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Two Sonoma Students Murdered

Two students from Sonoma College, Papua New Guinea, were shot dead in a roadside hold-up on Thursday morning, November 7. Those killed were Redly Kova, a final-year agricultural student from South West Papua, and Margaret Maviau, a commerce student from East New Britain.

Police have arrested nine young men over the incident. The shooting occurred as a truckload of students were travelling to Rabaul with college business manager Graham McCutcheon.

Police are investigating the shooting and trying to establish reasons for the killings.

The principal of Sonoma College, Martin Ward, reports that the New Britain and

Rabaul communities have been outraged by what has happened. He says that the people have been very supportive of the college.

The president of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission, Pastor Yori Hibo, and PNGUM education director Colin Crawford have visited Sonoma since the shootings.

A decision was made while Pastor Hibo was there to close the college, for the year on November 12. Sonoma will have no graduation this year.

Margaret Maviau, a local girl, will be buried in the Sonoma area. Redly Kova's body will be flown back to his home.

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I Can't Come Down

Returning from Babylonian captivity the people of God were faced with a colossal task: the rebuilding and restoration of Jerusalem. Under the leadership of Nehemiah the task was vigorously undertaken.

With extraordinary skill Nehemiah began to harness the national resources, mobilise the people and motivate them for action. The rebuilding and restoration of Jerusalem became the singular passion of Nehemiah and the all-consuming objective of the returning captives.

However, the enemies of God's cause had their own agenda. Under the diabolical leadership of Sanballat, Tobiah and Gesham, vicious opposition surfaced.

These men and their collaborators organised a variety of schemes aimed at frustrating Nehemiah's objectives. As part of their assault on Nehemiah, Sanballat and Tobiah carefully engineered five specific strategies.

1. Ridicule.

They said, "What are those feeble Jews doing? . . . What are they building—if even a fox climb up on it, he would break down their walls of stone!" (Nehemiah 4:2,3, NIV).

2. Insult.

Nehemiah complains about the insults that have been thrown at them. Then he says, "So we rebuilt the wall . . . for the people worked with all their heart" (Nehemiah 4:4-6, NIV). That's the best way to deal with insult!

3. Conspiracy to commit violence.

"They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble!" (Nehemiah 4:8, NIV).

4. Entrapment.

The special emissaries to Nehemiah pleaded, "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono" (Nehemiah 6:2, NIV). Nehemiah's response was unequivocal, firm and final. "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down" (Nehemiah 6:3, NIV). There was no room for compromise or negotiation with the enemy.

5. Intimidation.

To intimidate Nehemiah they urged, "Let us meet in the house of

God, inside the temple . . . because men are coming to kill you by night" (Nehemiah 6:10-13, NIV). Ignoring the intimidation strategy, Nehemiah kept on building.

There are striking parallels between Nehemiah's task and that of the Adventist Church.

Nehemiah's mission was the building and restoration of Jerusalem. Ours is the divine task of building the kingdom of God.

We're engaged in a global mission of supernatural dimensions. The proclamation of the everlasting gospel to all is the scope of our mission.

As God's modern day Nehemiahs the Adventist Church must constantly reaffirm, "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down" (Nehemiah 6:3, NIV).

Fulfilling our global mission of redemption and restoration is to be the all-consuming passion, the singular purpose and the magnificent obsession of the Adventist Church. Nothing should deter us from the accomplishment of this mission.

The church is constantly bombarded by its Sanballats and Tobiahs. Some seek to bring into question the authenticity of the message and mission of the church. Others ridicule, criticise and undermine the credibility of the church leadership while piously posing to be defenders of the faith.

Nehemiah's formula for dealing with Sanballat and Tobiah is still most effective today. "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down."

Our answer to the modern Sanballats and Tobiahs must be equally firm, final and irrevocable. Don't come down to argue, debate or negotiate with the enemy.

Rather, let us strengthen our hands through unceasing prayer, intensify our work of kingdom building, cling to God's promise and be courageous.

This is no time to be deterred from our global mission as a church. Now is the time to pray with Nehemiah, "Now strengthen my hand" (Nehemiah 6:9, NIV).

George W. Brown, President,
Inter-American Division.

LETTERS

Social Cliques

Christ knew there would be a need in the Christian church for brother to meet brother, and sister to meet sister, in personal fellowship in the ordinance of humility.

I'm therefore concerned at the trend in some of our churches to isolate singles from married people on the days that this is celebrated.

Much has been written about singles being part of the church family. Why then the trend toward having spouse wash spouse's feet? Surely within a happy marriage there's sufficient personal fellowship to allow separation for this part of the service, and thus prevent singles from being isolated as a group.

How do we justify separation into cliques based on social status?

Lawrence Naughton, Qld.

Positive Action

I read with interest the two letters (November 2) commenting on the editorial "A Green Church" (October 5).

I disagree with the first letter for the following reasons. First, God owns everything and has only loaned it for us to use—"If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it" (Psalm 50:12, NIV). The only condition is that we will be held accountable for the way we use these gifts.

Second, Revelation 11:18 (NIV) says, "The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great—and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Even though God is in control, there's no guarantee that He will intervene if humanity violates natural law. Most times He doesn't. Those who expect God to take control over the effects of wanton destruction will be sorely disappointed.

I get a strong impression from the second letter that the earth has become a god, and that we mustn't do anything with it because it might be damaged. The true Christian will take positive environmental action such as this letter suggests. But he or she will spend even greater effort in ensuring that Jesus will be able to come before the

destroyers make this planet uninhabitable.

George Tasker, Qld.

Spirit of Prophecy

"Spirit of the Prophets" (Editorial, November 2) says the spirit of prophecy of Revelation 19:10 is not the Holy Spirit, but an attitude or disposition—and 1 Corinthians 14:32 could have been used to bolster this claim.

But Jesus says that the Holy Spirit would testify of Him and show us things to come (John 15:26 and 16:13). Wouldn't this make *Him* the spirit of prophecy? Peter agrees in 1 Peter 1:11 and 2 Peter 1:21.

While all of God's people testify of Jesus, the texts in the King James version that use the specific phrase "the testimony of Jesus" can all be understood as meaning the Holy Spirit's testimony of Jesus, through His chosen prophets. Both John and the angel of Revelation 19:10 share this gift of prophecy, according to the first two verses of Revelation.

At this point I need help. Is this a specific phrase that John uses in a consistent manner? The RSV uses "the testimony of Jesus" in three cases, but "bear testimony to Jesus" in Revelation 12:17—the fourth, vital text.

Incidentally, turn to Psalm 51:11 and Joel 2:28, 29, which prophesy the outpouring of the spirit manifested in the ministry we're commemorating

this year, and note the small "s."

Joy Cornell, Qld.

Rich Blessings

Re Ellen White 100 years ago (November 2): I liken her writings to a set of inspired encyclopaedias, in which I can look up God's view on most any subject. I receive rich blessings from "reading" the three volumes of the index to her writings. They're priceless.

Outside of my Bible, I've found no book of greater value for family guidelines of our children and youth than *The Youth's Instructor*, which she wrote specifically for and to them.

I strongly recommend putting some money aside each week to get a Bible, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the index to Ellen White's writings, *The Youth's Instructor* and *Steps to Christ*. Then gradually add *Child Guidance*, *Messages to Young People* and *Adventist Home* for a wealth of information on how to correctly rear our children.

Clayton F. Thomsen, Qld.

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Disturbing Implications of Valuegenesis

by Errol Webster

These findings should make us stop and think very seriously about what's happening in our church and in society.

Valuegenesis is the largest church-sponsored survey of its kind ever conducted in North America. The survey was conducted among Adventists, with nearly 13,000 responses from family, church and school.

The results of the survey give some good news. But other findings are a cause for considerable concern.

It's disturbing to find that "our adolescents too often do not know what to believe, what to do, why to do it, or how to change."

The result is that "Adventist young people sometimes select a personal style of behaviour that both challenges and disappoints many members of the Adventist Church." For example, 27 per cent of Adventist Year 12 academy students admitted to having sexual intercourse one or more times in the past year.

It's disturbing to find that "the majority of Adventist youth presently enrolled in Adventist schools, and a fourth of their parents, believe that salvation depends primarily on one's behaviour."

It's disturbing to find that "there is no increase in faith maturity from grade school through academy, and personal indicators, such as private prayer, actually show a marked drop between grade school and academy."

These findings should make us stop and think very seriously about what's happening in our church and in society. I'm pleased that we recognise these problems "are not going to go away by ignoring them or through some quick-fix approach."

This faces us with some real challenges, two in particular. First, to pre-

sent salvation as a free gift to be received. Second, to educate our people to be discerning and discriminating as far as the media is concerned.

The Assurance of Salvation

We've done very little to educate our youth and members about the basis of the everlasting gospel. It's unhelpful to say that we're saved by grace, without qualifying what we mean by that statement.

We must present salvation as a free gift to be received, which brings us into a right relationship with God. It's based on Christ's perfect atonement, not on a standard to be reached.

Rock music forms the backdrop for most TV and radio programming.

Much of our literature fails to distinguish between the work of Christ as justifier and the work of the Holy Spirit as regenerator and sanctifier. We often only give lip service to our tenth fundamental belief, which makes this distinction.

Justification is often confused with sanctification or equated with the new birth (regeneration). This makes our acceptance with God depend on the work of the Holy Spirit, which has to do with changing our behaviour, rather than on the completed atonement of Christ.

So we shouldn't be surprised at the findings of the survey. It indicates that our youth are good learners. I know of no Bible study guides we produce that

spell out clearly this distinction, and which aren't behaviour-centred on salvation.

While new birth and sanctification are essential aspects of salvation, they're not the basis of it. In Christ "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins."

The Challenge of the Media

The media (TV, radio, rock music, videos etc) bombard us with a worldview that says God is dead, there are no absolutes and anything goes. Our church, Sabbath school and school system hasn't been able to compete.

Neil Postman, professor of Education in the department of Communication Arts and Science at New York University, says that television not only "competes successfully with the school curriculum," it will nigh "obliterate it." "The TV curriculum," he adds, "does not encourage the development of analytical abilities, which is the central purpose of most school subjects." And we can add, "and of most church activities."

The literature on television repeatedly expresses concern about the "pervasive impact" of television. It warns about the "potentially damaging influences of television in the way it may shape the viewers' perceptions of the real world," and about the power mass media has to influence public opinion.

Time magazine says that the "entertainment media play a powerful role in the formation of values" and that "rock music has become a dominant—and potentially destructive part of teenage culture."

Rock music forms the backdrop for

most TV and radio programming. As one reviewer states, "Rock's sheer pervasiveness makes it the most profound value shaper in existence today. Unless you are deaf it is virtually guaranteed that rock music has affected your view of the world."

Kevin Perrota puts his finger on the central problem for Christians: "Television's power to cultivate an entire view of reality is a challenge that most Christians have not reckoned with. The danger is that while holding the correct set of beliefs about God and His Word we may be allowing something quite different to shape our minds."

"When we spend time with television, we are casually and rather passively exposing our minds to a world that, simply, ignores God. The realities of the Christian revelations, which in the scriptural view tower over the landscape like gigantic monuments, are all but invisible to television's near-sighted eye."

Do we grasp what he is saying? We can go through all the motions as Christians—attend church, send our children to church schools—and yet be allowing the media to mould our minds! A survey I conducted in one city church revealed that members watched an average of almost three hours of TV each day. None of them spent that much time in Bible study and prayer, either individually or as families.

As Carlene Will points out, "It is estimated that by the time some children graduate from high school they will have spent 15,000 hours watching TV and 11,000 hours in the classroom."

The media is in the business of selling lifestyles to audiences and selling audiences to advertisers. Vast amounts of money, time and energy are expended in doing this. According to leading Australian social researcher Hugh Mackay, the media exploits our insecurities, particularly those of young people, so that the advertisers can sell more products.

Conclusion

The church needs to clearly explain salvation, and help people deal with the media. It must meet these two challenges if it's to stand as God's agency entrusted with "the last warning for a perishing world."

It's a paradox of Christianity that only those who have a centre outside themselves will have the inner fortitude to stand against t h e

or discriminating.

It's no wonder our youth are confused. John Cougar Mellencamp sums it up well when he sings, "You've got to stand for something, or you're gonna fall for anything."

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deceptions of the devil in the last days.

Important as right behaviour is, for Christians righteousness is in Christ. Our righteousness and security is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God, where moth and rust and a manipulating media can't affect it.

In spite of the results of Valuegenesis, there's still a refreshing wholesomeness about Adventist youth compared with secular youth. The problem is that we have no real basis to stand against the continual onslaught of a secular society if we're uncertain about our salvation, behaviour-centred and not discerning

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You're a Child of God!

by Marion Shields

I was stunned to hear her sharply shouting at me, "The trouble is, you don't really understand!"

Early one morning I sat in my office, feeling increasingly nervous as I waited for the staff to arrive. One of the tasks I've always disliked as a school principal is having to sort out problems between staff members.

As a very young principal, having to confront an older staff member made me feel extremely uncomfortable. And so I waited anxiously for Anne to walk up the steps and pass my office. She was a teacher aide, and a very competent one. But she intimidated the new, young teacher she had been rostered to help.

Anne felt as if she could do nothing right and had gone home in tears the previous afternoon. A quick check revealed that this had been building up for a week or so.

I invited Anne to come into my office and sit down. We discussed the problem, and I found that she hadn't realised how she was affecting the young teacher. Everything was soon solved and I sat back with relief that we had solved the problem so easily.

Not quite.

Anne then taught me a lesson that I've never forgotten. In my relaxed glow of accomplishment, I was stunned to hear her sharply shouting at me, "The trouble is, you don't really understand! None of you really understand. You're all teachers. I'm just a teacher aide! I don't have any qualifications. I'm not worth much. Do you understand what it feels like

to be a failure?"

I frantically searched for a response. Of course she was important. In our school for disabled children we wouldn't have survived without our



teacher aides.

I knew she'd had a difficult life. Anne had been an average student growing up in an academic family. Then, as an adult, she faced the breakdown of her marriage. No wonder she felt as if she were a failure.

Then I remembered that Anne attended church. Sometimes we'd spoken about spiritual things. God helped me find the right words to put things into perspective for her. I told her we

are worth very much, and that God loved us enough to die for us.

Later we knelt together and I prayed that God would help Anne to remember that truth.

I often think about that interview. So many Christians miss out on experiencing the joy of Christianity because they think they're worthless—just a small, unimportant cog in life's wheel. They have no Christian self-esteem.

Of course we shouldn't glory in ourselves apart from Christ.

However, to believe that we're of no value wastes Christ's sacrifice, doesn't it? He thought we were worth dying for, and I'm so glad He did.

Today so many people waste their lives chasing self-esteem through futile methods. Through drugs, alcohol and promiscuity, they try to fill the gap. Those who don't find an answer often follow the tragic route of depression and suicide. Some of them are Adventists.

If we only manage to ever teach our children one fact—whether in our homes, schools or Sabbath schools—it should be this glorious truth: "You are worth very much. You are worth so much that Jesus came and died for you!"

They may not have the endowments that supposedly give self-esteem by worldly standards—beauty, outstanding talent, money, or high intelligence. But we must never let them think for even a moment that they're worthless. They're important. They're God's children! **R**

Mrs Marion Shields writes from Sunnybank, Queensland.

SEARCH FOR GOD

How to Be

by David Hancock

When I was younger I had a common problem. I disliked myself. I wanted to become a different person, but who? And most of all, how? Every effort to change, every effort to become someone I would like to be, failed.

I went off on all types of binges—on literature, the opposite sex, travelling, going bush. . . . But most of all I went off on binges of idealism. I studied theology for three and a half years. I was a missionary. I wanted to win the Nobel Prize and save the world.

Now, there's no one as stupid or dangerous as one who wants to save the world. That's the biggest ego trip of all. Adolph Hitler wanted to save only Germany, and just look at him.

So even my motives were wrong. I felt a complete failure. I saw that even people who were "good" in the traditional sense—those who didn't smoke,

drink or chase wild women—had their share of pride and egotism. So what hope was there for me?

I gave up, I decided to just be myself. I had peace. No conflict. It was much easier this way. Instead of blaming *myself* for my problems I blamed *others*. It's a fairly common way to cope with inadequacy.

But I still hadn't learned how to deal with myself. The answer eventually came in dribs and drabs. To describe fully how the answer came would take quite a few pages. Jesus summed up the answer in four simple words, found in John chapter 15—"Abide in my love."

Read for yourself all of what Jesus said to His disciples at the end of His ministry (John 14-16). They're simple words. Jesus knew that He would soon be crucified, and so He told them the most profound things in a

simple manner

In those four simple words—"Abide in my love"—He summed up Christianity, and the total answer to my need.

Abide is a word that has lost some of its meaning. Perhaps "stay" or "rest" may be more relevant to us.

I've found only one thing that gives total peace. It's simply this—be content with God's love and let Him take you where He will.

As the children sing: "I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side till the morning is nigh. Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there." **B**

David Hancock writes from Condong, NSW.

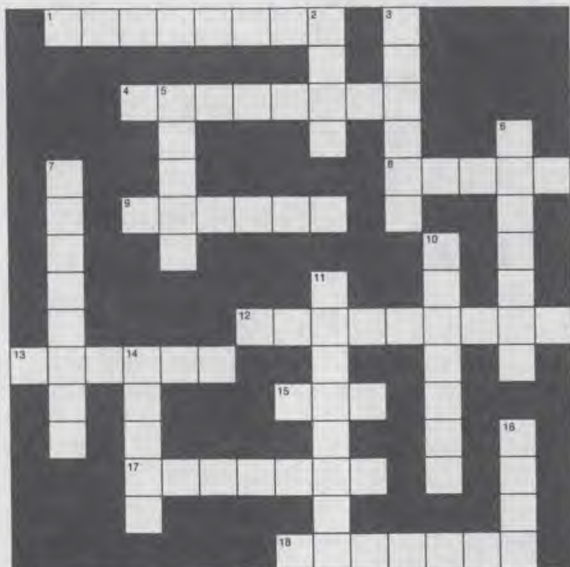
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ACROSS CLUES

1. This will happen to those who did not know God. (2 Thess 1:9)
4. The number of years before Satan is released from his prison. (Rev 20:5)
8. Banished from one's country. (Zech 14:2)
9. God promises this to those in trouble. (2 Thess 1:7)
12. The city that represents the earth. (Zech 14:2)
13. The fruitful land turned into this. (Jer 4:26)
15. One of the four corners of the earth. (Rev 20:8)
17. Things of lesser importance. (1 Cor 6:2)
18. Every evildoer will be this. (Mal 4:1)

DOWN CLUES

2. These are judged before the throne. (Rev 20:12)
3. Accounted, sentenced. (Rev 20:13)
5. Place of the dead. (Rev 20:13)
6. Spoils of war. (Zech 14:1)
7. Without organisation. (Jer 4:23)
10. This happens to the mountains (Jer 4:24)
11. These people will be stubble. (Mal 4:1)
14. Not containing anything. (Jer 4:23)
16. A fire-filled depression. (Rev 20:10)



Crusade Amazes

More than 6000 people attended the first night of the Kundiawa Crusade (PNG) on Sunday, November 3. Crowds increased to 10,000 on the second night, with 12,000 attending the third night. There are six projectors showing 480 slides each night. The crusade centres on God's leading in the past, His effect in the present and His presence in the future. Crusade team members are: manager—John Jeremic; evangelist—Pastor Stephen Jakovac; projector computer operator—Joseph Jakovac; organist—Tom Mitchell; public-address system—George Scott. Despite heavy rain and lack of seating, people continue to come.

Gideons in Russia

The international Scripture distributors Gideons, which was founded in the USA in 1899, are now active in 124 cities of the former Soviet Union, according to a report from the Soviet periodical *Christian Life*. During a recent outreach in the western Siberian town of Surgut, 12,000 Russian New Testaments were distributed.

Bible Fever

Cuba is experiencing an incredible interest in the Bible, according to Australian journalist Irene Voysey, who recently returned from that country. The interest in the Bible follows televised meetings between President Fidel Castro and 74 church leaders, who were granted many concessions from the President. A shipment of 5000 Bibles delivered earlier this year was sold out

within hours. "Everywhere I went Christians told stories of unbelieving neighbours and friends asking them for a Bible," says Irene Voysey. The Cuban official responsible for stocking Cuba's 320 government-controlled bookstores told her they would sell as many Bibles as they could send. A shipment of 287,800 Bibles or Scripture portions were due in Havana on October 29, according to the Bible Society. But many more are needed to fill the demand in Cuba, which has a population of more than 10 million.

Centenary Book

The Centenary Committee of the Parramatta church (Sydney) will publish a book to commemorate 100 years since the first Seventh-day Adventist church in New South Wales was built in 1892. The committee would welcome historical material, old letters, pictures, documents, bul-

letins or other memorabilia. Send to: Pastor G. A. Metcalfe, 82 Cecil Avenue, Castle Hill, NSW 2154. Phone (02) 634 3247. "The committee has already received a copy of the original handwritten title deeds to the land purchased 100 years ago for £150," says committee member Pastor Reg Brown. The original wooden church was built in five weeks at a cost of £450. It was sold in 1986 for \$1.3 million.

First for Women

The Uniting Church in Australia has elected its first woman president-elect. Mrs Jill Tabart of Launceston, a former moderator of the Tasmanian Synod, will serve for three years from the next Assembly, which will be held in Sydney in 1994. She will succeed Dr D'Arcy Wood.

Mass Exodus

More than 30,000 mem-

bers and 70 ministers left the Dutch Reformed Church in protest against the church's changed position on apartheid, according to a report in *The Australian Evangelical*. Last year the Dutch Reformed Church said that apartheid is a sin.

Appointments

Bachelor of Theology graduates from Avondale College have accepted the following ministerial intern appointments: Zane Edwards and Ray Codling—South New Zealand Conference; Don Sim—North NSW Conference; M. Fritter—South NSW Conference; Mario Cortes and Adrian Clack—Tasmanian Conference; Peter Rowney, Neil Tyler and Warren Jackwitz—South Queensland Conference; Phillip Bishop—Victorian Conference; Andrew Skeggs—Western Australian Conference.

Business Grads

Lynden Parmenter, a Bachelor of Business graduate from Avondale College, will serve as assistant accountant in the South Queensland Conference; Kerry Muller will be an office secretary in the South New South Wales Conference and Rochelle Skeers will serve as receptionist in the Western Australian Conference. Both these young women received the Business Studies Certificate.

PAC Grads

Narayan Gounder, a theology graduate from Pacific Adventist College near Port Moresby, PNG, has been appointed to the Fiji Mission; Judy Kono, a Business Studies graduate, will serve as a clerk in the

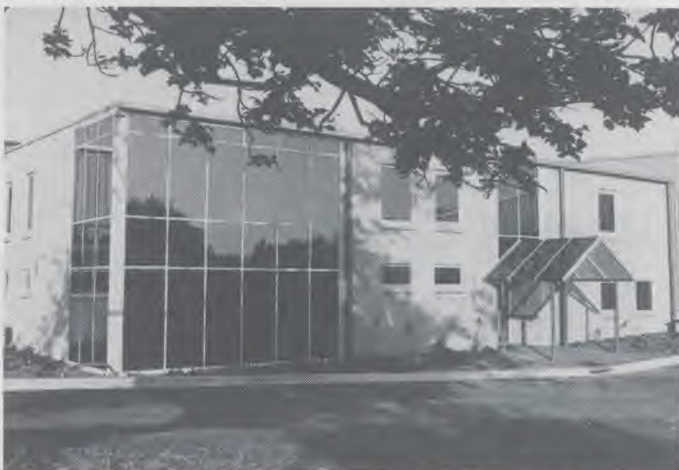


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Sydney Hospital Laundered \$7 Million

Sydney Adventist Hospital's new \$7 million linen and stores building was opened on October 21 by the Member for Eastwood, Mr Andrew Tink, MP. The building covers 2925 square metres, with an additional staff room and car park. "Quality patient care would soon become impossible without the back-up of essential services such as the Linen Service department and the Purchasing and Stores department," says the hospital's chief executive officer, Mr Warwick Stokes.

treasury department, and Eunice Wala, a secretarial graduate will serve as office secretary in the PNG Union Mission in Lae; and June Tanabose, also a secretarial graduate, will serve as office secretary at the Western Pacific Union Mission office in Honiara.

Uganda's Plague

More than 1.5 million Ugandans out of a population of 17 million are now HIV positive, according to a report published in the October *New Internationalist*. If the current trend continues, this will rise to seven million by the year 2010. It means that AIDS would claim more lives in Uganda than the 58 wars fought in sub-Saharan Africa over the past 200 years. To control the spread of the disease, the US Agency for International Development has given the largest ever country-specific grant—\$US12 million—to Ugandan non-governmental organisations. It will be used to expand the testing and counselling services outside Kampala, the capital city.

Malawi Recruit

Ross Grant, scientific officer at Sydney Adventist Hospital, has accepted a call to serve as director of Clinical Laboratories at the Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, Africa. He will take up the position early in 1992.

Bangladesh Bound

Pastor John O'Malley, presently pastor of the Kellyville church (Sydney, NSW), has accepted a call to be Ministerial Secretary for the Bangladesh Union Conference. Pastor O'Malley will train ministers in soul winning.

PAC People

There are 126 full-time



Photo: Edna Heise

Fundraiser's Dream Comes True

For years Mrs Avy Curley has made and sold oil paintings and carved emu eggs (pictured) to raise funds to fulfil her dream of a church building for aboriginal people. Now her dream will be realised with the donation for this cause of the Sabbath offering from the recent General Conference Annual Meetings in Perth, WA. Two churches will be built.

students attending Pacific Adventist Union College this year. The largest group is from Papua New Guinea, with 49 students, 45 students are from the Western Pacific Union Mission—Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Vanuatu. A further 28 students come from the Central Pacific Union Mission—Fiji, Tonga Samoa and the Cook Islands.

Condolences Given

Delegates to the annual meeting of the South Pacific Executive Committee expressed condolences to the General Conference president, Pastor Robert Folkenberg, on the death of his father. Pastor Folkenberg, Sr, was aged 78

when he suffered a massive stroke. He was buried in Spokane, Oregon, USA, on October 27.

Merry Heart

"A merry heart," according to a study done by Lee Berk, Dr PH, a Loma Linda University Medical Center researcher, can improve the body's physiological functioning. Findings made by Dr Berk are that mirthful laughter induces significant changes in parts of the endocrine system, believed to be related to the body's ability to fight disease. Dr Berk's study, published in the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* and reported on CBS's "60 Minutes" television program, provides clinical evi-

dence for the Adventist belief that human wholeness entails a healed body and soul.

Chinese Food

Studies into the diet of the Chinese people "challenge our beliefs about protein, calcium, weight control, ideal cholesterol levels, dietary fibre and vitamin requirements," says Fred Hardinge, DHSc, RD, administrator for Total Health Lifestyle Centre in Yakima, Washington (USA). More than 6000 people were studied, beginning in 1983, by an international group of scientists. Results show a distinct correlation between consumption of animal protein and increased heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Osteoporosis is rarely seen in China, where calcium comes from leafy green vegetables, legumes and grains (most Chinese consume no dairy products). The findings reinforce the advantage of the vegetarian diet.

Albania ADRA

ADRA recently signed a working agreement with Albania, the first humanitarian agency to do so since the country's voluntary isolation in 1944, according to Mario Ochoa, ADRA's executive vice-president. Under the terms of the agreement, ADRA has an open office in the country and is allowed to hire an Albanian director. Supplies worth more than \$50,000 have already been transported to Albania.

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.

New Wodonga Church Opens



Photo: C. D. Judd
First meeting of the new Wodonga company in the Wodonga Salvation Army Citadel, Victoria.

A new Adventist Church company was formed in Wodonga (Victoria) on October 12 by 35 members of the nearby Albury church (New South Wales). Official church status will be formalised by the end of this year. Several years ago 2.5 hectares was purchased in a prime Wodonga location for the proposed church. Pastor Claude Judd, now retired, has agreed to pastor the company for its first 12 months. Six people requested baptism after a Kenneth Cox video series was run in the Wodonga Civic Centre recently, and others are viewing the videos in their homes.

AWR Celebrates 20 Years

Adventist World Radio-Europe began in Lisbon (Portugal) 20 years ago. Its first office was a remodelled kitchen, and its first transmissions were made by leasing time from Radio Trans-Europe.

Today AWR stations in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America broadcast the gospel in 35 languages for nearly 500 hours a week, reaching nearly every country in the world. "It may have had a small beginning," says Allan Steele, director of AWR-Asia, "but God has used it to seek and save people everywhere."

A young man from Germany relates his contact with AWR: "I had been listening to the AWR broadcast, and was convinced it contained truth, so I asked one of my friends to study with me—I had to, because I am blind. Well, he stopped helping me after a while, because he thought I was studying heresy. So I asked another friend to help, and the same thing happened! But I was still quite sure, so I prayed that God would send a definite sign that I was doing the right thing. And he did! That very day, an

Adventist pastor, sent by the radio office, came to visit me!"

Still Finding Gold in Ballarat

An initial attendance of 2700 crowded the Regent Theatre in Ballarat (Victoria) for the Amazing Discoveries Mission conducted by Pastor Gary Kent. The planning committee of the Ballarat church had to book the theatre for five sessions.

"The amount of interest generated by this program is amazing," said theatre manager Stephen Anderson as session after session was booked out.

After eight months and 33 topics, 230 people were still attending the programs weekly. "The structure of the lectures suited the audience and maintained their interest," says church clerk Rhondda Smart.

Pastor Kent used archaeology as an integral part of his presentations. The planning committee designed the series for those who would not ordi-

narily attend a religious meeting, or a meeting held by a church other than their own. As the series progressed the biblical content of the programs increased.

At least 130 homes are currently being visited and 90 people are attending a Bible study on Sabbath mornings. "There is still a place for public evangelism in New Zealand and Australia," says Pastor Kent.

Despite Destruction, There's Growth

Although their buildings were destroyed by angry opponents, two churches in the Western Solomon Islands Mission, Paoe and Vatoro, continue to grow.

Soon after, an Adventist layperson, Edross Mark, was requested by those who destroyed the churches to construct a dugout canoe for them. He and the other craftsmen had to camp in the bush for a week while making the canoe. Those who had opposed the Adventist Church stayed with them to care for their meals.

During that week Edross preached morning and evening to the canoe owners—all 16 of them. At the end of the week one of the 16 chose to begin Bible studies, with the intention of being baptised.

Shedrach and Scott, two recently converted members of the twice destroyed Paoe church, saw it cut flat to the ground. They did not make a public issue of the event, contacting the destroyers of the church in a peaceful manner. A friendship developed.

"God has turned this bitter experience to a joyful moment when a group of opponents turned up for Bible studies. Today there are 18 people who meet twice a week in Scott's home for Bible studies," says Pastor E. Dick, the church ministries director for the Western Solomon Island Mission. "God's way is higher than ours, His thoughts are not our thoughts, therefore we praise God that He works in His own way and times for the salvation of men," he said.

NZ TV "Focus on Living"



South New Zealand president Pastor Bill Townend welcomes "Focus on Living" presenter Pastor Geoff Youlden to Christchurch, NZ.

"Focus on Living" went to air for the first time on New Zealand television on October 29, at 4.15 pm. The program will be screened daily, Monday to Friday, until December 4, on Canterbury Television (CTV).

More than 80 advertisements have been run during November to support the program. Invitations to attend the Adventist Church and enrol in Bible correspondence courses are included in the advertisements.

Pastor Geoff Youlden, FOL presenter, was interviewed by New Zealand's Christian radio network-Radio Rhema prior to the launch of the FOL broadcasts. The interview was aired nationwide. CTV gave two 20-minute interviews to Pastor Youlden, also highlighting the launch of the program. "Funding for the program came from the South Pacific Division and generous donations from enthusiastic South New Zealand church members," says Pastor Larry Laredo, Adventist Media Centre Manager for New Zealand.

Former Missionaries Meet for Reunion

Dr Gerald Christo, former president of the Southern Asia Division, and his wife, Birol, recently met with some 50 former missionaries who have served in that division.

The reunion, held at Cooranbong, New South Wales, on October 20, was hosted by Pastor and Mrs Ronald Rice, who served many years in India and taught Dr Christo.

Dr Christo was visiting Australia to attend the Annual Council of the General Conference in Perth. "It took nearly 50 years of work before our membership in Southern Asia reached 10,000," says Dr Christo. "That was when the division included the countries of Bangladesh, Burma and

Ceylon (Sri Lanka). We are now baptising that number each year in India alone. But India now has a population of more than 850 million.

"Dr Christo was particularly appreciative of the work done by Asian Aid in assisting many to obtain a Christian education," says Pastor Noel Bolst, former missionary to India. "Support is given to two orphanages in India. Over a million dollars has been given to the Adventist Church in India by Asian Aid."

Photo: L. J. Laredo.



The Peter Knopper Memorial Training School in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea is helping to train laypeople for the spreading of the gospel in PNG. Peter Knopper died in 1988.

Photo: J. T. Knopper

Peter Knopper Remembered

Homu mission station (Papua New Guinea) now carries a sign that says, "The Peter Knopper Memorial Homu Laymen's Training School." This is now its official name.

The late Pastor Peter Knopper and his family were working at the training school when he was shot outside their home on March 16, 1988. He died en route to Goroka Hospital. Reaction to his death showed the respect and love the people of PNG had for him.

The new sign was the final act of two fly'n'builds led by the father of Peter's widow, Ross Turner. "Although Homu has not been active as a laymen's school since Peter's death," says Mr Turner, "the laymen themselves have been more active than ever. More than 20 new churches and a huge influx of new Adventists in the Kimi Mount Michael area alone show this."

"Many have worked at considerable cost to themselves. Homu church deacon Enoch Kuku gave up a highly prized job to work full time providing lost leadership and care for the church members. He was instrumental in establishing and nurturing 12 new churches and companies."

Before his death Pastor Knopper had been involved in the planning and initial work of a building program at Homu. More than \$50,000 was contributed to a memorial fund in his name, administered by Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

Some 250 people attended the inaugural Laymen's Training Congress held at the school. Pastor Doug Robinson, director of Island National Development for the South Pacific Division, and Pastor Brad Kemp, director of the Papua New Guinea Union Mission Church Ministries Department, directed the meetings. They were assisted by Pastor John Wagi, church ministries director of the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission, and other local pastors.

"Some have had their lives threatened because of their continued efforts in building the school and working for the Lord," says Mr Turner. "But their united response is 'So be it, if you kill me three others will stand in my place.' A spirit of dedication and faith like that is both inspiring and humbling."

Avondale's Mission Heritage

Avondale College held a Heritage Week from October 27 to November 2, focusing on the significance of the past.

Eleanor Scale, director of the E. G. White/SDA Research Centre, coordinated the program.

Dr Lyn Bartlett, director of public relations, and Dr Norm Young, lecturer in theology, led out in worship programs with the help of senior students. They highlighted the young age and dedication of the pioneers. Music director Ian Irvine reintroduced old Adventists hymns.

Dr Barry Oliver, lecturer in theology, coordinated a Friday-evening program entitled "Heritage of the Pitcairn." It focused on mission and featured dramas produced by student Terry Lambert and testimonies by students Jane Cook and Andrew Matthes. Fly'n'repair team members Sharon Bazley and Jodi Mitchell recalled the college's project in Lautoka, Fiji.

Avondale College fly'n'repair team members have showed a continued interest in mission work. Sharon was a student missionary in Korea in 1990, Jodi plans to be a student missionary to the Solomon Islands in 1992, and Simon Lewis went to Thailand as a student missionary immediately after completing the fly'n'repair program.

Lecturer Graham Chester and son Lynden (Avondale High school student) were veterans of four earlier fly'n'builds. Lecturer Harwood Lockton and student Warren Thomson had both been members of the college's inaugural fly'n'repair in 1990, also in Fiji.

For students Jim Martin, Logan Smith, Sila Teoteo, Michelle West, staff member Mel Hodgson and Bruce Bazley of Sydney, the Lautoka project was their first taste of overseas mission work. As a result of the Friday night program three students registered for the 1992 fly'n'repair.

The Heritage Week culminated in the premiere screening of the video "100 Year Recall," scripted by former college English lecturer Cal Durrant.

Report prepared by Harwood Lockton, a lecturer in geography at Avondale College.



Refugee tribal people of northern Thailand face many challenges in their adopted country.

Thai Hilltribe Baptism

The Wanganui church (New Zealand) recently received a letter from Pastor Steve Bassham, president of the Thailand Mission, describing the situation for Christian refugees of China, Vietnam and Burma who live on the northern Thailand border. The letter was in response to a donation from the Wanganui church to help with teacher salaries at the Karen Refugee School. The following is adapted from this letter.

"Nancy [Pastor Bassham's wife] and I were encouraged to worship with the Lahu and E-Gaw tribespeople. After struggling through mud and jungle areas we reached the mountain village. We enjoyed the company of the E-Gaw people. Many are Sunday-keeping Christians and one can sense the love of Jesus in their hearts. We baptised 14 on this particular Sabbath—the first Adventist baptisms among the E-Gaw people.

"We were discouraged to discover an epidemic of measles had struck the village. We were afraid children would die through lack of medical care. The remote village does not have an outpost jungle clinic nearby. We took time to pray for the villagers who were sick in each house. We saw two babies, perhaps one or two years old, who had been sleeping due to fever for three days.

"Parents were reluctant to send

children to hospital because they are not Thai citizens and the children are not registered. Without these papers they are not eligible for welfare. Their poverty makes medical care unaffordable.

"We implored them to allow us to take their children. But knowing they didn't qualify for medical help they didn't want their children to suffer the journey—or die without them.

"The 14 who were baptised will form the nucleus of an E-Gaw church. More desire to be baptised. Pastor Thino and his wife, who are of the Lahu tribe, and Pastor Udom and his wife, who are Thai, are doing a great job among those who live in the Fang area of North Thailand.

"We are negotiating with the government to make the E-Gaw village declared a reservation and allow us space to build a church.

"Please pray for the work among the mountain tribes of the Golden Triangle area of North Thailand."

Adventist Women Meet in Sydney

Rose Otis, director of Women's Ministries at the General Conference (Washington, DC), met with the New South Wales chapter of the Association of Adventist Women at Kellyville church on October 19.

More than 180 women attended the program, which included a praise music service in the morning. "Such praise seemed to prepare us for the blessing God presented to us through our speakers," says Ann Campbell, president of the AAW.

The theme of Rose Otis's presentation was "Daughters, Heirs of the Kingdom." She spoke on the gifts of God—peace, hope and prayer. In the afternoon, Mrs Otis gave direction on how women can develop their own ministry and help the church.

"We were challenged to consider our own comfort and complacency, which is in stark contrast to the hardship and earnestness of the Russian Christians that Rose met during her 21 visits to Russia over the past five years," says Mrs Campbell.

Other presentations were given by Althea Halliday, the Wahroonga Ladies Choir, and musical group Neriah.

Photo: K. Miller

CHURCH NEWS

Mangere Baptisms

A Mangere (NZ) evangelistic campaign, conducted earlier this year by Pastor Fui of the Auckland Tongan church, resulted in 17 people being baptised. Tongans from local and surrounding areas presented musical items. Preceding the baptisms Pastor Enimoa Niuafe and church elders conducted a two-week follow-up program. Facilities were provided by the Samoan Independent church, and the Mangere Marae church.

Regional Sport

More than 80 Adventist children participated in a recent inter-school regional sports day at Tauranga, NZ. "The emphasis on team spirit and ingenious novelty events helped to make it a fun day. Parents and visitors enjoyed cheering on the children," says Diane Keightly, Tauranga church



Participants in the "Calling and Caring" training program held at Nambour.

Churches Show That They Care

More than 20 people from Gympie, Cooroy, Maroochydore and Nambour churches (Queensland) participated in 40 hours of training for a "Calling and Caring" ministry held at Nambour church. The course was led by Pastors Maurice Woods (Kingaroy church) and Bill Cross (retired), and they were assisted by Mrs Marjorie Woods. These trained people are already visiting non-attending church members in their own areas.

communication secretary.

All Invited

Esperance church members (WA) extended an open invitation to the community to attend a service that Pastor G. Ralph

Thompson, secretary of the General Conference, presented. The local newspaper reported Pastor Thompson's arrival, giving the dates and purpose for the Annual Council meetings in Perth.

Long Ride

Esperance Pathfinders cycled 80 km to complete their cycling honour. Six Pathfinders completed the windy course, with a support group alongside. Jarred Millist, an eight-year old support rider, completed 70 km.

Singles Retreat

More than 33 people attended a retreat hosted by Albany Adventist Singles Ministry at the harbour side Rotary Youth Campsite. Pastor Folkenberg, General Conference President presented the Sabbath service at Albany and the ASM group attended. The pot luck lunch which followed enabled the singles to meet local people. "Good food, fellowship, canoe rides, a fun concert, walks, praise sessions, devotions, campfires and scenic outings were enjoyed by all" says retreat coordinator Coral Jones.

NOTICEBOARD

Anniversaries



Photo: Waihi Leader

Mr and Mrs Leonard Hooper recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving service involving family and friends in the Waihi church, North New Zealand, on September 7. The fol-

lowing day, 75 family members and friends gathered to celebrate with them and the following weekend, the Opotiki church members also marked the special occasion. Leonard Hooper married Harriett (May) Chandler on August 26, 1931, at St Saviour's church, Kimbolton. They reared three daughters and two sons while living in the Wairarapa district. They were baptised in 1948 in the Palmerston North Seventh-day Adventist church. The family currently includes 23 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. They now live at 4/107 Richard St, Opotiki, NZ.—*Rosemary Coppard.*

Mr and Mrs James Liggett celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on July 8 with all of their six children, which included two sets of twins. Jim and Eva have spent nearly all of their married life in the Dargaville area of New Zealand, where they are valued members of the local Adventist church.

Mr and Mrs William (Bill) Hay recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Brisbane (Qld) with their four daughters, Valerie Wheeler (Warwick), Helen Barker (Christchurch, NZ), Jillian Macgillivray (Mildura, Vic), Carol Tasker (Lower Hutt, NZ), family and friends. Pastor J. J. Potter conducted the service on September 28, 1941, when Bill, a graduate from Avondale College, married Nancy Butcher, a bookbinder at the Signs Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria. Following service in the Army, Bill and Nancy worked with the Sanitarium Health Food

Company in Brisbane (Qld) until retirement in 1972. They live at 623 D'arcy Road, Carina, and attend the South Brisbane church.—*Helen Barker.*

Pastor and Mrs T. F. Judd celebrated their golden wedding on June 30 with a family luncheon hosted by their three children, Margaret, Robert and James at James's home in Melbourne. Tom and Sheila were married at the old Wahroonga church by Pastor Erwin Roenfelt. Among those who gathered to wish them well were the original wedding party members, almost all surviving siblings of the couple, along with their eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. After nearly 40 years of service both in the mission fields and the homeland, the Judds now live in retirement at 550 Seymour Street, Lavington, NSW.—*Margaret de Moss.*

Mr and Mrs Harry Osmond celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a gathering of 130 family and friends in the Avondale Memorial hall on August 18. Eight visitors came from overseas for the occasion. These included daughters Marlene McLaughlin and Val Callahan and her husband, Dave; grand-daughters Michele and Debbie Truscott, two other members of the Callahan family and the writer. The Osmonds' son, Robert, and his wife, Judy, also joined in honouring the parents. Harry Osmond married Lorna Laird in the Avondale Village church on September 22, 1941. After serving the church in Australasia and India, the Osmonds followed their daughters to the USA. They

returned in 1990 to make their home in Alton Villas.—
Dorothy Minchin Comm.

Mr and Mrs Alan Davis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on September 15 with an afternoon tea in the Adventist church hall in Nunawading, Vic. The function was attended by their children and their families, Robin and Betsy (Launching Place), Nola and George (Sydney, NSW), Tim and Teresa, Mark (all of Melbourne, Vic), Craig and Jenny (Sydney) and eight grandchildren and many family and friends including their flower girl, Eleanor Pringle (nee Davis). In 1941, Alan married Joy Robinson in a service conducted by Pastor David Sibley.

Appreciation

Clark, Elizabeth Grace McKenzie. The family wishes to sincerely thank all friends for their kind messages and deeds since our dear Grace passed away.

Val Lapsley.

Weddings

Arthur—Sims. Mark Arthur, son of Pamela Arthur (Toowoomba, Qld), and Christine Sims, daughter of Ken and Susan Sims (Kingaroy), were married on October 27 at the Westridge SDA church, Toowoomba. Mark is a boilermaker and Christine is an enrolled nurse. They plan to set up their home in Toowoomba.

W. J. Gerken.

Colquhoun—McCathie. Colin Douglas Colquhoun, son of James Douglas Colquhoun (Auckland, New Zealand) and the late Stella Marie Colquhoun, and Robyn Marlene McCathie, daughter of Allen William Archer (Palmerston North) and the late Beatrix Mary Archer, were married on October 27 at the Palmerston North SDA church. They plan to set up their home in New Plymouth, where Colin is a SHF sales representative. Pastor Peter Colquhoun, brother of the groom, conducted the service, assisted by the writer.

Kevin Amos.

Head—Moore. Vernon Head, son of Kevin and Doris Head (Wanganui, New Zealand), and Robyn Moore, daughter of Noel and Lillian Moore (Hamilton), were married on September 8 at the Hamilton SDA church. Vernon and Robyn plan to set up their home in Hamilton.

Phillip M. Leenhouders.

Jacobson—Greenwood. Craig Louis Jacobson, son of Arthur and Lois Jacobson (Gympie, Qld), and Bronwyn Rae Greenwood, daughter of Fraser and Lorna Greenwood (Brisbane), were married on August 18 at the Park Ridge SDA church. Craig, a nurseryman, and Bronwyn, a registered nurse, plan to set up their home at Widgee near Gympie, where Craig's family own a rose nursery.

F. Miroslav Stilianovic.

Laplough—Trimmer. Peter Arthur Lamplough, son of Arthur and Heather Lamplough (Cooranbong, NSW), and Melissa Jane Trimmer, daughter of Peter and Jill Trimmer (Carey Bay), were married on October 27 at Bolton Point. Peter is a courier, and Melissa works in the office at Sydney Adventist Hospital. They plan to set up their home in Wahroonga.

Glenn Roberts.

May—Yeoman. Ronald May and Patricia Irene Yeoman, daughter of Alice McQuade (Palmerston North) and the late Charles McQuade, were married on October 27 in the Palmerston North SDA church. They plan to set up their home in Palmerston North.

Kevin Amos.

Pearce—Slatter. Ivan Simon William Pearce, son of Albert and Daphne Pearce (Mackay, Qld), and Judith Lynelle Slatter, daughter of Henry and Margaret Slatter (Mackay), were married on September 15 at the North Mackay SDA church, Qld. Ivan, a farmer, and Judith, a computer operator, have set up their

home in Mackay.

Gilberto Dias.

Petrich—Bryant. Grant Petrich, son of Andrew and Anne Petrich (Waiomu, New Zealand), and Sharee Bryant, daughter of Don and Gloria Bryant (Brisbane, Qld), were married on September 20 in the Salisbury SDA church, Brisbane. Grant and Sharee plan to set up their home in England.

Peter Hilton.

Puruto—Pere. David Henry Puruto, son of Tauriku and Nita Puruto (Otago, Auckland, New Zealand), and Margaret Pere, daughter of Matareka and Tere Pere (Manurewa), were married on October 28 at the Otago SDA church. David and Margaret, who are both bank officers, plan to set up their home at Otago.

John Veld.

Richards—Crawford. Desmond John Richards, son of Ross and Wanda Richards (Moree, NSW), and Tonia Robin Crawford, daughter of Colin and Elza Crawford (Lae, Papua New Guinea), were married on October 20 at the Morisset Hospital chapel, NSW. Des works at the Sanitarium Health Food Company, and Tonia is a nurse. They plan to set up their home in Toronto.

Glenn Roberts.

Roper—Vince. Brian Roper, son of Eric and Marion Roper (Brisbane, Qld), and Amanda Vince, daughter of John and June Vince, were married on September 29 in the Springwood SDA church. Brian and Amanda plan to set up their home in Brisbane.

Peter Hilton.

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.

Bradley, Henry Edward (Jack), born March 12, 1900, at East Fremantle, WA; died October 22 at Freeman Nursing Home, Rossmoyne, WA. Jack saw service in Egypt, Gallipoli and France during the first world war. On his return, he worked in the building and timber industry. He joined the RAAF in 1942 and served in the Northern Territory. Jack's mother was the first convert to be baptised and join the SDA Church in WA. With his mother, brother and sisters, he was a charter member of the Fremantle church. He is survived by his brother, Tom (California, USA); sisters, Neta Zeunert (Kressville, NSW) and Mae Howse (Armadale, WA). The writer is a family friend and pastor of the Rossmoyne church.

M. A. Chapman.

Ling, Kenneth, 78, died October 25 at Warburton, Vic, and was buried at Lilydale Memorial Park. Ken was involved in establishing the Wynyard church in Tasmania and, after moving to Warburton, continued his teaching career at the high school at Yarra Junction until his retirement. Ken was well-known for his faith, integrity and gentle kindness. He is survived by his wife, Greta; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and June; daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Kelvin Ellis; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The writer was assisted by Russell Wareham and David Woolley.

Ed Parker.

Luck, Annie (Anne), born April 23, 1906, in Goombungee, Qld; died September 20 at Toowoomba Base Hospital after a prolonged illness. She was a gracious, hardworking and sacrificing person who lived out her Christianity to the fullest. She is survived by her children, Kevin, Lola, Iris and Grahame; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

W. J. Gerken.

Mathews, Eleanor Margaret (Nell), born 1910 in Dunolly, Vic; died suddenly on October 21, at her

home in Maryborough. She was actively involved in hospital visitation, and helped with Meals on Wheels. Nell was baptised by Pastor Ron Thomas in 1972, following studies with Pastor Harold Christian and Ken Barrett. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Joan; four grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. Bruce Anderson, Church of Christ minister, conducted the service, assisted by the writer.

Wim de Groot.

Power, John Leonard, born October 8, 1933, in Bendigo, Vic; died suddenly on October 21 at his home at Eaglehawk. John married June Louise Matthews on June 4, 1955, at Bendigo. They joined the SDA church at Bendigo, following attendance at a mission conducted by Pastor Geoff Youlden and studies with Pastor Jeff Webster. John is survived by his wife; sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Leigh, Shaun and Linda, and Brian and Linda. Pastor Jeff Webster, who baptised John, and John Harris, Bendigo church elder, were associated with the writer in the service.

Dean Giles.

Underdown, Janice (nee Norton), born October 2, 1942, at Port Pirie, SA; died October 10 at Calvary Hospital, North Adelaide, and was buried at Centennial Park Cemetery. Janice was a caring mother and friend. She is survived by her husband; three sons, two daughters, daughters-in-laws, and two grandsons; parents, two sisters, one brother, their spouses, and families; and a wide circle of work associates and friends.

F. T. Webb.

Advertisements

Adventist History: The fascinating story of Adventist attitudes towards compulsory unionism, university degrees, national military service and evangelism are just some of the issues covered in the newly released book, *Journey of Hope* edited by the late Dr Arthur Ferch. This new volume on Seventh-day Adventist history in the South Pacific, 1919-1950, represents the published papers that were presented at the 1988 Bicentennial History Symposium. The book is available now for only \$15 (including postage) from Miss Doreen Pascoe, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

Scientific Officer/Senior Scientific Officer. Applications are invited from suitably qualified medical laboratory scientists for the position of Head of Section—Haematology in the Pathology Department of the Sydney Adventist Hospital. The Haematology department is small, handling 60-100 specimens per day. It is staffed by 3.5 full-time equivalents, including a trainee. Employment conditions and salary are as per the Private Hospital Professional Employees State Award. Expressions of interest (in writing and including a curriculum vitae and the names of two referees) will be treated in confidence, and should be received before December 6. Inquiries should be directed to: Bevan Hokin, Director, Clinical Laboratories, Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076. Phone (02) 487 9492.

Physics/Maths Volunteer Teacher for Betikama, Solomon Islands. A volunteer to teach physics and maths to Form 6 (Year 11/12) is needed at Betikama Adventist High School in the Solomon Islands for 1992. The appointment would be from January 13 to November. Other responsibilities would be to teach maths and/or science to other forms as arranged by the principal, and to carry out supervision duties and other responsibilities as arranged. The school is the senior school for the union, with an enrolment of 350. Betikama is walking distance from the Western Pacific Union Mission compound, and 15 minutes drive from the capital, Honiara. The Solomon Islands does not have a security problem. The volunteer would be provided with a house and living allowance as per division policy. For information and inquiries, contact the Education Director, South Pacific Division, 148 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

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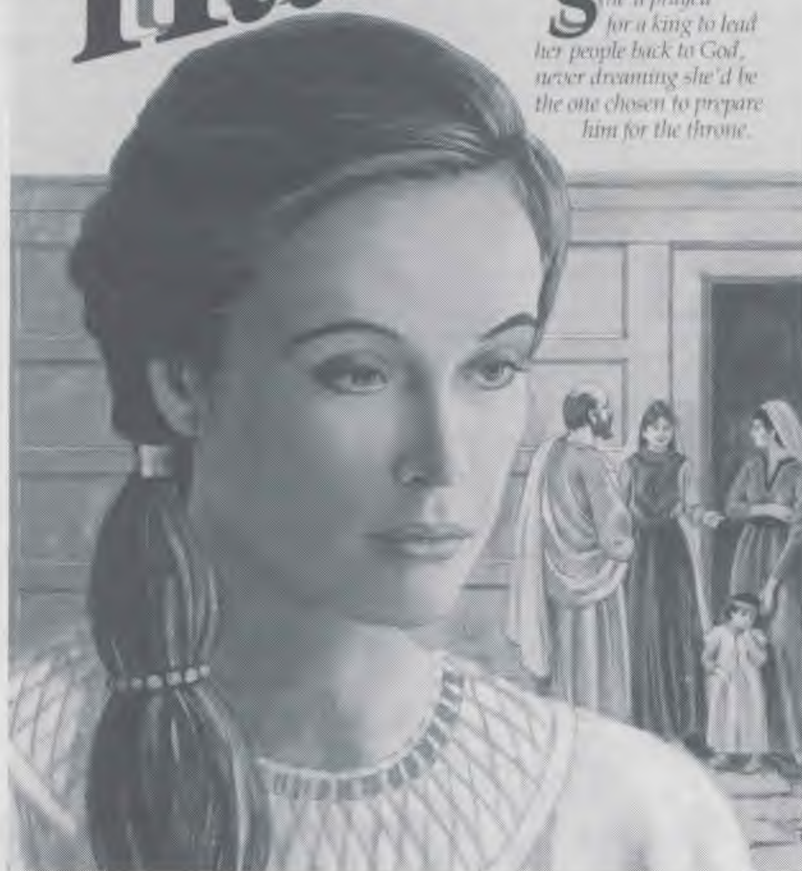
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