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Like the Leaves of Autumn



Stewardship of the Gospel

Robert L. Dale
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COVER

On page 72, volume 9 of *Testimonies for the Church*, Ellen White counsels that spirit-filled literature should be scattered "like the leaves of autumn." The story of the recent unionwide literature evangelists institute begins on page 6. Photograph by the Herald staff.

In an effort to witness for his religious faith, Wayne Miller delivered a book to his Adventist insurance clients. The clients, Ivan and Karen Buck, members of the Green Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church, indicated that there were a few things in the book they disagreed with. They gave George Vandeman's book, *Psychic Roulette*, to Mr. Miller.

Wayne had been fascinated by his study of astrology and so found this book most disturbing; but he accepted its message and got rid of all his astrology materials.

In October 1975 the Millers received gift tickets to George Vandeman's one-day Revelation Seminar which they attended. After the seminar, Don Giarrusso, assistant pastor of the district, began studies with them. These studies were continued by Larry Roth, the new district pastor.

The Millers are presently anticipating baptism, and have purchased cases of *The Great Controversy*, *Steps to Christ* and other books in order to continue witnessing to their friends and contacts.

Wayne Miller is a top salesman for a major life insurance company. The Junior Chamber of Commerce voted him Man of the Year for 1977, and this year appointed him as chaplain.

He accepted this responsibility on the condition that he be given permission to hold a spiritual development program. Wayne has begun an early morning Bible study. He hoped to have at least six or seven of the 40 members sign up for the study, but 16 have agreed to participate in a 48-week study program!

In the local S.D.A. church in Green Bay Wayne has appealed to the members for their support and help in the various ministries of the church and in reaching out through their contacts to witness for Christ.

We believe this story has just begun, for surely God has a special work for the Millers to do for Him in the coming years until our Master's return. The Millers are praying that they be led to that special work.

God has a special work or ministry for each member of His remnant church. It gives us courage to see the stewardship of the gospel and God's grace in reality as we have observed how the Millers have immediately shared with others what God has so graciously given them.

Praise God for His beautiful plan of salvation! Certainly it is His love for us that stimulates our love and service for Him and others.

The Work She Loves Best

by Jeffrey K. Wilson

In west-central Illinois near the site where the Spoon River flows into the Illinois lies the sleepy little river town of Havana. This grain shipping town of 4,300 is the county seat for Mason County, one of 54 unentered counties in the Illinois Conference.

This fact led Olive Willhelm to choose this town to live in seven years ago. Perhaps a contributing factor was that she was born in a county of the same name in Texas 77 years ago. But the main reason is her desire to work for God.

More than a decade ago Miss Willhelm was impressed by a camp meeting challenge when conference officers distributed a map of the state showing the unentered counties. "I decided then and there to dedicate my life to evangelism in unentered counties when I retired from my secretarial job in Chicago," she says. "I didn't realize then how soon I would be facing that challenge," she admits now. "I was one of several employees affected by a decision of the new personnel manager—I had to retire before reaching 65."

"I went soon after that to visit the conference president at that time, Elder W.A. Nelson. 'Here I am,' I said, 'I remembered your challenge, which unentered county do you want me to move to?'"

Elder Nelson suggested DeKalb County. Miss Willhelm packed her few belongings and moved to the county seat, DeKalb.

She gave Bible studies, covered the town with literature and traveled weekly with the only other Adventist in the area to the Aurora Church for Sabbath services. When others came to help, she decided to move on to another county where a witness was needed.

Olive Willhelm lives alone in an upstairs apartment and does not drive, yet she has visited all the homes in Havana three times with Bible course enrollment cards. She is treasurer and Sabbath School pianist at the Canton Church, 25 miles away. Friends take her to and from church each week. "Good evening, boys and girls, this is Aunt Olive with another bedtime story just for you . . ." These words greet the children of Havana each Monday evening after the 7 o'clock news. "Aunt Olive" reads Bible stories on the Havana radio station.

Miss Willhelm says happily, "For several weeks the station placed an ad which ran in the weekly shopper paper stating that my little program and Your Story Hour, which it broadcasts on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, are its most popular entertainment programs."

She also sends *These Times* to more than 40 homes in her community, including pastors of all the churches in town.

"Two pastors refused the subscriptions so I waited a year, and I am now sending them *Signs of the Times*," she chuckles. "Maybe the truth under a different cover will get through to them."

All the lawyers in Havana receive *Liberty* magazine, courtesy of Miss Willhelm. The libraries and hospital receive *Listen*.

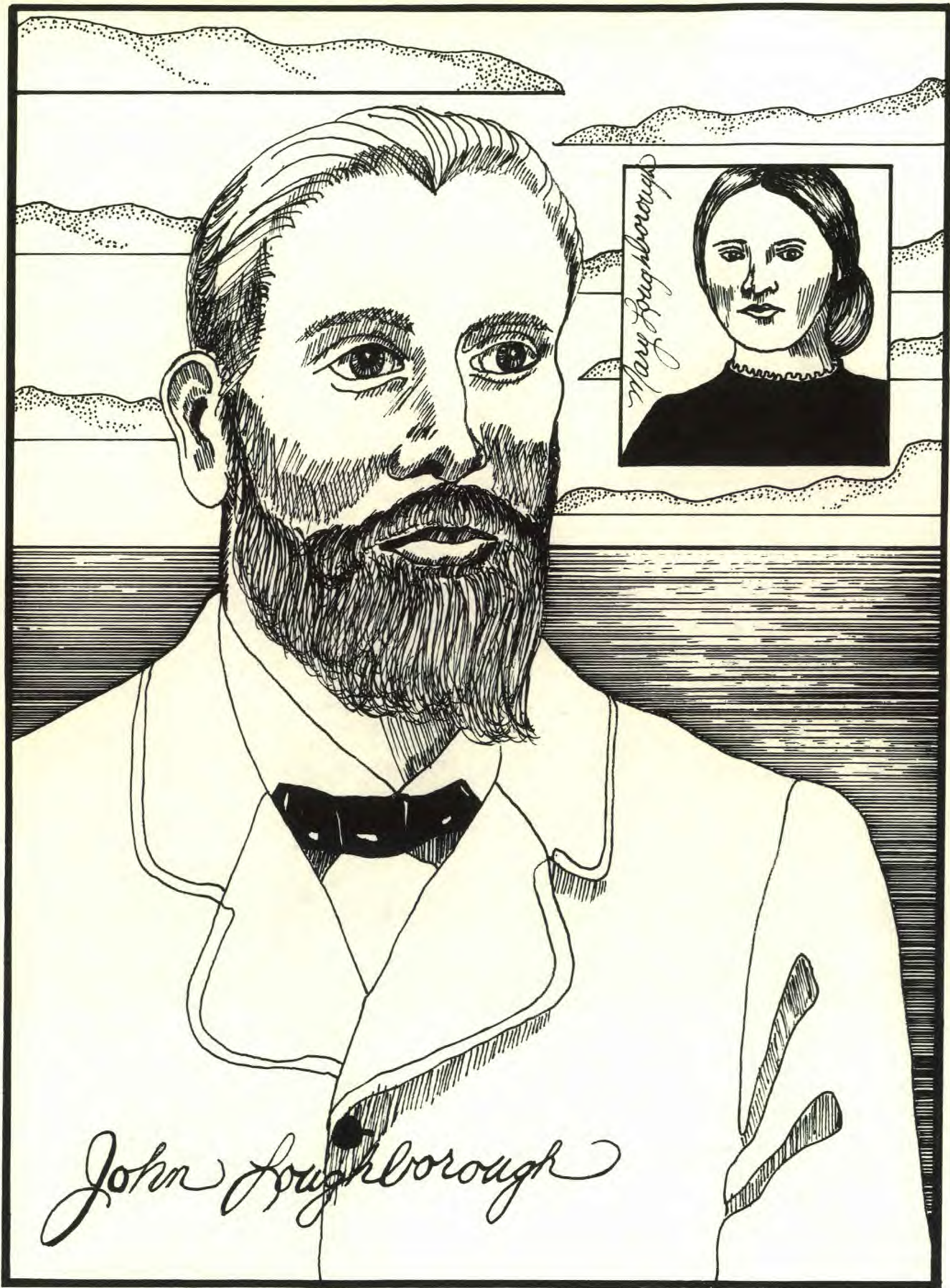
"I recently called the public library to see if they were getting the magazine," she said, "they exclaimed, 'We sure are, in fact, we must keep it on reserve, it is such a popular magazine!'"

The high school librarian had similar words of praise, "Our kids just love it," was her response. Whenever Miss Willhelm goes out she has some Adventist literature with her to leave at the laundromat, the dentist's office, the doctor's office and the bank. As a secretary, Miss Willhelm worked for the Seventh-day Adventist church for many years in the Texas, Iowa and Wisconsin conferences, and then at Pacific Press in Brookfield, Illinois. When the press was moved to the West Coast she stayed in Chicago and worked as a secretary for a lawyer and then at an insulation company. Although retired from secretarial work, Miss Willhelm is doing the work she loves best—witnessing for Christ. She hasn't seen numerous baptisms from her work, yet she keeps on sowing seed knowing that one day a harvest will result.

"I've just heard of a woman in town who believes in the Sabbath," she said as we concluded our visit. "I understand she feels convicted every time she works on Sabbath. I must get over to visit with her right away . . ."



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John Loughborough

The Loving Letter

by C. Mervyn Maxwell
illustration by June Nowlin

The story of John and Mary Loughborough and the letter to Laodicea is concluded here.

By God's grace they made it across the Mississippi! That Friday night, James and Ellen White, Josiah Hart and Elon Everts preached to the hotel guests before retiring.

From Sunday to Wednesday they covered the remaining 100 miles to Waukon—in their open, unroofed box sleigh. Icy gales knifed mercilessly across the plains. The loving letter to Laodicea was on its way at any cost. (Jesus reached the street where we live to knock on our hearts' doors by way of the cross.)

The sleigh pulled up at the foot of a ladder. John Loughborough, former minister turned carpenter, climbed down embarrassed.

"What doest thou here, Elijah?" Ellen asked.

How could John reply? Could he tell a woman who had braved such danger and discomfort that the ministry was too hard?

Word spread. "The Whites have come!"

"Oh, no!"

Meetings were arranged each night in people's homes. Old advent hymns touched hearts inexorably. On Sabbath Elder White showed that Laodicea is the Sabbath-keeping church. Some agreed. Others asked to hear the other side.

Patiently, Elder White convinced everyone on Sunday night. Then some people said, "We've heard rumors we'd like to discuss."

On Monday night, James and Ellen

discussed difficulties they'd faced in Rochester and Battle Creek. They admitted making mistakes; but after listening, the group apologized for believing gossip. "It became a privilege," Elder White wrote later, "to confess our faults."

Hearts began to melt and flow together.

Ellen had a vision. When it ended she quoted Jesus as saying, "'Return unto Me, and I will heal all your backsliding.' Jesus," she continued, "knocks lovingly on your hearts. Do let Him in."

It was too much for Mary Loughborough. She blamed herself that she and John were there. Standing to her feet, lips atremble, she stammered, "Brother and Sister White, we thought we had gotten where you could never find us. Forgive us! We're so glad you've come. And if Jesus is outside my heart, He's not where I want Him to be. Lord Jesus, please come in!" She sat down and crumpled into tears.

The meeting continued past midnight.

On Tuesday night John Loughborough stood to his feet at last. Holding up his right hand, he spoke words that have become famous: "This hand has held a hammer to make a living for the last time. From henceforth, God helping me, it will hold the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God."

The next morning, December 31, 1856, John Loughborough accompanied the Whites back to Illinois. Mary followed in the spring. Both served faithfully as long as they lived.

Also from that group, J. N. Andrews became the first official S.D.A. foreign missionary, and George Butler became an outstanding General Conference president.

So this is the way the letter to Laodicea came to the Adventists in Waukon—through terribly cold weather to warm the lukewarm with the sweet love of Jesus.

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Clockwise, from top: Three hundred people attended the publishing institute in Holly, Michigan. A. E. Hackett, Indiana Conference treasurer, presented the final devotional talk. Carol Wheatley of Michigan practiced a demonstration during a workshop.

Two hundred literature evangelists from the Lake Union met recently for five days at Holly, Michigan, for their annual institute.

Publishing leaders from the local union and General Conference levels were on hand to work with them. Other conference officials from within the union were present to bring inspiration, and show support of the work of these dedicated men and women.

Two of the literature evangelists were honored as literature evangelists

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LITERATURE EVANGELISTS ANNUAL INSTITUTE

by Ernest N. Wendth

Photography by Dick Tanner and Ernest Wendth

of the year. Ingrid Kincaid of Jeddo, Michigan, and Joseph Locken of Gary, Indiana, were the two honored. Mrs. Kincaid has been a literature evangelist for only five years, and according to Chuck Davisson, director of the publishing department for Michigan, "she is one of the best-organized literature evangelists" in the conference.

When she goes into a home she is there to minister even if that means changing a baby. She shows her concern for every member of the family and always takes time to tell a story to any children that may be present.

As a result she has seen seven people baptized.

She also takes care of her husband,



Clockwise from lower left: General Conference Publishing Director Bruce Wickwire spoke at the institute. Illinois Conference President John Hayward presented a devotional message. Lake Union Conference Ministerial Secretary Don Gray talked about the need for more spiritual emphasis in the literature ministry. Lake Union President Lowell Bock addressed the institute participants. John Jones of Indiana takes the floor during a discussion directed by Elders Bock, Carter, Bernet and Robert Dale, president of the Wisconsin Conference.



Top left: Presenting an award to Literature Evangelist of the Year Joseph Locken, center, of Gary, Indiana, are John Bernet, left, and Dick Tanner, publishing directors of the Lake Union and Indiana Conference, respectively. Center left: Ingrid Kincaid of Jeddo, Michigan, was also named L.E. of the Year. Presenting the award are Elder Bernet and Charles Davisson, Michigan Conference publishing director. Lower left: Lake Union Conference Executive Secretary Robert Carter and his wife, Rose, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the institute. Top center: A panel, moderated by Illinois publishing director Ralph Sellars, right, discussed the Sabbath School lesson. Center: George Dronen, Wisconsin publishing director, takes time out for his daughter, Jeannie. Lower center: The literature evangelists participated in a dedication ceremony.





Clockwise, from left: Special music was presented by a quartet comprised of Gene Hall, left, Art Miller, Pat Bruce and Tim Evans; Joe Whitaker, Listen magazine sales specialist, gets help from his son, Jason, during a workshop; Reg Froom, manager of H.H.E.S.; Ben Lewis and his prize stereo system; Michigan's eight publishing department leaders.



Carl, and their four sons. Her sales by the end of August were more than \$20,000.

Mr. Locken became an Adventist in 1970 and a colporteur in 1973 after working 17 years in the steel mills in Gary.

As a local elder he has been a strong supporter of his local church program and has seen 12 persons join the church as the result of his efforts. He currently sells between \$30,000 and \$40,000 each year, is married and has a son at home and two daughters in Minnesota.

Directing the workshops, devotional periods and symposiums were the director of the Lake Union publishing department, John S. Bernet; Elder Bruce Wickwire of the General Conference, and Reginald J. Froom, manager of the union Home Health

Education Service.

Six different workshops conducted for the literature evangelists were geared to strengthen their sales and spiritual successes.

Prior to the naming of the literature evangelists of the year, awards were presented for sales achievements in an 11-day period just preceding the week of meetings.

Fifty-two literature evangelists received cash awards for their successes during this campaign. These prizes ranged from \$25 to \$300 and 11 of the colporteurs reported sales of more than \$2,000 during those 11 days.

Ben Lewis of Benton Harbor topped the list with sales amounting to \$4,274. He was presented with a stereo system in addition to his cash bonus.



Ray Minner, Correspondent



A record number of students registered for autumn quarter at Andrews University.

ANDREWS REGISTRATION BREAKS RECORD

Andrews University has registered the largest number of students of any autumn quarter in its history, according to Dr. Joseph G. Smoot, university president.

A total of 2,924 students registered for the quarter, compared to 2,837 in 1977.

The most dramatic increase was reflected in registrations for the School of Graduate Studies, said Dr. Smoot. There are 514 graduate students, a jump of more than 100 compared to last year's figure.

The Theological Seminary registered 383 students and the undergraduate colleges registered a combined total of 2,027.

MAHLUM NAMED HEAD OF PLACEMENT AND CO-OP

Dr. Larry D. Mahlum has been named director of placement services and cooperative education for Andrews University.

Dr. Mahlum, who received his doctoral degree from Andrews this year, has been serving as assistant dean of the College of Technology. He developed the co-op program about a year ago, and it has grown to the point where it was thought advisable to unite it with the placement department under Dr. Mahlum's direction.

The department's new associate director is Tracie Jacobs of Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Jacobs holds a master's

degree in public administration from the University of Colorado and most recently has been working for the Federal government in the Bureau of Reclamation.

The cooperative education department works with employers in private industry, the denomination and elsewhere who wish to employ Andrews students.

The students accumulate valuable on-the-job experience while still enrolled full time at the university. The program originally served the College of Technology exclusively, but is now being expanded to include majors in business administration, chemistry, home economics and other areas.

"We are interested in involving Seventh-day Adventists all over the Lake Union as co-op employees," says Dr. Mahlum.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association is among the denominational organizations interested in taking advantage of the co-op program.



GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Joel Hass, Correspondent



DISASTER DRILL IS A SUCCESS

HINSDALE—Employees at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital were prepared when ambulances brought 20 "victims" to the hospital as a result of a mock explosion at the Illinois Bell Telephone building in Westmont as part of an areawide disaster drill on Friday, September 22. According to Bob Engelkemier, director of the patient business office and chairman of the disaster committee, those who evaluated the hospital's performance indicated that the "victims" were well received and handled properly and that there was adequate staffing for the drill.

NEW PHYSICIANS BEGIN PRACTICE



Richard Hill, M.D.

HINSDALE—Richard Hill, M.D., and John Hoch, M.D., will join a group practice with Drs. DeWayne Butcher and Gene Harvey, family practice physicians in Hinsdale, Illinois,

following completion of the family practice residency program at Hinsdale Hospital in December this year.

Drs. Hoch and Hill are 1975 graduates of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine and have been in the residency program at Hinsdale since January 1976. They will reside in Hinsdale with their families.



Brian Bruckner, M.D.



John Hoch, M.D.

Brian Bruckner, M.D., who completed the three-year residency program in August this year, recently joined the Family Practice Associates in Joliet, Illinois, where he and his family are located. Dr. Bruckner joined the residency program at Hinsdale after graduation from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, and a subsequent internship at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

Currently 22 residents are enrolled in the comprehensive residency offered at Hinsdale Hospital directed by Duane Dodd, M.D., and Timothy Neufeld, M.D., director and associate director respectively.

For further information concerning the Family Practice Residency Program, call (312) 887-2935.

Donna Willard
Public Relations Assistant

HINSDALE NEWS NOTE

• Many people do not think diabetes is a serious problem, yet it is the leading cause of new cases of

blindness, the third leading cause of death by disease, and a major cause in cardiovascular problems. To help discover those persons who are "hidden" diabetics, Hinsdale Hospital is offering free tests during Diabetes Detection Week, November 5 to 11. These free screenings, to be held in several areas, can be a lifesaver for anyone who has this major disease yet is unaware of it. For further information, call the health education department at Hinsdale Hospital, (312) 887-2424.

Illinois Conference

Jeff Wilson, Correspondent



Ron Osborn, left, is shown before his baptism with Pastor Jerry Page and Elder Andrew Fearing.

BAPTISM HELD AT LITTLE GRASSY CAMP MEETING

Ron Osborn, 19, had studied extensively through the Christian Record Braille Foundation (C.R.B.F.) and had been observing the Sabbath for several weeks before Mrs. Carr, a C.R.B.F. representative from Danville, called Jerry and Hazel Jones of the Stewardson Church. The Joneses brought Ron to Stewardson for church services.

Convicted by the Holy Spirit at Little Grassy camp meeting last month, Ron decided to be baptized.

After Elder Andrew Fearing, retired General Conference associate

ministerial secretary, delivered a short message, Pastor Jerry Page had the privilege of baptizing Ron on Sabbath afternoon in Little Grassy Lake.

A young couple who witnessed the baptism were the first ones to step forward in response to Elder Fearing's appeal after the Saturday night meeting.

Jesus warned of those who have eyes but cannot see; but we thank the Lord that though Ron is physically blind God has given him clear spiritual sight!

Ron is hoping to attend Andrews University and prepare for a life work for the Lord.

*Jerry Page, Pastor
St. Elmo District*

NEW TEACHERS IN ILLINOIS CLASSROOMS

Joining the team in the 27 church schools throughout the Illinois Conference are 23 new teachers.

Coming from Andrews University are Roscoe Aldrich, teaching at Hinsdale Junior Academy; Tadesse Daba, upper grades teacher and principal at Beverly Hills School, and Marlakay Gates, teaching lower grades at Peoria.

Recent graduates from Walla Walla College are Melvin Iseminger, teaching at Hinsdale Junior Academy, and Cindy Ann Patten, who teaches at the Aurora School.

The new teacher at Springfield, Linda Baxter, is from Southern Missionary College. Mildred Berggren, lower grades teacher at Beverly Hills, is from Minnesota. JoAnn Marie Bliss of the North Shore School comes from Columbia Union College.

Keith Boyson, lower grades teacher at Monmouth, moved from the Wyoming Conference. Eileen Fuller of West Suburban Junior Academy came from the General Conference office. Doyle Harp, Hinsdale Junior Academy's new principal, is from the Michigan Conference as are Lyn Patton, a teacher at the new school in Bloomington, and Sharon Yackley, who teaches at Waukegan Junior Academy.

Hinsdale's teacher, Karen Lant, comes from Hinsdale Hospital as does Oscar Torkleson, Aurora's new principal and upper grades teacher. Dale Larson, Quincy's teacher, is from Oklahoma. Betty and James McCorkle of Rockford Junior Academy formerly taught in the Wisconsin Conference as

did George Wade, now principal at Champaign.

Earle Pleasted of Alton and James Ott of Rockford formerly taught in the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Russell Schaeffer, principal at West Suburban Junior Academy, comes from the Pennsylvania Conference.

One new school was added this year—in Bloomington.

Christian education is big business with more than 1,250 students and 100 faculty members serving the Lord's work in the Illinois Conference.

Administering this work is George Lloyd, director of education for K-12, who recently arrived from the Montana Conference. He is assisted by Margaret Best, elementary supervisor, and Art Nelson, associate superintendent and principal of Broadview Academy.

These individuals function with the guidance of the newly formed conference board of education which oversees Christian education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Indiana Conference

Cliff Hoffman, Correspondent



BAPTISM IN MARTINSVILLE

On August 21, 1978, Mike Hudson, son of Dale and Leota Hudson, was baptized in the Clephane pond near Morgantown, Indiana. Elder George Terrian, district pastor, officiated at the baptism. Mike is now a member of the Martinsville Church.

IT CAN BE DONE

On August 26 Dorothy K. Lawson, lay activities leader for the Seymour Church encouraged the members to begin business Ingathering on the following Tuesday. She asked for a show of hands of those willing to help her in the business district. One faithful member, Betty McCrary,



The 1978 Indiana teaching staff assembled at Timber Ridge Camp.

SCHOOL BEGINS IN INDIANA

For the 82nd consecutive year Seventh-day Adventist schools opened their doors in Indiana. The teaching staff for Indiana's 18 schools gathered at Timber Ridge Camp on August 16 to 20 for their annual convention.

There were several new teachers present during the convention for an orientation workshop. They were Mary Alice Hill and Patty Schwab, South Bend; Mark Haynal, Anderson; Dawn Kerbs, Indianapolis Junior Academy; Richard Leonard, Fort Wayne; Dennis Greenawalt, Southeastern Junior Academy; Sandra Snelling, Anderson; Franice Carney, Columbus; Jack Vance, Terre Haute; Ella Simmons, Southeastern Junior Academy, and Jean Rhoads, Bloomington.

The officers of the Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventist Educators also met at this time to launch their program for the sixth successful year.

*C. E. Perry
Superintendent of Education*

raised her hand. As Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. McCrary met that Tuesday morning they prayed for several things: first, that it wouldn't rain; second, that God would give them the right words to speak, and third, that the people would respond generously.

They began about 9 A.M., visiting the businesses in Brownstown. They stopped at a feed mill, only to find that the proprietor was gone, but was expected to return soon. In the meantime they went to other places of business where they received some good donations. The people were friendly and remembered the women from previous years.

They returned to the feed mill and this time the proprietor was in. This man had given sizeable donations in previous years and the women prayed that this year his gift would be even larger. He wrote a check and handed it to Betty McCrary. She gave it to Dorothy Lawson to write a receipt. When Mrs. Lawson looked at the check and noticed that it was for \$1,000 she was so overcome that she had difficulty in writing the receipt. After lunch the women went back to

Seymour to solicit the businesses in the town where the church is located. They stopped at a warehouse about 2 P.M. and received a \$50 gift. At 2:30 they returned to their car to add up the day's donations.

The total was \$1,125. The church goal was \$1,100. The goal had been reached in only 5½ hours. The women were overwhelmed with God's blessing on their day's work. They had met so many wonderful people who had generously given to God's work. And it hadn't rained.

Michigan Conference

E. N. Wendth, Correspondent

NEWS NOTES

• Two cooking classes and several stop-smoking clinics are being presented by the Better Living Seminars of the Metropolitan Detroit district. Morning and evening cooking schools begin October 23 at the East



Detroit Church and one will also begin on October 29 at the Oakwood Church. Seven stop-smoking clinics have been scheduled from September 18 through January 9. Further information on these programs may be obtained by calling (313) 459-0894.

• At a recent Investment sale the Ironwood Church raised \$150. It was the largest sum raised, to date, by the church for Investment.

• According to a recent report received at the conference office, Violet Niemeyer of the South Haven Church made 54 quilts in a recent eight-month period. These were all for use by the community services center.

• The Hastings Church recently honored their minister and his wife, Elder and Mrs. E. F. Herzell, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.



Bill and Annie Crowl are now members of the Jackson, Michigan, Church.

MARRIAGE AND BAPTISM BRING UNITY

Interest in a former girl friend helped Bill Crowl of Jackson find happiness as a member of two new families—the family of God and the family of Annie Finley of Huntsville, Alabama.

Thirty-one years ago Bill moved next door to Annie and fell in love with her. After dating a few weeks he introduced her as his future wife—which she didn't appreciate and refused to date him again.

Annie married soon after graduating from high school and had a baby girl.

Bill married also, but his wife died not too much later after an extended illness. He moved to Jackson, Michigan, seeking employment; there he married again.

Annie's husband died during the Korean War. She remarried and had another daughter; however, her husband's unfaithfulness caused this marriage to end in divorce.

One day Annie's mail included an



Bill and Annie Crowl were baptized in an Alabama river.

invitation to attend a series of religious meetings. One sermon title, "Why do So Many Keep Sunday," caught her eye and she attended. Annie received, as an attendance prize, a copy of the book *Daniel and the Revelation*, and it helped convince her that the Sabbath was God's day of worship. She decided to follow this doctrine even though it meant losing her job.

Back in Jackson Bill suffered another blow when his second wife died. Being very lonely he visited his home and friends in Alabama where he soon heard of Annie's marriage problems. When she heard he was in town, and still interested in her, Annie allowed Bill to date her again. She shared her new faith with him and he became interested in the new ideas.

When he returned to Jackson he contacted Clarence Larsen, at that time the pastor of the Adventist Church. Pastor Larsen asked Norm and Edith Luttmann to conduct Bible studies with Bill. The Luttmanns report that Bill kept them busy answering his questions as he progressed rapidly through two or three Bible lessons at a time.

Bill, meanwhile, was keeping in touch with Annie and asked her to marry him—finally making good the dream he had had when he introduced her as his future wife years ago.

On October 1, 1977, Bill and Annie were baptized together in a river in Alabama by the local pastor and the next day they were united in marriage.

Today Bill and Annie are faithfully attending the Jackson Church, where

Annie is serving as the assistant community services leader. They have found deep happiness in the new families to which they now belong.

Wisconsin Conference



Dale Ziegele, Correspondent

THE PURPOSE OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Several months ago Wisconsin pastors, conference departmental directors and administrators spent several exciting hours together praying and thinking about the mission of the conference.

"It is easy for us to become so busy with routine duties that we lose sight of our real mission," stated Robert Dale, conference president. "We could perhaps over simplify our mission by saying it is really Matthew 28:19 and 20—which tells us to go and teach all men, making them disciples—but this command needs to be thought through and applied in every generation to the challenges and situation in time and place," said Elder Dale.

The hours of thought and study resulted in stating that the purpose of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is:

To assist church members in demonstrating God's plan for them through continuous Christian growth and the use of their spiritual gifts;

To enhance church cooperation through fellowship, internal ministries and outreach;

To draw the people of Wisconsin to Christ by communicating the Seventh-day Adventist message that ministers to the spiritual, mental, social and physical needs of man;

To support the fulfillment of the Seventh-day Adventist world mission through prayer, and the sharing of means, materials and personnel.

In the near future pastors and conference officers will give study to objectives necessary for the fulfillment of this purpose statement.

"Although we realize that finishing God's work in Wisconsin is dependent upon the Holy Spirit, it is our conviction that through plans made and implemented in prayer and

Spirit-directed thought the Holy Spirit can use His church more effectively for the accomplishment of His purpose," concluded Elder Dale.

EVANGELISTIC SERIES PLANNED FOR RICE LAKE

Enthusiasm is increasing for the approaching evangelistic meetings in Rice Lake, according to the pastor, Gilbert Floyd.

"I am still amazed how the Lord planned this series for us," stated Elder Floyd. "At our board meeting we discussed the possibility of meetings with a guest evangelist and I told the board members this would hardly be possible. Imagine my surprise when Wesley Jaster, conference coordinator of evangelism, called the next day to say that because of unexpected changes he was looking for a location where meetings could be held this fall."

Members have responded to this unexpected opportunity by addressing thousands of invitations. With meetings scheduled to begin November 3, church members have rallied to accomplish what must be done.

Elder Floyd speaks for his congregation when he says, "What a privilege is ours as we realize that God has given us time and energy to accomplish this tremendous task."

If you have friends or relatives in the Rice Lake area who should be invited to the meetings, please send their names and addresses to Pastor Gilbert Floyd, P.O. Box 272, Cameron, WI 54882.



Jan Spangle



Mark Miskell

BAPTISMS IN SHEBOYGAN DISTRICT

Jan Spangle and Mark Miskell were baptized by Corbin Pitman, Sheboygan District pastor, on September 2, 1978. Mark studied the Bible with Sabrina Farmer who was recently baptized in Sheboygan. A church member invited Mrs. Spangle to take her son to Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Spangle attended church and found the people so friendly that she had to keep going back.

Announcements

ILLINOIS

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS are being held in the North Shore Church in Chicago from October 21 through December 5 by Lake Union Conference Evangelist Jim Cress. If you have relatives or friends living in the northern part of Chicago and you would like for them to receive an invitation to the meetings, call R. H. Ammons at (312) 485-1200, ext. 25, or write to Elder Ammons at the Lay Activities Department, Illinois Conference, Box 89, Brookfield, IL 60513.

AT THE DOWNERS GROVE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE on the weekend of November 4, James L. Hayward, secretary of the Michigan Conference, will be the guest speaker. The film "John Hus" will be shown at 7:30, Friday evening, November 3.

MICHIGAN

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEKEND—Dr. A. Graham Maxwell of Loma Linda University will be the guest speaker in the Detroit area during the weekend of November 4. Meetings will be at the Troy S.D.A. Church, 2775 Crooks Road, Troy, Michigan, Friday, November 3 at 7:30 P.M., and Sabbath, November 4 at 9:30 and 11 A.M., 2:30 and 4 P.M.

CORRECTION: The Heart of the Lake Union story entitled "A Vacation that Brought New Life" (issue 39, dated October 17, 1978) was written by Becky Ponder, a free-lance writer living in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

A SEMINAR IN ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, nutrition and simple remedies will be held December 24 to 29 at Yuchi Pines Institute. This semi-annual seminar is designed to promote medical missionary evangelism. If interested, contact YUCHI PINES INSTITUTE, Dept. E, Seale, AL 36875.

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Mileposts

WEDDINGS:

Michelle Rene Byrd and Harry Alexander Herber were married September 24, 1978, in Barberton, Ohio. Elder Earl Zager performed the ceremony.

Michelle is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Dean of Scio, Ohio, and Mr. Ted Byrd of Barberton, Ohio, and Harry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Herber of Holly, Michigan.

The couple are making their home in Wasco, California, where Michelle is employed as a physician's assistant and Harry is an X-ray technician.

Kathleen Ruth Carson and Jerry Lee Bever were married August 27, 1978, in Muskegon, Michigan. Elder Joshua Swinyar performed the ceremony. Kathleen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Carson of Muskegon, and Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bever of Grand Ledge, Michigan.

The couple are living in Berrien Springs, where Jerry is employed and Kathleen is attending Andrews University.

Martha Lynne Cox and Gary Lee Parker were married August 13, 1978, in Troy, Michigan. Elder Bruce Babienko performed the ceremony.

Martha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cox of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker of Greeneville, Tennessee.

The couple are making their home at Andrews University, where Martha will take graduate studies in guidance and counseling and Gary will complete a business course.

Linda Marie Gronsky and Norman James Martin Jr. were married September 17, 1978, in the Pontiac, Michigan, Riverside Church. Elder Henry Mattson performed the ceremony.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. George Gronsky of Pontiac, and Norman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martin Sr. of Walled Lake, Michigan.

The couple are making their home in Holly, Michigan, where Norman is employed at the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital as a laboratory technician.

Sheri Lin Moellmann and Kenneth Dale Moorhead were married September 3, 1978, in the Farmington, Michigan, Church. Pastor Warren Jarrard performed the ceremony.

Sheri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfried Moellmann of Livonia, Michigan, and Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moorhead of Berkley, Michigan.

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The couple are making their home at Andrews University where both will continue their education.

Anne Elizabeth Summerton and Richard Lee Afton were married August 20, 1978, in Oxford, Wisconsin. Elder Robert Knutson performed the ceremony.

Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Summerton of Oxford. Richard is the son of Mrs. Darlene Ypma and Mr. Richard Afton.

The couple are residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Richard is a chemist at Lily Industrial Corporation and Anne is a nurse at St. Francis Hospital.

OBITUARIES:

BAEBLER, Geroge, 82, born Jan. 22, 1896, in Waterloo, Ill., died Sept. 10, 1978, of cancer in St. Louis, Mo.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn, and 3 children, George T. Baebler of Maryville, Ill., Mrs. Margaret Cox of Swansea, Ill., and Paul Baebler of Maryville; 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Wayne Pleasants at the Kurrus Funeral Chapel in Belleville, Ill., and interment was in the Valhalla Burial Park, Belleville.

CHAMPION, Emil, born June 18, 1900, in Oconto, Wis., died Sept. 9, 1978, in Marinette, Wis. He was a member of the Wisconsin Conference Church.

Survivors include 3 sons, Raymond of Menominee, Mich., Alvin of Marinette, Wis., and LeRoy of Chicago, Ill.; 2 daughters, Mrs. Karl Hahn of Bark River, Mich., and Mrs. Sandy Peterson of Downers Grove, Ill., and 20 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Waldo R. Alger, and interment was in Glenwood Memorial Gardens, Marinette.

FERNEY, Denzil, 81, born Feb. 10, 1897, in Lowell, Mich., died Sept. 13, 1978, in Punta Gorda, Fla. He was a member of the Berrien Springs, Mich., Church.

Survivors include 3 sons, Brett of Bridgman, Mich., Charles of Dowagiac, Mich., and LaVerne of Longboat Key, Fla.; 3 daughters, Arlene Arata of Mountain View, Calif., Doris Bowen of Collegedale, Tenn., and Neva Jean Curry of North Providence, R.I.; a brother, Valdimar of Berrien Springs; a sister, Evelyn Soule of Berrien Springs, 18 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Keith Burke, and interment was in the Union Cemetery of Berrien Center, Mich.

MACOMBER, Mary Eliza, born Sept. 15, 1904, in Pelston, Mich., died Aug. 20, 1978, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was a member of the Urbandale, Mich., Church.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver; 6 sons, Roy of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Donald of Plainwell, Mich., Kenneth of Kalkaska, Mich., Cecil of Kalamazoo, Mich., Orville of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Harry of Hickory Corners, Mich.; 2 daughters, Esther Medsker of Portage, Mich., and Jean Fry of Augusta, Mich.; a sister, Elsie Carrick of Houghton Lake, Mich.; a brother, Arthur Bratfish of Saginaw, Mich., and 20 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Keith Burke, and interment was in Yorkville, Mich.

MYERS, Olive Belle, born July 14, 1887, in Delta, Ohio, died Sept. 25, 1978, in Niles, Mich. She was a member of the Niles Church.

Survivors include 2 sons, Wilber and LaMar, both of Niles, and 6 daughters, Mrs. Charles Dhaboldt of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Reid Shirrell of South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Clarence McLaughlin, Mrs. Richard Camp and Mrs. Claude Parker, all of Niles.

Elder Ola Robinson and Pastor Mark Graham conducted the services, and interment was in the Silverbrook Cemetery of Niles.

New Releases

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Arnold Valentin Wallenkamp



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World Church News

ROBERT H. PIERSON RESIGNS FOR HEALTH REASONS



Robert H. Pierson

office on January 3, 1979, his 68th birthday.

Elder Pierson cited health reasons for leaving office before the end of his current five-year term, which expires in 1980.

The resignation was completely unexpected by leaders at the General Conference. Overseas division presidents, in Washington for the 10-day annual council, were informed Sunday, October 15, but most of the leaders were unaware until the formal announcement.

Constitutional provisions for the replacement of a General Conference president in mid-term, enacted in 1975, will go into effect. M. S. Nigri, executive vice president of the General Conference, met with the president's advisory group and the 10 world division presidents on the afternoon of October 16.

A recommendation will come from that group on forming a committee to choose a successor. The membership of that committee is not spelled out in the constitution of the church.

A time schedule will also be established for the election. Elder Pierson predicted, however, that it would take place before the annual council session ends on Thursday, October 19. Also unclear at this time is the nature of the successor—whether the committee will select an interim president to fill out the remaining 15

months of the term, or whether the new president will stand for re-election at the church's quinquennial general conference session set for Dallas, Texas, in April 1980.

In his final remarks, Elder Pierson challenged the church to hold fast to its doctrinal tenets. He urged that distinctive teachings not be allowed to erode in the process of the church's numerical expansion. He received many spoken "amens" from his audience as he said, "This is God's last church, with God's last message" for the world.

ANNUAL COUNCIL VETOS BLACK UNIONS

The highest deliberative body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has rejected a proposal to establish a separate administrative structure for black members in the United States.

The annual council, meeting in Washington, Thursday, October 12, spent a 12-hour day discussing the recommendation to establish two black union conferences over the same territory now covered by six regular union conferences in the eastern and central United States. The council rejected the bid, 190 to 53.

Prior to 1945 there was no separated black administration above the local church level. In that year the General Conference acted in response to black leaders' request for the establishment of black conferences. Those eight conferences have grown to the point that they supply about 90,000 members and an annual income to the church of \$19 million. Black members comprise more than one-fifth of the Adventist membership in North America.

Six months ago, at the mid-term spring meeting, a previously established commission was charged with studying the idea further. Action was referred to this annual council. The General Conference President's Executive Advisory Group (PREXAD), composed of the top

General Conference officers, recommended against the black union proposal at last year's annual council.

After eight hours of formal presentations and another three hours of floor debate, the motion was put to a vote and failed.

WEEK OF SACRIFICE: WEAR SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES

To all who believe that "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world," the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the most vital activity on planet Earth. It supersedes man's quest for space knowledge, his probe into the depths of the mind, his research in technology.

Since J. N. Andrews, the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, set foot on Swiss soil, church members have been drilled with the needs of "lands beyond." The church has communicated the message of its world mission activity quite effectively.

The Adventist people are, therefore, a closely knit world family, knowledgeable of its work with intimate concern for its fellow members. From virtual obscurity a century ago the church has emerged into an international network of more than 19,000 churches functioning in 189 countries.

Great diversity exists among peoples in various nations of the world. Some lands are favored with abundance and prosperity while in other areas whole populations exist on meager rations.

The mission appeals of our church give us an opportunity to walk away from our smug, complacent world, through a door of the world's realities to hear the cry of hungry children and see the plight of the helpless—to get behind these people and look in the direction they are facing.

The annual Week of Sacrifice provides an opportunity to make a gift to the Lord commensurate with our blessings.

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