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EDITORIAL



Changing Lives

Recently I attended the First International Adventist Worship Conference, held in Portland, Oregon, USA. The purpose of the conference was to urge those leading out in public worship to ensure that more thought, planning and preparation go into each worship event.

The conference featured a number of plenary sessions and 32 workshops dealing with various aspects of worship. The styles of Adventist worship that were discussed varied from formal "high church," to "typical/traditional," to more open "celebration" services.

I imagine that most participants encountered some ideas they felt were wonderful. And no doubt most encountered ideas that weren't practical for their situation or that they didn't like.

Of course, the beauty of the conference was that no one tried to dictate just how each Adventist congregation should worship—except for one thing. While a range of options was considered, the common denominator in all the presentations was that we must spend more time in planning and preparation if we're to get the results all would like to see.

A term I heard repeatedly was "life-changing." Every worship service should be designed to be a *life-changing* event.

It isn't enough just to have worshippers come along and hear good spiritual ideas that are well presented. It isn't enough merely to ensure that the service includes singing, prayer and offerings. The whole service must have the goal of changing the worshipper's life—bringing him or her into a saving or deeper relationship with Jesus, creating an awareness of our many blessings and eliciting a commitment to do more for those in need, gaining a commitment to better health practices. And the list goes on.

No person should ever walk away from an Adventist service without having seen Jesus uplifted, without having seen how the issues discussed in the sermon fit into the overall plan of salvation, and without having had an opportunity to commit (or re-commit) himself or herself to a specific and deeper involvement in the Christian walk.

Now, this doesn't mean altar calls every week. The commitment may be in

the privacy of one's own heart. But the worship planners must ensure that, from a human perspective, everything possible has been done to create the best environment possible for the Spirit to work.

Thus, every component of the worship service needs to be invested with as much life-changing potential as possible. For example, offering a public prayer is a *major* responsibility. The prayer should be carefully considered and prayed about beforehand. What needs to be said? How can it be said best?

What congregational music will create the greatest spiritual receptivity? Which hymns, songs or choruses most effectively achieve the goals of the worship service? How can the congregation most meaningfully be involved? What sequence of worship components most builds toward the overall goal?

What struck me as I listened to various presentations was the similarity between what was being advocated and public evangelism. Good evangelists pay close attention to every detail. The ushers are well organized. Every participant knows exactly what's expected. Every component of the meeting is selected to contribute toward an overall goal.

In essence, that's what the worship conference was all about. It was saying: The same careful attention to detail, the same understanding of how to reach people where they are, the same clearly defined goals that are essential in winning people to Christ, are equally crucial in helping them grow in Christ.

People who experience the life-changing approach of the evangelistic meeting deserve the same kind of life-changing experience on an ongoing basis in the worship service each week.

For too long we've been content with simply making sure that someone was there to offer the prayer, announce the hymn, take up the offering, and preach the sermon. For too long we've settled for mediocrity. For too long people have come to our services and left without having had their lives changed—because we never adequately grasped the challenge of creating worship services that were life-changing events.

What are we going to do about it?

James Coffin.

LETTERS

Inspiring

The information in the May 4 RECORD about the work of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency overseas made me realise that our church is actually involved in something other than building grand, new churches. Congratulations!

It was an inspiration to hear of the praise given to this worldwide service operated by Seventh-day Adventists. Would it be too much to ask you to include more reports on the activities of ADRA around the world? This would help to combat the widespread feeling that our church is dying through inactivity.
Dillon Cocks, NSW.

Survey Observations

I read with great interest "Readers Call for Openness" (April 27). You're right that the sample is skewed in favour of the older age group, but it would be useful to compare the median age of survey respondents with the median age of church attendees—which may also be skewed toward the older age group.

A casual reading of the response to Ellen G. White reprints may be misleading. Clearly, Ellen G. White reprints are very popular with the respondents. Some 64.9 per cent of general readers found the reprints "interesting" or "very interesting," compared to 62.4 per cent for the cartoon and 60.7 per cent for Youth on RECORD.

However, perhaps the survey reveals more from what isn't said. For example, since only 5.4 per cent of the circulated survey forms were returned, surely the question of apathy toward the RECORD needs to be considered. This is especially true in the younger age groups, where response was even more meagre. Considering that each RECORD is probably read by at least two people, the reader response was probably less than 2.7 per cent.

Of course, a survey of this type always gives suspect results as it isn't based on a random sample. Only those who have strong feelings toward the RECORD will respond.

The same can be said of the "employee survey," in which the great majority of respondents would have at least a three-year tertiary education. Thus these people aren't likely to represent the "general" readers, who on average would have less education. M. V. Davey, Qld.

The suggestion that the majority of Adventist church attendees may in fact be in the older age group is a point that we'll try to check out. If that's the case, then we have a challenge to appeal more to the younger age group.

Also, the writer is correct in saying that surveys of the type we've executed have inherent weaknesses. They're a helpful indicator, but we must be careful not to claim too much for them.

However, granted the time commitment involved in filling in such a comprehensive survey, we would disagree that the 5.4 per cent response implies apathy. Quite the opposite. The publisher of a Christian magazine in the USA recently told a group of Adventist editors that when they do a reader survey (of the type we did), they usually get a response of about 2,000—and that for magazine with a circulation of about 170,000 paid subscriptions. Thus, we feel that a response of 1,368 from a circulation of 25,500 primarily give-away magazines is quite positive indeed.

Youth and Earliteens?

Recently our family attended a conference-sponsored rally day. We packed a picnic lunch and left in anticipation of good worship and fellowship.

After a well-prepared church service (which was conducted first), announcements were made concerning where each division would meet for Sabbath school. Then we discovered that all persons over 13 were expected to join with the adult

Sabbath school. Nothing had been planned for the earliteens and youth.

I don't remember what the banner across the stage said. But I do know the message that I received from what happened: The youth are unimportant.

With that attitude, how many teens and youth can we expect to see at the next conference-sponsored rally day?

Name Supplied.

Homefield "Cannibals"

My husband and I worked in various African countries for 17 years, and have now lived in New Zealand for 10 months. We've encountered as many "cannibals" here as we did in Africa (Just a Coincidence, March 30)!

By the way, we enjoy the cartoons.

Anne Pedersen.

Armageddon Again

May I recommend that those wishing more detail about the battle of Armageddon read *The Good News About Armageddon*, a 30-page, easy-to-read booklet by theology professor Hans K. LaRondelle. Is it a literal war in the East? Or spiritual and worldwide? We need to know.
Alma Were, Vic.

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What Is Worship?

by Alf Birch

The worship of God today is still what it was for Isaiah, the woman at Jacob's well and the early Christian church.

Worship means different things to different people. For some it means "going to church." Another may claim, "For me it's quiet meditation by myself at home, or out in nature." For these, the environment may largely determine what's worship. But worship isn't only determined by one's environment.

Some go to church not so much to worship as to see their friends. Others attend church because they like the preacher, or the music, or perhaps the sound of the organ or the choir. But, again, these things may not necessarily accompany true worship.

Worship isn't a religious activity you perform out of duty or observe as a spectator. It's not something you watch. It's something you become involved in. It's an event you own.

True worship is an attitude of mind wherein the worshipper invests himself or herself in the worship experience. It's a giving as well as a receiving event.

Scripture affirms that true worship is the *adoring response to God of sinners saved by grace*. A few biblical examples may suffice to illustrate this view of worship. It may be experienced while alone with God or in a corporate setting.

Isaiah's Experience

Isaiah found himself in the ancient temple (Isaiah 6:1-8). It was in the year that King Uzziah died, after reigning over Judah for 52 years. It was a time of national crisis, when—as the tendency is at such times—people flocked to the temple.

Isaiah testifies that in the temple he saw "the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up . . ." (verse 1*). He saw God as a great King whose robe illuminated the atmosphere. Non-earthly figures—cherubim and seraphim—were about Him, symbolising His eternalness and power. Burning incense, representing God's presence, filled the temple.

Isaiah's worship began with a clear

vision (or revelation) of God—His presence, His majesty, His holiness, His power. The result was that Isaiah was humbled. The sense of what God is led him to confess, "Woe is me! for . . . I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (verse 5).

Then Isaiah saw one of the seraphim, having a burning coal in his hand, fly to him, touching his mouth with the flame, and saying, "Your iniquity is taken away" (verse 7). The certainty of God's forgiveness gave Isaiah a sense of self-worth, devotion and renewal. He was touched by God's plea, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (verse 8).

Isaiah suddenly became aware of his own place in God's plan, as a prophet. In surrender, he responded, "Here am I! Send me" (verse 8). For Isaiah one worship event determined a future career.

But note again what happened. Isaiah had a *revelation* of God's majesty. He was overcome with a sense of unworthiness. But he was forgiven, restored, renewed, commissioned. These dynamics describe a *relational event* in which God was "reseen" and a human was "remade." Indeed, it was an event that portrays *the adoring response to God of a sinner saved by grace*.

The Samaritan Woman

Jesus and His disciples had arrived in Samaria at a town called Sychar. A kilometre away was Jacob's well. Tired as He was from the journey, Jesus sat down to rest at the well while His disciples went into town to buy food.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, "Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'" (John 4:7). The woman, recognising Jesus as a Jew, expressed dismay that a Jew should ask a favour of a Samaritan. She knew that the Jews despised Samaritans. But by asking her to do Him a kindness, Jesus sought to put the situation into her control and

make her feel at ease.

For a short while the conversation centred around water, a simple commodity readily at hand. But Jesus wanted her to understand the water of life.

Just as her concern about their national differences seemed to be waning and she was becoming willing to try this water, Jesus surprised her the second time. "Go, call your husband, and come here" (verse 16). "I have no husband," she confessed (verse 17).

Jesus proceeded to disclose information about her that she could hardly believe could come from a stranger. She had just had a *revelation*. "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet" (verse 19). The revelation she had just received wasn't only about herself, but about Someone who had her interest at heart.

The conversation shifted to questions about worship. About Gerizim and Jerusalem, traditional places of worship for Samaritans and Jews.

But why talk about worship? Because for both Jews and Samaritans, worship meant *sacrifice*, and sacrifice meant *forgiveness*, renewal, salvation. She needed forgiveness and renewal of life. Not Gerizim or Jerusalem. Not a *place* to worship at, but a *Person* who may be worshipped "in spirit and truth" (verse 23).

Spirit, as used here, doesn't refer to the Holy Spirit, but to the human spirit—that part of our mental and spiritual fabric through which we grow into the image of God and in which He dwells.

Just then the disciples returned. Meanwhile the woman left her jar at the well and returned to her friends with the invitation and testimony: "Come, see a man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (verse 29).

The story concludes marvellously. "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did'" (verse 39). In short, they all have experienced that *adoring re-*

sponse to God of a sinner saved by grace that we call worship.

The Early Church

Worship in the early church, as recorded in the Book of Acts, found expression within a unique context (see Acts 2:42). The community was *nurtured* by the apostles' teaching, which in turn was founded upon the Old Testament scriptures. The members' relations with God and one another were bonded in *fellowship*, and were celebrated in *worship*. The gospel *co-mission* was fulfilled through this community interaction. So the church *grew* as "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

Worship as celebration! Let's think about that some more in the context of Acts 2. The church had just been born, as it were. Pentecost was the second great feast of the Jewish year, a harvest festival, when the first-fruits of the wheat harvest were presented to God. The resurrection of Jesus some fifty days earlier was still the most talked-about event in Jerusalem.

Whether or not all the believers recognised how type was meeting antitype in the events transpiring about them is open to conjecture. But their response was most appropriate indeed—with them meeting together, breaking bread

and praising God. Yes, *celebration* was the order of the day.

The focus of Pentecost was clearly God-directed. The crowd who heard the disciples speak in tongues testified that they heard them declaring "the wonderful works of God," or literally, "the great deeds of God" (verse 11). Hebrew worship was always centred around praise to God because of "his saving acts" throughout history (see Judges 5:11; I Samuel 12:7).

Only a few weeks earlier God had revealed Himself in His most supreme "saving act"—Christ's death and resurrection. It was cause for celebration then. And it remains cause for an adoring, celebrative response to God from us today—sinners as we are, saved by His grace.

A Biblical Model

In the experience of Isaiah, in Jesus' discussion about worship with the woman at Jacob's well, and in the worship of the early New Testament church, some distinct dynamics seem to interplay. These are *adoration*, *celebration*, *devotion* and *renewal*. Each of these found some form of expression and strengthened the divinely initiated relationship between God and an individual. The same movements characterise a corporate worship event.

No one dynamic necessarily comes before or after another—for the Holy Spirit works as He pleases. Yet, seldom would one truly worship without sharing the inner precincts of God's presence with Him through adoration, celebration, devotion, and renewal.

Both Old and New Testament Scriptures record the testimonies of those who worshipped God in adoration, celebration and devotion, and who found renewal in Him.

Worship in SDA Theology

Three themes central to Seventh-day Adventist doctrine reflect magnificently on the notions of adoration, celebration, devotion and renewal in and through worship. These are "the everlasting gospel," the Sabbath and the advent. They add strength to the Biblical model of worship. And new worship insights may add lustre and deeper meaning to long-standing, familiar theological themes.

Conclusion

For all Christians everywhere, the worship of God today is still what it was for Isaiah, the woman at Jacob's well and the early Christian church. Each of the incidents referred to merely represent a different era or cultural context. No set liturgy is recorded in Scripture, outlining how God is to be worshipped. And the reason is obvious.

If, as we may conclude, *worship is the adoring response to God of sinners saved by grace*, the liturgy and order should be subject to this experience, and not its master. The Holy Spirit will tune the heart of the worshipper, evoking adoration, celebration, devotion and renewal. How crucial, then, for anyone leading a worshipping congregation to try to facilitate and be sensitive to the ebb and flow of these dynamics during the worship event.

Experience has taught that the Holy Spirit works upon the minds of people where He finds them—their background, culture, past religious experience, educational level, age-related perceptions, emotional ties and many other factors all come into play. □

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Worship in Scripture

Adoration

God's Goodness

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases; he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion. He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Now then, stand here, because I am going to confront you with evidence before the Lord as to all the righteous acts performed by the Lord for you and your fathers (Psalm 103:1-6; 1 Samuel 12:7).

God's Worthiness

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever! (Revelation 5:9, 12, 13).

Awe and Wonder

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? (Deuteronomy 4:39; Psalm 8:1, 3-4).

God's Sovereignty

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be

the sceptre of your kingdom (1 Chronicles 16:25; Psalm 45:6).

Reverence

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28).

Celebration

Praise and Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture (Chronicles 16:8-10; Psalm 100:1-3).

Bringing Gifts to God

Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (1 Chronicles 16:29; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Malachi 3:10).

Testimony

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord. Those who feared and loved the Lord spoke often of him to each other. And he had a Book of Remembrance drawn up in which he recorded the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him (2 Timothy 1:8; Malachi 3:16, LB).

Proclaiming God's Word

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Preach the Word. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 4:2; 3:16, 17).

Community Participation

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God (Hebrews 10:25; Colossians 3:16).

Spontaneity in Expression

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises (Psalm 47:1, 6).

Rejoicing in Christ

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world (Galatians 6:14).

Devotion

Meditation and Reflection

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 1:1-3; 19:14).

The Picnic

by Ena Ho

Charles grew up on a dairy farm in Queensland and he hoped to own his own dairy farm when he was older.

Through reading the Bible, his father learned that the seventh day is the Sabbath. So he and his family began worshipping God each Sabbath.

The best time of the school year for Charles was the school picnic. It was always held on the last Friday of the school year.

One year, 12-year-old Charles was really looking forward to the picnic and to entering the races. Money was given as prizes for winning, and he wanted to win his share of the money. He had already asked a farmer about buying one of his calves when it was born.

But that year the schoolteacher decided not to have the picnic on Friday, but on Saturday—the Sabbath!

Charles was very upset. If he didn't go to the picnic he would miss the fun and races and the chance to win some money to buy a calf. He had to choose between going to the picnic and obeying God's commandment to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. He chose to obey God.

The day of the picnic dawned bright and clear. While Charles and his family were worshipping God, families were arriving at the school for the picnic.

Then big, black clouds appeared in the sky and rain poured down. There was no picnic!

Next morning the schoolteacher came to Charles's home and spoke to his father. He confessed to him that he had changed the picnic day to Saturday because he didn't like Charles keeping the Sabbath. He said he was sorry.

He also said that the school committee had decided to give each child some money to make up for them not being able to have the races. The teacher gave Charles his share of the money, and then from his own wallet gave him some more. He received twice as much money as the other children.

This story took place many years ago. Today Charles Lowe is a retired pastor living in Queensland.

Ena Ho writes from Mansfield, Queensland.

Prayer and Intercession

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting (Jeremiah 29:12, 13; Psalm 51:10; 139:23, 24).

Repentance

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that our sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Comfort, oh, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and tell her that her sad days are gone. Her sins are pardoned, and the Lord will give her twice as many blessings as he gave her punishment before (Psalm 51:1-3; Acts 2:38, 39; Isaiah 40:1, 2 LB).

Spirit's Presence and Gifts

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. He will guide you into all truth. Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Romans 8:14, 16; John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4; Ephesians 4:11-13).

Renewal

Wholeness

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and

through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it (Psalm 23:1; Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Peace and Rest

But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God (Jeremiah 17:7, 8; Hebrews 4:9).

Sense of Destiny

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God (Isaiah 40:31; Hebrews 11:10).

Restoration to God's Image

He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. . . . To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen (Psalm 23:3; Jude 24, 25).

In Life and Service

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. (Matthew 28:19, 20; Ephesians 3:17-21).

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Worship Conference

Some ten participants from the South Pacific Division attended a Worship Conference in Portland, Oregon, USA, during late April. A number of former SPD personnel including Dr Alf Birch, Dr Eoin Giller and Pastor Garrie Williams led out at the conference, which featured 32 workshops and was attended by about 240 people.

Karalundi Calling

A "Back to Karalundi" will be combined with an Aboriginal campmeeting to be held at the school in outback Western Australia from September 27 to 30. All former students and staff are especially invited to attend.

Bangladesh

No Adventists have been affected by the catastrophe in Bangladesh, according to a report from Pastor Ray James, communication director of the Far Eastern Division. The only Adventist churches in the southwest of Bangladesh are out of the disaster area. But the Adventist Development and Relief Agency immediately flew one of its personnel, John Sipkens, to the area. He took an initial \$US40,000 to set up feeding stations in two hard-hit areas. ADRA is now feeding 20,000 people, using the Adventist dental clinic in Chittagong as a base. Since roads up to 12 km inland have been completely wiped out, ADRA plans to rent boats to distribute the food. They are also mobilising medical teams to treat victims of diarrhea and other illnesses. According to Mr Sipkens, reports of 100,000-plus dead are not exaggerated. He says he fears the figure will dramatically

increase if food and medical aid are not forthcoming quickly. ADRA has set up a fund to channel aid to Bangladesh from its South Pacific headquarters at 146 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga NSW 2076.

New Editor

Pastor Greg Brothers is the new editor of the *American Signs of the Times*. He replaces Pastor Kenneth Holland, who has retired after 33 years as senior editor of two missionary magazines. Pastor Brothers, who is married to the former Narelle Toepfer, of Cooranbong, NSW, has been assistant editor at *Signs* for the past two years.

Lutheran Crisis

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be in danger of financial col-

lapse unless drastic steps are taken soon, reports the Religious News Service. With 5.3 million members, North America's fourth-largest Protestant body has suffered a budget deficit of \$1.4 million at a time when all reserve funds have been used up. Church leaders are asking all church units to trim \$5.2 million from the denomination's 1991 budget—a process that is expected to result in heavy staff cutbacks and elimination of some entire programs. The Church Council, meeting in Chicago in mid-April, approved plans for a special nationwide offering and a stewardship strategy for the 1990s.

New School

The first Seventh-day Adventist school in Northern Ireland opened this

year, following a move to the Enniskillen area by Dr Richard and Mrs Virginia Clark late last year. Dr Clark will be involved in health evangelism throughout the Irish Mission, and Mrs Clark will teach at the school.

Awareness Week

Alcohol Awareness Week will be held from September 1 to 9 this year—for the first time on a national basis in Australia. According to Planning Committee chairman Major John Henderson, Commonwealth Health Department figures estimate more than 1,000 under-35-year-olds will die from alcohol-intoxication-related deaths. "Why," he asks, "is there a reluctance on the part of governments to focus on the real Australian drug problem? After all, in but one state the number of convictions associated with illegal substances is approximately 2,000, while the number of convictions for drunkenness and drink driving is around 40,000." A number of celebrities have agreed to support the campaign through television and radio advertisements, and a news-sheet is available from Richard Berry, 11-13 White Road, Gepps Cross SA 5094. Phone (08) 349 7277.

New at SAH

Dr Leon Clark, MB.BS, FRACOG, FRCOG, has accepted the position of medical executive officer at Sydney Adventist Hospital. The position, a new one, will involve coordinating future development of medical staff at senior levels; fostering diagnostic, therapeutic, consulting and specialty services; and developing liaison between the consulting services of the



Sabbath School Holds Graduation in Fiji

Child ministry is on the move in the Fiji Mission, according to communication director Pastor Wapole Talemaitoga. Recently, the Suvavou church organised a graduation service for 16 students moving to new divisions. It was the first such service held in the mission, with president Pastor Samuela Ratulevu (pictured presenting certificates to two earliteens) as guest for the occasion. Mrs Naomi Nasausila is Child Ministry director for the Fiji Mission.

Photo: Wapole Talemaitoga.

hospital. Dr Clark, a son of Pastor and Mrs Eric Clark, has been in specialist infertility practice in Newcastle, and will continue his involvement in IVF at Westmead Hospital on a part-time basis.

SS Lessons

Sabbath school leaders and teachers are advised that subjects to be covered in future lessons include: Third Quarter 1991: "Living For His Coming" (1 and 2 Thessalonians); Fourth Quarter 1991: "Proverbs To Live By" (Proverbs); First Quarter 1992: "No Time To Lose" (Joel, Micah and Zephaniah); Second Quarter 1992: Psalms 93 to 150; Third Quarter 1992: "A Living Hope" (1 Peter).

Media Award

Episode 5 of the "Keepers of the Flame" video series has won a Silver Award in an International Video competition in the USA. "From hundreds of entries, the episode on the life of Ellen White won second place in the History and Biography category," says Adventist Media Centre manager Nat Devenish. "The prize is a tribute to the production staff at the Media Centre—Russell and Jann Gibbs, Kevin Townend, David Gibbons, Lorin Chapman, presenter Dr Allan Lindsay, writer Cal Durant and director Gabe Reynaud."

Prisoners Thanks

Inmates of the Beechworth prison, Victoria, have expressed warm appreciation for the gift to the prison library of a set of *The Bible Story* and *Family Medical Care* by Melbourne literature evangelist Ruth Harris. Mrs Harris reported to members at Croydon church (who assisted with the project) that other prisons are also eager to place these books in



Photo: Shirley Steele.

Medical Centre Celebrates 20 Years

The Fox Valley Medical and Dental Centre recently celebrated its 20th birthday. Those present included Dr James Price, the original doctor who commenced in April, 1971, and who still works from the centre in his own practice. Other staff at the centre include (pictured, from left): Frances Kench (17 years as a medical secretary), Dr Susan Armstrong (current senior general practitioner), Sister Gladys Timewell (13 years as clinical sister), Dr Russell Butler (physician at the centre since 1971) and Dr John Court (dentist since 1973). The practice commenced with Dr Cyril Palmer, Dr John Letham, Dr Bill Johnson, and Dr A. K. Tulloch as surgeon. Original employees include: Betty Maywald and Sue Creighton, the first receptionist/secretaries; and Beverly Faull, the first nursing sister.

their libraries. She used income from her LE sales to help fund the venture.

Less Pork

Food managers for the Army and Air Force have introduced a range of meat alternatives in recognition of the increasing number of vegetarians in the services, according to the latest *Defence Information Bulletin*. Vegetarians now can choose from a variety of nuts, fresh and curd soya beans, textured vegetable protein, dried peas, beans and legumes with energy values equivalent to the meat they replace. Research on acceptable alternatives was carried out at the Material Research Laboratory at Scottsdale, Tasmania.

Summer Camp

A Science Summer Camp for Years 10 and 11 high school students will be offered by the Science Department at Avondale

College from January 6 to 14, 1992. In addition to offering instruction in science, "the science camp offers young people not attending a church school an opportunity to mix socially and academically with Christian youth from different high schools," says Dr Ewan Ward of Avondale's Science Department.

Health Conference

The Adventist Health Association of North New Zealand will hold a health retreat at Snells Beach, north of Auckland, from June 7 to 9. The theme will be Christian Emotional Health. Guest participants will include Dr Terry Butler, Trans-Tasman Union Conference Health director; Dr Garry Grant, an Adventist psychologist from Kempsey, NSW; and Dr Grant's wife, Linda. According to North New Zealand communication director Pastor Larry

Laredo, around 50 health professionals are expected to attend.

Closer Ties

Leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church have announced a proposal to establish joint ordination and full communion. The proposal recommends that the "churches become interdependent while remaining autonomous." It would permit members of either church to receive sacraments in the other, and clergy could perform liturgical functions in both churches. The recommendations will require approval by both denominations.—Moody.

New Chaplain

Dr Arthur Patrick has accepted the invitation of Sydney Adventist Hospital to serve as head of the Chaplains Department. He replaces Dr Tom Ludowici, who has transferred to hospital administration as director of Support Services. Dr Ludowici, who has been senior chaplain at SAH since 1978, will continue as director of the hospital's Christian Centre for Bioethics. Dr Patrick's transfer to the SAH is dependent on a new registrar being appointed to Avondale College—a process that could take some months. During the interim, Pastor Roger Henley will be acting senior chaplain, and retired pastor Ken Martin will temporarily join the chaplaincy staff.

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.

GC Looks at South Africa, Finances

Leaders at the Spring Meeting of the General Conference, held in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA, heard Trans-European Division president Dr Jan Paulsen report on good prospects for a unified Adventist Church in South Africa. Dr Paulsen had earlier chaired a commission regarding the church in South Africa.

Against a backdrop of the meaning of the cross, which gives equal value to all people and unites all believers, the commission began its quest to initiate a unifying process for the racially divided church.

"Our overriding concern was to construct a set of recommendations that reflected the heart of the gospel," said Pastor Paulsen. "The reason for the commission was not rooted in the politics of the day but in the gospel itself. . . . We were merely the instruments used to articulate the will of God in this matter."

Three major recommendations came out of the commission:

1. A merger of the South African Union (predominantly white, coloured and Asian) and the Southern Union Mission (predominantly black) into a new administrative unit by December 31, 1991.

2. A merger of all local conferences and fields within the two unions into new unified administrative units with redrawn geographical boundaries by December 31, 1992.

3. Incorporation of the new recognised union into the Eastern Africa Division to be achieved by a date set by the General Conference in consultation with union officials.

General Conference president Pastor Robert S. Folkenberg responded positively to the commission's report, but cautioned that the issues are massive.

"It would be wrong for me to avoid mentioning that the situation in the North American Division (with separate black and white conferences) contributed to the challenges of the commission," he said. "The Afrikaaners (the white minority) had looked to the NAD model of a minority structure as a justification for continuing their divided system.

"But I'm so pleased the commission

said that 'the issue is not North American. . . . The matter of unity is a moral principle.'"

General Conference undertreasurer Don E. Robinson also responded, saying that the commission realised that other churches in the country had done what all Christians should do, and we could delay no longer. "We're optimistic that our members in South Africa can demonstrate to the world that they love one another," he said.

During a review of the General Conference's financial statements, an auditor from a certified public accounting firm told the gathering that the General Conference's financial picture has changed dramatically over the past five years.

As of December 31, 1990, the operating fund balance was \$52,497,461, representing a decrease of nearly \$11 million (17 per cent) compared to 1989. The total also represents a decrease of nearly \$35 million (40 per cent) compared to the 1985 yearend statements.

Don E. Robinson, GC undertreasurer, said the major reason for the decline in 1990 was that expenditures exceeded in-

come by \$11 million. This occurred in part because of a 1989 Annual Council action approving a budget that authorised a \$7 million drawdown of unallocated (non-tithe) reserves, which was used for GC and world operations.

Other major factors affecting the decrease included a \$1.4 million shortfall in Ingathering, and increased operating costs.

In order to keep expenses aligned with projected income, the GC committee voted a measure that calls for a \$7 million (or 4.3 per cent) reduction in the total operating budget for 1992.

The committee also reviewed a measure that would limit GC operating expenses for 1992 to 4.85 per cent of gross NAD tithe income plus tithe to the GC from world divisions. A similar recommendation called for the North American Division to limit its expenses to 1.8 per cent of the NAD gross tithe. The measure will be presented at the 1991 Annual Council and the NAD Yearend Meeting for final approval.

This report is adapted from an article by Carlos Medley that appeared in the Adventist Review.

Ethics Conference Addresses Issues

"Human relationships should not be for sale!" Dr Paul Lauritzen told the 6th National Bioethics Conference held at Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga, New South Wales, in mid-April.

Dr Lauritzen, associate professor of ethics at John Carroll University in Ohio, USA, was exploring but one of a variety of topics listed at the conference.

"The case for paid surrogacy has often been made by comparing surrogacy to other forms of assisted reproduction that are legally permissible, and, in fact, facilitated by state law, and then pointing to the inconsistency of supporting certain forms of assisted reproduction and not others," he said.

"Surrogacy is said to be the converse of donor insemination . . . and these comparisons are invoked as if it followed that surrogacy should be treated morally and legally as we treat donor insemination," he asserts.

But Dr Lauritzen does not believe that the same moral conclusions should apply to both surrogacy and donor insemination. He believes that surrogacy motherhood is different from donor insemination in morally significant ways.

"The strongest argument against surrogacy rests on the conviction that certain rights recognised by the state as fundamental to human flourishing should be inalienable and that a woman's right to continue an intimate, caring relationship with the child she has nurtured for nine months, and to whom she has given birth, should not be for sale," said Dr Lauritzen.

"To oppose surrogacy is . . . to reject the dehumanisation of placing women and children, and the relationship between pregnant women and their children, in a cash nexus."



Gary Roberts (third left) and David Jack (fourth right) were ordained on March 23 in Qld. Other participants in the service included (from left): Pastors Chester Stanley and Merv Kennaway, Diane Roberts, Michelle Jack, Pastors Peter Jack, Peter Cousins and Peter Colquhoun.

Photo: Peter Colquhoun.

Two Ministers Ordained in South Qld

David Jack and Gary Roberts were ordained to gospel ministry at the Park Ridge church, Brisbane, on March 23.

Gary Roberts grew up with faith in the Creator-Saviour God even before he became an Adventist in 1973. Three years later he felt that God was calling him to train for the ministry. After graduating from Avondale College, he spent six years in the North New Zealand Conference.

In 1986 he again attended Avondale to complete a Masters degree in Religion. He returned to pastoral ministry by responding to a call to South Queensland, where he currently cares for the Goondiwindi church and the St George company. He is married to the former Diane Scotton, and they have two children, Michelle and Damon.

David Jack grew up in the home of an evangelist, learning firsthand the demands of an itinerant pastor living in several countries and experiencing different cultures. Even so, he says, he found his personal call to the gospel ministry very compelling.

David commenced ministerial training at Pacific Union College, USA, and completed it at Avondale, graduating in 1985. David commenced ministry in the North New Zealand Conference and later transferred to South Queensland Conference, where he currently pastors the Park Ridge church and is chaplain at the Mount Gravatt Primary School.

David is married to the former Michelle Uljarevic, who is completing a medical degree at Queensland University.

SPD Releases Results of SS Quarterly Survey

The South Pacific Division recently released details of a survey conducted about the adult Sabbath school lesson quarterlies.

Some 677 persons completed the survey, which was conducted in association with the General Conference.

The survey was designed to provide information for a worldwide Sabbath school advisory meeting that will plan for the five-year curriculum that commences in 1994.

The survey contained 24 questions with a total of 180 variables. Respondents also had opportunity to write in opinions and give other input.

Of those who responded, 98 per cent attend the church service "regularly,"

and 97 per cent attend the Sabbath school "regularly."

Some 12.6 per cent were over 72 years of age; 38.2 per cent were between 51 and 71; 11.1 per cent were 46 to 50; and 27.4 were between 31 and 45. In total, 62 per cent were over 45, and only 9.3 per cent of the response was from those under 30.

Further results showed that 62.6 per cent of the respondents attend a church of less than 100 members, and 24.7 per cent attend churches with memberships between 100 and 200.

Participants were divided almost equally between "city/suburbs" and "small town/country." Males made up 46.5 per cent of respondents, females 48.3 per cent, and some did not designate their sex.

Some 40 per cent said they are Sabbath school teachers, and 63 per cent said they study the entire lesson and look up the texts.

Of those who do not study the quar-

terly regularly, the reasons given (in descending order) were: "I study the children's lesson." "I have my own devotional study." "The format is not interesting." "The questions are hard to answer." "Too many sentences I do not understand." "It is not relevant to everyday life." "I do not have time."

Regarding the amount of material covered in any one lesson, 47.1 per cent said it was "just right," 28.1 per cent said it was "too much," 7.2 per cent said it was "too little," and the rest had no opinion. More than 70 per cent find the content explanations helpful, but 20 per cent said they need improvement.

On how well the lesson was applied to everyday living, 65.4 per cent said "very well" or "satisfactory." But 34.6 per cent said improvement is needed. More than three-quarters of those who responded said the study of the lesson contributed to spiritual growth.

The type of material respondents preferred (in order of preference) was: topical studies drawing from many books of the Bible or a single passage; studies based on a book of the Bible; doctrines; and biographies.

Some 67 per cent prefer only two or three questions for each day's study. Only 42 per cent find the questions difficult, and 38.2 per cent would like one page in the quarterly for one day's study.

Local Sabbath school secretaries appear to be effective in their distribution of the pamphlets—95 per cent of respondents received them before the new quarter begins. And nearly 80 per cent "believe it helps to unify the church to have the entire world field study the same lesson at the same time."

Popular subjects nominated for future study included: last-day events, relationships, making the gospel relevant to today's needs, doctrines, Bible books, the life of Jesus, Bible characters, Daniel and Revelation, how to witness, the Gospels, Holy Spirit, parables and the family.

"I thank God for the Sabbath school and its many faithful teachers, leaders and students of the Word, says Pastor Eric Winter, Sabbath school director for the South Pacific Division. "Sabbath school provides an important ministry. It demands commitment to make it relevant and Bible-focused on Jesus.

"With an ever-increasing number of absentees from Sabbath schools, the local church is challenged to provide a ministry that's attractive, that's relevant to people's needs, and that always uplifts truth as it is in Jesus Christ."

Babies Back on Board in Warburton

Warburton Hospital has obtained approval from the Victorian Health Department to resume obstetric services, commencing July 1. The decision reverses an action taken in 1988.

The reconsideration came in response to requests from women in the community. "The hospital will spend around \$30,000 refitting and providing additional modern equipment necessary to support obstetric service," says hospital manager Dick Morris.

Support for the redevelopment of obstetric services at Warburton also came from the Lilydale and District Hospital, where more than 1,000 babies are born annually. Their medical staff supported the resuming of obstetrics in Warburton and offered assistance and advice on optimal obstetric equipment and nursing staff arrangements.

Significant growth in the occupancy of Warburton Hospital during the past two years has encouraged management to plan for further hospital expansion.

Additional hospital buildings are needed as well as the provision of a wider range of hospital services. The number of surgical procedures performed in the past year increased dramatically as a result of the work of a consultant physician and three visiting surgeons.

"Recent trends in childbirth in Victoria indicate an increasing demand by women for accessible and comfortable birthing facilities," says Warburton Hospital Director of Nursing Heather Winter. "In addition, modern mothers realise the importance of continuing medical care for the family unit."

Sister Winter says the resumption of obstetrics at Warburton Hospital will further improve the quality of health services available to women in the Shire. Antenatal classes commence shortly at the hospital, supported by the physiotherapy and midwifery staff.

"Although Warburton Hospital is a private hospital generally requiring health-insurance cover for admission, it is planned to offer special financial packages for prospective mothers who do not have health insurance cover," says Mr Morris.

There are around 300 babies born annually in the Upper Yarra Shire.



Branch Sabbath schools spawn so rapidly in South America that a group in Quillota Sur, Chile, worshipped in a building mounted on an old tractor for four years until they obtained a church.

Offering to Benefit South America

Although 29 new churches and chapels were built in South America with funds raised in 1984, most of the offering to be received for the same area on June 29 this year is again targeted for chapels, according to South American Division president Pastor Joao Wolff.

This is because the existing churches cannot absorb the more than 350,000 new members gained through evangelism in recent years.

"The upcoming offering is to be divided equally between the Chile and East Brazil unions," says Janet Kangas, editor of *Mission* magazine. "The East Brazil Union comprises nine states with 60 million inhabitants, mainly of Indian and Portuguese descent. The language is Portuguese."

The offering funds allotted to East Brazil will be used for chapels seating up to 120 people, plus two churches. One church will be built at Northeast Brazil College, which has an enrolment of around 1,000 students; and the other in Tijuca, a sophisticated oceanfront suburb of Rio de Janeiro.

"The East Brazil Union contains more than 2,000 km of beaches that attract tourists and wealthier residents who need to be evangelised," says Dr Kangas.

The Chile Union will use part of its funds to build a women's dormitory at Chile College and the remainder to purchase land and erect chapels in the Pacific Chile Mission and in the southern part of the country, Chiloe. Chiloe is separated from the mainland by the Chacao channel and forms part of an archipelago of the same name.

By the end of 1989, Chile had more than 65,000 members, with an average of one Adventist for every 203 inhabitants. The East Brazil Union had 162,631 members and its ratio is one to 369.

"Of interest in Chile—which comprises more than 4,000 km from north to south but is never more than 400 km in width—is the existence of an organised church formed by former gypsies," says Dr Kangas. "It's estimated that 1,500 gypsies are now interested in studying the Adventist message."

The church is growing rapidly in South America. In 1989, nearly 100,000 converts were baptised. New branch Sabbath schools are spawned every week, but with no place for them to meet. One group, starting with about 25, met regularly for four years in an old truck, pulled by a tractor.

The 'moving church' attracted much attention and gathered additional interests as the people in the village heard singing and came to investigate the unusual chapel. Soon there were 48 people meeting in what they called their *el carrito*. By the time they were able to obtain a church the congregation numbered nearly 100!

Twenty-five per cent of the 13th Sabbath Offering given on June 29 goes to the South American Division projects. The rest maintains the world mission budget. The largest 13th Sabbath Special Projects Offering given to date was in 1989, when \$424,359 was given for the Southern Asia Division.

"This quarter we would like to aim for \$450,000," says Dr Kangas. "Together, we can do it!"

New-Look School Opens in SA

More than 300 people attended the official opening on April 7 of new administration facilities and an additional classroom for senior students at the Prescott Primary School Northern in South Australia. The extensions cost \$130,000.

South Australian Conference president Pastor Malcolm Potts spoke at the dedication service, and Robert Leane, chairman of the Independent Schools Board of SA, officially opened the facilities. Robert van Buuren, conference secretary-treasurer, gave a history of the school, and principal Daryl Murdoch outlined the school's educational philosophy.

The SA Advent Silver Band and the school choir presented musical items. Following the opening ceremony, the Home and School Association provided a Devonshire tea, and visitors inspected the facilities.

Enrolments at the school almost doubled during the 1980s and now stand at near capacity of 120, with a full-time staff of five. The school opened in 1974.

"The Open Day generated keen interest in the school and its activities," says Mr Murdoch. "Further extensions, including a new library, additional classrooms and a tuckshop facility are planned for the near future."



From left: David Blennerhassett, Allen Couty, Wendy Hansen, Irene Baron, Kryssie Jaworski, Russell Cooper, and Eric Choo, with sound engineers Mark Neveceras and Tom Sawcsuk.

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Melbourne Group Plans Poland Tour

The Melbourne-based Adventist gospel singing group New Testament (pictured) has accepted an invitation from the Polish Union Conference to tour that country during July. The group will present concerts in Singapore en route, and then undertake a three-week evangelistic tour in Poland. They will also be special guests at a youth congress.

"We're told the invitation comes because of the appeal of our music ministry, and because we represent Christians from the Western world," says music director for New Testament David Blennerhassett. "We understand our group will be the first from the South Pacific Division to tour in Eastern Europe."

New Testament has toured the North Island of New Zealand and throughout Australia during the past eight years. Their programs provide a blend of traditional and modern harmony, with personal testimonies geared to groups of all denominations.

"The group members are dedicated Seventh-day Adventists who see their music as an opportunity to extend God's kingdom," says Mr Blennerhassett. "They're entirely self-funded, and are presently involved in additional concerts to assist with costs involved in the Polish tour."

"We would encourage Adventists throughout the South Pacific to pray that our ministry will bless the people of Singapore and Poland, who will be challenged to make decisions for Christ as a result of this tour," says Mr Blennerhassett.

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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.

Ruscoe, Norman Lester ("Snow"), born April 28, 1909, in Stratford, New Zealand; died April 16 in Feilding after a prolonged illness. The family moved to Palmerston North in order for their children to attend Longburn College. "Snow" enjoyed photography. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Palmerston North); daughters, Barbara Bright (Huntly), Robyn Mason (Auckland), Beverly Martin (Feilding), Alison Leng (Auckland), Joan Johnston (Wanganui), and Lesley Toppin (Sydney, NSW); sons, Charlie and Rodney (both of Tauranga, New Zealand); 35 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Murray Standbridge was associated in the service. Kevin Amos.

Smith, Alice Emily (nee Wood), born December 31, 1910, at Balaclava, SA; died April 5 in Cooranbong, NSW. When she was six, her parents accepted the SDA message. With her beautiful singing voice, Alice supported many evangelistic crusades. She was involved in community welfare work, and for 15 years taught in the children's divisions of the Coburg and Preston Sabbath schools in Victoria. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Dennis Charlton; grandson, Rowen (all of Cooranbong); sisters, May Wood (Cooranbong) and Thelma Farrow (Barmera, SA); brothers, Ralph (Cooranbong) and Ken (Hackam West, SA). Her husband predeceased her in 1980. Pastor Stan Winter assisted in a service in the Avondale Memorial church. F. L. Mackay.

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