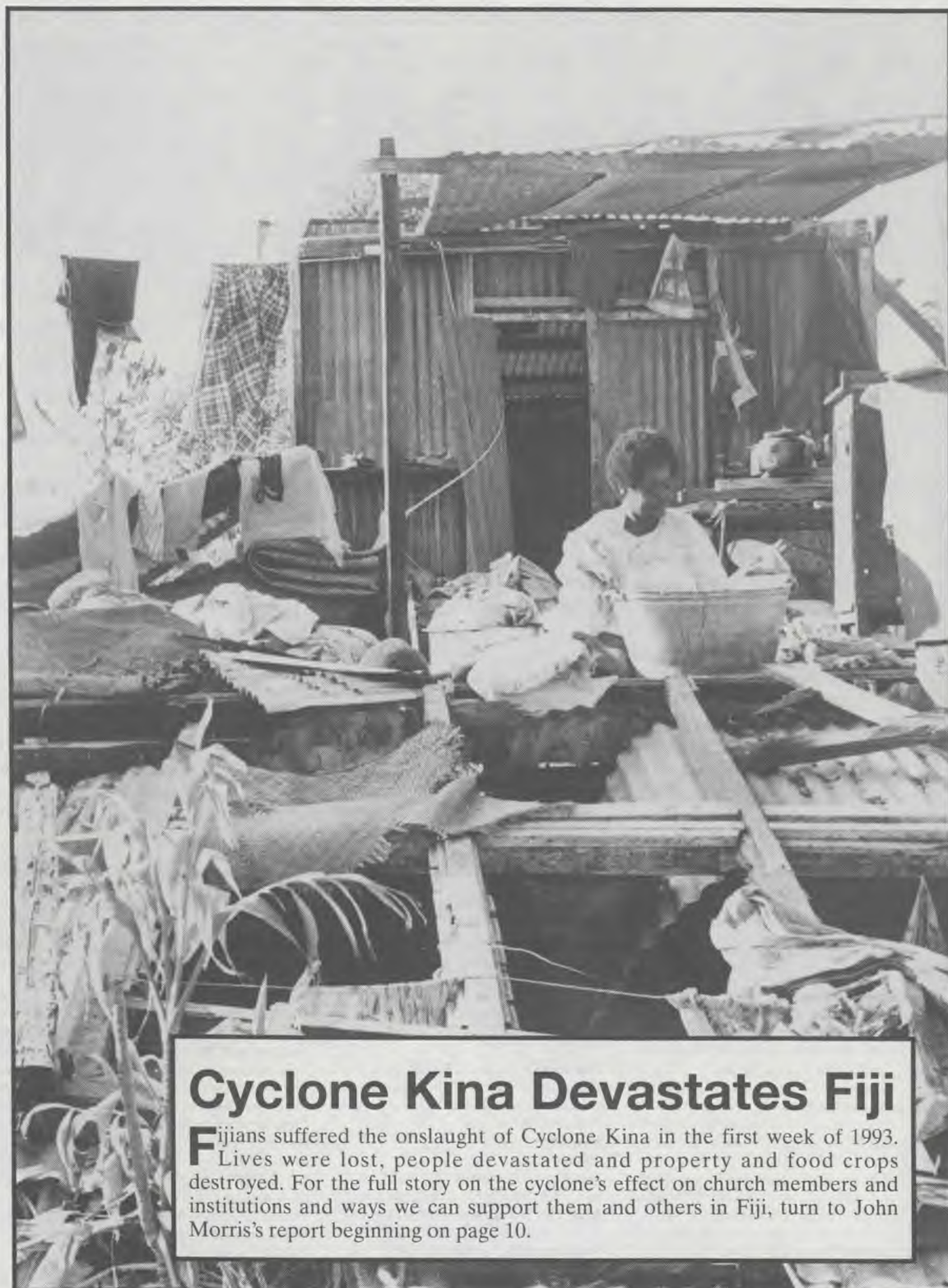


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Cyclone Kina Devastates Fiji

Fijians suffered the onslaught of Cyclone Kina in the first week of 1993. Lives were lost, people devastated and property and food crops destroyed. For the full story on the cyclone's effect on church members and institutions and ways we can support them and others in Fiji, turn to John Morris's report beginning on page 10.

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Stop Those Letters?



controversy. And it's by far the one that creates most criticism.

The editorial policy concerning the Letters is quite simple. We try to allow a fair amount of freedom of expression. And we as editors often don't agree with the comments made, but—in fairness to the letter writer—we publish them to allow church members to have their say.

Letters are more likely to be published if they reflect on something that has already been published in the RECORD. Occasionally a letter will be published if it is considered to have general interest.

We don't publish letters that belittle the church's fundamental beliefs, or individuals, or individual churches. We also don't publish letters critical of material published in other magazines (including the Sabbath school lesson)—they have editors of their own just waiting for those letters.

While we do receive several thousand letters each year, most are not for the Letters page. We currently print about two-thirds of the letters to the editor we receive. Some are rejected because of their content. Some are rejected because they repeat what

The best-read page of the RECORD is the Letters page. It's the one that causes most comment. It's the one that creates the most

someone else has said. Some are rejected because there isn't space.

The Letters is the trickiest part of the RECORD. And we admit that we don't always get it right.

I've heard concern expressed about some of the issues presented in the Letters page are unsuitable for visitors to our churches. But it needs to be understood that one of the strengths of the RECORD is that it is for church members. As we plan and prepare the RECORD, we assume that the reader is an Adventist.

Besides, if we tried to "rig" the Letters page, even visitors would ask

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who's trying to kid who. When visitors attend our churches they see we aren't perfect. And when they read the Letters page they see that we don't think we are. And that's important.

Some have expressed concern about the types of issues we allow to be discussed in the Letters page. But within the guidelines listed above, we try to allow for fairly open expression of thought.

Sometimes, to give balance or in the name of fair play or to answer a point being made, we will add an editorial comment. (We have even been known, in the name of fair play, to remind readers of a point that we disagree with ourselves.) But at other times we assume that our readers are intelligent enough to know that a point made in a

letter should not be taken too seriously. Or we wait for someone else to write a response.

The story I like most that comes from the Letters page is about the woman who became an Adventist through letters to the editor.

Apparently she had been shopping around for a church. The Adventist Church was on her list, but she also attended others.

While attending a church of another denomination she picked up their magazine. She read it and wrote a letter to the editor of the magazine. Her letter, I understand, had a criticism about the denomination.

The editor of that magazine responded graciously, but explained that they couldn't publish such a letter.

Some time later she sent a letter to the editor of the RECORD. It came without explanation. While it had a criticism of the church, it made a valid point. We published it, assuming that it had come from an Adventist reader.

Her reaction on seeing her letter published was something like: "If these Adventists can be so open about their shortcomings, that's the kind of church I want to belong to."

And now she does.

A reasonably open policy in the Letters page is a significant indicator that the church is alive and thinking. It also signals the fact that the church has matured to the place where criticism does not deter it from its main mission.

This open policy also means there is something you can do if you don't like the tone of the Letters page—write a letter yourself.

Imagine how that would lift the Letters page.

Bruce Manners

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Abortion—the Response

Those involved in formulating the SDA guidelines on abortion (December 19) must be congratulated. Their parameters reveal a deep sensitivity to the social, economic, sexual, moral and ethical dimensions surrounding the issue. The final conclusion points to a recognition of the reality that women's reproductive self-determination and spiritual accountability do not occur in a vacuum.

The guidelines represent a significant break with the traditional views on abortion, which held that women are mere repositories for the male seed, appropriately planted according to the donor's whim and will. Within this tradition the rights of the foetus have completely overridden the rights of the mother. It is encouraging to see this "flowerpot theory of generation" supplanted by a more realistic and spiritually orientated approach.

M Wells, NSW

Abortion is an abomination. One evil cannot be corrected by committing another. If a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest then, for the true Christian, it is a golden opportunity to put the character to the test. Where a mother's life is at risk it is another golden opportunity to exercise faith.

Take the matter to the Lord in prayer and let Him make the decision. Is the Lord's arm so short He can't save both mother and child?

M Curtis, NNZ

The answer to the abortion debacle lies in Genesis 2:7. "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being" (NIV). Adam lay on the ground, perfect but not breathing. Then God began the breathing process and Adam came to life.

This same analogy applies to abortion. While the foetus is dependent for life upon the mother, it is not a separate entity, and is not recognised as such by God. But the moment the child is born, the cord cut and it starts to breathe, then the child is recognised as a living being by God.

Texts such as Job 33:4, Psalm 104:29 and 146:4 establish the principle that until a body, person or foetus breathes,

then in the eyes of God it is dead.

A C Tanner, Vic

Working on Worship

In reply to Noel Russel (Letters December 19) and others with concerns about the direction Adventist worship is going I say this: I haven't been an Adventist long, having been converted to Jesus in the Pentecostal patch of the Lord's vineyard. Pentecostals, for all their faults, know what it is to worship God and to be lost in wonder, love and praise for hours on end—without worrying about the time or the program.

It saddens me that a church entrusted with so much light has neglected the personal worship and relationship aspect of Christianity. Many people come to church and see God as some sort of absentee landlord. This is especially obvious in the singing. It seems that a majority of congregations have never truly entered into praise.

God delights in all the expressions of praise mentioned in the Bible, otherwise He would not have given them to us. There is no excuse for us, who have the truth, to be boring and rigid when one considers the wonderful things we have been given.

C Kelly, NNZ

I have been concerned for some time about the type of sermons preached in our services. When I ask myself,

"Could I bring a non-Adventist to this service?" the answer is usually "No." Sermon topics and the jargon used would not enable my friend to appreciate Christ's love or come to know Him as a friend.

Should we aim at entertaining and exhorting longtime members, conducting surveys and church business? Or should we nurture and encourage new folk? A balance is crucial. Our worship service should be structured, topics covered and words used so that non-Adventists feel comfortable about meeting Christ any week of the year.

Name Supplied

People Encourager

Recently I heard a sermon by a retired youth director who told us that rather than having been known as a youth director, he would prefer to have been known as a "youth encourager." What a New Year's resolution for every senior church member, to become a youth, or better still, a "people encourager" instead of a knocker.

A Boyland, Qld

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First Class Honours

Roman Schmidt of Wynnum church, Queensland, has completed a Bachelor of Engineering in Manufacturing and Materials degree with first class honours. These results are doubly commendable, as Roman began to learn English only six years ago after arriving in Australia from the former Republic of Czechoslovakia.

VicASO

Adventist tertiary students currently studying in Victoria can now be a part of VicASO (Victorian Adventist Students Organisation). Students are invited to attend regular meetings and social events organised by VicASO. VicASO aims to foster the intellectual and social involvement of Victorian Adventist tertiary students by catering to their unique interests and concerns. VicASO also provides contact with other students who know the pressure of being a Christian in a competitive study environment. Further details are available through Grant Brown (03) 762 3069, or Nick Cikron (03) 867 1877.

Avondale Cemetery

The Avondale Adventist Private Cemetery has been in operation for almost 100 years and is now classified by the National Trust of Australia. It was established for local Adventist church members to bury their loved ones at a reasonable cost. To this end the trust was appointed with powers for operating the cemetery and hiring the undertaker responsible for all burials on the site. The cemetery trust offers both monumental and lawn burial including services held at the graveside



Photo: John Denne

New Church Member Aged 93

A new member at Papatoetoe church (NNZ), Amy Strawbridge, is 93 years old. Mrs Strawbridge joined her daughter, Sue, in membership. Joining them were Chris and Jenny Kelly. Chris was a worship leader with another denomination and now he and Jenny look forward to leading a small worship group in their home. Pictured are: Chris and Jenny Kelly (on the left); included in the picture are their two daughters; Amy Strawbridge is on the far right, next to her daughter, Sue.

only. Provision is made for relatives to view the deceased in a small chapel. If any Seventh-day Adventist church member wishes to be buried in the Avondale Cemetery, or have a close relative interred there, they can make requests to the secretary of the trust on (049) 771 546, or by writing to PO Box 116, Cooranbong, NSW 2265 .

GC Director Visits

The General Conference director of Human Resources Development, Gail Ormsby, visited Cooranbong in January during part of her holidays. Mrs Ormsby, an Australian, has worked for two years at the General Conference, coordinating training programs for ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency). During her visit she was the speaker at the worship service at Avondale College church, where she described her visits to Bolivia, Ghana, Mozambique, China and Switzerland. She also spoke of the needs ADRA attempts to fulfil.

Citizen of the Year



Photo: G Blum

A member of Karratha church, Western Australia, Kelvin Lemke, was named Citizen of the Year at the recent 1992 Shire of Roebourne Awards. He received the award in recognition of his lifetime commitment to the St John Ambulance Service, where he has served as training officer and maintenance officer. In further recognition of his services, Kelvin was made a life member of the Western Australian St John Ambulance

Association and received a Commanders Commendation. Kelvin now qualifies for the state Citizen of the Year award, held in Perth later this year.

Aviation Anniversary

The Adventist Aviation Association will celebrate its 25th anniversary at "Watson Park" Convention Centre, Kallangur, Queensland, on March 20. Sabbath school commences at 9.30 am, with the worship service at 11 am. Those intending to attend should bring a picnic lunch. A musical program will be presented at 2 pm. Members and interested people are invited to the day's program.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

Last Devil Feast

Late last year a feast to signal the end of devil feasts was held in the Kafarum area north of Atoifi (Solomon Islands). Fifteen Adventists from Atoifi were invited to this final feast to help clear the area of devils. About 500 people attended the feast, which lasted all night. The Adventists and others preached, sang gospel songs and showed slides during the feast—from 8 pm to 6 am the following morning. Chief Silas (the last person in the area qualified to call down devils for a devil feast) urged the people to join the Adventist Church. This area has been resistant to the church for many years.

WORLD CHURCH

ADRA in Tijuana

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has sent assistance to flood victims in Tijuana, Mexico. After days of steady rain followed by a severe storm, Tijuana was completely flooded. Mud slides destroyed homes,



Solomon Islands Nurses Graduate

The Atoifi Adventist School of Nursing celebrated the graduation of 13 students last year (pictured). Visiting guests included Dr and Mrs Ray Wilkinson, from the Western Pacific Union Mission, and Dr Jimmie Rogers and his wife, Dr Elizabeth Rogers. The theme of the weekend was "He Leads, I'll Follow," with the motto of "Christ, Our Captain." The Atoifi students gained excellent marks in each subject.

leaving thousands homeless. Eleven people are dead, with a further 30 still missing. Members of the La Mesa Seventh-day Adventist church, local police and a Catholic seminary are running a shelter in east Tijuana. The shelter is feeding 700 people three times a day. Volunteers are also distributing blankets and dry clothing.

Ski Champion

French world champion skier, Youri Gilg, made headlines when he decided to discontinue competition in order to study theology, reports *Info-Presse*. Youri, 22 years old, won the silver medal in acrobatic skiing during the last Ski World Cup. In newspaper interviews he has commented, "It was hard to make that decision, but I wanted something bigger than sports." About the church he said, "I chose the Seventh-day Adventist Church because it is the last one before Jesus returns." The conversion of this champion has contributed to the current positive position of Seventh-day Adventists in France.

Buddhist Centre

A new Adventist centre for the study of Buddhism has opened in Bangkok, 50 metres from the world's most renowned Buddhist seminary. The centre is modelling methods to reach Buddhist scholars and devotees. It will also serve as a link between a worldwide network of evangelists working for Buddhists. The centre is equipped with a large library of Buddhist works for comparison with the Bible. It's not unusual to find Buddhist monks poring over the Bible while the study centre director, Dr Clifton Maberly, studies sacred Buddhist writings.

Bible Study Raid

Adventist News Review reports that a group of Christians meeting in a private home in Saudi Arabia were harassed in a raid by Muslim religious police. The meeting was broken up and all participants were deported. Saudi Arabia prohibits the practice of any religion other than Islam. Even personal Bibles are not allowed into the country. This violates the human rights decla-

rations, to which Saudi Arabia is a signatory, and is in vast contrast to the freedom of religion enjoyed by Muslims throughout the Western world.

NEWS EXTRA

Creation in Schools

A key player in the US Supreme Court's 1963 decision to ban prayer in public schools has admitted he would now like to see creation science taught in schools. William Murray said, during a visit to Brisbane in November, that he believed it was imperative to permit the instruction of creation in schools as students were being taught all kinds of theories that never stayed the same. "I was taught in school one type of evolution, now children are being taught another type of evolution, whereas the view of the Bible is constant," he said. William Murray, son of outspoken American atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, is now a born-again Christian.

Healthy Eating

Australian students will soon be taught in the classroom how to make healthy decisions about what they eat through a National Nutrition Education in Schools Project. The Federal Government is now funding the development of resource materials for a nutrition-education program, which will be introduced into the school curriculum for Years 1 to 12. The aim is to improve the eating habits of

Australians and reduce the level of diet-related illness in this country

Alcohol and Health

A new study, *Alcohol, The National Hangover*, by Dr Jean Lennane, draws attention to the dangers of even moderate drinking, claiming that alcohol's effects are worse than generally thought, even including risks of contracting a range of cancers, reports *SWAT News*. One extract of the study concerning brain damage states: "Brain damage is not only extremely common in alcoholics but also occurs in social drinkers." Dr Lennane suggests that mild brain damage is so common that it is affecting the performance of many police, politicians and bureaucrats.

Healthy Veterans

Australia's 600,000 veterans, war widows and their families are invited to take part in the second national Veterans' Health Week from March 15 to 19. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is seeking to promote the message that ageing need not mean the end of health and vitality. He urged veterans, war widows and their families to contact the Health Week coordinator at the nearest branch of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Family Worship Day

Feb 20

Stewardship Day
RECORD Offering

Mar 6

Evangelism Sabbath and Sabbath School
Community Guest Day

The Greenest Day

by Philip Smith

Clean Up Australia Day may be the greenest day of the year, but another day points to the ultimate clean up of the world.

This year's Clean Up Australia Day, to be held in March, will provide a powerful platform to promote the need to combat urban pollution. Large numbers of ordinary Australians responded in the past to the invitation from Sydney-based organiser, Joe St Leger, to participate in a well-coordinated event—clearing away the muck and waste that clogs our cities and towns, our rivers, our beaches and our forests.

Last year, the event was successful in the number of people prepared to get their hands dirty (400,000), and the amount of rubbish collected (over 200 tonnes). It highlighted the green consciousness growing in the community of the 1990s, sensitive to caring for our environment, as well as enjoying it.

While such action is a positive contribution in the quest to improve our environment, sadly, our secular society often fails to acknowledge the Creator in what remains of the unspoiled beauty that bears witness to His majesty.

The Clean Up Australia Day may well be the "greenest" day of the year, but we need to consider our natural surrounds a little more often than one day in 365—in order to appreciate and learn to care for what God has bestowed on us.

God created our world in six literal days. He established a perfect biosphere, a complete global ecosystem, self-renewing and sustaining, abundant with plant and animal life, and intended it to be an eternal home for every living thing.

The crowning glory of God's creative act was the forming of humans on the sixth day of the creation week. The Bible says that the Lord made us from the "dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7, NASB) into His image and likeness.

The fact that the first human was fashioned from the soil indicates how closely tied we are to our earthly habi-

tat, and indeed to all life that this planet sustains. Placed by God in the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it, Adam and Eve were responsible for the careful stewardship of all the Lord had made.

To commemorate the works of His hands, God then gave humanity a symbolic green day, set apart to worship Him and be at one with creation—the Sabbath.

"And by the seventh day, God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day. . . . Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made" (Genesis 2:3, 4, NASB).

The principle of the Sabbath being a memorial to God and Creation is reaffirmed in the fourth commandment which calls on us to: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . . For in six days the Lord made the heavens

Fashioned from the soil, we are closely tied to our earthly habitat.

and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 20:8-10, NASB).

But while the Sabbath reminds us of our infinite God and His perfect creation, it also reminds us that we have fallen from perfection, and our sin has alienated us from God and cursed the whole world (see Genesis 3:17-19, NSAB). When our first parents disobeyed God the perfect bond between Creator and creation was broken. The environment was marred, beset with decay and death.

Although sin has separated us from God and from creation, keeping the Sabbath in the way God intended acts as a buttress against our forgetfulness. It helps to keep our spiritual connection to God and nature alive and vibrant.

Jesus reaffirmed the blessing of the Sabbath as part of His mission to bring

peace and healing to a suffering world groaning under the burden of sin. Jesus kept the Sabbath in accordance with God's law and declared that: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27, 28, NASB).

The Lord made the Sabbath to be a day for us to commune with Him. We experience closeness with God through various means, but none is more appropriate and rewarding than spending time on the Sabbath in contemplation, and being filled with awe at the beauty and splendour of nature unspoiled.

Let's heed the warnings of the earth's decay in the Word of God. And let's acknowledge the signs of accelerating decay in nature that, as Green activists continually remind us, indicate that our world is entering a crisis unparalleled in magnitude throughout human history.

Many of us must change our lifestyles and adopt habits of consumption that have less negative impact on our fragile world. God holds each of us responsible for our example in and our stewardship of His world.

Jesus promised that this distorted world will be cleansed and restored to its original perfection. The Sabbath serves to remind us of His judgment, soon to be visited upon the earth, and also that He has provided salvation.

As those who are redeemed worship God each Sabbath it will remain a permanent memorial to creation and a symbol of the eternal bond of redemption between the human family and our heavenly Father.

But we don't have to wait to enjoy the experience. We gain a glimpse of it now as we fellowship with others each Sabbath as citizens of God's kingdom to come. The Lord of the Sabbath wants all His children to take their place with Him in His eternal kingdom. And then the earth will be made new—on the ultimate clean-up day. □

Philip Smith from Brisbane is currently a volunteer for Adventist World Radio on the island of Guam.

My Pastor's Day

by Nic Bolto



Instead of just wondering what his pastor did during the week, Nic Bolto asked him.

What do they do? We see them once every week or so preaching, but what of the rest of the week? Many church members ponder this question, particularly when they try, unsuccessfully, to contact their pastor. Many assume these men of God are on-call 24 hours a day. The irony is, they are.

I call by to visit my pastor, Phil Brown, early one morning to have a peek at his diary. He's the pastor of a sizeable Melbourne suburban church. We were about to do so when the phone rang, an omen of things to come.

Already, he tells me, he has made a bevy of calls. Phil finds that people are easier to reach before or after work. This means he starts the day early. He has to; he likes to spend time with God before any other work begins.

He tells me that his morning devotion is a precious time and it gets eroded easily—like other personal time. He arranges haircuts, dinner and doctor's appointments around Bible studies and visitations.

As a pastor, Phil tries to stay open to the moment-to-moment needs of people. This can go to bizarre extremes,

such as the time he found himself under a house drilling holes in the floor at three in the morning. On that occasion he was helping a woman, forced to leave her home due to domestic violence, to connect electricity to the shelter where she could stay.

But today he plans to spend most of his time in visitation. Within an hour he'll be calling on a church member in the middle of a marriage crisis. He wants to encourage, support and listen.

Lunch will be spent with a man whose bitterness with life has drawn him away from the church. "A lot of my time is governed by personal crisis," he says, "If a lot of upheaval is going on there are usually lots of demands."

While some pastors may see their role differently, it is all part of the job. "Ministry is rather unique—by and large it is what you make of it," says Phil. "There are as many ways of ministering as there are ministers."

After lunch his appointments will take him to a hospital, then to another troubled family home. He is back home again in time for the after-work phone rush.

"During the day there's a limit to what you can do in terms of meeting people, as most are away at work. After hours there are phone calls galore."

Until that starts, a few empty moments are filled with paperwork and taking care of church business—including

committee business to discuss, plans to finalise for a trash-and-treasure sale, conflicts to resolve and instructions for church elders to frame.

By 7.30 pm Phil is heading out again to a meeting at church. Most days his agenda stretches well into the night, giving him a working day of over 12 hours.

He'll leave the church meeting at nine to conduct a Bible study in the home of a young Adventist couple. Phil sees this time as important.

"The basic role of the minister is to equip others to minister," he says. "We are like coaches. We encourage growth and personal health."

His wife takes some of that responsibility too, and sometimes it is she, and not Phil, who is out until after midnight ministering to those in need.

Like a farmer's calendar, Phil finds that the intensity of his days are governed somewhat by the seasons. Early autumn is the best time for special programs. In spring there is the Week of Prayer, baptisms, the Adventist Appeal, church camp and the end of year wind-ups for study groups.

Phil has annual plans he likes to work toward each day, such as the small-group ministry he has developed in his church. People meet weekly in these groups to talk over issues of Christianity and work through the Bible.

The more healthy, vibrant groups that are searching out God, Phil believes, the less stranded, lost people there will be in the church. And, as they are involved, there will be fewer people from outside the church who are alone in the world, without knowing where to find God.

He has seen good success, including a number of baptisms from small-group ministry. It is a significant part of his vision of sharing God with the world.

At times a day will pass and Phil wonders what he has achieved. Unlike jobs that show tangible results, he may have to wait months until his work is seen to be making a difference in people's lives.

At the end of his day he may ponder the question that others often do, What do pastors do with their day? For those he has visited or spoken with over the phone there'll be no such question. They'll have felt the impact of his caring ministry. □

Nic Bolto writes from Mitcham, a suburb of Melbourne.

The Parent Factor

by Kelly Jones

What made the difference between exemplary young people and the others?

The contrast was striking! One teenager was a model student; the other—well, let's say he wasn't exactly praiseworthy. But both had similar physical characteristics and backgrounds, and their family lives appeared comparable.

So what made the difference? Why were these two and so many others in my classes either stable, exemplary young people or fundamentally flawed in their approach to life?

As a new teacher and parent I was determined to find out, if for no other reason than to discover how to be more successful in rearing my own children. I decided that during my next parent-teacher interviews I would probe the families' experiences to discover if a consistent theme or method ran through the families producing exemplary students—and if it



was absent in the families with youth facing problems at school and experiencing difficulty with life.

I found the answer. It was so simple, yet so profound that it has changed my life. Let me explain.

Choosing my first family to investigate wasn't difficult. I had taught an older brother of one of my current students and knew a younger sister, all of whom were young people I would have been proud to call my own. Their father came in for the next parent-teacher interview, and after five minutes or so of telling how I enjoyed having his daughter in my class, I popped the question:

"Tell me, to what do you attribute the success that you have had in rearing three such exemplary children?"

He laughed and replied, "I don't take any credit myself. I give all the credit to my wife. When our children get home from school she spends 45 minutes to one hour every day just talking to them. Of course we pray daily for them, and God is ultimately responsible for all good things, but my wife and I strongly believe it's the time she spends daily just talking with them. Not at them or about them, but with them."

Wow, I thought, *so simple, yet so profound*. I had to find out if this was a fluke or part of something much deeper than I ever imagined. I continued probing, asking the question in a variety of ways and in a variety of settings to the parents of commendable students.

The answers started coming back so consistently that I could have almost lipsynced the answers based on what I knew of the students: "We talk to our kids every day." "We listen to them when we're talking as a family." "We use the dinner table as a place to converse with our children." "We talk." "We carry on conversations as a family." "We talk to each other."

The list went on and on, but a consis-

STARTING POINT

Character Building

Comments about the Sabbath school lesson for February 13.

We all need *recognition, security, affection and variety*.

Look out for the scripture in Sunday's lesson that tells how your need for *recognition* is met by Jesus coming to you through the Bible.

On Monday, watch for the Scripture that ministers *security* to you. It's there.

Tuesday, look for *affection*. You'll find it. All that Christ suffered during

those 40 days and nights of temptation He suffered because He loves you.

On Wednesday expect to find something that will go toward meeting your need for a *variety* of experience. There are at least seven texts.

And there's more—John 12:24, 25 gives the glorious prospect of life that will last forever, life with all needs met for all time. □

Prepared by W A Townend, a retired church administrator who is kept busy as a lecturer at Avondale College, NSW.

tent theme broke through: regular two-way communication between parents and children.

As I asked parents about how much time they spent in communicating, I discovered a direct correlation between the stability and success of the child and the amount of time spent talking with the child, especially about positive events, personal values and things of life.

To know if this hypothesis was true, I had to see if communication was lacking in families with students who evidenced problems and struggles. In these cases I had to ask the question in a more straightforward manner. Time and again I posed this question to parents struggling with their children: "How much time do you spend each day just talking to your child?"

The answers came back like clockwork: "Well, I just don't have time to spend with them." "I work the swing shift, and we're not home at the same time." "I have to work two jobs, and we see each other only on the weekends." "We have nothing to talk about." "I try, but they won't talk to me." On and on came such comments with depressing consistency. These parents simply were not talking to their children.

So, you ask, how might I increase the effectiveness of communication with my child and possibly ensure his or her success in the classroom and in life?

1. Don't expect miracles overnight. The older the child is the longer it takes to build a relationship of verbal trust that should have begun as a small child.

2. Start small and use natural opportunities, as opposed to unnatural, as the time to communicate. Natural times are those when in the course of doing things the opportunity comes for us to share something of our past, our values or ourselves with our children.

Unnatural times are when we say, "Let's sit down and talk," or "Why don't you tell me what you're feeling?" or worse, "You never talk to me; how come?" Avoid self-fulfilling prophecy—what we tell our children they're like, they become.

3. We must be willing to share of ourselves and become vulnerable to our children if we want them to share and become vulnerable to us. We should tell them of our hopes and fears, our

childhood and upbringing, the whys of our values and rules.

Children, especially older ones, have a need to understand. Sometimes this can be painful. Let me give an extreme example: If a young child wants to go to a party without adequate adult supervision and we don't want the child to go because in a similar situation when we were young we were coaxed into drinking alcohol, we have a natural opportunity not only to talk to that child but to give him or her a chance to understand us better.

Here's another example: When we want to do something with our children and they don't want to we could tell them how disappointed we were when our father was too busy to do things with us and how it hurt us, so we don't want to do the same to them.

Obviously other less traumatic events present opportunities to talk with our children, but it is up to us to find the opportunities to open up to them.

4. As we communicate our values we should listen to our children's concerns and try to be consistent. For example, if we tell our children they can't go to a movie theatre but then rent the same movie on video, they'll see the inconsistency immediately. If we want our children to appreciate our values, we must share positively why these values are important to us.

We must tell them the joy of developing a loving sexual relationship with one person in marriage, and how happy we feel for not sharing our body with anyone other than that of our spouse. We should tell them of the strength that this has brought to our relationship and that we feel this is one reason why our marriage is good.

That will carry far more weight with our children than telling them not to have sex because it is wrong. We are going to be far more successful with positive instead of negative values.

It isn't enough to refrain from talking about negative things with our children; we must communicate with them about the positive things that life offers. Of all the gifts we can offer our children, the gift of time to communicate with them is the greatest. □

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God Is Important

Why is God important in tough times? We asked a group of Adventist for their thoughts.



"God is like good medicine. After spending some time with Him, I always feel better." **Keryn Knowles, physiotherapy student.**

"He's promised to be with me. If I trust Him, He'll see me through."

Graeme Colquhoun, timber truck driver.



"He is the only one I can really trust and rely on." **Adelle Robinson, nanny.**

"In times of trouble, God is a source of strength that gets you through when you can't." **Brad Townend, student.**



"He has been my rock and my strength over many years. I never feel alone or without help." **Inez Atchinson, retired.**

With special thanks to members of the Papatoetoe church in North New Zealand. Photos by Cameron Denne.

Extensive Cyclone Damage in Fiji



Fresh water is in short supply and has to be rationed, by the bottle.

Cyclone Kina hit the Fiji Islands between January 2 and 4, 1993. Some 25 lives were lost, and assessments made by the Fiji government put the damage bill at over \$A130 million.

Major damage and disruption to substantial portions of the main island of Fiji, Viti Levu, resulted from the cyclone.

The eye of the cyclone passed across the north-east end of the island from Raki Raki to the island of Ovalau, bringing with it strong winds and torrential rains. The rains were extensive and resulted in the destruction of major bridges at Ba on the north coast, Sigatoka on the coral coast, and at Korovou just north of Fulton College.

The loss of these three bridges is causing major disruptions to the Fiji economy, with their replacement likely to take 18 months. The catchment areas of the rivers received heavier rains than most people can remember—and it was the flooding that caused the major damage, loss of life and loss of crops in these river flats.

Entire crops, livestock and equipment of some families in the Sigatoka Valley and the Navua area on the southern side of Viti Levu have been lost. Mud left behind by the flooding has hardened and is becoming like concrete, requiring extensive ploughing and working before planting can begin.

Water levels in the Sigatoka River

rose to eight metres above normal level. Elders in the Wainibuka Valley cannot remember experiencing such rapid, destructive flooding before.

Floodwaters in the Navua district hospital reached 1.5 metres. Dairy farmers were also hard hit, losing livestock and feed crops. Sugarcane losses on the north coast ranged from 30–50 per cent of crops.

There were extensive losses to livestock, with many of the cattle and pigs drowned. Much of the rice crop was wiped out. In common with other areas, root crops, including cassava, were severely damaged and basic foods will be in short supply for six months.

The Suva airport at Nausori was almost a metre under water when the Rewa River burst its banks. The airport was closed for four days before the water level dropped. Bloating bodies of dead animals along the river banks add to the possibility of disease. There is a stench emanating from the ankle-deep mud drying in the sun.

Fulton Damaged

A damage assessment of Fulton College was made by loss assessors at around \$A650,000 on January 8–11. All are thankful that as a result of the cyclone taking place over the holiday period, there was no loss of life or injury to those living at the college.

Building Damage

The roof of the boys dorm lifted off at 4 am on Sunday, January 3, and separated into three segments. One dropped on the road immediately in front of the dormitory. The second lifted over 11,000-volt high-tension wires and fell into the side of the woodwork and maintenance building, severing timber studs in the wall over a substantial distance one side of the building. The third portion of the roof flew some 100 metres and hit the top of the administration block and dropped to the entry pathway, wrapping itself around a palm tree.

One student security officer on duty that night spent the night in the telephone booth at the rear of the stairwell and library entry. He described the arrival of the boys dorm roof as sounding like the landing of a Boeing 747.

The 13,000-litre-capacity water tank located at the top of the boys dormitory ablation block was torn from its stand and deposited in the valley some 100 metres away. The tank was full of water at the time.

The roof of the girls dormitory was also lifted and taken 100 metres down



Fulton College boys dormitory, pictured from the third floor, after losing its roof due to Cyclone Kina.



Photo: J Morris

Some houses on the Fulton College campus were totally destroyed.

the valley. Portions of the roof wrapped themselves over the tops of motor vehicles parked in the lee of the building.

The woodwork and maintenance building suffered additional damage to that caused by the boys dorm roof. Walls on two sides were torn out, with the roof wrapping itself from one side to another. The building has suffered extensive structural damage and the facility will need to be demolished. The engineering shop lost 50 per cent of its roof.

Damage to housing on the estate varied. One married student's home was totally blown away. Six other residences of staff lost substantial portions of their roofs. One family, when their roof disappeared, smashed holes through the walls to crawl into the adjoining residence in the duplex.

Most house drinking water tanks were blown away as were solar hot-water panels located on house roofs. Ample stocks of drinking water exist in underground water tanks, but without the roof-mounted tanks, water cannot be distributed to houses other than by buckets. Above-ground powerlines for street lighting and minor building supply were ripped away.

Farm Losses

The college farm was severely affected. The flooding of the river at Korovou spread over crops that would feed the students this year. Cassava, a staple of the student diet, suffered more than other crops and the available food supply for the first six months of the college year will be

severely depleted.

Clean-up Action

Those on site have effected emergency repairs, getting the power to the site and cleaning up the debris. Chainsaws are running continuously and campus vehicles are running non-stop to the dump. A large team of volunteers came from Suva on Sunday, January 10, to assist in this clean-up process and to help repair roofs and buildings so that houses can be used.

Volunteers harvested large amounts of cassava and made it ready to be placed into a hired freezer container.

Fallen trees were removed to make movement along roads and paths safe and easy. Ruined furniture, books and papers were removed from dormitories and houses. The residents were thankful for sunshine following the rains, allowing furniture and the houses generally to dry out. Clothing, bedding and other household articles could be seen hanging on lines all over the place.

Currently the college is operating with part-time electricity using a small, hired generator until the main plant is repaired. Generator power from Korovou was cut by the Fiji Electricity Authority. And moisture in the coils of the college generator has made it useless.

Other Areas

Communication with outlying areas is difficult, but news is filtering in. At Waiyala, the boys dormitory, erected in the 1970s, floated 150 metres down the Sigatoka River. Staff housing suffered

What can you do?

Monetary Donations

Gifts can be sent to ADRA to allow for the provision of emergency food, clothing and household implements, not only for church members around Fiji, but also for members of the community. Many people have lost all their household furniture and equipment, and even cooking a meal is going to be difficult for some time. Donations are tax-deductible.

Fly'n'repair

If you are a qualified tradesman (eg a carpenter or builder), there is an urgent need at Fulton College for the replacement of the boys and girls dormitory roofs and to replace damaged facilities. Call the volunteer service department at the division (Pastor Vern Parmenter) on (02) 489 7122 if you can help. Materials have been ordered for this purpose and are expected to be on site in the first week of February. The needs at other sites are not fully identified, but assistance is needed there also.

severe damage with four houses being lifted off foundations and two being washed downriver. One house, on a concrete slab, was lifted by waters and relocated. The floodwaters moved the house and slab together.

Navesau school has lost a dormitory building, but the main school buildings are in reasonable shape. In a couple of villages close to Navesau, old churches were destroyed. The newer constructions survived.

In the Namosi Valley, three churches and two schools were damaged. One of the churches is a steel-framed-and-clad building. The floodwaters undermined half the concrete slab, which dropped and broke. The building is twisted. Three teachers houses were damaged.

The local minister walked for three days to report the damage because the radio-telephone was inoperative. Floodwaters washed away major parts of the valley road, and it is estimated it will take two years to effect repairs and allow construction teams to get into the valley.—John Morris

Youth Congress Makes It Happen



Photo: L. Dunstan

More than 560 young people from around the southern and western states of Australia attended the congress.

During five days (January 5-9), 560 young people invaded the campus of Flinders University in the Adelaide foothills for the presentation of the Adelaide Youth Congress.

Organisers had anticipated some 300 youth would attend, so facilities were being stretched to the limit when almost double that number eventually enrolled. Years of prayer and preparation took place before the congress.

"There was so much we as the leadership team felt God accomplished at the congress," reports Pastor Ray Baird, communication director for the Trans-Australian Union Conference (TAUC).

"First He used the morning program with youth participation and speaker Bronwyn Koncz to assure them that they could make a difference."

Each day the young people were offered 18 growth-building workshops on vital youth topics. Some 19 recreational activities were available, including street witnessing in the Rundle Mall.

"Then in the evening through praise singing, drama and special music, God's Spirit prepared our youth to sit in rapt attention and listen as guest speaker 'Litch' Litchfield painted word pictures of God's love and His plan for their lives," Pastor Baird continued.

The caterers provided attractive vegetarian meals throughout the congress. University staff were amazed that so

much could be accomplished in such a short time with a limited budget.

Youth leaders report that as each day passed, they sensed something out of the ordinary was beginning to happen. Many leaders commented that they felt that God was using this worship experience to light a fire in the hearts of these youth.

"The fervour grew," says Pastor Baird, "until on Sabbath we caught a glimpse of the power of Pentecost as young people began to spontaneously express their appreciation to God for what congress had done for them. Time did not allow all those who wished to speak to participate."



American guest speaker "Litch" Litchfield, as he preferred to be known, encouraged those at the Adelaide Youth Congress to "Make It Happen."

During those final hours of the congress more than 500 young people made a commitment to "make it happen" for God. (The theme of the congress was "Make It Happen.") What occurred during the five days of the congress is still being shared around the country.

Some young people chatting after the final meeting were asking each other which church they attended. One young woman responded, "I haven't actually been to church for more than a year, but after what has happened to me at this congress I'll be back there next week."

Another young man asked one of our youth leaders, "When's the next congress?"

"Four years time," he was told.

"I don't care where it is, I'll definitely be there. I've done lots of things in my life, but this congress is without question the best thing that's ever happened to me".

Pastor Desmond Hills, the TAUC president, told Pastor Allan Walshe, the congress director, "You can have satisfaction from knowing that the congress has already had a great impact for Christianity on the youth and staff. It is well-organised and every aspect has counted in helping to grow, mature, balanced Adventist Christians."

As the Sabbath concluded with a light-and-sound special-effects depiction of the second coming, Pastors Walshe and Litchfield walked onto the platform and challenged everyone to keep the fire of congress burning for God.

"The unforgettable response came as 560 voices sang 'We are the people of the Lord, a holy nation,' says Pastor Baird. "I wish every church member in Australia could have been there to witness that final act of commitment. It would have renewed faith in the youth of our church."

As one young man put it, "There is no way that people who were not here, will ever understand what has happened at this congress. We must not let this die. I want to go back home and make it happen for Jesus."

"By now these same youth are back in your church. Please fan the flame," says Pastor Baird. "Share in this miracle by listening, loving and encouraging them in their desire to make something happen for Jesus."

A New Approach to Outreach

Gosnells church, located in the mortgage belt 20 kilometres south-east of the Perth's Central Business District, has flourished. It's attracted many people with its strong worship, Pathfinder and community programs and its facilities are permanently pressed to the limit. The church has set up a working party to look at ways of increasing the carrying capacity of the church and its departments.

"The church's community welfare program is helping both the local community and needy overseas," reports Community Services coordinator David Rupe.

The church's intention is to build a multifunction arts and crafts facility, as a bridge into the community, that will also second as a storage room for State Emergency Services supplies such as clothing, bedding and basic necessities.

A multipurpose facility, it will also be utilised by the Pathfinders and Community Services departments. The building will have one additional feature, the unique feature of the development: it will serve as the base facility for the supervision of offenders referred from the state's courts.

Beginning in February 1992, the Corrective Services Department in Western Australia, has continuously placed offenders, mainly male youth, performing court-appointed community work orders under the oversight of the local elders and deacons of the Gosnells church.

They've worked on site at the church and more recently at conference and youth campgrounds performing tasks that benefit the wider community.

Although it appears that they're "doing time" for the community, it's debatable who benefits most, as hearts within and outside the church have been touched. The young people themselves have received respect and compassion, sometimes for the first time in their lives.

Much of the work they've done has been in the development of the site for the planned community art and craft centre.

David Rupe believes God led in the purchase of the blocks of land adjacent to the church, vital to the expansion program.

"Four young businessmen, Gosnells church members, donated \$A30,000 to make the down payment," he said. "We got there just 24 hours ahead of a local land developer, who flew in from America, planning to build units on the site."

At purchase, the land still contained a dilapidated and filthy house, virtually invisible from either the front road or over the side fence due to the garden that had overgrown it. The owner had constantly resisted friendly overtures by the church.

The reason for that became apparent soon after the purchase was made and she moved. As the house was demolished and its contents revealed, it became clear that it had been home to a Satanist and spiritualist. Littered through the house was a 10-year record that testified to the gradual destruction of her mind as more and more she came under demonic control.

She would write her journal late at night while awaiting the arrival of spirits. As they arrived and she identified them, her script became illegible, trailing off into meaningless nonsense. Some of the things found in, under and around the house were too offensive to describe.

The clean-up of the block was largely carried out by the personnel assigned to the church by the Corrective Services Department.

In many cases these people are working off fines and penalties as part of the department's Community Workers Scheme. They are often simply disadvantaged or unemployed people, but among them are also some street-hardened petty offenders.

"Many of them had great difficulty entering the house and could only stay in it for a matter of minutes before having to be relieved, as the mess was knee-deep in places," said the coordinator. "There were more than 100 filthy cats and kittens, many deformed due to inbreeding, that had to be put down."

The block is now cleared, and quotes for the construction of the \$A20,000 building are being sorted.

Where's the money for the facility coming from?

Providence again, they say. Because

of the church's community association with the State Emergency Service and the goodwill generated by its involvement with the Corrective Services Department, the church has received local government and community endorsements for a Department of Sport and Recreation federal government grant for the full cost of the building.

We started out thinking small—less than \$A5,000—but by the day we had to submit the request, more pages were added to the proposal and we asked for near \$A20,000. They approved the whole amount.

"The facility will be used directly for the community," says Mr Rupe. "Once it's completed we'll use it as a base for reaching into the community—that's the arts and crafts side. We'll probably get the work-order people involved in using its facilities to help others in the area surrounding the church, repairing things, or welding up stuff for people who can't afford it—things like that."

The church members have actively endorsed the program. One elderly Community Services worker has for months provided a daily cup of hot soup and jaffle for each worker, much of it at her own expense.

"Many have already offered their skills and services, such as teaching silk-screening, on a voluntary basis," said a program spokesman.

The workers, especially the younger people, have responded to the fairness, kindness and absence of censure they've experienced.

"I expected to be treated like dirt," said one young fellow. "That didn't happen."

"This is the first time I haven't been made to feel like scum," said another.

After completing his assigned hours another fellow showed up again the next day to continue working. Why? "Well, someone has to supervise these turkeys!" he quipped.

Said another facetiously, "I'd better watch it; I may become all churchy."

The reason for the apparent success of the program is clear. "It's a big plan, but God has responded to our faith and careful planning. And He can do that for any church that wants to try," they told me.—Lee Dunstan

Obituaries

Adams, Thelma Adelaide (nee Taylor), born August 14, 1912, at Murgon, Qld; died November 15 at the Adventist Nursing Home, Kings Langley, NSW, and was buried at the Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery. Thelma had been an active member of the Fairfield church, holding many church responsibilities. She is survived by her husband, Harold; daughters, Shirley Bennett (SA) and Heather Webster (Sydney, NSW); three grandsons; brothers and a sister.

B C Grosser, H W Hollingsworth

Ainsworth, Katie, daughter of Cheryl and David, was born December 6 in Sydney, and lived for only three days. A graveside service was held at the Castlebrook Lawn Cemetery, Rouse Hill, Sydney, NSW.

Eric White

Basham, Thelma May, born January 5, 1919, at Arncliffe, Sydney, NSW; died November 27 at her home in Young. From 1925 her family lived in Grenfell. She was baptised in 1934. Thelma and her husband, Claude, married four years later. She is survived by her daughter, Joy, with whom she lived for a number of years; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her son.

Ken Love, Reg Brown

Cavallaro, Salvatore, born 1906 in Adrano, Sicily; died November 25 at St George Hospital, Kogarah, Sydney, NSW. Salvatore was baptised by Pastor Wood-Stotesbury, and for the past seven years had been a member of the Italian SDA church at Guildford. He is survived by his wife, Iolanda (Bankia); two sisters (Italy); daughter-in-law, Raylee; and grandson, Anthony. He was predeceased by his son, Joe.

Bruce Grosse, Robert Craig, Nataniel Pereira

Claus, Kathleen Jane (nee Umfreville), born October 9, 1909, near Neika, Tas; died October 29 at Allans Rivulet and was buried at the Lower Longley Cemetery. She was baptised following an evangelistic series conducted by Pastors A H White and E R Whitehead in Hobart. The Umfreville family were among those who first worshipped in the little Sandfly Hall. In 1934 Kath married Paul Kurt Claus in the Kaoota church. He predeceased her 24 years later. Kath is survived by three of her four children, Wally (Mount Tamborine, Qld), Dawn Roberts (Kaoota) and Monica Rosevear (Allans Rivulet).

Chris Foote

Dawson, Rosetta Ruth (nee Potter), born April 26, 1947, at Gol Gol (near Mildura), NSW; died October 18 in Mildura. Rosetta will be remembered as a bright, happy and cheerful person. Her personality was well-suited to her chosen vocation of nursing. She is survived by her husband, Roger; children, Sharon, Ward and Brett (all of Red Cliffs); and parents, Artie and Joan Potter (Mildura).

Anthony Kent, Paul Goltz

Fletcher, Helen Anne (nee Stubbs), born April 13, 1952, in Ingham, Qld; died November 15 at Maryborough Base Hospital. Helen and her husband, Graham, were married in 1972. The following year they were baptised by Pastor Arthur Bath in Rockhampton. Helen was active in church work. She enjoyed working with young people, in the Sabbath school, and Community Services. She is survived by her husband; sons, Andrew and David (all of Maryborough); father, John Stubbs; brothers and sisters, Ronald; Gary; Louis, Jan and Jennifer.

Arthur Bath, Geoff Garne

Gadene, Margaret Wynne (nee Williams), born December 6, 1907, in Hansworth, Birmingham, United Kingdom; died September 25 in Brisbane, Qld, and was buried at the Fawcner Cemetery, Vic, following a service in the Preston SDA church. Margaret was very young when she came to Australia with her parents.

She met and married her husband in Western Australia. They had 11 children, one little girl living only a few hours.

Kevin Geelan

Gersbach, Daisy Katherine, born September 26, 1897; died September 12 at Temora, NSW, and was buried in the Temora Cemetery. Daisy had suffered a series of strokes over the last seven years. She is survived by her five children; and 10 grandchildren.

Ken Love

Hannah, Ronald Bethune, born 1912 in Scotland; died November 23 at Mount Gravatt Nursing Home, Brisbane, Qld. During the war Ron served with the 15th Scottish Infantry Division. In 1956 he brought his family to Australia and settled in Brisbane. He is survived by his wife, Annie; daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Colin Boyle; a grand-daughter; and two great-grandchildren. A service was held at Mount Thompson Crematorium.

Maurice F Nash, Edgar Lamprecht

Lee, George Belton (Sugar), born November 9, 1911, in Bendigo, Vic; died November 25 in Bendigo. He was a much-loved and respected member of the Bendigo community and the Maryborough SDA church. He is survived by his wife, Emily; sons, Belton (Castle Hill, NSW), David (Wahroonga), Robert (Bendigo, Vic) and Paul (Paradise, California, USA); their spouses; and 10 grandchildren.

Warren G Price

Lewis, Herbert Ernest William, born May 8, 1922; died November 20 at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Qld. Bill served with the army, then the air force during World War II. He acquired a vast knowledge of the Australian outdoors, places and peoples, history, philosophy, and especially things related to Scripture and theology. Bill loved to share his faith. He is survived by his wife, Marion; daughters, Leigh Watts and Dianne Greive; sons, Lester, Graeme and Loren; and grandchildren.

Maurice F Nash

Manning, Selwyn John, born January 11, 1915, in Cannington, Perth, WA; died March 25 in Geraldton. He was the second eldest of six children. He was baptised at the age of 26 by Pastor Tom Bradley, after attending an evangelist crusade conducted by Pastor Clarie Roennfeldt. After 40 years of marriage his wife predeceased him in 1978. He is survived by his two daughters, Avis Grigsby (Geraldton) and June Ullrich (Perth); and five grand-daughters.

D W Price

Skinner, Ellen, born June 30, 1888; died October 26 at Coronella Retirement Home, Nunawading, Vic. She raised five children on her own during the depression and the second world war. She searched for truth in many places, and was in her seventies when she found her faith in the SDA Church. She is survived by her children, Ivan, Bert, Phyllis and Valerie. She was predeceased by her daughter, Peggy.

Brian C Smith

Summerscales, Terrence Charles, born May 4, 1952 at Kurri Kurri, NSW; died October 13 at Mildura Base Hospital, Vic. On September 12 Terry came to Mildura from Mitcham in Melbourne to visit his mother. He had not been well for some time and was admitted to the hospital where he died a month later. He is survived by his mother, Joan (Mildura); father, Bill (Qld); brothers, John (Wyece, NSW) and Jeffrey (Yarra Glen, Vic); and sister, Beverly (Cooranbong, NSW).

Anthony Kent, Paul Goltz

Walker, Ivy Lilian (nee Cook), born August 31, 1906, near Lithgow, NSW; died August 16 at Hervey Bay, Qld, and was buried beside her husband in the Kingaroy Cemetery. Ivy and her family were part of the Adventist community at Ourimbah. There she met and married Frank Walker, and later moved into pioneering conditions in the Durong district, Qld. Thirteen children blessed their marriage, two of whom died during childhood.

E A Raethel

Walker, Richard Andrew Bonyng Walker, born

February 5, 1967, at Springvale, Vic; died January 2 at Icy Creek and was buried from the Anglican church in Neerim. Richard was educated at Lilydale Adventist Academy, he became a skilled craftsman who lived a short, but interesting life in various parts of Australia. He is survived by his daughter Molly, parents Ross and Gwen (Icy Creek), and his sister Elizabeth (Noosa Heads).

Bill Doble

Watters, Lawrence John, 43, died at his home on October 26 and was buried at the East Maitland Cemetery, following a service at the Maitland SDA church. Lawrence was a faithful member of the church, a dutiful husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; and children, Elton and Anna.

O R D'Costa

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ASM (NZ) announce their forthcoming Singles Convention in the rural setting of Tui Ridge Park, Rotorua, April 9-12. For further information write to ASM, 59 Beerescourt Road, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Thornleigh Church Reunion will be held on Sabbath, February 13, and all past members, ministers and visitors are invited back for a day of dedication, fellowship and praise. Don't miss this occasion; 9.15 am to 3 pm, and lunch will be provided.

Chaplain, Esperance Senior High School. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for this part-time position commencing Term 1, 1993. Application forms and conditions may be obtained from Pastor R Millist, PO Box 424, Esperance WA 6450. Phone (090) 71 3833.

Proposed Health Tour—USA. June 1993. For Health Professionals and persons active in health outreach. Visit Loma Linda, Battle Creek, Weimar Institute, New York Van Ministry, Wildwood. Attend Andrews Seminar School of Addiction and a Health and Healing Conference in Washington, DC. The three-week tour will cost about \$A3,500. The Trans-Tasman Union Conference will conduct the tour if there is sufficient interest. Contact Dr Terry Butler before February 12 for further details. Phone (02) 498 8822, or fax (02) 499 2819. PO Box 14, Gordon NSW 2072.

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Work Vacancy. Houseparents sought to commence duties early 1993. ABPM is seeking a dedicated person/couple to live in a house for homeless teenagers in the Baulkham Hills Shire area. Accommodation would be provided in exchange for duties. Skills should include ability to communicate with young people and to provide a nurturing, caring environment for teenagers to call "home." This is a community outreach project being investigated by the Association of Business and Professional Members. Please apply to Pastor Wal Simmonds, ABPM Admin Officer, c/- PO

Box 336, Castle Hill NSW 2154.

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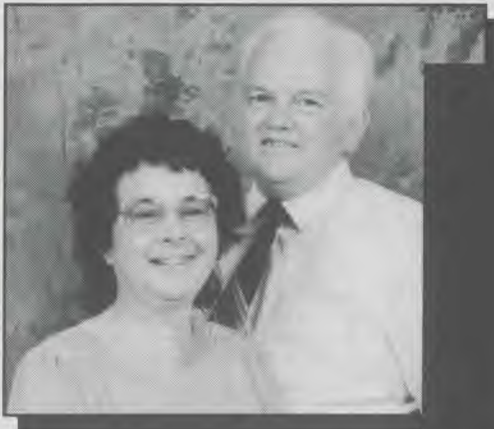
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