouraging attendances, Mr Loman says Adelaide is only being lightly touched by the program, with most of the population not knowing anything about it. "On only one occasion we distributed 90,000 handbills," he says. "But Adelaide's population numbers more than 400,000 homes."

"There is an increasingly large reservoir of people in the community who respond to evangelistic advertising and will attend programs that provide answers to their needs," he says. "It's time we returned to proven methods of soulwinning. Major public evangelism, packaged to appeal to the secular mind, promises the best means of achieving church growth."

Queenslander Volunteers for Thailand

Carron Shaw (pictured), a member of Capalaba church (Queensland) since her baptism last year, is to spend a year as a volunteer assistant at Helen Hall's school for Karen refugee children.

Carron met Miss Hall in Australia some months ago and felt impressed to offer her services. But she does not claim the title of a real missionary. "I'm just an assistant, but I'm looking forward to a rewarding and fulfilling experience," she says.

"I've never heard of anyone who



Photo: Geoff Housoun.

didn't experience a deeper relationship with Christ through giving themselves in service. I feel the Lord is leading in this decision. You can't sing 'I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,' and then back out when He sends you!"

Carron will teach typing, accounting and possibly sewing, as well as assisting in other areas.

SAH Donates Beds to Fiji

Sydney Adventist Hospital recently donated vitally needed beds and a theatre light to hospitals in Fiji.

The gift, which was transported gratis by Sofrana Shipping, follows a visit by the SAH volunteer heart team to Fiji last year.

The Operation Open Heart visit was part of an ongoing program providing both heart surgery for patients and training for doctors in neighbouring countries. During a visit to Suva the team recognised that beds in the Colonial War Memorial Hospital were inadequate for patients undergoing open heart surgery. And beds in out-lying hospitals were of a significantly lower standard.

Following ward refurbishment at Sydney Adventist Hospital, the discarded beds, featuring adjustable back and leg positions, were donated to Colonial War Memorial Hospital. And once the new beds are installed, the Suva hospital will give their discards to the Korovou Hospital, situated 50 km north of the capital.

Sydney Adventist Hospital also donated a theatre light to Korovou, and assisted in obtaining a humidicrib for that hospital.

In October this year Operation Open Heart team will pay a second visit to Fiji, and the beds will be available for patient recovery.

Sofrana Unilines agreed to send the container of hospital equipment, following discussions with SAH board member John Morris. The shipment also contained equipment to upgrade the science facilities at Fulton College.

ADRA Reports Details of Aid to Bangladesh

Only now are details being revealed of the difficulties surmounted by the Adventist Development and

Relief Agency personnel during cyclone relief efforts in Bangladesh during May and June.

Some 4,500 families, involving 20,000 people were fed for three weeks, and three tonnes of medical supplies were dispensed.

"Planning was made much more difficult because the cyclone destroyed even the satellite telephone communications," says John Sipkens, ADRA director for the Far East. "An initial donation of \$US40,000 and a pledge up to a total of \$US135,000 in aid allowed us to plan a significant relief response."

A survey team, consisting of Dr Lisa Prusak, ADRA medical consultant; Mahmoud Gaznabi, ADRA field officer; and Dr Glenn Hughes, dentist from the Dhaka Adventist Dental Clinic, worked on locating an area of need that the anticipated budget could handle.

The distribution of food cards allowed orderly distribution from the first trucks carrying more than 12 tonnes of prepackaged, ready-to-eat food on May 11. These consisted of flat rice biscuits, a nutritious snack and some salt.

Then some 4,500 families received rations for three days, plus one cooking pot, matches and candles. In order to cope with the mammoth task, the families were divided into groups. This meant that 1,500 people came every day to receive their three-day rations.

"The medical team treated an average of 150 patients per day in areas surrounding the cyclone-affected villages," says Mr Sipkens. "Most problems were gastrointestinal, respiratory or infections from minor injuries. Since many villages are now accessible only by foot, the team has to walk to most areas carrying their supplies with them."

"We've been so grateful for the support of church members and the public throughout the South Pacific Division," says ADRA associate director Neil Hughes. "We've been able to send to Bangladesh \$A26,315.78 from disaster funds, \$A8,373.68 donated by individuals, plus \$A100,000 from the International Disaster Emergency Committee."

Food distribution arrangements will be discontinued as soon as possible, while relief and rehabilitation activities will proceed as funding allows.



Old and New Share Training School

A literature evangelist with 17 years of experience recently attended the North New Zealand Literature Evangelist Training School—along with four other new LE recruits. Sponsoring a regular North New Zealand literature evangelist to attend the training school will be standard practice in future, according to NNZ Conference communication director Pastor Larry Laredo. Pictured (from left): Jeanette Scholes (assistant publishing director), Lorna McDowell (student), Emil Roebeck (LE), Matai Power (student), Greg Ward (Home Helath Education Service manager), Vula Cokanasiga (student), Ken Read (NNZ Publishing director), Phillip Liggett (student) and Lance O'Neill, (Trans-Tasman Union Conference publishing director).

Photo: Larry Laredo.

NOTICEBOARD

Weddings

Bergel—Lewis. Gregory Bergel, son of Norbert and Marianne Bergel (Camira, Qld), and Sheryl Lewis, daughter of Trevor and Pauline Lewis (Beerwah), were married on June 9 in the Beerwah Uniting church. Gregory is a laser cutter, and Sheryl is a final year university student, studying music. They plan to set up their home on the Gold Coast.

Iro—Gersbach. William Iro, son of Rudi Iro (Melbourne, Vic) and Margaret Iro (Geelong), and Michelle Gersbach, daughter of Glynn and Jennifer Gersbach (Coldstream), were married on July 12 in the Spotswood SDA church. William and Michelle plan to set up their home in the Geelong area. Pastor Tony Campbell assisted in the service. Steven Goods.

Penman—Bennett. Ross Alexander Penman, son of Alex and Raynor Penman (Campbelltown, NSW), and Allison Jane Bennett, daughter of Des and Jenny Bennett (Blackburn, Vic), were married on July 9 at the Parramatta SDA church, Sydney. Ross, who is an intensive care nurse at Sydney Adventist Hospital, and Allison, a doctor's receptionist, plan to set up their home in Asquith. Alex M. Penman.

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.

Arthur, Ivy Violette, born July 27, 1897; died July 5 at the Adventist Nursing Home, Victoria Point, Qld, and was buried in the Redland Bay Cemetery. She married Bertie Stanley Arthur at Marrickville, Sydney, NSW, in November 1918. They lived in the Lismore district until eight years ago when they moved to the retirement village with their son Dudley and his wife, Bev. Ivy is survived by her children, Audrey, Dorothy, Dudley, Errol and Myron; 26 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and son, Alwyn. Phill Starr.

Cherry, Bradley John, born November 25, 1972, in Toowoomba, Qld; died July 3 near Oakey, as a result of an accident. He was baptised by the writer in 1988. During his final year at Centenary Heights school in Toowoomba, Bradley had been a close contender for the position of school captain. This year he moved into tertiary education. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Bavin and Shirley; mother and step-father, Robyn and Graham May; brother, Gary Cherry (Avondale College); sisters, Kim (Brisbane), Susan and Lisa Perrett (Sydney Adventist Hospital). About 600 members of the church and community gathered for the service to demonstrate their esteem of Bradley and his family. Martin Brown.

Cooper, Hilary, born October 4, 1914, at Tumbulung, NSW; died July 3 at Belmont Hospital. Her mother accepted the Adventist message in Victoria in 1886. Hilary studied at Avondale College. Following general nursing training at Sydney Adventist Hospital, she did obstetrics at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Melbourne. From 1944, she worked at the Warburton Sanatorium, in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, England and the USA. The years 1958-1969 were spent as Director of Nursing in several hospitals in India, and from 1970-1979 she was matron of the Charles Harrison Home. She is survived by her

sisters Hermie Onions (Brighton, Qld), Beryl Bryant and Meryl Smith (both of Lismore); nephews and nieces. Pastor Ross Goldstone assisted in the services. L. C. Coombe.

Corbett, Samantha Louise, born November 16, 1989, at Southport, Qld; died July 8 in a drowning accident at Tallai, Gold Coast, and was buried at the Mount Tamborine Cemetery. Samantha was a happy and loving child. She was a member of the Cradle Roll Division at the Southport Sabbath school. She is survived by her parents, Scott and Sue; grandparents, Murray and Esme Robbie (all of Tallai); and grandfather, Gordon Corbett (New Zealand). Keith Miller.

Darko, Harold Neil, born August 13, 1905, in New Norfolk, Tas; died July 14 at the Mullumbimby Hospital, NSW. He and his wife, Anne (nee Fish), were married on February 8, 1926, in West Hobart. Neil was storeman at the Sanitarium Health Food Company, Warburton for 11 years. He served as head deacon in the Mullumbimby church for many years. He is survived by his children, Clifton (Coonabarabran, NSW), Rhonda Goldsmith (Bowen, Qld), Carl (Warburton, Vic), Neileene Tromp (Hervey Bay, Qld), Julie Taylor (Mullumbimby) and Dennis (Seville, Vic). Cliff, a son, and Alwyn Goldsmith, a son-in-law, are in a graveside service conducted at the Mullumbimby Cemetery. F. M. Slade.

De Franz, Oswald Austin De Franz, 82, born in Sri Lanka; died June 29 at the Nazarene Nursing Home, Redcliffe, Qld. Following a service in the Redcliffe SDA church, he was buried in the Redcliffe Cemetery. Oswald and his wife, Lena, were married in 1940, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. With their daughter, Lorraine, they emigrated to Australia in 1986. Two other children followed later. He is survived by his wife; children, Hilton, Carlyle (both of Kandi, Sri Lanka), Mavis Croner (Redcliffe, Qld), Egerton (Brisbane), Clive, Travis, Ovil (all of Colombo, Sri Lanka), and Lorraine Tucker (Kippa-Ring, Qld); and 14 grandchildren. D. R. Dunn.

Gibbons, Ena, 73, died July 10 at Wakehurst Units, Toronto, NSW. Following attendance at a mission conducted by Pastor Peter Roennfeldt, Ena was baptised in 1984 and joined the Maitland SDA church. She is survived by Mavis and Trevor Bennett. A service was held at the Beresfield Crematorium. W. V. Fedorow.

Hale, Mildred Catherine (Millie), born August 18, 1908; died July 7 at the Bendigo Base Hospital, Vic. She joined the SDA church in Melbourne in 1949 under the ministry of Pastor Clifford Reeves. During the 1950s she worked as a literature evangelist. Millie donated land for the Ballarat SDA school. She held a number of church offices, being especially involved in the Sabbath school. Prior to her hospitalisation, she was a resident at the Allawara Retirement Village. Pastor M. Van Dyck, chaplain at Alawara Retirement Village, and Pastor Lin Burns, were associated in the services. Dean Giles.

Jones, Ena Rose (Keay), born May 8, 1912, at Williamstown, Vic; died June 22 at Prince Henrys Hospital, Melbourne, and was buried at the Westburn Cemetery. Ena and Leslie Jones were married on September 21, 1937, by Pastor David Sibley in the Moonee Ponds church. They came to live in Warburton that same year. Ena was active in church work, and was also a Lilac Lady at the Warburton Health Care Centre. For the past two years she had lived at the Mountain View Hostel. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Lenice (Robinvale), Lance and Margaret, Graham and Davena (all of Warburton); nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and sister, Violet Tevendale (Melbourne). She was predeceased by her husband and son, Peter. Pastor Ed Parker assisted in a service at the Warburton SDA church. Russell Wareham.

Jones, George Thomas, born July 13, 1897, at

Highworth, England; died May 26 at Rockhampton, Qld, and was buried at the Rockhampton Cemetery. George married Ivy Rickens in 1924. She predeceased him in 1969. After studying the Bible, George was baptised in 1970 and became a member of the Gympie church. In 1971 he married Elvie Penny. Music and singing were his hobbies. When his eyesight began to fail, George decided to donate his valued organ to the Yeppoon SDA church. He is survived by his son, Graham; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. His daughter, April, predeceased him. Frank Tassone.

Judge, Cecil Albert, born December 12, 1914; died July 3 in the Maryborough Hospital. The son of pioneer missionary parents, the first 14 years of his life were spent in Java and Sumatra. He enjoyed sketching and painting, and was an accomplished musician. Beside farming, he worked for about 12 years at the Sanitarium Health Food Company in Brisbane. There he met Lorna Mitchell, and they were married on April 28, 1952. Two sons, David and Kalvin, and three daughters, Leanne, Carolyn and Brenda, were born to their home. They also had 10 grandchildren. Following a service in the Maryborough church, where he had been a faithful member for many years, he was buried at the Maryborough Cemetery. G. E. Garne.

Laredo, Jack Edward Jopson, born June 9, 1914, in Wilmott, Tas; died July 12 at his home in Kirribilli, NSW. As a young man, John lived on a farm near New Norfolk, Tas, owned by Jacob Triffitt, who led him to Christ and the SDA church. John spent two years as a Christian book salesman, before attending Avondale College in 1936. In 1939, at the Avondale Village church, he married Dell Warden, who predeceased him. John was a commercial traveller, business manager, souvenir salesman and stamp dealer. He is survived by his wife, Joanne; son, Larry (Auckland, New Zealand); daughters, Robyn Nygard-Smith (Baulkham Hills, NSW) and Juan Ivamy (Brisbane, Qld); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pastors George Burnside and Lance Butler, and Neville Grace, all long-standing friends, assisted in the services. Ken Low.

McDougall, Muriel May (nee Cherry) (affectionately known as "Nanna"), born October 22, 1910, in Jandowae, Qld; died July 16 at the Caloundra Hospital. She and her husband worked farms around South Queensland. Muriel and her three eldest daughters were baptised 41 years ago by Pastor C. T. Potter in the Maryborough SDA church. She is survived by her children, Maureen Groom (Rosedale), Helen Marles (Bundaberg), Lorna Cooney (Beerwah) Allan (Brisbane) and Nola Burley (Nambour). Geoff Donovan, pastor of the Landsborough church, assisted the writer, a long-standing friend of the McDougall family, in the services. Rex Tindall.

Mooney, Vincent George, born August 19, 1930, at Emerald, Qld; died May 22 at Rockhampton. Vince and his wife, Shirley (nee Plahn), were married on November 7, 1953. He is survived by his wife; children, Lance, Rodney, Paul, David and Maxine; and nine grandchildren. A large number of friends and relatives packed the Rockhampton SDA church to pay their last respects. Frank Tassone.

Ruxton, Andrew Scott, 39, died July 5 in Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, NSW, and was buried from the Coffs Harbour SDA church on July 11. He had recently taken his stand for the Lord and the church, and this brought great comfort to his wife, Sarah; children, Tyler, Tiare, and Marley; and their extended Maori family in Sydney. Ted Rudolph assisted in the service. John Kosmeier.

Sawtell, Glendon, born October 31, 1942, at Coraki, NSW; died suddenly on July 12 at his home in Alice Springs, NT. He and his wife were among the charter members of the Alice Springs SDA church, established in 1975. Glen rebuilt the church after it burned down

three years ago. He was a well-known and liked business man in Central Australia. Glen was also coordinator of many 5-Day Plans. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; and children, Kylee (Petersen), David, Dennis, Daniel and Wayne. Pastors Kevin Dixon, Grant Bladin and Ron Archer and Steve Peers were associated in services at the church and the Alice Springs Cemetery.

Kevin J. W. Dixon.

Advertisements

Centenary Celebration on Norfolk Island for the arrival of the mission ship "Pitcairn." To be held September 21. Welcome to any visitors. Past members and pastors. "See yorlye morla."

Pastor David Down in Melbourne—For Adventists—Sabbath, August 31, at Auburn Seventh-day Adventist church, 49A Victoria Road, Hawthorn. Divine service 11 am. Afternoon meeting 3 pm. Church visitors welcome.

David Down in Melbourne—For the General Public—at Kew High School Theatre, High Street, Kew (tramstop 46). To speak on "Digging Up the Past." September 1. Two different topics, one at 3 pm and the other at 7 pm.

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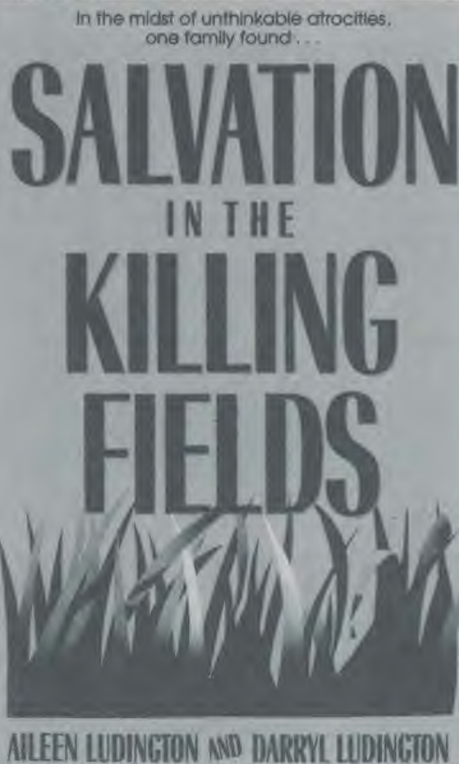
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