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The Philatelist's Bible

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The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come.
The Song of Solomon 2, 12



What Might Have Been Can Be

C. E. Bradford
Vice President

North American Division

COVER

Stamp collecting with a new approach is presented by Ernest Wendth, communication director of the Michigan Conference, on page 4.

Potential unrealized. Resources untapped. Possibilities unfulfilled. This is the history of ancient Israel. A people highly favored, wonderfully endowed, but never quite living up to God's expectations—His purpose for them. But the prophets never let Israel forget her high destiny, her reason for being, her mission in the world.

Whenever the people of God suffered an identity crisis or lost their job description (and this seemed to be all too often), the prophets were right there to remind them, to chide and challenge them. "And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because He had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place." II Chronicles 36:15. Until finally there was no remedy. Sad story.

How this must have pained the heart of God and disappointed His servants the prophets. All these wasted opportunities, great precious and enabling promises, strangely neglected. All the more painful because it might have been!

The land might have been fully possessed and filled with happy people, prosperous and blessed. Surrounding nations witnessing Israel's prosperity might have been led to acknowledge Israel's God. Nation after nation might have annexed themselves to Israel until the borders of the kingdom would have expanded to the ends of the earth and the knowledge of God would now cover the planet "as the waters cover the sea."

There was ancient Israel. There is modern Israel. The parallels are almost frightening. Same promises. Same job description. Same potential. Same prosperities. Same unlimited resources. Same prophetic message and testimonies. And up till now, same lament—what might have been.

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. . . . If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God."—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, pp. 29 and 25.

"Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God."—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 450.

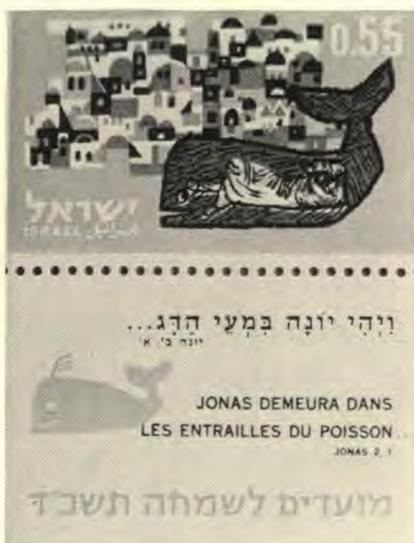
But the prophetic messages, while full of rebuke and reproof, are also redemptive. Full of hope and courage. The story need not end with what might have been—what might have been still can be. All that potential can still be realized. All those promises can still be fulfilled. The resources are adequate even in this fully secular and highly materialistic age.

I am excited by the prophetic picture of what is soon to be. "There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."—*Christian Service*, p. 42.

It is my fervent prayer and hope that for the North American Division what might have been will soon be! The answer lies with each one of us.

The Philatelist's Bible

by Ernest N. Wendth



Stamp collecting! That century-old hobby of young and old is turning some of today's collectors from their albums to their Bibles.

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Those colorful bits of paper are causing philatelists to learn more about the message of the Man of God and of godly men who have served Him through the ages.

Today many people collect stamps by "topics" and religion is one of scores of collectable subjects recognized by stamp authorities.

Philatelists will not forget Elijah's fiery ascent into heaven as this Old Testament space flight is featured on a Vatican air mail stamp (1938-363)*, as well as a more modern design by Sweden (1964-640).

They can also recall Jonah's remarkable "submarine ride" with their set of three stamps issued by

Israel (1964–242-4).

Collecting stamps of the Bible has helped to strengthen my faith in the Good Book. For example, Solomon wrote about an ant which “gathered her food in the harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8), something which entomologists questioned for many years. While they were aware of 23 different species of ants in Palestine, none were known to harvest and store up food.

Then in 1872 a British scientist discovered “harvester” ants on the shores of the Mediterranean and Solomon was proven right after all. I discovered this while seeking information on ants because I was adding ant stamps to my collection of animals of the Bible featured on stamps.

My interest in topical stamp collecting began nearly 20 years ago while I was browsing through books at a public library. One related stories about some of the world’s postage stamps including the story of a stamp which almost started a war between two South American countries!

One nation’s stamp featured a map which the other claimed encroached upon their territory and the two armies were lined up on their common border before the issue was settled peacefully.

Often the story behind a stamp is intriguing, exciting and educational. This led me to specialize in stamps featuring animals of the Bible. It also sent me to the Bible and other resource books to learn more about the subjects and how they related to life in Bible times.

My studies also revealed why Christ rode “triumphantly” into Jerusalem on a donkey instead of a horse, and it wasn’t humility! Thanks to my hobby I also discovered that certain large fish can swallow a man whole as in the story of Jonah.

Jonah was not necessarily swallowed by a whale, for the original Hebrew only refers to a “big fish.” The New Testament Greek word translated “whale” in Matthew 12:40 refers to any marine monster.

This includes the 30-foot long white shark which has been known to swallow intact entire bodies of large

animals. According to naturalists this shark will also occasionally throw up, whole and alive, their recently swallowed victims.

Can a whale do the same? Many species cannot—but the sperm whale, once common in the Mediterranean, can. I also discovered that a whaling industry existed in the Middle East at the time of Jonah and that the port of Joppa, (Israel’s stamp of 1967–339), from which Jonah sailed, was a whaling center.

As a lad growing up I couldn’t understand how Christ could ride in triumph into Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. But thanks to my hobby and research I found that the donkey of the Bible was not the stubborn, slow-moving beast we think of today, but the intelligent Muscat ass, the main source of transportation in the time of Christ.

It was such a pale gray in color that it was almost white, and many people have called it a beautiful animal. During the time of Christ it was used to carry the rich and the poor alike because of its surefootedness over the rough and stony pathways of Jerusalem.

The horse, by comparison, slipped easily on the damp stone streets and, since it was used primarily for military purposes, carried the stigma of war. Any “rule by force” emphasis would have been contrary to the ideals of the Prince of Peace, and thus His entry into Jerusalem on a horse would not have been accepted.

After a day in the fields donkeys were left alone at the entrance of the village to find their way unaided to their place of rest. This is referred to by Isaiah when he said, “The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib.” Isaiah 1:3.

At first I concentrated on collecting stamps showing nature of the Bible because they were easy to obtain.

Sheep and cattle, for instance, can be found on stamps of many countries. But soon I was concentrating on stamps with a definite biblical theme. I have even started a stamp collector’s Bible beginning with the United States stamp honoring man’s first flight to

the moon (1969–1371). This stamp carries the words “In the beginning...” With this stamp I put the only one of which I am aware that depicts God, the Father. (Liechtenstein, 1966–419).

Next we can add the six Israeli stamps depicting the days of creation (1965–298-303). Since God rested on the Sabbath day no stamp was issued for the seventh day. But I complete my creation week with the stamp from Madagascar (1967–396) showing the Adventist temple at Tanambao-Tamatave.

Armenia shows Mt. Ararat (1921–293), France features Jacob wrestling with the angel and Peter walking on the water (1963–1054, 1055).

A Palestine stamp depicts Rachel’s tomb (1927–63) while Israel remembers the return of the spies with grapes (1954–87) as well as Saul, David and Solomon on their thrones (1960–184-6).

Major and minor prophets are the theme of an Italian set featuring the paintings of Michelangelo (1961–813-831) including Isaiah, Daniel, Zachariah, Ezekiel, Adam and Eve.

Numerous other countries have featured many individuals and events of both the Old and New Testaments. I have been able to collect more than 300 stamps featuring many incidents in the life of Christ. I conclude my philatelic Bible with Greece’s stamp of the Isle of Patmos (1947–509) and Spain’s four beasts of the Revelation (1965–1333).

Next week, in another article, I will suggest ways of using stamps of the Bible in the work of the church, and point out how you may begin your own collection of “topicals” which, you can feel, carries God’s stamp of approval.

**Numbers in parenthesis refer to the year of issue and the stamp’s number in Scott’s Stamp Catalogue, the recognized American classification for collectors.*



Mark and Ernestine Finley will be directing the program of the Lake Union Soul Winning Institute in Chicago beginning later this year.

The Open Door of Opportunity

by Lowell Bock

In every war there are times when an army does well simply to hold its own without losing ground. There is a time to remain in the trenches. And there

are times when an army must move out of the trenches.

The open door of opportunity demands immediate aggressive action in defeating the enemy. At these opportune moments more than a holding action is needed. There is a trumpet call for advancement, conquest, victory and ultimate triumph!

The officers and executive committee of the Lake Union believe that we have come to such a time. The accomplishments of the past, however

successful, are not adequate to meet the challenge of the hour. Plans for a BOLD MOVE FORWARD have been made by them to markedly influence soul winning throughout the Lake Union.

A FIRST IN NORTH AMERICA

Recently the Lake Union Conference Committee voted to establish the Lake Union Soul Winning Institute outside the city of Chicago. This progressive action provides for the establishment in North America of the first union-sponsored institute dedicated solely to preparing men and women to be used by the Holy Spirit as channels in winning others to Christ and His truth.

Every class will present practical principles of effectively winning people. Each teacher will not only lecture, but will lead his students in applying theory in actual field experience.

The instructor's number-one priority, his chief goal, is to train people who will communicate the Gospel of Christ in a setting of the three angels' message in the most effective way possible.

POTENTIAL STUDENTS

The instruction will assist Andrews University in its evangelistic training of ministerial students within the Lake Union territory. Just as it is impossible to learn swimming in the classroom without ever getting into the water, so it is impossible to learn to win people to Jesus without actual experience.

Imagine the impact of these students as they return to their local churches equipped to meet real life needs. In addition to a seminary education that is highly academic and scholarly, they will have one that, through personal experience, is intensely practical.

As the students return to their local areas they will have a dynamic spiritual impact on the churches of the Great Lakes region.

The training institute will also provide a program of continuing education for pastors. Throughout the Lake Union there are pastors who desire to sharpen their skills in the area of evangelism. They are not fully satisfied with their current achievements and their ability to lead church members in witnessing for

Lowell Bock is the president of the Lake Union Conference. This is the fourth of a series of articles in the Herald telling the exciting story of how God is revealing plans for a bold move forward to finish His work in the Lake Union.

Christ. They sense a basic need to develop their evangelistic potential.

Given the opportunity they would delight in immersing themselves in an environment of active, aggressive evangelism free from other pastoral responsibilities for a period of three to nine months.

Select pastors will now be given this privilege. One of the chief priorities of the institute will be to share insights with pastors, enabling them to carry on a dynamic witnessing program in their local congregations.

Throughout the Lake Union there are scores of laymen who, if they had the proper training, would delight in becoming credentialed Bible workers, able to give Bible studies and share Christ with their neighbors and friends.

Some of these would even be able to find employment in the future as full-time paid Bible instructors, working with a church or evangelistic meetings, while others will return to assist the pastor and church as volunteer lay Bible workers.

The institute is developing a short but thorough one-year program designed specifically for lay Bible instructors. This program will consist of classes in meeting and developing interests, how to give Bible studies, how to get decisions, meeting objections, and many other features focusing specifically on training lay Bible instructors. It, too, will make a major impact on soul winning throughout the union.

A RETREAT AND RESOURCE CENTER

Besides being an evangelistic institute for training students, the institute will become a retreat center specializing in short soul-winning retreats for various groups in the union.

Pastors, health professionals, businessmen and laymen will be encouraged to attend these specialized workshops. These retreats will cover a diversified range of subjects including the art of effective Bible work, discovering and utilizing spiritual gifts, how to conduct effective community Bible classes, and the art of conducting successful evangelistic meetings.

Some retreats will deal with gospel medical evangelism, discussing such topics as how to conduct effective

nutrition classes, stress control clinics and weight-reduction programs.

In addition to these retreats the Lake Union Soul Winning Institute will become a resource center for materials, methods and resource personnel. In effect, it will become the heartbeat of soul winning in the Lake Union: the evangelistic hub, sending spokes into the great cities, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Indianapolis, and scores of others.

A SITE FOR THE INSTITUTE

Where is property to be found for such an ambitious project? Seventy years ago Ellen G. White penned these words:

"Let men of sound judgment be appointed, not to publish abroad their intentions, but to search for such properties in the rural districts, in easy access to the cities, suitable for small training schools for workers, and where facilities may also be provided for treating the sick and weary souls who know not the truth. Look for such places just out from the large cities, where suitable buildings can be secured, either as a gift from the owners, or purchased at a reasonable price by the gifts of our people."—*Medical Ministry*, pp. 308, 309.

In harmony with this counsel, a small group of responsible workers have searched for property for five months in rural districts with easy access to Chicago. With its teeming masses, Chicago, the second largest city in America, provides an excellent opportunity for the type of continual evangelistic program which the institute would generate. At the same time we will be helping to reach the millions of people that live in the Chicago area with the Gospel.

The committee that has been working to locate property has discovered some interesting possibilities. Please pray that these men will be able to successfully locate and secure a site for this institute.

INSTITUTE LEADERSHIP

The plan for an institute is based on God's design. The next important step is finding the right leadership. Again God answered prayers when Elder and Mrs. Mark Finley of the Southern New England Conference accepted a call to

the Lake Union.

During the past 10 years the Finleys have given ample evidence of their special calling in training soul winners. For the past five years, they have operated a training program in their home. They will be joining the Lake Union staff in June. A more formal introduction of the Finleys and their work will be given at a later time.

A CHALLENGE BEFORE US

It is a monumental task to enter a venture such as we have described. The cost of operating such a program will be substantial. The small income received from students and retreat fees will not offset the operating costs. The cost of heat, lights, water, food, school supplies, salaries, and a host of other expenses will require between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a year to operate such a facility.

What shall we do? Stay in the trenches?

The door of opportunity is wide open. Our God has challenged us to begin a larger work in the Lake Union so that Jesus can come. We believe this to be true even though we do not have the money in the current budget to fund this program. We are totally dependent upon you.

There are many church members in the Lake Union that will want to have a part with a substantial gift to this project—\$50, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000. Some, no doubt, will be able to give much more.

As you know, the economy is in deep trouble. The prophet to the remnant church, Ellen White, put it this way:

"One dollar now is of more value to the work than ten dollars will be at some future period. Work, brethren, work while you have the opportunity, while the day lasts."—*Testimonies to the Church*, vol. 5, p. 732.

Soon our money will be worth very little. Why not invest in people, while probations's door is still open and earth is in its last hours? God is calling upon you to meet the challenge of the hour. Why not make out a check today and send it to the Lake Union Soul Winning Institute, Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

May God bless you as you share in the Lake Union's BOLD MOVE FORWARD.



Ray Minner, Correspondent

FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVED

Dr. Edwin R. Thiele of Porterville, California, a prominent Bible scholar and former Andrews professor, was honored March 8 when Dr. Siegfried H. Horn, himself a well-known archeologist, presented "The Contribution of Edwin R. Thiele to Biblical Scholarship."

Dr. Thiele has done extensive research and writing about the chronology of the kings of Old Testament Judah and Israel.

The tribute came as a highlight of Andrews' annual Founders Day observance.

Special messages by Dr. Daniel Augsburg on Thursday evening and Sabbath tied the history of Andrews to its future, continuing the theme of honoring the pioneers of Adventist education who established Battle Creek College, Emmanuel Missionary College and Andrews University.

"St. Matthew's Passion" was performed by the University Chorale and Chamber Ensemble Sabbath afternoon in honor of the late Oliver S. Beltz.

Mr. Beltz, a voice and choir teacher for 70 years, founded an endowment fund for a chair in sacred music at Andrews' Theological Seminary, raising more than \$50,000 before his death in December 1978.

KOUNTRY KANTER TO BE RUN IN APRIL

The second annual Kountry Kanter, a 10-mile foot race beginning and ending at Andrews University, is scheduled for Sunday, April 29.

Well-known runners Randy Thomas and Mavis Lindgren will lead this year's race, according to Dr. Dan A. Klein, chairman of Andrews' physical education department. Last year's Kountry Kanter was won by Bill Rodgers, who had also won the 1978 Boston Marathon.

The race course is laid out through Berrien Springs and the surrounding countryside, with aid stations at appropriate intervals. Police protection

and stand-by medical service will be provided, says Dr. Klein.

Interested persons may contact the Andrews physical education department at 471-3253, and there will be provision for late registrants on the day of the race.

The \$5 registration fee includes a vegetarian meal at the university food service for those who register by April 20, Dr. Klein says.

An innovation this year will be the addition of a four-mile course for those who want to run a shorter race.

The event is set to begin at 2 P.M., Eastern daylight time.

BOTHWELL TO CONDUCT WEEK OF PRAYER



Roger Bothwell

Andrews University's Spring Week of Prayer will be presented by H. Roger Bothwell, pastor of the First Seventh-day Adventist Church of Des Moines, Iowa.

Pastor Bothwell, who is much in demand around the country as a speaker, will present a series of sermons entitled "The Chair," using Revelation 3:20 and 21 as his text.

SPEECH AND HEARING CHAPTER FORMED AT ANDREWS

A chapter of the national Student Speech and Hearing Association has been formed at Andrews University.

NSSHA is a preprofessional organization affiliated with the American Speech and Hearing Association, the professional society for speech pathologists and audiologists. Its purpose is to prepare speech and hearing science students for the transition to professional life.

Andrews has 31 students majoring in speech and hearing.

Chapter officers are Pam Dutcher of Cadillac, Michigan, president; Laura Pascual of Elyria, Ohio, vice president; Gyl Kasewurm of St. Joseph, Michigan, secretary-treasurer, and Pam Bostad of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, correspondence secretary.

Dr. R. E. Hartbauer, director of the university's speech and hearing clinic, is the faculty sponsor.

One of the chapter's first goals is to

raise money for new equipment for the clinic.



GREAT LAKES ADVENTIST HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Joel Hass, Correspondent

HOSPITAL SEEKS HISTORICAL ITEMS

HINSDALE—Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital is seeking people with early documents and pictures, memorabilia, and other items connected with the history of the "San."

Founded in 1904, Hinsdale Hospital will observe its 75th anniversary this year and wishes to include in displays, slide shows and brochures, information about the hospital's early years, particularly prior to 1930. If you have remembrances of the hospital during this period or if you have any memorabilia that you would like to loan or donate to the hospital for the 75th anniversary celebration, please contact the Public Relations Department, Hinsdale Hospital, 120 North Oak Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521, or call Keith Lundquist, public relations director, at (312) 887-2470.

H.S.H. BLOOD BANK JOINS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

HINSDALE—The Hinsdale Hospital blood bank recently joined SCARF (Serum, Cells and Rare Fluids) an international organization whose members are carefully selected for their ability to solve difficult blood problems.

The purpose of SCARF is to endow selected blood centers with the internal capacity to resolve difficult serological problems which usually complicate transfusion and pregnancy.

In the past six years of its existence, SCARF membership has grown to approximately 140 out of 6,000 blood banks in the country. Because of limitations and the stringent criteria for acceptance to the organization there is a waiting list.

Hinsdale Hospital's blood bank is one of the three blood banks in the Chicago metropolitan area which is a

member of SCARF.

In order to maintain active membership a blood bank must exchange serums, cells and fluids determined as rare according to SCARF guidelines with 39 other blood centers in one year's time.

Hinsdale Hospital recently completed this exchange, sending samples of a rare antibody as far away as Egypt and Indonesia.

The ability to resolve unusual and difficult problems in blood compatibility through utilization of the rare samples in the reference laboratory reduces the work time in the lab and in turn, the patient's length of stay in the hospital.

This also allows the blood bank to extend patient care to those individuals who would otherwise need to be transferred to another facility.



TV PROGRAM FOCUSES ON 5-DAY PLAN

HINSDALE—Robert Webster, D.H.Sc., left, was a featured guest on the Channel 2 TV program from Chicago, "Noonbreak," on February 14. Dr. Webster coordinates Hinsdale Hospital's Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking and was selected to be on the one-half hour live show with co-hosts Lee Phillip and Bob Wallace. This show dealt with how to kick the habit and how smoking affects the heart, and was the first in a six-week series on Channel 2 entitled "Operation Heart." In the audience there were approximately 25 successful former Five-Day Plan participants and several smokers who desire to break the habit.

Illinois Conference



Jeff Wilson, Correspondent

BLESSINGS CAME IN SPITE OF A BLIZZARD

Snow and snarled traffic lanes

coincided with the beginning of the Palatine three-week Voice of Prophecy Crusade.

On January 20 after a severe blizzard in Chicago and more snow forecast, the crusade began. But God was watching over the crusade conducted by Evangelist Dan W. Schiffbauer in the Palatine Church where Don Philpott is the pastor.

On Sabbath, February 10, six people were baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Three of these people joined the Palatine Church and three joined the Elgin Church.

Other people are planning to be baptized soon.

Pastor Philpott will conduct a pastor's Bible class with laymen from the church on Sabbath morning in both the Elgin and Palatine churches. He will also contact interested people with Tuesday and Sunday night meetings on Daniel and Revelation.



Recently baptized in Palatine by Pastor Donald Philpott, right, were Nargis Peter, Mary Ann Ryan, Olga Francis, Robert and Steve Arnold and Anwar Victor. Evangelist Dan Schiffbauer is in the back row, left.

One woman and her two sons were baptized and had attended the pastor's seminar on Revelation in Elgin. This woman was a heavy smoker, but Jesus gave her victory over this habit.

Another woman and a man, who had had contact with Adventists while in Pakistan, were baptized. The woman's husband is an Adventist.

There are several other interested families from Pakistan in the area. Pastor Philpott will be working with them.

A young woman who had been a drug addict and smoked had a wonderful conversion. Her husband, who has been an alcoholic and a heavy smoker, too, will be in the next group to be baptized.

V.B.S. WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN KNOXVILLE



Connie Carpenter

A Vacation Bible School State Workshop is to be held April 20, 21 and 22 at Dr. Wong's Good Samaritan Retreat Center, Knoxville, Illinois. A tremendous program has been planned.

Connie Carpenter, an educator from Fresno, California; Ben, Naomi, Gina and Bobby Green from Spokane, Washington, and Gilbert Bertochini, from the General Conference Sabbath School department, will be present.



Naomi, Gina and Bobby Green

The program will include new Vacation Bible School materials for earliteens and youth.

If you have not registered to attend, contact the conference office immediately. Lodging and meals are available. You may come in your camper. Every church should have a V.B.S. this year!

Eston Allen
Sabbath School Director

LAY BIBLE WORKERS TO MEET IN PEORIA



Samuel Monnier

A seminar for lay Bible workers and lay preachers will be held this weekend, March 30 to April 1, in the Knoxville Avenue Church, 4019 Knoxville Avenue, Peoria.

Featured speakers will be Samuel Monnier, associate lay activities director of the General Conference; John Hayward, Ray Rouse, Bob Ammons, and Eston

Allen of the Illinois Conference and Don Gray of the Lake Union.

The weekend workshop will begin with registration at 6 P.M. on Friday, March 30, and end before lunch on April 1.

Some of the subjects covered will be sermon preparation and delivery, Bible study preparation and delivery, finding openings for Bible studies and cottage meetings, working with Mormons, the Encounter program, laymen campaigns, solving Bible study problem questions, visitation, and community services.

There will be plenty of good music, good fellowship and good preaching. Plan to attend.

Indiana Conference



Cliff Hoffman, Correspondent

SPRING FEDERATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The Indiana Conference community services department wishes to announce the annual spring federation meetings to be held around the state from April 8 to 11, 1979.

Elder A. W. Bauer and Elder Edward Skoretz have just returned from the lay activities advisory meetings in Denver, Colorado, and they will be sharing many items of interest.

All meetings will be held in the Adventist Church of the specified city with the exception of Indianapolis where it will be held in the community services center.

Meetings begin at 10 A.M. and everyone is welcome to attend. Check the schedule below for the meeting in your area.

April 8	Southwestern Federation Madison, Indiana
April 9	Central Federation Indianapolis Center
April 10	Wabash Valley Federation Bloomington, Indiana
April 11	Northern Federation Gary, Indiana

*Pauline Rock, Secretary-Treasurer
Indiana Community Services*

NEW WATCHWORD FOR INDIANA

"Let your watchword be: Advance."

Taking this cue from the counsel of Ellen White, the Indiana Conference has adopted a new program that will consolidate two separate programs that are currently in operation in the conference.

March 10 was the first Sabbath of emphasis for the new approach to God's work in Indiana.

Indiana Advance will incorporate the One-Percent Plan for Indiana Academy capital improvement and the Finish the Work concept of financing soul-winning activities.

The new conference program calls upon Indiana constituents to dedicate 2 percent or more of their income to God's work in Indiana and is therefore referred to as the 2 Percent Plus Plan.

Funds received will be used to advance God's work in the areas which particularly focus on Indiana: 50 percent will go to Indiana Academy capital improvement and 50 percent will be used to strengthen soul-winning work in the conference.

Church schools, the youth camp, the It Is Written telecast in Indiana, and public evangelism will benefit from this portion of the total receipts. There are two evangelists, three Bible workers, and one unentered-area evangelist who are working with ministers and laymen to win people to Christ in 1979.

In this plan each church will be assigned an annual goal. Members are urged to combine their gifts to all of the programs mentioned above in their commitment to Indiana Advance.

This includes evangelism, It Is Written, one percent for I.A., Finish the Work, Indiana church schools, and Timber Ridge Camp.

Gifts to specific projects will be gladly received, but there is a blessing to be found in making all of God's work the object of our giving rather than just one project. The personal giving guide that has been adopted is 2 percent or more of income.

With God's blessing and the sacrificial support of His people, the work of God will move forward in Indiana. Prospects for growth in 1979 are bright.

May God help us to see, as Jesus did, the joy that is set before us as a result of our sacrifices and choose, as He did, to move forward in faith. Let your watchword be, "advance."

*G. W. Morgan
President*

Michigan Conference



E. N. Wendth, Correspondent

NEWS NOTES

• As a Valentine project the Cedar Lake Pathfinder Club delivered copies of the book *Steps to Christ* and pink carnations to patients in the Tri-County Hospital at Edmore. They have also been involved in advertising a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking held March 5 to 9 at the hospital. This included public service announcements made by three pathfinders on six radio stations serving the area.

• Two students of the Northview School at Cadillac won first place in the area essay contest sponsored by the national organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Holly Hensel, grade 7, and Wendy Quillen, grade 8, were selected to represent their grades in competing for a place as finalists on the state level. Last year, Brian Schwartz and his sister, Heidi, also took top honors for the area. There are 39 students at the Northview School.

• The Fairplain Church of Benton Harbor will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings featuring J. J. Millet of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference. His Prophecy Panorama will begin March 24 and feature the first of a four-part presentation of the motion picture "The Ark of Noah."

• As a result of the Bob Collar meetings in Edenville a baptism of 25 was held Sabbath, March 3. At the newly redecorated Fremont Church, Arnold Kraner's meetings resulted in eight baptisms.

• Since 1976 the Adventist Book Center has had a Bible study card in all literature used in book racks in professional offices. During the nearly three years since this plan began, more than 1,200 requests for study guides have been received.

• On February 25, a luncheon was held for senior citizens of the First Flint Church. A Valentine theme was used, secret pals for the year were chosen and those from 1978 were revealed.

• Earl Zager of the Holly Church has moved into the pastor's study of the new church building. An announcement of the special opening services will be made soon.

• Sabbath, March 3, was a "red letter day" for the Fremont Church, according to local pastor Jack Nash. The newly redecorated church was full for the morning services when eight people who had attended the Arnold Kraner evangelistic meetings were baptized. A fellowship dinner followed and then the congregation met again for vespers, a salad supper and an evening of games.

• On Sunday, March 4, more than 100 Munising residents participated in the opening of a "Heartbeat" program to be held in five weekly sessions at the Adventist school. The Marshall Church is in the final planning stages of a similar program to be co-sponsored by the local hospital.

• The Muskegon Church recently held an international food fair featuring culinary delights of Mexico, China, Italy, Denmark and America. Music during the meal and games afterward added to the enjoyment of the get-together for members and friends of the church.

• Men of the Fenton and Holly churches have formed a men's chorus. Gailind Morrisette will direct the group which will sing for special programs of the two churches.

AYBL IN ACTION IN BATTLE CREEK

The students of the Adventist Youth for Better Living Club (AYBL) of Battle Creek Academy have been involved in many health educational activities at fairs and shopping malls, making available to the public information on smoking, narcotics and alcohol.

Students have also been involved with the "On Line" call-in program aired over the local WKNR radio station. Students plan to do the program through March. Other activities of personal benefit include morning jogging sessions, bulletin board information and film showings.

The most exciting activity was the health rally held February 2 in the academy chapel. Winners were selected for orations, posters, jingles and essays.

Winners in the various categories

follow: orations, Eugene Weideman, first place; Steve Yeagley, second place, and Wanda Meyer, third place. Poster, Stuart Little, first place; Kim Haddock, second place, and Cheri Brown, third place.

Jingles, Ronda Olson, first place; Larry Cruttenden, second place, and Kathy Nelson, third place. Essay winners were Helen Cho, first place; Marilyn Windes, second place; Denise Purple, third place, and Kim Street, fourth place.

The club has many additional activities planned and members urge everyone to remember that good health is the most important step to happy living.



Virgil and Mildred Sample

3 COUPLES CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Three couples of the Lansing Church celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries in February. Two of them have the same anniversary day.

Virgil and Mildred Sample were married February 2, 1929. They have five children, 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mildred, who has served as church treasurer for several years, represents five generations of Adventists, beginning with her grandmother, who knew Ellen G. White.



Otto and Thelma Dickinson

The Otto Dickinsons and the Rex Palmers were both married on February 16. Otto Dickinson and Thelma Brace were married in the centennial home where they now live near De Witt, and where she was born. They have two sons and five grandchildren.



Marie and Rex Palmer

Rex Palmer married Marie Dixon. They have five sons, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Their celebration was highlighted by the presentation of a handmade and personalized quilt. All family members had a piece in the quilt which included pictures of Rex and Marie, their five sons, the family crest, depictions of their work and interests throughout their lifetime, and Bible verses pointing out their strong belief in the seventh-day Sabbath.

'ONE MILLION PENNIES' FOR CAMP SAGOLA

The young people of the Upper Peninsula have begun a drive to raise one million pennies to finish the lodge at Camp Sagola.

The campaign began March 17 and will end May 20 with a weekend spring family camp-out. At that time the pennies raised will be brought together to fill one of the camp canoes.

The camp is owned and operated by District One, and the offering will help it "Paddle Its Own Canoe" the slogan for their campaign.

Although much has been done by the Upper Peninsula churches to make the lodge usable, several things must be cared for to meet state requirements. According to Ben Boggess, district superintendent, \$10 per church member "in coin" will ensure reaching the goal of one million pennies.

The victory celebration will feature as guests Leo Ranzolin, Wayne

Shepperd and Lester Rilea—of the General Conference, union and local conference youth departments—the officers of the Michigan Conference and a music group from Andrews University.

Other events currently scheduled for Camp Sagola include a junior camp, a fall family camp, a senior youth retreat and a Bible camp for youth in grades 8 to 10.

Wisconsin Conference



Dale Ziegele, Correspondent

WISCONSIN ACADEMY ALUMNI DAYS

Wisconsin Academy's Alumni Days will be April 6 to 7, 1979. The classes honored will be 1919, 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959 and 1969.

The alumnus of the year is Wesley Flory, '59, who is now secretary of the Ohio Conference Association.

Sabbath School will be directed by Gary Skilton and the class of '69.

Dr. Gordon Hyde, a former pastor and Bible teacher at Wisconsin Academy, now director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference, will be the Sabbath morning speaker.

The Friday night, Sabbath afternoon and Saturday night programs will be presented by the Andrews University Gymnics.

Everyone is invited to prepare for and attend the potluck dinner in the gymnasium after church.

Any alumni who cannot attend but wish to contribute to the Worthy Student Fund, should write to Aileen Patton, Wisconsin Academy, Columbus, WI 53925.

INVESTMENT DOUBLED BY SUPERIOR CHURCH

The members of the Superior, Wisconsin, Church doubled their Investment offering in 1978. Carl Carlson, Sabbath School superintendent, sold handcrafted birdhouses and turned in more than \$200. Gladys Chapman, church clerk, turned in more than \$80 from refunds she had received.

The cradle roll and kindergarten departments did their share by turning

in \$60. The total Investment offering exceeded \$550.



Milwaukee Spanish Church

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS

On December 17, 1977, the first Spanish church in the Wisconsin Conference was organized in Milwaukee. There were 58 charter members.

In just one year the church membership has doubled. Thirty-nine people were baptized in 1978. This is a modern miracle of the transforming power of God's Spirit.

A woman who was prominent in the Spanish community of Milwaukee began attending "Systematic Investigation of the Bible," a series of Bible Studies which were being conducted by the Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Three times a week topics of the Bible and prophecies were studied. The woman never missed a meeting and she accepted the message completely.

She wondered why her former pastor had never taught these Bible truths to her and the other members in that church.

One day she decided to visit her former pastor and ask him why he never taught about the Bible.

After a long conversation in his office the pastor finally told her, "I have to be honest with you: The Bible is the truth, and the Sabbath is the

true resting day. You are in the true church."

This testimony is evidence of how God is working among His children in the Spanish church of Milwaukee.

A man who had faithfully served as a deacon in a Protestant church was baptized recently. One day he made an appointment with his former pastor to explain his new faith. The pastor was disturbed at first, but after a short dialogue he said, "You have made a very wise decision to unite with the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

The way the Spanish church has grown financially is a great miracle. Tithes and offerings have increased more than 600 percent! This is a demonstration of God's faithfulness to His children who live according to His Word.

When the Spanish church was organized, the congregation rented a Mennonite Church. The leader of the Mennonite Church began attending meetings and Sabbath services. This man invited the Seventh-day Adventist pastor to preach in his church on Sunday.

A friendship developed between the two men. The owner of the building reduced the rent 50 percent even though a contract had been signed only a few weeks before.

Today this man continues to study the Bible and is praying for God's leading in his life.

When the congregation outgrew the rented church building, they decided to purchase a church building. For many months the congregation prayed and looked for a suitable place to serve as a church home.

On the south side of Milwaukee in the Spanish community there are many religious groups looking for buildings. The great demand has increased prices. For eight months the congregation prayed for direction.

In September a miracle happened. A Greek Orthodox Church was purchased for \$25,000. This church met the needs in both size and location. Included in the sale price was a fine pipe organ valued at \$18,000.

On January 27, 1979, the first service was conducted in the new church.

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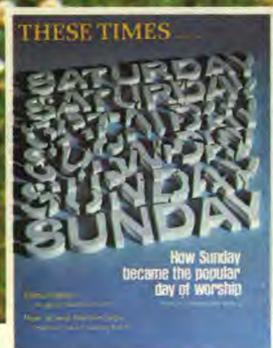
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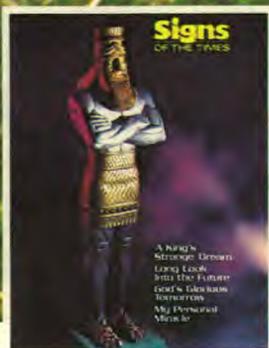
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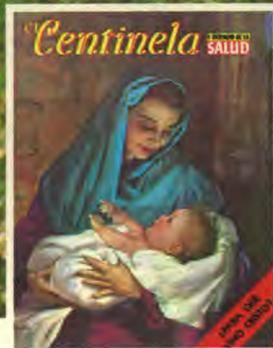
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