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## **A Day of Praise and Thanksgiving**

*Everett Cumbo  
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**O**N Sunday, November 22, people from all over Illinois gathered to praise God for his blessings and give an offering of Thanksgiving. God's richest blessings have been poured out upon the combined efforts of laymen, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists and conference evangelists—746 baptisms were reported for Illinois in 1981 to date, with 150 other people preparing for baptism soon.

The new spirit of Illinois could be felt and was again experienced as nearly 2,000 people gathered to hear testimonies and music from church groups and Del Delker, and to listen to the sermon by H.M.S. Richards Sr.

The report of the evangelism Thanksgiving offering began to build excitement as pastors, church schools, and church leaders one after the other gave the total of their expression of love and concern for people who need to know their Lord.

The spirit of giving to evangelism spread throughout the conference as every church school set an objective and reported an overflow. The young people of Illinois are learning what it means to sacrifice for other people. Their total was \$5,000. Broadview Academy students raised \$600.

The offering and pledges for the conference reported November 22 totaled \$90,036. And the whole congregation stood in unison to sing the doxology.

A mammoth objective has been set for the conference for 1982. This objective includes 55 evangelistic crusades, 900 baptisms, 5 new churches organized, and the beginning of work in unentered areas.

It is fully expected that 800 people will have joined the Illinois Conference before the end of 1981. What a thrill to see every facet of God's work with one single objective—souls.

Tithe was up \$456,000 (12.7 percent) at the end of October. Sabbath School mission offerings are up \$30,000, and literature evangelists will have sold \$1,000,000 worth of literature and baptized nearly 75 people by the end of the year. The ABC will have combined sales of \$1,000,000.

Certainly this is the day to praise God and give thanks to Him.

### **COVER**

*1981 was designated the Year of the Handicapped—to express, among other things, appreciation for the contribution handicapped citizens make. As the bread-making grandmother on the cover exclaimed, "I'm not disabled—I just don't have legs!" Photo by Dick Dower.*



THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

## 'Fear not: . . . thou art mine.'

by Elsie Knox

**A**ND all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Edith Wilcher, the mother of five children, smiled broadly as she quoted Isaiah 54:13.

"God gave me a mother to teach me about Him. I thank God for her. She taught me of Him and sent me to Christian schools," she declares jubilantly. "I value Christian education. If there is only one thing that you can give your children, give them a Christian education; give them Jesus," she says forcibly.

Edith and her husband, Willie, are determined that their children will have a place in God's kingdom, so they resolved to send them to church school regardless of the expense. They did not know where all the money would come from, but they knew that God would provide.

Walking by faith and not by sight, they enrolled their three eldest children, Ruth, 16, now a senior; Cheryl, 13, and Darlene, 10, a fifth-grader, in the Frank L. Peterson Academy, Inkster, Michigan.

The going got tough and it looked as if the Wilchers would have to take their children out of church school because they were not able to pay the bill. But they did not despair.

At a family worship Edith was led by the Spirit of the Lord to open her Bible to Isaiah 43, and she began to read His promises: "Fear not . . . thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

She says, "My heart burned with joy. Before worship ended, our telephone rang. The person on the other end asked how much we owed Peterson-

Warren Academy. I was informed that the bill would be paid promptly. God had touched a heart. It was provided. We praise the Father."

Mrs. Wilcher was inspired to start Neighborhood Outreach, a project in which she gives Bible studies using the Amazing Facts series as a guideline. A Bible and a copy of *Steps to Christ* are given to every individual who completes the studies. In just a short while, the Wilchers were able to witness the baptism of seven individuals who decided to take their stand for Christ.

Later, Edith was introduced to the work of literature evangelists, little realizing the effect it would have on her and her family. She discovered that not only could she and her family witness for the Lord, but the children could work with the magazine program and receive scholarships that would help finance their education.

Edith and her daughters went out while Mr. Wilcher cared for their sons, Willie Jr., 6, and David, 4, at home. Every day they prayed and asked God's blessing, and every day God opened up the windows of heaven and blessed them abundantly.

At the end of three months, the Wilchers had sold \$4,000 worth of literature. Not only were they faithful in paying tithe, they doubled their tithe and added an extra five percent for stewardship.

Not only did their faith increase, their sales increased also. They took God at His word, "The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children." Psalm 115:14.

Again they went out, and within six weeks sold \$4,500 worth of literature. They doubled their tithe and doubled their stewardship.

Edith attributes her success to God and to her God-fearing mother, Ruth Taylor of Florida. Edith declares strongly, "Truly God has kept His word. His blessings have exceeded our wildest imaginations."

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# A Shaper of Lives, A Keeper of Memories

by Ronald Knott



WINSTON Churchill once said, "We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us."

That proverb speaks a special truth when applied to the brick and mortar of a Christian institution. Shaping lives for useful Christian service is the goal of education at Andrews University. So when a new men's residence hall was needed, it was built with Mr. Churchill's proverb in mind.

Officially opened and dedicated as University Towers/Burman Hall



*Clockwise from top: Andrews Dean of Men Richard Scott and President Joseph G. Smoot participated in the dedication services for University Towers/Burman Hall, named for Charles Augustus Burman, whose portrait is in the center. Associate Dean of Men Donald Murray is the dean in charge of UT/B. The new building contains two large lobbys or commons areas in the main entry, as well as spacious floor lounges on each of the five floors of the residence hall. University Towers/Burman Hall is situated in the northwest corner of the campus.*



(UT/B) on Sunday, November 15, the new residence hall represents the latest addition to the expanding campus, and another completed project in the university's Capital Fund 1985 development campaign.

Recognizing the need for a new men's residence to replace the original and aging Burman Hall, the board of trustees voted on January 31, 1977, to "erect a single men's residence hall to house 120 to 140 students."

Final architectural plans for a 192-student facility were prepared by Ralph Calder and Associates, Inc., of Detroit, and were approved by trustee action one year later. Work began at the construction site in June 1979.

The new structure consists of three separate units, including the student living quarters, a dean's apartment and commons area which houses a 430-seat auditorium and a 4,000-square-foot activity center. The auditorium will be used for a wide range of university activities and was designed especially for music and communication department productions.

The entire complex has been named University Towers/Burman Hall. The actual residence quarters are called Burman Hall, carrying on the name of a building well-known to thousands of past students at Emmanuel Missionary College and Andrews University.

The old Burman Hall, soon to be taken down, was built in 1919 as Maple Hall. The name was changed in 1940 to honor its first dean—Charles Augustus Burman. Through the years the old building became a campus landmark and keeper of memories for those whose lives were shaped in its rooms and halls and evening worship.

Donald Murray, associate dean of men in charge of UT/B, served as the last dean for old Burman Hall. He says, "It's not really fair to compare the old Burman with the new one, at least in terms of

facilities. But we are trying to establish the same kind of spirit in the new building. Old Burman Hall made a unique contribution to this institution. It is our goal to see the new Burman Hall do the same.

"The architecture and design of this new complex makes a clear statement of our philosophy," Dean Murray continues. "This is no mere dormitory or just another place to sleep. We view UT/B as a living-learning center that will positively shape the lives of the men that live here."

Head dean Richard Scott played an important part in the design of the new building, according to Dean Murray. Dean Scott worked closely with the architects and interior designers to plan a building that would fit the needs and philosophy of a Christian campus.

"This residence hall was designed to promote a feeling of community," Dean Murray said. "We've centralized many of the facilities like the laundry room, the bathrooms on each floor, the activity center and the commons areas. More space is given in this building for people to interact than in any other residence hall I've seen."

Dean Murray says that UT/B will be used as a place to merge the academic and living aspects of the student's life. As a part of the process, UT/B serves as the headquarters for Andrews' Residence Hall Deans in Training program.

Through a six-step program which includes experience in custodial services and maintenance, desk service and working as a resident assistant, participating students combine hands-on learning with classroom theory.

The community spirit inspired by the building's design enhances the spiritual dimension of life in UT/B. Small group worship will be held daily in the floor lounges. Once each week, Burman residents will participate in corporate worship with the residents of Meier Hall, the main men's residence hall.

Dean Murray has instituted a Friday night activity called "Friday Reflections." He and his wife,

Susan, open their apartment to residents of Burman for a free and unstructured evening of fellowship and meditation.

Dean Murray notes that his dean's apartment was designed to accommodate large groups of people for such occasions. "In a recent Friday Reflections we had 70 students in our apartment at one time, without any feeling of crowding," Dean Murray said.

University Towers/Burman Hall was built by Andrews' construction department, headed by Richard Ekkens, university construction superintendent. "I am very pleased with the way this building has turned out," Mr. Ekkens said. "I believe that it is a very substantial building and will serve the university well for a long time to come."

Containing 96 rooms in five stories, Burman Hall is built to house 192 men. Five rooms on the ground floor are equipped for handicapped residents. Accessible by stairways or a central elevator, each floor includes 18 or 20 residential rooms, an ironing room, janitor closets, central bathrooms and a large floor lounge.

Each room is fully carpeted and contains beds, closets, desks, chairs, bookshelves, sink, window blinds and a typing table. According to Mr. Ekkens, each room contains a thermostat for individual temperature control, and heating and cooling for the building are operated through the same piping system, resulting in greater energy efficiency and substantial savings.

Blending unobtrusively into the trees in the northwest corner of the campus, UT/B is more removed from the fast-paced center of university activity than the other residence halls.

But UT/B residents take that all in stride. "Of course it's a bit of a walk from UT/B to the rest of the campus," says Mark Ivey, senior pre-med student. "But being able to live here is well worth the extra steps."

And so the shaping begins.

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13TH SABBATH OFFERING FOR N.E.D.

## Help the Church Grow

THE Psalmist, by way of describing a person who delights in and meditates on the law of the Lord, says, "he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither—and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

In the logo the 11 roots represent each one of the church's world

divisions. The three leaves represent the three unions which will benefit from the 13th Sabbath offering: Finland, Poland and Norway.

Finland is the easternmost of the Scandinavian countries with a population of 4,743,160 and an Adventist membership of 5,921. At Toivonlinnan, the junior college, the threat of closure because of safety

requirements makes a new dormitory and dining block an urgent necessity, in order that the school can continue with its excellent program for the youth.

Poland is a land of almost 121,000 square miles, a population of 35,600,000 and an Adventist membership of 4,084. It is bordered by the Baltic Sea in the north and Russia in the east.

The church in Poland has many needs and opportunities. Because of the climate of liberty and goodwill, many strong local churches have been established.

The church in Poland is enthusiastic to share this faith with others. For this purpose the church brethren there plan to purchase an evangelistic center in the city of Skoczow where large audiences can hear the Advent message.

Norway is known as the land of the Midnight Sun and is the northernmost country of Europe. Its population numbers 4,066,461 and there are 5,541 Adventists. Evangelism is the aim and purpose of the church members in this great country. To achieve these aims the church plans to build a child evangelism center in Tromso, in north Norway, where the following activities can take place: Vacation Bible Schools, Bible story hours, Pathfinder clubs and a day school. These and other uses of this center will save many children for the kingdom.

Please be generous in your 13th Sabbath gift to your fellow believers in the Northern European Division.



## FALL ENROLLMENT HIGHEST EVER

Andrews has enrolled its largest number of students ever, according to President Joseph G. Smoot. The all-time high registration figure stands at 3,083.

The final enrollment-registration report for the fall quarter shows 1,963 students attending on the undergraduate level and 1,120 in graduate programs. The total number of graduate students is larger than ever before, mostly due to increased enrollments in the School of Graduate Studies and the seminary.

"An increase in enrollment for a college or university is especially encouraging in the light of declining registration figures nationwide," Dr. Smoot said. "National trends show most institutions of higher learning—public as well as private—with a drop of five to six percent in total number of students.

"We feel that Andrews continues to grow because we offer students educational programs that will benefit them in the career fields they have chosen. The new Master of Science program in nursing is one example. Because there is a need for highly-trained nurses, Andrews has instituted off-campus classes at several Adventist hospitals around the country," Dr. Smoot continued.

The 3,083 students compare with 3,018 last year at this time. There are 1,409 students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, 356 in the College of Technology, 267 in the School of Business (198 undergraduates and 69 graduates), 640 in the School of Graduate Studies and 411 in the Theological Seminary.

Among undergraduates, there are 438 seniors, 364 juniors, 431 sophomores, 470 freshmen and 260 others.

In addition, there are 30 students involved in special work and study programs around the world, while

another 302 are enrolled in programs leading to an Andrews degree offered at three affiliated foreign colleges—the Adventist Seminary of West Africa in Nigeria, Helderberg College in South Africa and Avondale College in Australia.

This brings the total to 3,415 students involved in educational activities related to Andrews University this fall, up from last year's total of 3,356 and 3,220 at this time two years ago.

Andrews has more than 600 international students from 67 foreign countries.

## WRITING CENTER SHARPENS STUDENTS SKILLS

Students of Andrews University no longer need to fight the constant battle with punctuation, spelling, sentence structure and organization by themselves. Under the auspices of the English department, the Andrews University Writing Center assists students in conquering basic writing skills.

Now in its fifth quarter of operation, the Writing Center first began in September 1980. Since that time, more than 800 students have registered at the center for help with writing strategies and problems.

According to Writing Center Director Douglas Jones, the center is available to all students, as well as faculty, at no charge for help in basic writing skills. Mr. Jones stresses that the Writing Center is "not a proofreading or editing service, but a service designed to aid writers by intensive review and individualized instruction."

Graduate student Nancy Hackleman serves as the center's assistant director and coordinates the tutors and scheduling. She feels that "with 14 tutors available throughout the week, students have ample opportunity to get the kind of help they need."

Approximately 70 students visit the Writing Center each week, according to Mr. Jones, and the majority of them are students enrolled in freshman composition classes. Although the assistants will not actually write the papers for the students, they will help them to get started, organize their papers and learn some editing and

proofreading skills. Assistants also refrain from making judgments and evaluations of papers.

In addition to tutorial help, students can use cassette tapes to work individually on spelling and basic usage. A collection of complimentary-copy readers and composition/rhetoric texts, dictionaries and stylebooks are also available for self-help use.

Composition students are not the only people on campus the Writing Center is equipped to help. Composition teachers can find useful information and teaching aids on the resource shelves. The Writing Lab Newsletter from Purdue University, Forum from the English Composition Board of the University of Michigan, and the Writing Center Journal from SUNY, Albany, are a few of their regular subscriptions.

In addition to periodicals, the Writing Center has up-to-date source books on basic writing, teaching methods and rhetoric theory. Current composition class syllabi and a collection of graded student themes are also kept on hand for teacher reference material.

## Illinois Conference



Jeff Wilson, Correspondent

## ILLINOIS EVANGELISM NEWS NOTES

● Conference Evangelist Art Swenson opened an evangelistic series Saturday night, November 14, in Galesburg with a crowd of 100 people. Of the group, 63 were non-Adventists, reports local pastor Bob Stauffer. The meetings are being held in Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel.

● Elder Barry Ulloth reports 16 baptisms as a result of evangelistic meetings just concluded with Evangelist Art Swenson.

● Twenty-five people were baptized on Sabbath, November 14, by Elder Charles Moon in the Chicago Korean Church.

● An additional 10 persons have been baptized as a result of evangelistic meetings in the

Humbolt Park area of Chicago by Conference Evangelist Sergio Ortiz and his group of Spanish workers. The new Spanish church developing as a result of these meetings has more than 140 in attendance each Sabbath.

● As a result of the New Beginnings Seminar held recently at the Lakeview Church by Pastor LeBron McBride, several non-Adventists are now attending the pastor's Bible Class and Sabbath services on a regular basis. Each week there are follow-up meetings, and a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking has just begun. On November 14, six people were baptized. Recently a fellowship dinner held for those who attended the seminar attracted 25 people. In September 1980 the membership at Lakeview was 34. In November 1981 it was 70, according to Marilyn Carpenter, communication secretary.



#### NORTH SHORE AYBL SPONSORS HEALTH FAIR

Pictured with Adventist Youth for Better Living Club members are the table and posters which the AYBL Club had on display during their recent Health Fair '81 program. This was the first active weekend for the club and they accumulated 14,000 points from the Health Fair. They are now working on a poster contest. The club officers are: president, Joey Zubik; vice president, Jeff Cherrington; secretary-treasurer, Laura Clayton; publicity secretary, Ivan Baroya; publicity director, Glen Petrovich, and sponsors, Karyn Mueller and Assir DaSilva.



#### A GOOD DEED FOR THANKSGIVING

Children of the Prairie View Church School spent the afternoon of October 26 visiting their community and friends. They collected about 300 cans for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families in the area. Mrs. Nicholas Leftrook, wife of the pastor; Mrs. Robert Forman, and Ted Teeters, teacher, accompanied the children on their rounds. An article had been in the local paper twice before the children went out, and the response was good. A second article reported the results of the children's efforts, and their thanks were conveyed to those who had contributed. Pictured in the front is Carrie Teeters; from left behind the canned goods are Tracy Meyer, Valarie, Eric and Loren Taylor, Lundie and Kendra Judy, Rachelle and Becky Teeters.



Jennie Hoff

#### CENTENARIAN HONORED IN QUINCY

Sabbath, November 14, marked the 100th birthday of Quincy church member Jennie Hoff. Church members and others gathered at her residence in the Illinois Veterans Home on Friday to help her celebrate the century mark.

She and her husband were baptized as a result of a tent effort held at Seventh and Chestnut

Streets in Quincy in 1932. Fellow church members baptized with her in that effort, Edna Harris and Ruth Gilbert, recall that Evangelist A. D. Bohn preached to a packed tent each night.

People crowded in the isles and around the outside of the tent. A total of 27 were baptized, more than tripling the size of the 13-member church.

For many years Mrs. Hoff was an active member of the church Dorcas Society. For the past 12 years she has lived at the Illinois Veterans Home. Before that she and her husband resided on a farm near Farmington, Indiana, attending the Canton Church during the summer and the Quincy Church in winter.

#### HINSDALE NEWS NOTES

● Tyler Blackwelder, son of Tom and LaVonne, and Andrew Hanson, son of Keith and Esther, were dedicated on September 5.

● A candlelight Agape Feast and communion service were held September 18 for all church officers and their spouses. Pastors led out in a commitment service as well as the ordination of Pat Kornas as church elder. The evening ended with personal testimonies, according to communication secretary Cherry Habenicht.

● The Ponder, Harp and Jennings gospel music team presented a concert September 26. Herman Harp is a resident of Hinsdale and health fair coordinator for the hospital's health education center.

● Paul Rawley, moderator of "Religion on the Line" (WIND Chicago), interviewed Dr. Walter Thompson; Cindy Hadley, nutritionist, and Dick Habenicht, pastor, about Seventh-day Adventists' concepts of healthful living and vegetarianism on September 27.

#### From the Spirit of Prophecy—

"God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning, and discern the glory of the purpose which they are fulfilling as coworkers with Him."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 224, and 225.



# Indiana Conference



Cliff Hoffman, Correspondent



A Ribbon of Prayers graces the new Hungtingburg Church at the grand opening on September 5, 1981.

## 'A LIGHT SET ON A HILL'

It was a special day in Huntingburg. Sabbath School and church were enhanced by many visitors, and Indiana Conference President R. A. Thompson's message was warm and personal.

More than 50 people shared lunch at the Richard Helzerman home located a mile from the church. At 2 P.M. nearly 100 members, friends and well-wishers eagerly awaited the ribbon-cutting ceremony outside the church.

Since many of the church and community activities have centered around children's programs, a colorful ribbon, made from 573 paper chain links, was draped around the church.



Lee and Rita Gress, members of the local Catholic Church, donated the church organ.

Each link bore the name of an Indiana Adventist child (and some adults) who had said a prayer for good harvests, prosperity, and

brotherhood. The names were mailed to Huntingburg from all over the state and assembled into ribbon of prayers.

Mayor Dale Helmerich officiated at the cutting of the prayer ribbon. After a symbolic releasing of the blessings out upon the city, Mayor Helmerich addressed the congregation and extended an official welcome to the church on behalf of the community.

During the presentation of awards, men of the Tell City Church who helped hang drywall were given a golden hammer inscribed "Golden Hammer of Friendship," for display in their church social room.

Gordan Miller, head deacon of the Hungtingburg Christian Church, designed and built the pulpit as a gift to the group. An engraved tag bearing his name is attached to the pulpit.



Otis and Eleanor Rupright read the inscription on the marker that will be placed next to a white birch tree to be planted in their honor.

The church organ was donated by Lee and Rita Gress of Velpen, Indiana, and a tag bearing their name was attached to the organ. The Gresses are members of the Velpen Catholic Church.

Richard Helzerman, church organist, played Beethoven's "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" so the Gresses could hear how the organ sounded after its restoration by church member Mark Adams, an organ design technician.

Elder Walter Kolmodin of Vincennes was honored because he gave Bible studies in the area for two years before the church was established.

Pastor Ron Olney was honored for his year of service to the group



The church bid farewell to Pastor Ron Olney and his wife, Sandy, whose faithful work added eight new members to the Hungtingburg Church in the past year.

which yielded eight new baptized members. The Olneys were bid farewell as they prepared to leave for duties in New Albany.

A three-trunk white birch tree will be planted as a living tribute to Otis and Eleanor Rupright who donated the completed outer shell of the church. An engraved stake bearing their name was driven to mark the tree's location after landscaping. The three trunks will symbolize the three angels messages proclaimed from the church.

Elder Thompson presented the challenge of "Living the Gospel" to the congregation.

Pastor Franke Zollman was introduced as the new pastor of the church. He and his wife reside in Holland and serve both the Huntingburg and Tell City churches, which were recently formed into a new district.

A special tribute should be paid to church members Norman and Gary Moore who did all the inside finishing of the church, and to their wives Carolyn and Marcia who stripped and refinished the organ and handcrafted the sanctuary light fixtures.

The Huntingburg members also thank every Indiana church member who contributed to the Indiana Advance offerings, which made the church possible. The funds they made available not only built a church, but will, with God's blessings, save many people for His kingdom.

Ruth A. Helzerman  
Communication Secretary



Terre Haute school children are pictured with their teacher, Carl Cofield, left, and their pastor, Albert Gerst, right.

## TERRE HAUTE DEDICATES NEW SCHOOL

On October 24, 1981, the Terre Haute School was dedicated with Robert Thompson, conference president, as the guest speaker. Herb Wrate, conference superintendent of education, also took part on the program.

Dorothy Dugger gave a history of the Terre Haute School which had been held in homes, churches and spare rooms. Since her older sister, Marie Conatser, also attended church school there, it was determined that the school has existed for at least 70 years in this type of accommodations.

Therefore the members were joyful as they watched Harold Zacharias begin construction of a school building in 1977.

Each of the school children quoted Bible verses and Spirit of Prophecy quotations during the dedication service.

Ruth Carvin, treasurer, related the experience of funding the project. The active membership of about 60 were stunned when first presented with the cost, but the members rose to the occasion and provided the necessary funds to begin, with the balance to be paid during five years of hefty payments.

Again the church showed its true colors when in three years and three months the school was clear of debt. They are now in the fifth year at the school, and each time the members walk in, their hearts are thankful that the Lord has blessed them with such a beautiful school.



Shelbyville youngsters are all smiles after a successful campaign to collect food for the needy.

## TRICK OR TREAT IS MAINLY TREAT

Nine hundred and fifty cans of food and \$50 in cash were collected by the children of the Shelbyville Church at Halloween. The children decorated their boxes with the phrase Love is Sharing, and after asking the Lord to direct them, they set out to cover the town of Shelbyville.

People in the community were more than happy to give, stated

Linda Nugett, leader of the project. The children plan to make Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for people in difficult circumstances with their collection.

After going door to door, they met at the church for a party instead of trick or treating. "We encourage our youngsters in this project because it centers their thoughts on people who need help," said Betty Mattingly, social director.

The project made an excellent article for the local newspaper before the Ingathering started on November 7. Many people had read the article in the newspaper and had their donations ready to be picked up. Most people thought it was a wonderful thing to do for the unfortunate in the community.

Rosemary Dehart  
Communication Secretary

## PRACTICING THANKFULNESS

Have we forgotten to say "Thank you" in our rush toward eternity?

Twenty-two checks have been sent to churches, institutions and individuals from estate settlements in Indiana in 1981. The checks were cashed, but only four beneficiaries responded with thanks! They were Andrews University, the Lake Union Herald, the Voice of Prophecy and Faith For Today.

Ten lepers were healed of a dreadful disease, and Luke records Jesus' words, "Were not ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks to God except this foreigner?" Luke 17:17-18.

"Never let a gift arrive without acknowledging it with a thanks right away," declared Robert F. Sharpe in the November 1981 issue of Give and Take. One of the sins of the last days is unthankfulness. (II Timothy 3:2.) The thankful leper was the only one who was truly healed.

"Shall our devotional exercise consist in asking and receiving? Shall we be always thinking of our wants and never of the benefits we receive? . . . We do not pray any too much, but we are too sparing of giving thanks. If the loving-kindness of God called forth more thanksgiving and praise, we would have far more power in prayer."—*Testimonies for the Church*, v. 5, p. 317.

One of my favorite Christmas season texts is, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." II Corinthians 9:15.

Thanksgiving and Christmas aren't the only times to say thanks. "As we review His dealings with us in our pilgrimage, let us, out of hearts melted with gratitude, declare, 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.'" —*The Desire of Ages*, p. 348.

Let's practice more thankfulness to God and mankind.

*Jerry Lastine  
Director of Stewardship  
and Trust Services*

## Michigan Conference



Glenn Hill, Correspondent

### NEWS NOTES

● Members at Troy have a different view of their child evangelism. Instead of having Vacation Bible School and then following up with a story hour, they are conducting a Bible story hour each Sabbath afternoon and will follow up with Vacation Bible School.

● Evelyn Lutz, a Holly church member has recently written and published the *Bride's Guide*, a book to help the bride to prepare for her wedding and reception. Mrs. Lutz has a background of newswriting and is also a musician. She previously published two booklets of program materials for grades one to four.

● Ethel Van Belle, a member at Monroe, was recently selected Woman of the Year by the Monroe Business and Professional Women. She received the award for her dedicated work in education in the Monroe region, particularly for her activity in special education. A few years ago, Mrs. Van Belle received the Governor's award for her work in special education in Michigan.

● Five members from Eaton

Rapids recently trained to read blood pressures. They were trained by the American Red Cross and will participate in a community service project. Those who took the course were Gladys Moore, Rachel Oliver, Jerry Sumner and Dottie Thomas.

### MICHIGAN ABC SCHEDULE

The Michigan ABC Bookmobile will be at the following churches and schools from 3 to 7 P.M. during December:

December 8	Vassar Church
December 14	Saginaw Church
December 15	Jackson School



### 3 BAPTIZED IN PONTIAC

Three people were baptized on September 26 by Pastor Philip Colburn, right, in the Pontiac Riverside Church. They are, from left, Scott and Marla Kather and Natalie Silver. Marla's mother joined the Houghton Church several months ago, and she influenced Marla and Scott with the change in her lifestyle. Natalie lived with Earl and Dottie Allen of Farmington, and they shared their faith with her. She attended a church of another faith in Rochester but was not satisfied spiritually. When she moved to Pontiac, she phoned the Adventist Church and began the studies which resulted in her baptism.

## Wisconsin Conference



Dale Ziegele, Correspondent

### EVANSVILLE IS A WORKING CHURCH

The Evansville Church is looking for missionary-minded people. Pastor Gerald Waln states, "If you have a burden on your heart to do great missionary service for the Lord's work, come to Evansville, Wisconsin, where everyone is important and everyone is busy in the cause."

According to Pastor Waln, Evansville is one of the most active churches per membership in the state.

He reports that the church reached their Ingathering goal the first week of October, but will continue to cover their territory and distribute *These Times* and other literature.

Other church activities include a weekly story hour on Tuesday evening with 21 to 23 non-Adventist children attending. Each story hour concludes with crafts.

During November the church members assisted the Country Life Restaurant staff with a nutrition seminar.



### STEVENS POINT BABY DEDICATION

Two Stevens Point families presented their children for dedication recently, according to Linda Peabody, communication secretary for the church. Pictured from left are Pastor Stephen Shipowick, Mr. and Mrs. Cloice Lemon with Alicia and Jeffery, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wandrey with Logan and Aubrey.



### MADISON WELCOMES 2 NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Barb Weber were baptized October 31, 1981, by Pastor Mike McBride, left, in Madison. The baptism culminates an acquaintance which began in Anchorage, Alaska. Jim lived with some Adventist church members while he was working there. In 1977 Jim returned to Madison and began attending the Adventist church. Jim and Barb were later married and received Bible studies from the pastor and several church families.

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continued from p. 16.

every difficulty, that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be sustained." *Ministry of Healing* p. 481.

Maranatha!

Don Copsey, Director  
Stewardship Department  
Lake Union Conference

## World Church News

### SUPREME COURT ALLOWS FAVORABLE DECISION TO STAND

A religious liberty victory was realized Monday, November 9, 1981, when the United States Supreme Court announced it would not hear a case involving an Adventist layman, Darrel Nottelson of Milwaukee, who terminated his labor union affiliation because of his religious convictions.

The denial of certiorari in the case of *Smith Steelworkers v. Nottelson*, allows the decision of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to stand. In that decision, the Court said that:

1. Section 701(j) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is constitutional. The Act states: "The term 'religion' includes all aspects of religious observance and practice, as well as belief, unless an employer demonstrates that he is unable to reasonably accommodate to an employee's or prospective employee's religious observance or practice without undue hardship on

the conduct of the employer's business."

2. Payment of the equivalent amount of dues to a charity in lieu of dues to the union was a reasonable accommodation and did not violate the union security provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

Two other similar cases, *International Association of Machinists v. Anderson*, and *United Steelworkers of America, Local 8141 v. Tooley*, both on appeal to the Supreme Court from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, are still pending. The court is expected to

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### ILLINOIS

**NOTICE:** We are seeking the names of all former Seventh-day Adventist members living in Hinsdale or the surrounding area. Mail information to Pastor, 201 North Oak Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521.

### INDIANA

**SABBATH SCHOOL WORKSHOP:** A demonstration of first quarter 1982 materials will be conducted at the Noblesville Church, 1900 North Cicero Road, Noblesville, from 2 to 5:30 P.M. on December 12. Instructors are as follows: cradle roll and kindergarten, Vera Groomer; primary, Evelyn Gates; juniors and

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# Lake Union Conference



## HERALD COVER CONTEST DRAWS 40 PHOTOGRAPHERS

From 109 finalists, 7 photos were chosen for use as color covers in the 1982 Lake Union Herald Cover Photo Contest on November 22, 1981.

A total of 40 photographers had submitted 289 slides and photos. Preliminary selection was made by the Lake Union Herald staff. Peter Erhard, associate professor of art, and Donald May, instructor in photography at Andrews University, then joined the editorial staff in selecting the winning photographs.

An additional 10 photos were selected for possible use in black and white on the cover of the tabloid issues of the 1982 Herald.

Within the next few weeks, all photos, except the winning slides, will be returned. The winners will be notified.

Winning photographs will be identified as they appear throughout the year in the Herald.

## HIDDEN OBSTRUCTIONS

I stood on a bridge looking down into the turbulent waters of a small stream swollen to floodtide by recent storms. The water was dirty brown, filled with silt and debris. Near the shoreline whirling pools attempted to tear themselves from the rest of the stream as it rapidly made its way to the valley below.

As I watched the stream, I caught a glimpse of a simple but profound spiritual lesson.

We must contend in the never-ending battle until Jesus comes. He said, "... he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24:13.

Most of us consider this in the context of the great tribulation, but daily turbulence in our lives can create a sense of doubt, a loss of stability because of unexpected forces and events.

The whirlpools and eddies in a stream are usually caused by a submerged and hidden obstruction that impedes the orderly flow of the water. So it is with the forces that bring confusion and instability to our spiritual experience. When we have carefully planned a program for advance both personally and corporately, we must then follow the suggestion of scripture, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Corinthians 10:12. Caution is an ingredient of wise planning.

What are some of the areas for caution? The word of the Lord is clear. If we are to experience His blessings we must follow His ways.

Malachi speaks of the blessing and the curse. Which one we experience is our choice by meeting the conditions. My heart is saddened by the poverty and want experienced by those who claim to be His followers. Are His promises false? Is He not able to do all that He has promised?

I believe that the answer to the seeming contradictions lies not with God, but with us. If we will but meet the conditions, His promises are sure. "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Proverbs 29:25.

Here are some questions for thoughtful, soul-searching consideration.

The scripture says that if we will be faithful in tithe offerings He will pour out blessings that there isn't room to receive. Malachi 3:10-12.

Why hasn't this promise been fully experienced by the church? Could it be that too many are failing to receive the promised blessings

because they are failing to meet the conditions?

The scripture says: "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. . . . So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man." Proverbs 24:30-34.

Why are there so many who are in poverty even among His followers? Could it be that some feel that a limited amount of effort should produce a maximum amount of benefit? The scripture also says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; . . ." Ecclesiastes 9:10. And: "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Ellen G. White has written, "Of all our income we should make the first appropriation to God."—*Testimonies for the Church*, v. 4, p. 474.

Are we making our first appropriation to God? Is God first in all we do with life? Does He have first call on our time, talent, treasure?

As I watched the stream rushing by I couldn't help but wonder what hidden obstructions were causing the turbulent whirlpools and eddies.

And what hidden obstructions cause our turbulent experiences?

We are not without hope or guidance as we make our way to the kingdom. We may be buffeted and pressed by many forces, but His promises are complete and sure.

"His power is absolute, and it is the pledge of the sure fulfillment of His promises to all who trust in Him. He has means for the removal of

*"Hidden Obstructions,"*  
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