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## COVER

*Kids, kids, kids! Kindergarten children at the Wilson, Michigan, V.B.S. "Sow the Seed and Reap the Harvest" was the theme for this year's Vacation Bible Schools. See the conference section for a summary of V.B.S. activities around the union.*



# My Business and Christianity



by Susan K. Slikkers

Leon Slikkers is president of S2 Yachts, Inc., in Holland, Michigan. He is also a Christian, and this affects the way he does business. He talked with the Herald about his business and his Christianity.

*HERALD: How does your Christianity affect your employees?*

SLIKKERS: I think they have a greater feeling of security when there has been honesty and integrity on all levels of management. These are traits visible in a Christian employer. We are approachable and have the ability to communicate on all levels.

Most people who come to me for a job already know something of my background and my principles; that's why they come. Just recently an individual who had a good position selling for another organization wanted a job with S2 Yachts because of the image I had projected to the community and to my employees as a Christian employer.

*HERALD: S2 Yacht is a big name in the boat world; how do business associates feel about your religion?*

SLIKKERS: Recently the president of a boat company from Florida talked with me about my way of running a business. He was very impressed by the reputation I had, and he was interested in knowing more about my religion. It gave me a real opportunity to talk to him about the Adventist church. I gave him a tract that I have in my office library.

*HERALD: Does this happen frequently?*

SLIKKERS: Yes. People are looking for honesty and openness in the business world today. So many people run their businesses shadily. This is one reason why there has been a loss of customer confidence in today's products.

*HERALD: When you first started in business were you*

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*Susan Slikkers is Leon Slikkers' daughter. She wrote this story in a writing class for the Herald.*

*tempted to hide your religious commitment in order to avoid problems?*

SLIKKERS: No. When I started Slickcraft, I determined that, with the help of God, I would stand for the principles that I knew to be true, even though I might come under severe pressures.

I always closed the plant well before sundown on Friday afternoons. I never answered the phone on the Sabbath because it would have been so easy to be trapped into a business conversation.

One Friday evening after I had closed the shop and was upstairs ready to have worship with my family, there was a knock on the door. A prospective dealer had driven all the way from St. Louis, Missouri, to talk business. I explained to him that it was my Sabbath and that I could not talk business or show him the plant. I told him I would appreciate his staying until Saturday night so we could talk.

He became very upset. After he had driven so far in bad winter weather, he didn't see why I would let religion stand in the way. He said that my competitors would pass me by while I was resting and worshipping; then he left.

The Lord blessed my endeavor to obey Him. Five years later the competitors that the dealer had mentioned were no longer in business and Slickcraft was doing very well. God blesses individuals that will stand for what they know is right, even if it doesn't seem profitable at the time.

*HERALD: How do you try to project your Christianity to business associates?*

SLIKKERS: We go to boat shows each year to display our boats with hundreds of other manufacturers. These shows usually take place over a long weekend. I put a sign in my booth stating that I am closed on Saturday for religious reasons. Thus the whole industry knows about my religious beliefs.

*HERALD: Has anyone avoided doing business with you because you adhere to religious principles?*

SLIKKERS: I don't think so.

*HERALD: What do you think is the key to being a successful businessman?*

SLIKKERS: First, a businessman has to know what he's doing. And he has to be able to project himself as an example to his employees and associates. He can't expect anything of them that he isn't willing to do himself.

*HERALD: What would you consider to be the biggest contribution to your success?*

SLIKKERS: An understanding that all knowledge and talents come from God is the most important. If God had not given me the talents of administration and the ability to work with my hands, I would never have had any real success.





*Skillsshops which the seminar participants attended are shown here: Top left, Feature writing and top right, Photojournalism. On page five, top, Newswriting; center, TV production, and right, Radiobroadcasting.*

## COMMUNICATION SEMINAR ON EVANGELISM:

# Information, Participation, Invitation

*Story and Photos by Participants*

How can the church effectively communicate its mission to the outside world? What responsibilities does the church have in its attempt to convey its message? These questions and others were dealt with in depth at the five-day Lake Union Conference Communication Seminar held at Andrews University from August 28 to September 1, 1977.

Top church officials, non-Adventist specialists in communication, and college teachers met to share experience and insights with church and lay communication officers from the Central, Southern, Canadian and Lake Union conferences. The seminar was planned to update the skills and understanding of those assigned the task of relating the work of the church to the public.

His plane was late, but Richard Ostling, religion editor of *Time* magazine, arrived in time to deliver the

conference keynote address. He held the 53 registrants' full attention as he considered the principles governing religious news reporting, particularly the question of when to release and when to withhold information about people and events in the church.

As religion editor of *Time* for the past eight years, Ostling was able to bring an important non-Adventist perspective to the meetings. He considers himself to be a "mainline orthodox Christian." He stated his deep interest in the "right to know" and how it relates to the church. This seems an especially pertinent question for church communicators, he said, in the light of the recent pressures for complete disclosure in the secular world.

"There are incidents," Ostling stated, "when secrecy is essential in the work of the church." In cases relating to pastoral information, such

as when the church or minister has been given confidential information and in situations where the survival of the church is at stake, as in the case of unfriendly world conditions or governments, secrecy can be justified and is essential.

Ostling pointed out, however, that this does not mean the church should be completely secret in its dealings. Policy and financial matters should be shared with the laity and newsworthy, with the general public.

"The first quality of information is truth," he asserted, "and silence can be untruthful."

Another topic at the seminar that gained special attention was persuasion, the subject dealt with by Winton Beaven, dean of the Kettering College of Medical Arts. He said that the classical definition of persuasion "through sweetness," is most important in considering what means





to use in communicating the basics of salvation. He said the church should use "the carrot instead of the stick." Though many people associate persuasion with sinister objectives, this does not have to be the case, Beaven assured the group. "Persuasion is immoral," he said. "The morality of persuasion exists in the persuader." Thus the church has definite responsibilities in the motives and methods of its persuasion which is clearly a conscious attempt to change attitudes, beliefs and behaviour. He reminded the group that there is great danger in achieving, through persuasion, behaviour changes without changing attitudes or beliefs. This is an essential point the church must remember when using the numerous persuasion tools and techniques available.

Another special guest speaker was the director of the General Conference communication department, M. Carol Hetzell. She presented communication for church growth under three major headings. The first is INFORMATION—to listen, to know, to share knowledge. "We need to listen to people, talk with them, discover their concerns and attitudes, and find some common ground," she suggested. "Only then can we build the foundation for communication with

them about the most important things."

The second facet of communication is PARTICIPATION—to reach out, to assist, to love. We need to think of all categories of people and their interests. "We are not talking to ourselves," Hetzell cautioned. "Without pride in self we should endeavor to better the living conditions, the health and well being of our fellow men."

The third aspect is INVITATION—to attract, to welcome, to win to Christ. She said that in our endeavors to attract people we need to think with the mind of strangers in order to achieve the wording that will capture their attention. "The mass media cannot be expected to persuade," she continued, "its purpose is to catch attention, to encourage further investigation, to raise questions that will prick until they can be answered."

At another point during the conference Hetzell commented on a largely untapped source of news stories—the thousands of sermons preached each week in Seventh-day Adventist churches. "The first requirement in sermon reporting is to be able to recognize the potential," she said. This potential can only be seen if the reporter is up-to-date on

world events and the needs of human beings.

The seminar discussed various means of revealing the church to the world. Exhibits, floats, and displays were described as good methods to communicate our message.

Ernie Wendth, communication director of the Michigan Conference, explained how the conference float has acquainted people with Seventh-day Adventists. The float won a first-place award in one local parade and resulted in the return to church of a former Adventist.

Hetzell gave instructions on how to conduct a booth at a county or state fair, and David Gray, communication director of the Illinois Conference, told of the church booth at the Illinois State Fair which featured a simple demonstration on making whole wheat bread. About 10,000 people were served samples at the booth.

"Most people think of an advertising agency as a business that places ads," stated Barry Wheeler, president of the Wheeler Agency, Inc., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "Actually, a full-service agency like ours involves much more. It includes extensive study of the product and market and follow-up in sales and evaluation."

Wheeler, whose agency handles more advertising for Seventh-day Adventist





M. Carol Hetzell

evangelists than any other, said, "Our job is to draw the largest opening-night audience possible for the least amount of money. The return of the audience depends on the quality of the evangelist, his message and the involvement of the local church."

The General Conference has advertising kits available to local churches. Victor Cooper displayed a large manila envelope which contained the newest advertising materials from church headquarters. Cooper, an associate director of the General Conference communication department, said the materials would be available later this year. Attractively presenting the message of the church, the advertisements carry a coupon offering various services. These coupons would be mailed to the local church.

A special feature of the seminar were skillshops which offered training in news writing, feature/script writing, photojournalism, radio broadcasting and TV production/cable TV.

The TV group proved that "experience is the best teacher." The on-the-job training, students said, was both challenging and frustrating. Each person became an actual crew member as a 60-second spot announcement or other short program was being taped. "This is mind-boggling!" exclaimed one participant as he tried to respond quickly to the commands of fade, dissolve, zoom, pan, cut, et cetera.

Colleen Garber, TV skillshop director and instructor in communication at Andrews

University, and her associates Mike Baptist and Sherrie Thomas, helped the TV crews attain their production goals. One production was about the friction between a husband and wife. An Amazing Facts booklet giving suggestions for a happy marriage was offered during the program. Another program featured an interview and an invitation to attend a lecture on archaeology.

Radio broadcasting skillshop director, James Chase, said "Most religious broadcasters are still using the half-hour programs for a sit-down audience on a medium which has changed its style."

Chase, assistant professor of communication at Andrews University, and Harold Reiner, assistant director of the General Conference communication department, took an hour with the entire group to consider how radio can fit into evangelism.

The feature/scriptwriting skillshop was directed by Carol Hetzell. The feature article, unlike straight news reporting, is an in-depth study of a person, place or event of newsworthy interest. Hetzell skillfully guided even amateur writers through a successful feature story.

The newswriting skillshop concentrated on basic news stories. The group wrote one story each day, and finished by writing this article for the Lake Union Herald. Every participant worked on a part of the story which was later assembled by William Garber, skillshop leader and chairman of the communication department at the university.

The photojournalism class studied many aspects of good photography including the rule of thirds, used as a guide to good picture composition.

Harold Reiner used a filmstrip to teach the principle that dividing the view seen through the lens into three: vertically and horizontally, and placing major elements on the imaginary cross-points produces a pleasing picture. Hours were spent in the darkroom as the students also learned the art of picture developing and printing.

Photos taken by participants in this skillshop illustrate this story.

Morning devotionals during the seminar were given by the communication directors of the four union conferences represented.

Charles Beeler of the Central Union Conference told the delegates to enhance their image as Christians and the image of the church by developing a personal reputation for integrity and truth. "Always use management and not manipulation," he said.

Oscar Heinrich of the Southern Union and founder/producer of Mission Spotlight, recounted his impressions of Adventism around the world. The kinship of our brothers and sisters everywhere unites us all, he said.

Why the delay? That was the question posed by L. R. Krenzler of the Canadian Union. Our laodicean condition and our unwillingness to witness and tell the great things God has done for us have delayed our Lord's return. He said, "Our mission is to go into all the world."

Jere Wallack of the Lake Union Conference, told of the communication mediums that God uses: prophets, the Holy Spirit, angels, Scriptures, nature and most important, Jesus Christ—the Word. Of these mediums, Christ alone communicates more about God than all the others combined. We therefore should present Christ to the world.







Scenes at Camp Au Sable after the storm.

at Michigan's Camp Au Sable

## Strong Winds Uproot Trees

Photos by John Freeman



Strong winds, unofficially reported to be of hurricane strength, uprooted hundreds of trees at Camp Au Sable Sunday afternoon, September 4.

About 160 members of District Eight (Berrien Springs area) were at the youth camp for the Labor Day weekend. Although they were participating in activities all over the camp, the Lord's protection was noted for no one was hurt. Minor damage was sustained on some camp buildings and the reported 80-mile-an-hour winds damaged some of the privately owned trailers.

Campers were aware of the storm coming from the north, but nothing suggested its severity. Electricity went off at 5:05 P.M. and the storm hit just moments later. According to one report it lasted about five minutes, but people were too busy scrambling to safety or trying to close buildings against the storm to take note of time.

Immediately after the storm campers began to do what they could to make things passable again. Thirteen trees between the medical building and the main lodge were destroyed, camp authorities reported, and all roads were blocked by felled trees.

According to Lester Rilea, youth director for the conference, some of the trees which landed on the buildings "seemed to come down gently," and campers thanked God for that. In other parts of the camp the majority of the fallen trees had been uprooted and twisted.

Many of the campers stayed at Au Sable longer than they had planned in order to assist in cleaning up. Although all camp facilities are usable much work remains to be done.

"One thing is sure," Rilea said, "we'll have enough logs for the fireplaces for a long, long time."

If you are planning to go to Camp Au Sable during the next several weeks and would be willing to help in the clean-up process, please bring chain saws, axes, and other useful tools. Volunteer labor is badly needed and will be greatly appreciated. All such work, however, must be supervised by Jess Nephew, camp superintendent. Please see him for work assignment.





Ray Minner, Correspondent

## CHILD ABUSE WORKSHOP HELD AT ANDREWS

A workshop on child abuse and neglect was held at Andrews University July 18 to 29, sponsored by the department of home economics.

A number of authorities on child abuse and representatives of local government agencies dealing with the problem were featured speakers at the workshop. Increasing emphasis has been placed on child abuse since it is believed to be the leading cause of death in children under three years of age, says Aldyth Roberts, workshop director. She also said that all 50 states now have laws requiring professional people to report any cases where abuse is even suspected.

The workshop agenda included identification of abuse cases, procedures of reporting, clarification of the government's role and community resources for assistance in prevention.

Since child abuse often results from parents' unrealistic expectations of their children's performance, Dr. Ruth Murdoch, professor of educational psychology at Andrews, outlined characteristics that could be reasonably expected of children at different stages of development.

## KRESGE APPROVES CHALLENGE GRANT FOR AVIATION

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, has approved a challenge grant of \$25,000 toward the construction of Andrews University's new air frame and power plant facility, according to Dr. Joseph G. Smoot, university president.

The building will house an F.A.A.-approved air frame and power plant school operated by Andrews' department of aviation and transportation. Approximately 25 students are expected to enroll in the program this fall, says Dr. W. W. Davidson, dean of the College of Technology.

The grant, which is contingent upon

a matching fund to be raised by the university, will be received by Andrews in June 1978.

This brings the total of Kresge's gifts to Andrews in recent years to \$200,000. Previous grants by Kresge have assisted in the construction of Andrews' science complex and the recent addition to the James White Library, which has doubled the size and tripled the book capacity of the building.

During the past 54 years, the Kresge Foundation has made appropriations of more than \$283 million to institutions in the fields of higher education, health services, the arts, social welfare and the care of the young and the aging. Construction and major renovation of facilities is the foundation's primary concern, and grants are usually made on a challenge basis to encourage further fund-raising efforts.

The foundation, one of the largest in the United States in size of assets and appropriations, was created solely through the gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge, founder of the S. S. Kresge Company, now known as K-Mart Corporation. However, the company and the foundation are not related in any way.



GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Joel Hass, Correspondent

## EXCAVATION BEGINS FOR INSTALLATION OF LINEAR ACCELERATOR

HINSDALE—Excavation began near the east entrance of the hospital on July 25 for a \$1 million expansion project to house the radiology department's new linear accelerator and to provide additional storage and waiting areas.

A total of 7,000 square feet will be added by expanding the ground and basement level of the hospital into the northwest corner of the area between the north and south wings of the hospital facing Oak Street.

There is a projected spring 1978 completion date for more storage area for the departments of radiology and

pharmacy on the B level of the expanded facility. Along with the installation of the linear accelerator, a highly sophisticated cancer treatment unit will be on the G level, and patient waiting areas for radiation therapy and diagnostic radiology will be located on that level which will also house physician offices.

The east circle entrance will be closed to all traffic during the period of construction.

## GIFTS PRESENTED BY B.C.S.H. AUXILIARY

BATTLE CREEK—The Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital Auxiliary recently presented two gifts valued at \$2,500 to the hospital. The radiology department was the recipient of one gift, a Kodak X-omatic Identification Camera. The new camera clearly and efficiently records patient identification in daylight in the X-ray room. It includes intensity control and a 24-hour clock which imprints the time of day in one-minute intervals.

The other item of equipment purchased by the auxiliary was a Model 400, Option 2, Tektronix Strip Chart Recorder for surgery. This recorder runs the E.K.G. strip and sends it to the cardiologist, who in turn interprets it and returns his evaluation. It provides a fast, efficient, accurate record.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

HINSDALE—A traditional event at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital is the annual ice cream social sponsored by the Medical Distaff. Entertainment at the old-fashioned social includes a magician, banjo players, clowns and cartoon characters including Mike the Mouse, Don the Duck, and the Dragon. There will be games and balloons for the children.

Proceeds from this September 7 social will be donated to the hospital to refurbish the children's waiting room adjacent to the hospital's east lobby, and to provide scholarships for medical-related students at the hospital. The Medical Distaff is a voluntary organization comprised of staff physician wives. All proceeds from activities sponsored by the Medical Distaff are given to the hospital for various projects.

All are invited to attend the social to be held on the north lawn of the hospital from 6:30 to 9 P.M.





David Gray, Correspondent



Three children from the Quincy V.B.S. show some of the crafts that they made.

## ILLINOIS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT EXCEEDS 1,200

Discouraging—that was the word for the first day of the West Central Church's Vacation Bible School in Chicago, Illinois, on July 11. Only four children showed up. Under the direction of Jan South, the church decided to hold a V.B.S. this summer for the first time in several years. But, as Daniel Drazen, communication secretary of the West Central Church, says, "First impressions aren't always correct." For by the time Vacation Bible School ended two weeks later, they had had an attendance of 37.

"This is just the beginning for West Central," Drazen says. On July 30, a story hour, which is another new thing for West Central, began as a follow-up to their V.B.S. "Not bad," he says, "considering that only four children came that first day."

West Central's school was successful and so were the 21 other Vacation Bible Schools held this summer in Illinois. More than 1,200 children and adults attended, and of those more than 65 percent were non-Adventists.

Other churches that held schools this summer were: Alton, Canton, Carthage, Danville, Donnellson,



Barbara Smith of the Downers Grove Church transported these children to the Vacation Bible School each day, August 1 to 5.

Downers Grove, Eldorado, Elgin, Galesburg, Joliet, Kewanee, Noble, Northbrook, North Shore, Paris, Peoria, Quincy, Springfield, Warsaw and Waukegan. Brookfield and La Grange held a joint V.B.S. at the West Suburban School in Broadview.

Three of the largest Vacation Bible Schools were held at Downers Grove, Waukegan and West Suburban. Each of these had more than 100 in attendance. Two of these schools were held in the evening due to the many daytime activities children have in the

summer.

Speaking of their successful school in Waukegan, Pastor Dan Schiffbauer said that at the closing program he gave a short sermon entitled, "Behold I Make All Things New." He spoke on the second coming of Christ and the new earth. Following the program, a woman who had once been an Adventist came up to him and cried, "This is my church and I want to come back to it again." Her husband, who is a Baptist, told Elder Schiffbauer that he must get his



Children from the Downers Grove V.B.S. enjoyed making plaques during their crafts period.





*Helen Battles, who helped with Vacation Bible Schools throughout Illinois, looks on as Gayla Wheatley, left, and Christi Olson, right, hold up a song card at the V.B.S. in Kewanee.*

Saturdays off so that he and his family can go to church together.

Perhaps the honor of transporting the most children to a Vacation Bible School will have to go to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith. Each evening they took 16 children to the school in Downers Grove. Mrs. Smith said that several times they didn't know if they had everyone when it was time to go home. So they lined the children up against a wall and counted noses!

Helen Battles, a scholarship student from Andrews University who worked at many of the Vacation Bible Schools throughout the state, said it was a thrilling experience to see so many children studying about the love of God for the first time.

As Linda Allison, communication secretary of the Paris Church, wrote, "One small seed planted in the hearts of these young people may be all that is needed to help them direct their lives toward Jesus, and someday make a stand to follow Him forever."

## Indiana Conference



Cliff Hoffman, Correspondent

### A DIFFERENT KIND OF V.B.S.

"Our goal this year is to love all the children." With this in mind, Judy Jordan, program coordinator, started another Vacation Bible School on August 8 at the Cicero, Indiana, Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School. For two hours each evening the children were involved with activities such as building miniature

wheelbarrows.

On August 13, the children participated in a graduation program at the Cicero Church. Vacation Bible School was finished for another year. Mrs. Jordan reported that the goal was accomplished, the children had been truly loved.

But the whole story hasn't been told yet. Unlike previous years when the Vacation Bible School had been just for children, this year it was for 4-year-olds through adulthood. Along with the 65 children who attended the

school, 18 to 25 adults participated in the adult education classes offered. Subjects taught included: plant care, family health care, comparative buying, installment loans and a number of other related topics. Even though adult attendance was low this year, it should increase as the program becomes better known in future years. The people who did attend said they felt that the classes were very worthwhile.

*Elcio Vasconcellos  
Communication Secretary*



*Kindergarten children meet for a Bible story at Indianapolis Southside V.B.S.*



*Juniors work on their crafts at V.B.S.*

### INDIANAPOLIS SOUTHSIDE HOLDS V.B.S.

The Southside Indianapolis Seventh-day Adventist Church held a very successful Vacation Bible School July 18 to 30. Children and workers alike were richly blessed.

The grand total enrollment for the two weeks was 58 children. Fifty-two percent of the children had at least one S.D.A. parent; 48 percent were children of nonmembers. This was an

81 percent increase when compared to last year.

There was 100 percent participation at the consecration service on the last day of Vacation Bible School. Sixteen children requested Bible studies. Seven of these children are from nonmember homes. The Voice of Prophecy junior Bible course will be sent to them. A follow-up visit to nonmember homes is being planned.

Closing exercises were held on Sabbath morning with 52 children participating. Everyone enjoyed the songs, poems, flannel illustrations and Scripture readings. The congregation also participated in the program with singing and pledges.

Following the service, parents, friends and church members were invited to a sandwich and refreshment bar and crafts display in the junior and youth Sabbath School rooms.

*Nancy Schwer  
Communication Secretary*



# Michigan Conference



E. N. Wendth, Correspondent



*Joanne Koch helps the kindergarten children at Orion-Oxford V.B.S.*

forth by the conference Sabbath School department: "Sow the Seed and Reap the Harvest." As a result of the seed sown in V.B.S. evangelism, there have already been 19 baptisms this summer, according to reports from the East Lansing, Grand Rapids Spanish, Hartford, Mesick, Mt. Pleasant, Otter Lake and Pontiac churches. Another 110 youngsters are currently attending Sabbath School and 47 of them are enrolling in Adventist church schools. Another 26 attended junior camp at Au Sable and 85 joined Pathfinder clubs in their area.

Who knows what the final result will be of the seeds sown in the hearts and minds of the 4,280 non-Adventist children who attended these summer

Bible schools? One young mother saw a sign advertising the Saginaw V.B.S. She remembered the good times she had had years ago when she attended an early V.B.S. at the same church. Wanting her two children to have the same worthwhile experience, she enrolled them in the program.

Whether the church is large or small a Vacation Bible School can be a popular outreach in the community. Howard City has only 36 members and a church of this size doesn't have many young people. But Howard City overflowed with youngsters as their Vacation Bible School registered 94 children. Only 10 were from Adventist homes.

Unionville has no membership, just a church building bought last year as an evangelistic venture of the Vassar



*Children enter the V.B.S. meetings at the Mendon Church.*

congregation. Their V.B.S. program last year had one non-Adventist youngster. People in this area were afraid to send their children to a church about which they knew very little. A Five-day Plan to Stop



*Rico the parrot, held by Bela Krusac, was a special feature at the Marshall V.B.S. meetings.*



*Cedar Lake V.B.S. student.*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS ALL AROUND MICHIGAN

"What are the dates of your Vacation Bible School? My son is looking forward to attending again."

The question caught Frances Roach of Algonac by surprise and for a brief moment she hesitated. She had taken the opportunity on a beautiful summer Sabbath afternoon to distribute Bible enrollment cards but had not anticipated a question of this kind.

Mrs. Roach did not have the heart to tell the woman that the church had decided NOT to have such a program this summer. Instead she made a decision, right then and there, that Algonac would have a school. She informed the mother that the dates were not established yet, but she would notify her.

Algonac's V.B.S. was one of 106 conducted by churches of the Michigan Conference, and that mother's little boy was among its members. Furthermore, each Sabbath since the close of the school this lad has been at the regular Sabbath School.

This story illustrates the theme of the 1977 Vacation Bible Schools as set





Urbandale Church V.B.S. participant concentrates on a project.



Crafts session at the Burlington V.B.S.

Smoking held during the fall helped to break the ice. Five children of a family who attended the stop smoking clinic enrolled for this year's Bible school. Three other families also responded and Unionville had a total of 13 non-Adventist children attending.

Church members at Ironwood became involved in seed sowing through the Vacation Bible School. A story in the local newspaper brought a phone call from a Catholic woman who wanted her two boys to attend so they could learn more about the Bible. At the end of the week these two boys sent a thank-you note to Mrs. Hopkins, the pastor's wife. Their letter said: Thank you for the nice time we had at Bible school. We really enjoyed

learning about God." Enclosed with the note was a contribution to help with the expenses.

Other churches discovered that non-Adventists were willing to give of their time and funds. At Pinedale nearly 200 wiggling children attended. The leaders were asked by the parents why no offering was taken. One woman did more than ask. She pressed a \$10 bill into the hands of Helen Rhodes, the pastor's wife, saying, "Use this wherever it is most needed." The same woman asked Mrs. Rhodes if she and her married daughter could be of any help. They remembered what a good V.B.S. the Adventists had had in the past. They attended and helped with crafts every night.

Other people also felt that the Adventist V.B.S. programs were valuable. In the Upper Peninsula town of Riverside a school official who was acquainted with the program remarked that, "With work like the Adventists do their program should last at least a month."

Much of the success for the various schools can be traced to early preparation, attendance at the V.B.S. workshop at Au Sable, plus a willingness on the part of others to help.

Included in the help this year were four college students who were part of the V.B.S. scholarship program. The assistance they gave to 22 churches

during the summer was greatly appreciated. The four students are Marla Kay Gates of Grand Ledge, Brenda Hosford of Grand Rapids, Kathy Grosse of Petoskey and Linda Vrooman of New York.

Sow the seeds and the Lord will bring the harvest. It will take weeks and months for the full picture to develop completely. But facts already brought to light show that the harvest is sure to come, for God has promised to bless the efforts put forth to reach others. Specifically He has told us to "let the little ones come," and Vacation Bible Schools are doing just that.



Flag drill exercise at Carson City V.B.S.



Pastor and Mrs. Paul Howell directed the V.B.S. in Flatrock where there is no S.D.A. church.



# Wisconsin Conference



Len McMillan, Correspondent



Scenes from V.B.S. in Wisconsin. Clockwise, from top right, Milton, Sheboygan, Milton, Tomah and Clear Lake.



## V.B.S. '77

Vacation Bible School 1977 was a tremendous success in the Wisconsin Conference. A V.B.S. workshop was held in early spring to acquaint the leaders with methods for conducting a successful V.B.S. and the principles of follow-up.

From north to south and east to west, church members prayed for helpers. When those prayers were answered the members prayed for children to attend. Showers of blessings were in order from all corners of the state.

Clear Lake had an attendance of 55; 29 were nonmembers. A follow-up program has been initiated with a branch Sabbath School to be formed in the very near future.

Milton's V.B.S. has ended but there is now a story hour each Wednesday afternoon. An average of 30 children

have attended. Two-thirds of these youngsters are non-Adventists.

Sheboygan had a V.B.S. two years ago with limited results. The last V.B.S. before that was held 12 years ago, and also had meager results. So this 1977 program had to be a success! The school was held in the evening so that the church members who were working on the new church could stop for a while and help.

The first evening as the first song was being sung, only 10 children were there. Silent prayers were being offered for just "a few more children." By the time the second song was finished 25 squirming little ones were seated and ready to begin! When the V.B.S. ended after two weeks, not only were non-Adventist children attending, but also some of their mothers. One of the mothers has

become a member of the church since the V.B.S. A story hour is being conducted as a follow-up program.

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Tomah emphasized nature themes and stories at their V.B.S., and church members provided the refreshments. A follow-up is being planned.

Carol Biggs was the leader of the Watertown Vacation Bible School. Average attendance was 20, with half of the children from non-Adventist homes. Incentives were given in the form of "talents" which could be redeemed in a "store" for books, Bibles, pencils, pens and bookmarkers.

Pathfinders helped pass out invitations for the Waukesha V.B.S. Almost half of the children who attended were from nonmember homes. One mother called on several families and offered to pick up their children for V.B.S. Waukesha also had a "talent store" where the children redeemed their "talents" on the closing day of V.B.S.

Many exciting experiences have happened in more than half of the churches in Wisconsin due to the fact that a V.B.S. was held this summer. Seed sowing accomplished by the dedication of many people characterized the V.B.S. program for 1977 in Wisconsin. Follow-up programs are the means of harvesting those people who are seeking to find Bible truth. We are praying for a "bumper crop."



# Announcements

## LAKE REGION

**YOUTH DAY** to be held at the Bethel Church in East Chicago, Indiana, on September 10, 1977. The theme for the day is "Youth for Christ—Into All the World." Guest speaker will be E. Wayne Shepperd, youth director for the Lake Union Conference. Everyone is invited.

## MICHIGAN

**EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** will be held in Lakeview, Michigan, September 24 to October 15 by Norman A. Yeager and Dean T. Burns. If you know of anyone who should be invited to this series, please write to Pastor Yeager, Route 2, Box 243, Edmore, MI 48829.

**CHRISTIAN SCRIBES** September meeting will be held September 18, from 2 to 4 P.M. in Room 101, Nethery Hall, Andrews

University. Vice president Helen Rhodes will be in charge and she is bringing a guest speaker from Battle Creek. This is the last meeting before the camp-out, October 21 to 23. (See the news item about the camp-out in this issue of the Herald.) For further information call: (616) 628-2935 or 471-9128.

**CONFERENCE-WIDE PHOTO WORKSHOP** is being planned at Au Sable, October 14 to 16. Space at the workshop is limited; preference will go to communication secretaries currently in office and official church photographers. See next week's Herald for further details.

## WISCONSIN

**THE WAY FESTIVAL** will be held October 6 to 8, 1977, in Merrill, Wisconsin. If you are wondering what youth can do to fulfill the gospel commission, we invite you to attend this festival. Featured will be the Tranquilitys; Brad and Dee McIntyre; Gymnic acts; Steve Varro, a magician, and Pastors Roger Bothwell and E. Wayne Shepperd. Time is short so you need to send in your application soon. Write to Len McMillan, P.O. Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707. Don't miss this exciting event.

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