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GUN IN MY RIBS, PROMISE IN MY HEART



LANCE MORRISON
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Many of the Lord's promises are special, but one stands out when I review an experience that could have ended my life: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today,"—Exodus 14:13.

I was in downtown Baltimore in January of 1988 making collections and calling on families interested in seeing *The Bible Story* books.

In my appointment book was a reminder to call a certain customer at 6 p.m. It was early evening, already past 6, and I hadn't found a public telephone.

Time ticked away as I anxiously looked for a phone. I finally spied one hanging on an outside wall of a liquor store. I actually thought it was a corner grocery, and there were half a dozen people standing around.

I had just contacted the woman on the phone when a voice behind me demanded, "Give me your money!" The receiver fell as I turned around.

The barrel of a gun—just six inches away—was pointed at my body. I looked up to see the eyes of a man who commanded again from behind his bandanna-covered mouth, "Give me your money!"

I didn't have even one red cent on me. As I replied, "I don't have any money," I felt the prick of a knife, held by his companion, threatening my back. The gunman reached out to feel my pockets. I told him again that I didn't have any money, just keys.

He allowed me to reach into my back pocket to retrieve my wallet. "Here, take it," I said. "See for yourself. I don't have a dime!"

At the exact moment I lifted my empty wallet for him to see, a police car rounded the corner, lights flashing and siren blaring. It seemed the law officer had witnessed the event and was headed right for us.

When the gunman saw the police car, he pulled down the scarf, tucked the weapon under his arm and headed down the street. His partner followed.

I jumped into my car, intending to find the policeman. But he was gone. So were the people who had been standing around in front of the store.

Many times we don't see the evidence of God's leading. But at other times, as in my experience, He displays His care in very obvious ways. The police car appeared just at the right moment to save my life!

COVER: Fourteen-year-old Mike Phelps of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, is the artist of "Trip to Topsham, Maine," in the 1989 Adventist Heritage Calendar. Phelps is an eighth-grader at the Irvin Comstock Adventist school in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. The calendar highlights important dates in Adventist church history, which are explained in an accompanying booklet. Available through your local church school or the conference department of education, the calendar and booklet are sold together at a cost of \$5.

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HARVEST 90 in 1988: a world report

RENEW



The former **Cameroon** ambassador became an Adventist and is now a pastor, as is the former executive secretary of the Baptist church in that country. . . . In **Lusaka, Zambia**, six ministers of other denominations have become Adventists. . . . **Portugal** hosted the Latin Pathfinder camporee for Europe and 105 young people decided to be baptized. . . . At the German camporee in **Austria**, 27 young people also decided to be baptized. . . . In **Seoul, Korea**, 1,520 people who attended an Adventist rally during the Olympics want to study the Bible.

BAPTIZE



Russia's accession rate is at 4.9 percent; that compares with the 4.4 percent in North America. . . . **Kinshasa, Zaire**, had three evangelistic teams working, with more than 1,200 baptisms. . . . **Ghana** marked its centennial of Adventism with two baptismal services—one of 1,200 and another of 1,400 people. . . . **Naimira, Kenya**, is such a small town that few Americans have heard of it, but 4,216 people were baptized there during an evangelistic crusade. . . . 75 baptisms may not sound like much, but this total came from the Moslem territory of **Malawi**, where there's also a new church just for ex-Moslems. . . . Hurricane Keith didn't slow Adventist evangelism in the **Bahamas, Jamaica** and the **Cayman Islands**, where 7,454 people were baptized. . . . **Cuba** already has reached 118 percent of its Harvest 90 goal for baptisms. . . . The **Lake Titicaca Mission** in **Peru** baptized 3,724 people during just the first half of last year. . . . **Sydney, Australia**, had 77 baptisms from a crusade by Columbia Union Pas-

tor Wintley Phipps, with 75 more preparing for future baptism. . . . **Uganda** had women conduct an evangelistic campaign, which resulted in 150 baptisms. . . . In **East Indonesia**, 400 Revelation seminars were conducted by lay members, with another 150 satellite meetings; 1,330 people have been baptized there so far.

ATTEND



Immediately after the pope's visit to **Paraguay**, Adventists started 100 Revelation seminars. . . . 22 baptized members now worship on Sabbath at the Adventist church in **Bandarkola, India**, where most of the people worship mountain spirits and offer animal sacrifices. . . . Adventists became the first Christians to hold a month-long crusade in **Yugoslavia**, with 235 people choosing to attend church each Sabbath. . . . Four new churches were started last year in **Jakarta, Indonesia**. . . . In **Rabaul, Papua New Guinea**—a town of about 23,000—the chief jailer and two associates have been baptized; 20,000 attended the evangelistic crusade on one night alone. . . . A series of meetings was conducted by a 13-year-old boy in **Argentina**; 28 children and their parents attended.

TRAIN



Training classes on how to use Revelation Seminar materials are being conducted in **Germany** and **France**. . . . The **Berlin** Evangelism Institute has been the best institute to date; 600 people crowded the 465-seat auditorium on the first night. . . . **East Africa** has developed video programs to help members enter new villages with the gospel. . . . **Russia** now has a seminary to train its ministerial force.

FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Linda Combs, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. A former member of the Church of God of Prophecy, Linda was baptized in November of 1988.



Honey Pieper, Coshocton, Ohio. Honey and her husband, Greg, decided they should be one in serving God and keeping His law, so they were baptized in November of 1988.



Greg Pieper, Coshocton, Ohio. Previously a member of the Free Methodist Church, Greg and his wife, Honey, were baptized in November of 1988.



Carole Jones, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. Carole was baptized in November of 1988 during a crusade by Jim Stevens, ministerial director of the New Jersey Conference.



Jason Vines, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. Jason was baptized one week after his mother, Carole Jones, joined the Adventist church in November of 1988.



Cheryl Keenan, Huntington, Mountain View. After studying the New Life lessons from the Voice of Prophecy and the Bible with Pastor Dan Shafer, Cheryl was baptized in December of 1988.



Brenda Chen, Baltimore First, Chesapeake. Brenda attended Episcopal and Baptist churches before her baptism during an evangelistic crusade in November of 1988.

Pioneer of freedom

PATRICIA L. HUMPHREY

Her name was Sojourner Truth. She was God's servant, bearing a message of love and peace to the world that still rings true.

She was born a slave in Ulster County, New York, about 80 miles from New York City. No one dreamed that this tiny figure would become one of the most powerful leaders in the antislavery movement.

Because accurate records were not then kept on slaves, the exact date of her birth is not known. A news story by Minnie Merrit Fay printed in the *Battle Creek Journal* in Battle Creek, Michigan, gives a strong indication, however, that she was born about 1775.

"Sojourner Truth lived in the home of my parents when I was a very small child. ... I am sure that my great affection for her must have been formed at this time. ...

"An incident of Sojourner's life that left its deep impression upon my childish mind was her telling of the 'Dark Day,' May 19, 1780, at which time she was probably 5 or 6 years of age.

Patricia L. Humphrey is assistant editor of *Message* magazine.

"She said she was terribly frightened and ran with frightened animals into a field, where the dew was on the grass as though it were real night. I think it was this incident that established her age at the time of her death as about 108 years."

Life as a slave was difficult for Sojourner Truth, whose name at birth was Isabella Van Wagoner.

During her life she was owned by five different slaveholders, one of whom cruelly whipped her for not obeying commands because she spoke Dutch and didn't understand English.

In 1810 she was sold to John Dumont of New Paltz, New York. Yet she never abandoned the hope of one day gaining her freedom.

An 1824 law granted freedom to all slaves born before July 4, 1799. The Dumonts agreed to free Isabella in 1827, though it was not certain when she had been born.

Later Dumont made a special promise that if Isabella would work especially hard, she would be freed one year earlier.

For the next couple of years she worked extraordinarily hard, but a hand injury one year before she was to be freed hampered her ability to work as usual.

When the fall harvest failed that year, Dumont reneged on his promise to free her and even accused her of cheating him out of a portion of her labors.

Having been taught never to lie or cheat, Isabella had never dreamed that Dumont would break his promise.

Asking God for guidance, Isabella resolved to run away. Unsure whether to leave by day or night, she prayed for a solution to her dilemma. The answer came clearly: She was to leave at dawn.

Grabbing her infant child, Sophie, she set out for freedom. Again she sought direction from God.

The intriguing account of Sojourner Truth and her lifelong battle against injustice and evil.

She was led to the home of a Quaker couple, Isaac and Maria Van Wagoner. This God-fearing pair received her very warmly, offering her both a job and a place to stay.

Dumont soon found her and threatened her with harsh punishment if she did not return. In an effort to save her from the wrath of her former slave owner, the Van Wagoners purchased her from Dumont.

A true Christian family, they immediately discouraged any inclination of hers to refer to them as master and mistress. "There is but one Master," the kind gentleman told her, "and He who is your Master is my Master."

Though she found a peaceful refuge there, Isabella often missed the camaraderie of the old slave quarters.

One Sunday afternoon she was tempted to return. Dumont had come with the intention of coaxing her to come back to his plantation.

Thinking of her family—she had married and given birth to five children—and friends that she had left, Isabella began to walk toward the gate.

Stopping her abruptly, however, was an invisible force that seemed to block her path. Suddenly she heard a voice



say, "Not another step!" Stunned and dizzy, she froze in her tracks. Compelled to stay, she slowly turned around and headed back toward her room.

Soon afterwards she sensed a presence and a light in the room with her that was, in her words, "like the sun shinin' in a pail of water when it moves up and down."

Curious as to who this mysterious presence might be, she shouted, "I know you! I know you!" But then she said, "I don't know you! I don't know you!" and the light faded. But again when she said "I know you!" the light came back.

Then a voice spoke to her: "This is Jesus." She shouted for joy. "This is Jesus! Glory be to God!"

"And the whole world," she said, "grew bright, and the trees they waved and waved in glory, and every bit of stone on the ground shone like glass. And I shouted, 'Praise, praise, praise to the Lord!' And I began to feel such a love in my soul as I never felt before—love to all creatures."

In 1843 Isabella embarked upon what she believed to be her mission from God.

That mission is best described in excerpted lines from an original song of hers: "I am pleading for my people, a poor, downtrodden race, who dwell in freedom's boasted land with no abiding place."

That same year she attended some Millerite camp meetings, and it is believed by many that she identified herself with the Advent people.

It was also about this time that she was impressed by God to change her name.



"My name was Isabella, but when I left the house of bondage I left everything behind. I wa't goin' to keep nothin' of Egypt upon me.

"An' the Lord gave me Sojourner 'cause I was to travel up an' down the land showin' people their sins an' bein' a sign unto them.

"Afterwards I told the Lord I wanted another name 'cause everybody else had two names, an' the Lord gave me Truth, 'cause I was to declare the truth to the people."

In 1856 she moved to Harmonia, Michigan, and shortly afterwards to Battle Creek. There she became acquainted with such prominent Adventist leaders as Ellen G. White, John Harvey Kellogg and Uriah Smith.

No church records exist to indicate that she became a member of the Adventist church, but a number of sources substantiate the claim that she was indeed an Adventist.

Sojourner Truth traveled from east to west, praying and preaching wherever she went. She refused pay for her services, accepting only the warmth and kindness of those in whose homes she found rest and refreshment.

Though she gained immense popular-

ity and was in constant demand as a speaker, she was not without opposition. She was clubbed on one occasion and mobbed on another.

Yet her strong, deep, melodious voice could not be ignored by anyone. Her wit was known to silence even the strongest of opponents.

At a women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio, she sat quietly, listening to various preachers exhort their beliefs as to why women were inferior.

At the most opportune moment—much to the dismay of her opponents—she walked to the front of the room and said, "Den dat little man in black dar, he say women can't have as much rights as man, cause Christ wa'nt a woman."

Twice she repeated, "Whar did your Christ come from?" Answering her own question, she said, "From God an' a woman. Man had nothin' to do with Him."

On November 26, 1883, Sojourner Truth passed away.

More than 3,000 people crowded into the Battle Creek Tabernacle to pay their last respects to the sagacious black heroine. Uriah Smith presided at the services.

Ellen Bradbury Paulson, who attended the funeral, said of Sojourner Truth: "She was a good SDA."

In the Oak Hill Cemetery she rests quietly, just a few feet from the grave of Ellen White, awaiting that day when Jesus shall set free His precious jewels whom death and sin have so long held captive.

Sojourner Truth, a courageous pioneer preacher, spoke for antislavery, women's rights and temperance—even to President Abraham Lincoln. On her grave the inscription reads "Is God Dead?" words she used to remind abolitionist Frederick Douglass that God is "Master" over the lives of those who trust in Him.

Don't just do something,



Harvest 90 Goals

1. **RENEW:** Spiritual growth for every member through Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and worship.
2. **BAPTIZE:** Double the number of people baptized into the Church during the 1000 Days of Reaping.
3. **ATTEND:** Double the number of people attending church worship services every Sabbath.
4. **TRAIN:** Prepare a majority of members for soul-winning activities.

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Been busy today? Got the kids to school. Rushed to work. Slipped in a few phone calls to arrange the camping trip this weekend. Fought the traffic home. Microwaved supper. Hurried to the pool for laps. Got a little done refinishing the antique chairs.

Do. Do. Do. It's our lifestyle. North Americans go as fast as anyone, racing from one task to the next to the next.

But Jesus says, "Be still. Know that I am God."

That's why the North American Division has adopted

spiritual renewal for all members as one of its Harvest 90 goals. Watching the sun set. Listening to the children chatter. Sweet moments of prayer. It's doing our part in Harvest 90.





Randy Murphy

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Murphy is elected conference president

Randall "Randy" L. Murphy was elected president of the Mountain View Conference on January 4.

Murphy, who is 49 years old, is "coming home" to Mountain View. He was born in Clemtown, Barbour County, West Virginia, and graduated from nearby Grafton High School.

He also attended local state colleges in Fairmont and Frostburg. And Murphy married his hometown sweetheart, Martha Lee Shafferman of Grafton. The couple has two adult children, Larry and R. Bruce.

He became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1958 after attending a series of meetings that was conducted by evangelist Fordyce Detamore. Murphy then continued his education by attending Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Murphy began working for the church in the Columbia Union, teaching at schools in Cumberland, Maryland, and Parkersburg, West Virginia, and then Eastern Shore Junior Academy in Sudlersville, Maryland.

He pastored congregations in the Chesapeake Conference and was ordained during camp meeting in 1973 at Hagerstown, Maryland. He also pastored in Cicero, Indiana, and Kansas City, Missouri.

As regional vice president for the Texas Conference, Murphy advanced his administrative skills. He went from Texas in 1987 to pastor the 800-member Gentry, Arkansas, church.

Murphy presided over his first Mountain View Conference Committee meeting on January 23. When asked how he felt about

moving to the Parkersburg office, he smiled and said, "This is home."

Murphy replaces Herbert Broeckel, who accepted the invitation to be president of the Central California Conference.—CPC

COLUMBIA UNION

Union helps fund successful "special ed" testing

Columbia Union officials helped fund a successful program to test exceptional children. The Mountain View Conference piloted the program to test students with learning disabilities and special gifts.

According to Dick Osborn, union director of education, his department granted \$1,000 to Mountain View to develop a testing program to address the needs of exceptional children.

Gloria Carter, Mountain View's elementary supervisor, developed the program, which uses a simple approach of assessment testing, leveling and program modification.

After permission to test special students was received from their parents, individualized educational plans were developed and program modifications selected.

"Students were tested in the fall of 1987 and again in the spring of 1988. Every student in the program gained significantly. Some gained as high as three grade levels in problem areas. And not one gained less than nine months in the reading and mathematics skills tested," Carter said.

Teachers recognized other benefits in the classroom, said Carter. "There were fewer behavioral problems and increased self-esteem among former 'problem' students as they began to experience success.

"Results of this pilot confirm that when a pupil is placed at the learning level where he or she can achieve, everyone benefits."

COLUMBIA UNION

Adventists make national news

Seventh-day Adventists gained considerable publicity—some might say notoriety—from two unrelated occurrences.

An ex-minister's son died of starvation in northeastern Pennsylvania, and a Chesapeake church filed a lawsuit against the city of Frederick, Maryland.

According to Shirley Burton, communication director of the General Conference and the person responsible for media con-

tacts on these stories, "The media by and large have represented the church fairly."

Eric Cottam's death attracted the greater attention, with coverage in virtually every state in America and even several overseas countries.

Eric had dropped to only 69 pounds on his 5-foot-10-inch frame when he died January 4. The coroner said he had not eaten since November, and several news reports called the starvation a "religious fast."

In addition, police investigators turned up more than \$2,000 in cash in the Cottams' house and bank accounts totaling \$1,500 more. The family said the money was the Lord's and couldn't be used to buy food.

So news reporters asked questions about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs on both fasting and tithing.

Eric's parents have been charged with murder. His father, Larry Cottam, pastored in both Pennsylvania and Minnesota during five years in the ministry.

A Knight-Ridder newspaper article said that the Cottams "went into their house and shut out the world in order to practice their own brand of religion."

The Slocum, Pennsylvania, church—the congregation nearest to where the Cottams lived—paid for the funeral expenses even though the family did not attend church.

The Frederick, Maryland, church lawsuit seeks to prevent the city from building a 6,000-seat baseball stadium immediately adjacent to the church's property.

The congregation is concerned that the huge crowds—as well as the accompanying noise and litter—could make church life unbearable.

Media coverage of that lawsuit has been limited to the Frederick and Hagerstown vicinities, though the *Baltimore Sun* printed one story.—KN

PENNSYLVANIA

Youngsters learn to "just say no"

Students who came to the Vacation Bible School held last summer at the Allentown church learned how to say "No" to drugs in the feature, "You Are Somebody Special."

Two health professionals told what various drugs and alcohol do to the mind and body. Then the pros taught different ways to say "No" when offered illegal substances.

On closing night, the parents of the 40 non-Adventist children who attended were given an information packet inviting them to take advantage of church activities.

IRENE STAMM
VBS Director

CHESAPEAKE**Member
single-
handedly
produces
newsletter**

Carol Ann Phillips, communication secretary for the church in Federalsburg, Maryland, has gone above and beyond her duties to singlehandedly produce a newsletter she hopes will someday help persuade her family and friends to accept the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

The monthly newsletter usually contains a devotional thought written by Phillips that either explains an Adventist belief or discusses living the Christian life.

Other features of the publication include church news and announcements, poetry and a calendar listing upcoming events and members' birthdays. The newsletter is illustrated with her original artwork.

Phillips, who was a Roman Catholic for 49 years and has been an Adventist only three years, was elected communication secretary in 1988.

She has been distributing the newsletters to active, disfellowshipped and non-attending members of the church, as well as to family members and friends.

ALLEGHENY WEST**Bethel
member
turns
100**

A charter member of the Bethel church in Staunton, Virginia, celebrated her 100th birthday last September 22 at a gathering hosted by family and friends.

Caroline Brown Thomas still does all her own cooking and cleaning, besides working in a flower and vegetable garden.

She also tends a strawberry patch and last August picked enough berries for both herself and her family. She did all this despite suffering from painful arthritis, according to a profile on her in the *Staunton Daily News Leader*.

Widowed a number of years back, Brown has led an active, self-sufficient life that has included taking in welfare children for over a decade. "If someone took care of me all of the time, I would not be as active as I am."

One of six charter members still at the church, she attends services nearly every week. "She is always on time and takes an active part in Sabbath school," wrote Communication Secretary Thomas Johnson Jr.

**NEW JERSEY****Visitors
nearly
overwhelm
small
church**

The 40 members of the Phillipsburg congregation were nearly overwhelmed when a total of 100 people attended services on the final Sabbath of their Vacation Bible School last August.

Most of the visitors were parents of the 35 children who had attended VBS.

Many parents who stayed for the potluck dinner after the morning service said they would like their children to attend Sabbath school on a regular basis.

The week-long VBS program, which was directed by Sharon Buttrick, featured nature stories with live animals, including a ribbon eel, a parakeet, a sea horse and a chameleon. On Friday, each child received a goldfish.

RANDY PHILLIPS
Director, Church Ministries

POTOMAC**TA Student
Council
sponsors
Bible
conference**

"It was a great weekend. I made many new friends and grew both emotionally and spiritually," said Vanitha Eswar-Rao of the retreat/Bible conference held November 11-13 at Camp Blue Ridge in Montebello, Virginia.

The retreat was run exclusively by the student council at Takoma Academy in Takoma Park, Maryland, rather than by the school's Bible department.

An executive committee did everything from running all activities—hiking, canoeing, games and sports—to night patrol.

The title of the meetings held by the communicative arts, American literature and drama teacher, Ken Greenman, was "Journey Inward, Journey Outward: The Necessary Voyage."

The focus was to help students discover talents within themselves and show them how to share these gifts with others.

"Greenman's meetings helped us learn

more about ourselves. They helped us discover our strengths and weaknesses," said Sharmila Sathyasheelappa, a senior at TA.

Jeremy Liu, student council vice president, said, "It was a good weekend. New friendships were formed, and there were a lot of good discussions."

ROBYN JACKSON
Student Reporter

OHIO**Academic
excellence
inspires
Principal's
List**

Mount Vernon Academy is participating in the statewide Year of Establishing Expectations for Excellence.

To encourage scholastic excellence, the academy has instituted the Principal's List and reactivated its chapter of the National Honor Society.

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade-point average, no major disciplinary problems and an "A" in attendance to qualify for the quarterly Principal's List.

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ALLEGHENY EAST

Pathfinders celebrate 18th anniversary

The 44-member Sequoia Pathfinder club of the West Philadelphia congregation celebrated its 18 years of "finding the Way" on Pathfinder Day, November 19.

Church members were taken aback when they were asked not to participate in reading the morning's scripture text.

Instead, they heard the Pathfinders, under the direction of church Elder Otto Edwards, recite Psalm 24.

Allegheny East Conference Youth Director Daniel Davis invested 17 Pathfinders after delivering the morning message.

Davis said that Queen Esther was placed by God in a position to save her people. Drawing a parallel, he stated that parents who desire to save their children will use every agency—including Pathfinders—to guide them to God's kingdom.

Twelve youngsters were invested as Pre-Pathfinders, a new division of the Sequoia club. Ranging in age from 6 to 10, they were inducted into four classes: Busy Bees, Sunbeams, Helping Hands and Builders. Their uniforms are navy and blue with orange scarves.

The club then dramatized I Corinthians 12 in a skit called "Life-Body." Pathfinders played the parts of the body to show how people must work together.

MARK FROG HARRIS
Communication Secretary

AHS

Catholic's Christian spirit blesses hospital

Blanca Menendez, an active Roman Catholic Christian, blesses the staffers at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, with an untroubled, sunny disposition that is buttressed by a strong religious faith.

A poet who has studied philosophy and the science of education at the University of El Salvador, she taught grade school for 18 years before emigrating with her husband to the United States in 1964.

"America is a wonderful country," Menendez said. "There is more opportunity here to enjoy life and live better."

Most of all, she appreciates the security in her adopted land. Menendez and her husband, who is an engineer, have raised three children who are now adults and pursuing successful careers.

Her first job in America was at an animal



Enthusiastic participants in McKeesport's Breathe-Free clinic wave banners declaring their victory over smoking. Coordinators Barbara and Fred Hyde hold the larger banner.

PENNSYLVANIA

Police chief, reporter stop smoking

A family that has enjoyed eight years free from smoking and a "test by gunfire" contributed to the success of a Breathe-Free Plan to Stop Smoking seminar that was recently conducted by the McKeesport church.

Eight years ago, Edith Kochman and her son, Michael, quit smoking during a Five-Day Plan conducted in the local YWCA by a physician and church member, Edwardo Brown. The Kochmans have waited for another class so family members could learn Adventist stop-smoking methods.

When Edith Kochman saw an announcement in the local newspaper, *The Daily News*, she encouraged her son, Police Chief Dan Kochman, and daughter Lucille to attend the seminar. Newspaper reporter Jan

Margo also noticed the announcement.

Dan, Lucille and Jan were among the six who attended the program conducted by Pastor Fred Hyde and his wife, Barbara, a registered nurse.

By the third meeting, all three were ready to publicly declare that they wanted to be free from smoking and participate in the "Coughin' Coffin" ceremony. At the fourth and fifth sessions, they reported that they had not smoked even one cigarette.

But at the sixth session, Dan and Jan were missing. Lucille explained that her brother had been called to the scene of a crime and would probably miss that class.

The next day's newspaper carried an article with the headline, "Gunman Slain in City Shootout." The writer was Jan Margo.

Both Jan and Dan were back for the seventh meeting. They reported that neither of them had smoked a cigarette through the tense situation of the previous night.

research lab, but in 1971 she joined the staff at WAH, a decision she has never regretted, and became assistant director in housekeeping.

"The serenity of the environment is what I like most about my work," she said.

Menendez has taken courses in management and purchasing, human relations and housekeeping at local universities. And she still finds time to pursue her first love—writing.

According to Adventist hospital staffers, Menendez is a joy to be around and a blessing to the hospital.

RUSSELL ARGENT
Publications Editor

OHIO

Akron First church hosts ecumenical concert

The First church in Akron hosted an ecumenical Christmas concert on December 11 that brought together five churches from the Firestone Park area.

A 100-member mass choir from the Firestone Park Community Fellowship, United Methodist, Christian and Saint Paul's Roman Catholic churches joined the Adventist musicians for the concert.

MARWOOD HALLETT
Former Pastor

AHS**Harding Hospital appoints new manager**

Jon W. Gepford has been named the new administrator of Harding Hospital by the Ohio medical facility's board of trustees, effective January 15.

"We are very pleased with the selection of Gepford as administrator," said James L. Hagle, who serves as chairman of the board of the 120-bed psychiatric hospital located in Worthington, Ohio.

"Gepford's 26 years of health-care administration expertise and proven leadership ability will play a key role in this hospital's continued success."

As administrator, Gepford will "assume responsibility for all administrative activities of the hospital," said George Harding IV, hospital president.

Gepford comes to Harding from responsibilities as president and chief executive officer of Thorek Hospital and Medical Center, a 218-bed facility in Chicago.

VICTORIA BLINCOE
Public Relations Director

**ALLEGHENY EAST****Church burns mortgage three years early**

Williamsburg, Virginia, is the perennial scene of exciting hustle and bustle as tourists visit the historic village and other surrounding attractions.

However, on a recent Sabbath the Williamsburg Mount Calvary church celebrated with its own brand of excitement.

During the morning worship period, the church met the challenge of raising \$7,000 toward the building fund, which had been presented to them six weeks earlier by Pastor Gene Donaldson.

Members brought \$8,100 to the altar, giving the fund a total of \$20,000.

Charles Cheatham, Allegheny East Conference executive secretary, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Further celebration followed in the form of a fellowship dinner.

At the mortgage-burning ceremony later that day, First Elder Lawsey Thomas indicated while reading the church history that Mount Calvary had paid off its mortgage three years ahead of schedule.

Former Allegheny East Conference President Meade Van Putten, guest speaker for that service, gave a message entitled "Mir-

acles." He then joined Pastor Donaldson and other members and guests who came for the actual mortgage burning.

Afterwards, Van Putten offered a dedicatory prayer as he presented the debt-free church to the Lord.

KAREN BROWN
Communication Secretary

CUC**Business department offers MBA through Loma Linda**

Bob Burnette, chairman of the business department at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, reported that work is continuing on an affiliation agreement with Loma Linda University in California to offer a master's degree in business administration through the college beginning next fall.

A series of workshops was started in the CUC Business Department two years ago.

These offerings have increased awareness of the college in the community and revenue from professional and traditional enrollment more than covers the cost of offering the courses.

RICK MOYERS
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Eastern Shore churches boast abundant life

TOM LEMON

"There is no life west of the Chesapeake Bay" proclaims a bumper sticker popular on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Stretching the 200 miles from the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in the north to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel at the southern end, the peninsula—or the "Eastern Shore," as most mid-Atlantic residents call it—is home to 14 Seventh-day Adventist churches and three schools in the Chesapeake Conference.

Approximately 1,200 people are members of those churches. Whatever one may say about life west of the bay, there is certainly no lack of it on the shore.

The earliest Adventist to preach to Eastern Shore people was none other than pioneer Joseph Bates.

Along with H.S. Gurney, a rugged blacksmith who could sing well, Bates traveled to Kent Island, where the east end of the Bay Bridge now rests. His 1843 message was the second coming of Jesus.

Bates, who was well known for his abolitionist stance on slavery, was not warmly welcomed by some of the local slave owners.

But with his good sense of humor, Bates was able to stay long enough to accomplish some good things for the Lord.

The first Seventh-day Adventist church was established in the bayside community of **Rock Hall**, Maryland, 97 years ago.

According to Elma Cornelius, the current Rock Hall church clerk, "The church was

organized on May 21, 1892, by H.E. Robinson of the Atlantic Conference. Thirty-seven people were baptized the next day.

"One of the new members, John Judefind, donated a corner lot of his farm for the new church building. An Adventist church has been on the same site ever since."

The fastest-growing church is also the youngest. Having been organized in 1988 with 23 members on its charter, the **Cornerstone** church in Exmore, Virginia, began 1989 with 38 members, an increase of nearly 60 percent over a year ago.

Pastor Don Clemons is enthusiastic, as verbalized by his standard greeting: "The Lord is really blessing us."

Cornerstone is located in an area with little economic development. Members have witnessed many miracles, enabling them to purchase and renovate a church build-

Study is currently being given to opening new work in Ocean City and Easton, Maryland.

ing suitable for their worship. "It's small, but maybe we can add on to it," says Clemons optimistically.

The largest congregation is the 200-member **Dover**, Delaware, church led by Pastor Doug Rennewanz.

A senior member of the Chesapeake pastoral staff with nearly 14 years of service since his graduation from Columbia Union

Tom Lemon is communication director for the Chesapeake Conference.



Salisbury church



Grasonville church



Cambridge church



Photos by Tom Lennon

College in Takoma Park, Maryland, Rennewanz is active in the local community and works to serve the needs of the military establishment of Dover Air Force Base.

Several of the churches are located along Ocean Highway and are easily noticed by travelers bound for the beaches of Ocean City and Rehoboth. **Salisbury, Cambridge and Grasonville** are the most prominent.

The newest Adventist church structure, which is in **Salisbury**, Maryland, is an eye-catching monument.

Pastor Al Watson recently concluded a series of evangelistic meetings with Tom and Debbie Hughes, conference evangelists.

"The majority of people coming into the church were young families," reports Watson. "We are really thrilled with the way the Holy Spirit worked in our community."

Included in the active ministries east of the bay are Chesapeake church schools and the activities of lay members.

Eastern Shore Junior Academy is the largest of the Eastern Shore educational facilities. One of three schools, ESJA has a staff of four teachers for 10 grades.

Principal Howard Lenigan heads a strong academic program at the junior academy. "Our strength lies in the commitment of our teachers," he reports.

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The **David G. Fleagle school** in Seaford, Delaware, with teacher Carolyn Scheller serves students from the Seaford and Harrington churches.

In Salisbury, Maryland, students attend the **Park school**, where Robin Rogers is the teacher.

Literature evangelism on the peninsula is assisted by people like Jesse and Elaine Wedman, a husband-and-wife team from **Federalburg**, Maryland.

The Wedmans have been successful in literature sales of very small books, selling sets of them for only \$10. They are working systematically placing the literature in every home in Dorchester County.

The medical ministry of Ralph Libby of the congregation in **Grasonville**, Maryland, is widely known through the central shore area. Because of the active community involvement of the church led by Libby, the church is able to nearly triple its suggested Ingathering goal each year.

Study is currently being given to opening new work in the **Ocean City** and **Easton**, Maryland, resort areas, where there are no Adventist churches.

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Rock Hall church



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BECK, Clayton L., born November 10, 1910, Leighton, PA; died August 1, 1988, Massillon, OH. He served as a literature evangelist in eastern Pennsylvania and Ohio for six years. Survivors: wife Harriet and sons Harry and Robert.

CRAFT, Eula C., born 1921; died December 4, 1988, Roanoke, VA. She was a member of the Roanoke church. Survivors: daughters Frances Graybill and Diane Baker, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

EBBESS, Jurene, born March 8, 1893, Green County, VA; died October 31, 1988, Silver Spring, MD. She was a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, MD, for 61 years. Survivors: sons Brookheim and James, daughters Jeanne Collins, Jurene Cook and Beatrice Rivera, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

EDWARDS, Mildred B., born November 28, 1893, Welsh Settlement, PA; died November 25, 1988, Wellsboro, PA. A member of the Hillcrest, PA, church, she was an art teacher for many years. Survivor: sister Helen Davies.

FIGARD, Clinton E., born April 17, 1918, Six Mile Run, PA; died November 28, 1988, Altoona, PA. He was a member of the church in Six Mile Run. Survivors: wife A. Pearl, sons James, Andrew, David, Matthew and Sam, daughters Kay and Gladys Dawson, and 11 grandchildren.

HUNSINGER, Verna Gilbert, born September 26, 1906, Blossburg, PA; died December 23, 1988, Blossburg, PA. She was a member of the Hillcrest, PA, congregation. Survivors: four cousins.

McGAHA, Robert L., born February 17, 1929, New Castle, VA; died December 8, 1988, Salem, VA. He was a member of the Roanoke, VA, church. Survivors: wife Constance, daughters Diane Allison and LuAnne Mawby, mother Agnes and one granddaughter.

SUNSET CALENDAR

Eastern Standard Time

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Baltimore	5:46	5:54	6:01
Cincinnati	6:17	6:25	6:32
Cleveland	6:02	6:11	6:19
Columbus	6:10	6:18	6:25
Jersey City	5:33	5:41	5:49
Norfolk	5:47	5:54	6:01
Parkersburg	6:05	6:13	6:21
Philadelphia	5:39	5:47	5:55
Pittsburgh	5:57	6:06	6:13
Reading	5:41	5:49	5:57
Richmond	5:51	5:58	6:05
Roanoke	6:01	6:09	6:16
Scranton	5:39	5:47	5:56
Toledo	6:11	6:19	6:28
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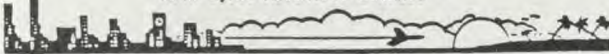
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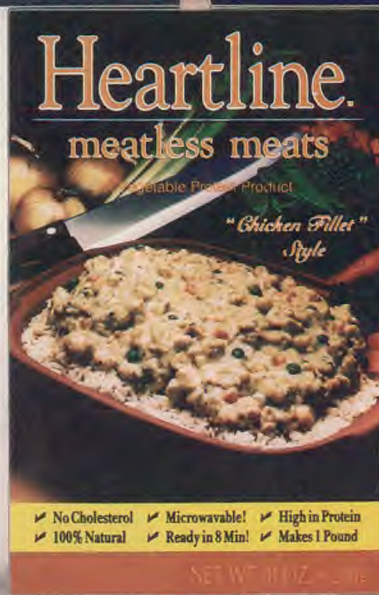
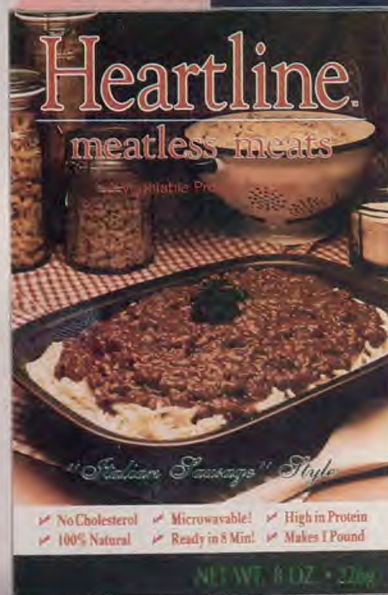
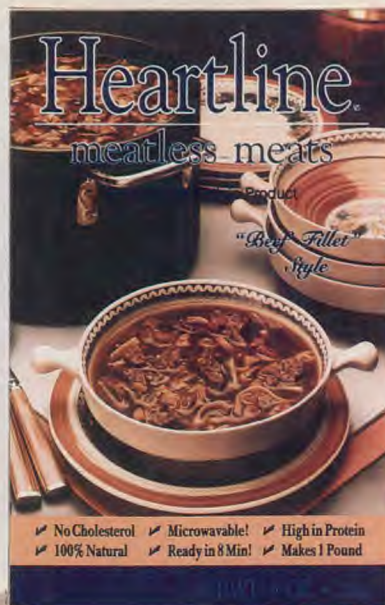
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