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MANY changes are taking place in the world today. Each of you can see and feel these changes affecting your daily life.

In a recent book entitled *Megatrends* by John Naisbitt, the author points out that indeed our society is changing from industrial production to one of services and information.

The health care industry is no exception and faces many changes. Cost containment, regulation, competition, and the social and economic environment can change overnight and leave the managers of health care facilities to wonder if stability and reliability are gone.

Yet there is one factor that remains the same—the goal of the Adventist Health System to serve, with the love of Christ, in healing and ministering to the needs of today's people.

Mr. Naisbitt further states, "The United States is today undergoing a revival in religious belief and church attendance. . . . During turbulent times, many people need structure—not ambiguity—in their lives. They need something to hang on to, not something to debate." As a member of the worldwide health ministry of the Adventist Church, Adventist Health System/North (AHS/North) is in a position to offer people "something to hang on to."

The core of AHS/North is its hospitals. Stemming from the hospitals are alternative methods of health care delivery.

As a pioneer in this area, AHS/North established Health Care at Home five years ago. Today, Health Care at Home has grown and expanded from the Stevensville, Michigan, area into the Chicago area. The nurses, physical therapists, home health aides and other health professionals bring the needed medical support services and a caring spirit directly into the home.

Other alternative methods of health care delivery include the New Day Centers, substance abuse treatment centers; Centra Care, freestanding emergency care centers; and International Imaging, mobile radiology equipment units. Each method is another chance for reaching one more person with the love of Christ.

New types of alternative care methods are being explored. AHS/North plans to become involved in providing care through health maintenance organizations and prepaid provider organizations. Additional opportunities are being explored in the areas of nutritional assessment and treatment.

We are thankful that Adventist pioneers followed the instructions of Ellen White in 1863 and established the Western Health Reform Institute in Battle Creek, Michigan, which has grown into a worldwide medical system.

As stewards for God in the health work, it is our obligation to manage efficiently and effectively. Today, managing means changing with the times. We ask for your continued prayers as we change, so we can continue to serve mankind for our heavenly Father.

Christian Caring in Action

by Frances Rich

JOAN Jones, a registered nurse, joined the Health Care at Home team in Hinsdale, Illinois, one year ago. Since then she has seen firsthand how patients who need health care, but who no longer need specialized hospital care, can become self-reliant in their own homes.

"One of my first patients was an elderly lady who was a newly diagnosed diabetic. I was able to teach her and her daughter how to give injections and plan meals. Soon they were doing well on their own, and I felt a great sense of accomplishment," says Mrs. Jones.

One patient Mrs. Jones visits regularly is Elsie Schruhl, a 100-year-old Hinsdale resident. Mrs. Schruhl's association with Health Care at Home has helped her to remain in the pleasant and loving environment of the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Alyce and Charles Conser.

Until about one year ago, Mrs. Schruhl was able to get around with a walker and some assistance. Unfortunately, continuing problems with high blood pressure now compel her to spend most of her days in bed.

Mrs. Jones monitors Mrs. Schruhl's blood pressure, regulates medicines, gives vitamin shots, and watches for signs of potential trouble.

Though Mrs. Schruhl is under a doctor's care, she is no longer able to visit him. Her appointments with Mrs. Jones, therefore, are all the more important.

Mrs. Jones says, "We have a very good relationship with Mrs. Schruhl and her family. I believe our visits are one of the brighter aspects of her day."

Mrs. Jones also suggested a regimen of diet and medicine which has contributed to Mrs. Schruhl's well-being.

When Mrs. Schruhl first came home from the hospital, after an extended stay, a registered nurse saw her twice weekly. Now, Margaret Denekas, a nurse's aide with Health Care at Home, visits Mrs. Schruhl twice each week to give her a bath, apply soothing lotions to her skin, shampoo her hair and get her dressed for the day.

Mrs. Jones' visits have decreased to only once



Joan Jones, a registered nurse from Health Care at Home, observes while Margaret Denekas, a nurse's aide also from Health Care at Home, takes their 100-year-old patient Elsie Schruhl's blood pressure during one of their visits.

every two weeks. Mrs. Jones emphasizes, "We try to get patients and families self-sufficient as soon as possible."

Mrs. Jones and other registered nurses with Health Care at Home see an average of 25 patients each week. There is a nurse on call 24 hours per day and on weekends.

"It takes a certain type of person to do home health work," says Mrs. Jones. "We must make a commitment that goes beyond an eight-hour shift. Every day is different and every home is different.

"With Health Care at Home we get to incorporate all the nursing skills we have learned in a caring way. Our education is continually updated as we draw from other resources to educate patients and their families.

"We help our patients function at their highest level, and we feel responsible for the patients."

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Gifts of the Spirit: Mercy

Blessed Are the Merciful

by Roy C. Naden

JERICHO . . . for a thousand years mothers had been telling their wide-eyed children the miracle of the city whose walls came tumbling down.

Jericho was a city that memorialized the infinite power of the miracle-working God of Israel. It was the city God had devastated centuries before to allow Israel to enter and possess the Promised Land.

Yet today this same God had come to personally visit the city. But today there was no army to frighten the city's population. No



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trumpets announced His coming. No earthquake shattered the proud walls.

Rather, two blind men sat on the side of the main thoroughfare begging. They had heard a rumour of Jesus' coming and now they sensed the approach of a re-knowned group of 13 men.

Immediately, and without restraint they began to call, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us." And Jesus stopped and showed mercy to these afflicted men.

He gave them a new life, a life in which they could see. And Jericho again was celebrated as the city of miracles.

"Mercy." The word the blind men used to attract Jesus' attention is the same word used by Paul in Romans 12:8 to name a spiritual gift. The noun is used some 28 times in the New Testament and is translated in the King James Bible by only one word, "mercy."

The verb is a little more descriptive in discovering the meaning of the spiritual gift. The verb is translated "to pity, to have compassion, to have mercy." In most of its usages this word describes

God's incredible mercy toward us. In a few cases it refers to the thoughtfulness of people for people—and thus the spiritual gift.

James lets us know that this is a gift that operates at a very practical level (James 2:13-16), as was the case with Dorcas. Usually it aids those who are in some way disadvantaged, including the handicapped. In fact, Luke identifies the afflicted as being one group which would benefit from this gift's operation (Luke 10:30-37).

Paul mentions that those who have this gift exercise it with happiness. They do not serve under compulsion, direction, or force. Rather, spontaneously and generously they give of their time and means to aid those who are less able to care for themselves than the giver.

What a rich bestowment from the Holy Spirit is this gift of mercy.

The Wise Man reminds us that those who show mercy not only share happily, they also bring happiness to others (Proverbs 14:21). In a world of considerable unhappiness, praise God for the gift of mercy.

Drawn by His Love

by Linda Caiati

WHY am I a Seventh-day Adventist? That question can really be divided into two questions: Why did I become a Seventh-day Adventist? And why will I remain a Seventh-day Adventist?

I probably led the life of an average American youth when I grew up. I married my high school sweetheart and had three babies by the time my oldest was 2 years and 9 months old.

God started drawing me to Him when I was in the fourth grade with a New Testament my paternal grandmother gave me. During my childhood I went to various Protestant churches, and in high school I was in the Youth for Christ organization. However, religion was never a big thing with me then. My babies were all baptized into my husband's Catholic religion.

When my son was 5 months old, about 13 years ago, my whole family and I were in a tragic automobile accident. My oldest daughter and I were the only survivors. I was in three different hospitals for eight and a half months. God used this accident to get my attention.

During my second hospitaliza-

tion I began looking for answers. Being unable to talk, and not having any family with me, I had only God to turn to. I asked Him why He killed my family. Of course He didn't, but at the time I was unaware of that.

God used a priest in my second hospitalization to help me begin to understand. And Job of the Bible became very real to me.

During my last hospitalization, I was in a Seventh-day Adventist convalescent hospital in my hometown. The Adventists didn't pressure me in any way with their religion. They even called a Catholic priest for me when I felt I needed spiritual help. However, they did have religious magazines around. Through Signs of the Times I took Bible courses with the "Voice of Prophecy."

From then on God used His Word and the love shown to me by church members to draw me to Him and His church.

After I took a couple of courses from the "Voice of Prophecy," I was asked if I wanted to take a Bible course from my nearest Sabbath-keeping church. I said, "Yes."

It was then I learned of Seventh-day Adventists. Not once before this was the church ever mentioned. Only the Word of God was used.

At the time of my study with the pastor who finally baptized me, I

had been planning on becoming a Catholic nun when I was well. By then I was no longer blaming God for the accident, and I felt He had saved me for His purposes.

I remember asking both the Catholic priest and the Adventist pastor where my husband was. The priest told me what his church said, but the pastor showed me what God said in His Word. "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more" (Job 7:9).

People in the church showed me much kindness. They picked me up for church services and took me to some evangelistic services. It was there I was baptized.

So, why did I become a Seventh-day Adventist? The care I received at an Adventist hospital; literature at the hospital; the "Voice of Prophecy"; Pastor Robert Odell, who baptized me; Duane Corwin, an evangelist, and most importantly, the kindness of the church members.

Why will I remain a Seventh-day Adventist? The wonderful truths I learned in my Bible studies have become a part of me. Church members show their love for me by accepting me as I am. They let me do what I can to help; I feel useful. And I feel that God personally told me this is where I belong, and that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is His true remnant church.

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1,000 Days of Reaping

The Challenge of the Impossible

by David Johnston

THE church was meeting in a run-down two-room building. On my first visit I discussed this with the church treasurer.

"Building a new church, impossible!" The head elder agreed. It couldn't be done.

After all, there were only 65 members and their five-year-old building fund contained under \$5,000. The pastor, who also pastored a larger church, thought the project doubtful, but offered to help.

Does this all have a familiar sound? Not enough money, not enough leadership, not enough members. Better not attempt the impossible.

But the answer from the great facilitator of impossible tasks is "prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

Taking this counsel to heart, and the Lord to His word, a small group

from this church decided to accept the biblical challenge. Even more, they decided all efforts would be gifts. None of the usual fund-raising films, dinners or bake sales.

One project was a two-acre church garden on donated land, with donated plants and donated fertilizer; all from non-Adventists. Only the labor was provided by the church members.

When the church purchased

boxes for the produce, a fire destroyed them. Replacement boxes were donated.

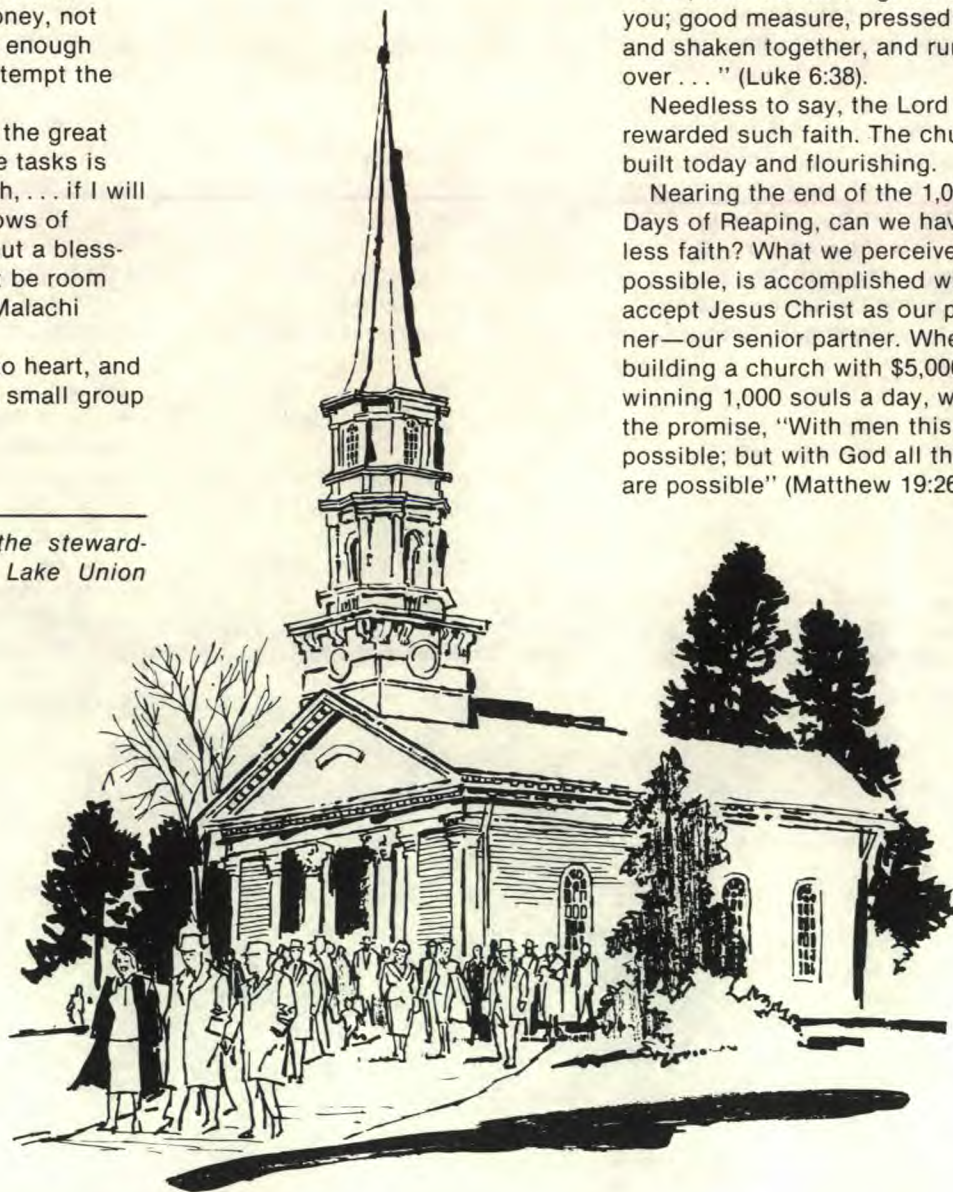
By sacrifice the church membership was able to plan a budget to meet the anticipated cost as calculated by the architect. Then the builder announced the project would cost at least twice as much.

By this time, the church members refused to be discouraged. They had several prayer sessions and moved forward in faith. After all the promise was clear, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . ." (Luke 6:38).

Needless to say, the Lord rewarded such faith. The church is built today and flourishing.

Nearing the end of the 1,000 Days of Reaping, can we have any less faith? What we perceive as impossible, is accomplished when we accept Jesus Christ as our partner—our senior partner. Whether building a church with \$5,000 or winning 1,000 souls a day, we have the promise, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

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A Celebration of Freedom

by Rick Kajiura

IN Britain we celebrate thanksgiving on the Fourth of July." He was joking, of course, my British friend. He always had a way about him. A happy-go-lucky cheery way that showed in the twinkle in his eye.

He had made that comment at Thanksgiving and now as the Fourth of July approached I was interested to see how he would react to this particular American celebration.

As a Canadian, I felt somewhere in the middle. Our political ties to Britain and our geographical ties to America have had an effect on our perception of the events of 1776.

As the Fourth of July arrived, it seemed like any other day. It wasn't until the afternoon that we set out for the parade downtown.

Four of us climbed into a friend's MG which proudly flew two American flags; a British car, flying American flags, carrying an American, a Britisher, a Norwegian, and a Canadian.

People waved as we passed, and the spirit of the day began to set in. An underlying excitement hung over the area. People lined the street and heads craned to catch a first glimpse of the parade.

Four of us climbed into a friend's MG . . . a British car, flying American flags, carrying an American, a Britisher, a Norwegian, and a Canadian. . . from different cultures and different countries, . . . we celebrated the Fourth of July because it's more than a celebration of events that took place in 1776. The Fourth of July is a celebration of freedom, and we should all celebrate freedom.

My British friend was enjoying himself. His distinctive accent intrigued the people he spoke to. "Do you think the Americans should have gotten rid of the British?" he asked one young passerby.

"This is amazing," he added later. "All of this for us . . . I can't believe it."

We all had a good time that day. Later in the evening we watched the fireworks display, oohing and aahing with the crowd. For us it was a first Fourth of July. A celebration of freedom.

It is more than the freedom from the rule of another country, however. It represents the freedom of American people to be individuals. People have the freedom to believe what they want to believe. Others may not agree and may try to persuade otherwise, but people make their own decisions.

We are from different cultures and different countries, but we celebrated the Fourth of July because it's more than a celebration of events that took place in 1776. The Fourth of July is a celebration of freedom, and we should all celebrate freedom.

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Fathers Are Special

by Kermit Netteburg

I remember the year my father spent more than 200 nights away from home. He bought a trailer the next spring so mother and I could travel with him.

My father is special to me because he went out of his way to make sure his family could be together. But I wondered what made other fathers special, so I asked students about their fathers.

Paul remembered the ice rink his father made: "On cold winter evenings my father often would be outside flooding the backyard to make a skating rink. He'd go out every 10 to 15 minutes to cover the entire area with water. When it was frozen solid, we'd skate and play hockey, and my friends would join us."

Geraldine remembered simpler games with her father: "Sometimes we'd play soccer with a tennis ball in the hall of our home."

Not everything was play. Harvey

was grateful for the work ethics he learned: "My father taught me to work hard and to do a job to the best of my ability. As a result, I have had happy employers."

Lee's father had been a ham radio buff: "I remember the time Dad brought down his old amateur radio transmitter from the attic. I was 10 years old and fascinated with this hobby. He encouraged my interest, and I ended up getting a ham radio license."

That father's special love for his son, and amateur radio, led Lee Hayford to a broadcasting major at Andrews University and now into a radio job for the Adventist Church on Guam.

Many of the students remembered how their fathers had kept the lines of communication open. Henry said, "Dad was busy, but often he took special time to walk along the beach with me, and we'd talk about how to grow up."

Jim's editor-father writes all day at work. But "he still takes time to write to me, no matter how hectic things get."

Sharon's father telephones: "I think my father's special when he calls to see how I'm doing and tells me he loves and misses me."

But those things don't explain enough of the answer. Dennis listed all the things his father had done: "He changed my diapers and bandaged my bruises. He took me to school and punished me when I erred. Now he sometimes embarrasses me in front of my friends, but he helps me out when I'm having car trouble."

God created fathers to be special and to guide their children aright. For this reason, the time a father spends with his child is never wasted; it is locked in that child's heart forever.

My Father

There was catch, football, golf:
The games we played.

There was camping in the trailer,
canoeing in the wilderness:
The adventures we shared.

There was mowing the lawn,
washing the Falcon,
repainting the trim:

The work, made light
because we did it together.

There was an arm of protection;
There was a hand of discipline;
There was a touch of love.

There was Father.
Always.

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God created fathers to be special and to guide their children aright.



They worked together for the railroad. It seemed she wanted to convince the world of her toughness, but he detected a glimpse of softness. And today she is a Seventh-day Adventist because . . .

He Treated Her Like a Lady

by Cathy McBride

WHEN he first saw her she bore the hardened appearance of one who has ceased to expect anything good from life. Oh, at one time she had believed in herself, she had wanted to give and receive love from the world, but too many rejections had created a suspicious, calculating woman.

Who knows when the transformation had actually taken place. Probably not at a specific point. Slowly, like an eroding riverbed, she had become the bitter, cynical person she was.

Reaching out to touch someone, she had been emotionally slapped once too often, and her last bit of self-respect had been stolen away.

When she first began the job at the railroad, he mostly noticed her crude appearance and vulgar language. But somehow he was drawn to her. Day after day, as he repaired the passenger cars, he watched her as she cleaned the

train compartments; he heard her as she exchanged shady jokes with the men workers.

Most of the time she seemed emotionally noncommittal, but occasionally he detected a brief glimpse of softness as she paused to watch the rain fall against the train windows, or to see a baby being held by its mother.

It seemed she wanted to convince the world of her toughness, yet somehow she reminded him of a lonely, frightened child.

He often talked with her about world events or work, and even occasionally of God's leading in his life. He let her know that he valued her opinion and respected her womanhood: She grew to value his friendship and gradually, slowly, she relaxed in his presence. Eventually she dared to share glimpses of her true self.

Years past. He retired from the railroad and almost forgot about her. Then one day the phone rang.

"Do you know who I am?" the gruff, low voice asked. The voice was older, yet still unmistakably Sara's.

"Of course, it's Sara. It's been years," he answered.

"You would remember," she responded. He could tell she was pleased. "I just wanted you to

know—I've become a Christian and I'm being baptized tomorrow."

He tried to contain his shock and exhilaration. "What do you mean?" he inquired curiously. She had never shown the least interest in religion.

"I'm being baptized into your church. Well, your denomination. It's a church in this town, of course."

Questions filled his mind. How did it happen? Why did she choose the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

"It took a miracle from God to finally get through my tough shell," she explained, "but I always knew if I ever joined a church it would be yours. It could be no other. I can't really explain it; except that you were the only one, the only person who ever treated me like a lady."

Moments later, after hanging up the phone, he stared blankly at the receiver and shook his head in amazement.

The power of caring, he thought, the power of acceptance. He was more convinced than ever that these are God's strongest persuaders.

Editor's Note: This is a true story as told to Cathy McBride by Jim Muffo, a member of the Collinsville, Illinois, Church.

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The Renewing of Your Mind

by Vivian Joseph

ON Wednesday, March 28, Atlanta's indifferent weather seemed to have joined forces with after-work traffic jams. It made an unsuccessful attempt to resist what was to become a memorable experience in the minds of thousands of people who had come to the city to renew their minds in Jesus Christ.

The day was cool and cloudy and a steady drizzle fell. But as more than 20,000 Seventh-day Adventists began checking into their hotels, the sun began to shine in all its brilliance. It was as if the sunshine was a harbinger of the bestowal of God's special blessing. After all the 1984 United Youth Congress was about to begin.

That Wednesday evening Charles D. Joseph, president of the Lake Region Conference, delivered the keynote address in the filled-to-capacity conference room of the Peach Tree Plaza Hotel.

It was a message which showed how the hand of God is behind everything.

Noticing many grey heads among the youth in attendance, Elder Joseph sparked gales of

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Pathfinders from across North America participated in a Sabbath afternoon parade.

laughter when he said, "As I look around, I just wonder whether this should be called a youth congress or not."

But Elder Joseph's sermon was not about lighthearted talk, nor were most of the congress' events that were to follow.

Elder Joseph reminded the youths of the church that they are in the center of a negotiation process. "There are too many pressures playing on youths, and youths need a renewing of their minds now more than they ever did in the past."

Elder Joseph's themes were to be amplified by other speakers during the next three days.

A series of workshops were held

for the delegates and all those interested in attending. The subjects covered were as diverse as were the people who came.

A workshop on singles provided a psychological perspective on being single. It was pointed out during the discussion that often single Adventists are more likely to go out of the church to look for partners.

The Social Graces Workshop emphasized how women should handle themselves as Christians.

The seminar on the occult was a carefully researched area of study, and handouts were provided. The discussion in this workshop dealt with demon possession and how the occult has intruded the film and television industry. It showed how some television programs inspire and manifest demon possession.

Pathfinders attending the United Youth Congress pitched their tents at the Arrowhead Campground situated 15 miles west of the city of Atlanta. A total of 2,300 Pathfinders from churches all across the country were present.

The Lake Region Pathfinders totaled 18 clubs, and made their presence felt on Sabbath morning when they marched into the Omni World Congress Center for the posting of the colors. The Pathfinders performed with military precision and with detailed attention to order.



More than 2,000 Pathfinders pitched their tents at the Arrowhead Campground located 15 miles from the city of Atlanta.

Proceedings on each day began with the series of workshops, and a career fair was concurrent with the workshops.

Thursday evening Richard Barron, the associate director of the youth department at the General Conference, delivered a timely message. He reminded the audience that God is waiting for them to renew their minds. "Time," Elder Barron said, "has long past. It is high time that the youth get it together with God."

Elder Barron told a story of a young Adventist who was a student of computer science. The student had told Elder Barron that he did not believe that Christ's second coming was near. The student even claimed to have fed all the salient data into his computer, (mostly projections of the world situation).

After he fed the computer with this information, the student had proceeded to ask it to analyze and work out a time period within which the Lord Jesus would return.

Said the student, "My computer has confirmed that the second coming of Jesus Christ cannot be soon. As a matter of fact, my computer does not believe that Christ will be coming back for at least another four to six generations."

Using the Word of the Lord, Elder Barron showed how, contrary to the readings and findings of the student's computer, Christ's second coming is an ever-looming reality.

Standing his full six feet, seven inches, Elder Barron challenged the youth to take the Lord at His Word.

He reminded them that God has not failed them. He is always ready to come to their side if only they ask for Him.

Throughout the United Youth Congress the music was a ministry. Euridice Osterman, director of the Oakwood College Choir, played a leading role in all of the music. She was co-writer of the congress' theme song, "The Renewing of Your Mind."

Throughout the meetings the hotels seemed filled to capacity. Even the normally efficient elevators groaned under the combined weight of the delegates and other hotel guests, and waiting for

elevators seemed to be the common practice.

While the meetings did much to reconcile believers with God, the presence of so many Adventists in the city of Atlanta was a positive witness.

Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young made some remarks on Sabbath morning which touched on the witnessing ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He referred to Seventh-day Adventists as being both a praying and a witnessing people.

This was the first time the nine black conferences, together with constituents from California and Bermuda, had joined forces to hold a United Youth Congress.

Commenting on the youth congress, Conrad Gill, youth director at the Lake Region Conference, said that some people "don't realize what value such a congress as this can bring to youth." He said, "I believe such efforts must be appreciated for their long-range value."

For Friday evening vespers John Nixon, pastor of Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Boston, Massachusetts, gave a graphic account of the youths' search for something better. He testified about how the Word of God had come to him while he was in the clutches of the devil.

He related that he had come into contact with the Black Power movement in the 1960's. And like some others, he had almost come to the conclusion that there was more sense in the sayings of radical politicians than in the sayings of churchmen, and so he had joined marches for the cause.

It took the impression of the Lord to bring him back into line, and he admonished the youths to allow God to lead them to Him.

The Sabbath day was full of activities. Students from Oakwood College were in charge of the Sabbath School lesson study, which was done in the form of a dramatic play. The portrayal was in the setting of a court scene; on trial was "Mr. Temptation." The jury was the approximately 23,000 congregants who had packed two halls of the Omni World Congress Center.

The play showed how Mr. Temp-

tation, through cunning subterfuge, had made his victims go against their own judgment.

The divine worship message was delivered by Walter L. Pearson Jr., pastor of the North Philadelphia Church. The Lord has used Elder Pearson mightily in the past as he has conducted evangelistic crusades in Kingston Jamaica and also in Tema, Ghana where hundreds were brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Music for Sabbath morning was provided by the Oakwood College Choir, the Pine Forge Academy Choir, and the Greater Atlanta Junior Academy Band.

After the morning worship service, the Pathfinders marched for two and a half miles, beginning at the Omni World Congress Center at International Boulevard. They were accompanied by two motorcycle police escorts.

Many commented that watching the 2,300 Pathfinders march in orderly military-like precision was one of the most impressive sights of the congress.

After the Sabbath dinner and organized Sabbath afternoon activities, Paul Monk, editor of the Message magazine, gave the vesper sermon. A musical concert with representatives from all nine conferences followed.

After the last meeting of the congress, young people gathered in the main hall. Some exchanged addresses and telephone numbers with new friends they had made. Others bade good-bye to old acquaintances.

But time was running out. Soon many would be wearily making their way back home. It had been a full three days, and the Lord's presence had been felt throughout.

Some who had renewed their minds during the congress wondered, as they parted, if time would last for three more years until the next youth congress. Others found the awkward good-byes made easier by simply saying, "I'll be seeing you," or "Write me."

One young woman, who had no hope of seeing one of her Christian friends until the next congress simply said, "See you in three years at the next United Youth Congress."



Clockwise from top left: Pastor Don A. Short of the Lafayette, Indiana, district has participated in several bike trips with Don, his son who is a sophomore at Indiana Academy. Pastor Lou Toscano of the Kokomo, Indiana, district finds gardening a diversion, and Pastor Ralph Heiner of the Columbus, Indiana, district enjoys golf as a recreation.

Pastors are People, Too

by Lynda Roberts

OH, I didn't know you went shopping!" These words spoken to a pastor by a parishioner when they met in a supermarket, illustrate how some images of pastors are unreal. "People seem to forget that we live in the same world with them," one pastor remarked.

Perhaps the highest ambition in Adventist circles is to become a minister. Sharing Bible knowledge, comforting and encouraging people, motivating with hope, and administering churches are a few of the challenges in a pastor's life.

Pastors are people with a special responsibility to share God's love. Yet pastors laugh and cry. They get tired and discouraged. Financial problems confront them. And moving can be a lonely experience.

Pastors catch colds and have toothaches. Long days are common. Their sons and daughters sometimes make mistakes. And sometimes, after a frustrating week, they wish they didn't have to preach on Sabbath.

Some pastors are preachers' kids, and some were not even raised in Seventh-day Adventist homes.

Pastor Lou Toscano, a minister for seven years, was 31 years old, before he owned his own Bible. His quest for knowledge led him to read the Word, and through Bible studies by a literature evangelist and a friendly church, the Holy Spirit created another Adventist pastor.

Successful pastors maintain a study program. Reading the Bible, inspirational books and magazines, and listening to tapes represent a constant commitment to education.

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Pastor Ralph Heiner duplicates the church bulletins for his district.



Pastor Don A. Short assists with the Timber Ridge Annual Bike Trip.

Pastors also have a need for quiet, reflective study, for if they are to spiritually feed their congregations, they must be spiritually fed. Congregations that respect a pastor's study time are greatly appreciated.

Listening to people is a pastoral responsibility. Real people in the pulpit feel for those who are sick, grieving, or hurting.

But listening to pastors is also needed. And real listening is more than being tuned in on Sabbath morning; it means respecting, supporting and daily praying for the

pastor, for sometimes pastors and their families feel they live in a house of glass.

Pastors often feel torn between the pressures of a church's needs and the pressures of their family's needs. Encourage your pastor to take some time off with his family each week. And, unless there is an emergency, late phone calls or early morning calls should be avoided.

Pastors also appreciate thank yous. Have you thanked your pastor recently?

Pastors are people, too.



Pastor Lou Toscano often dons blue jeans and works in his yard.

A True Success Story

by Ronald Knott
photos by Jon Anderson



Bonnie Bowler, in cap and gown, received a bachelor's degree in office administration from Andrews University on Sunday, June 3. She is being congratulated by Roseanna Elton, a senior art major and 1983-84 president of Kappa Phi Gamma, the university women's club.

EVERY graduation is an anthology of success stories. Behind the caps and gowns, the ruffles and flourishes of academic procession, there are the accounts of how and why and by whom that graduation was made possible.

Some stories get told. Some are never known beyond the polite and passing recognition that a diploma has been sought and achieved. And yes, we are all quick to acknowledge, perhaps too lightly, that Adventist education is something special, a prize to be won.

But sometimes we run across a story that can speak for a hundred others—not because it is so outstanding in its own right, but because it shows us that we often take so much for granted. For hundreds, even thousands, growing up as an Adventist is a struggle, and getting an Adventist education is a monumental achievement.

Such is the case with Bonnie Bowler. She graduated from Andrews University in commencement exercises on June 3, with a bachelor's degree in office administration. In July she begins work in Washington, D.C., as secretary to J. Robert Spangler, ministerial secretary of the General Conference.

Commencement means beginning, and while the new beginning Bonnie looks forward to now is

bright, the beginning of her story was different. That beginning was hard.

Born in upstate New York, Bonnie was the fourth of seven children in her family. When she was four, and the oldest child was eight, her parents separated and abandoned the children, leaving them in a house to fend for themselves.

The children were soon discovered by the New York State Social Service Department, and when the seven youngsters proved too much for their grandparents to handle, the children were parceled out to a string of foster homes.

Bonnie was sent to the home of an Adventist farming couple in Barker, New York. Within four years she was joined in that home

by two of her sisters and one brother.

Though Bonnie now recognizes it was a great blessing to grow up in an Adventist home, she also makes it plain that her childhood was not easy. The farm she grew up on was very secluded.

"We never saw any change," Bonnie recalls quietly. We didn't know what shopping malls were. We never heard sirens. We rarely saw a train. I was on my way to college before I learned what the flashing red lights were for at a railroad crossing. We lived on a back road, where maybe only one car would pass every three or four hours."

Church associations were no more promising. The nearest Adventist church was 20 miles

Ronald Knott is the assistant director for public relations and marketing at Andrews University.

away—a small frame building on a dirt road beside a creek. With a membership of 25, the congregation only saw their pastor once a month.

On Sabbaths when the pastor wasn't there, a tape recorder would deliver the morning sermon of some well-known preacher. The four Bowler children were the only young people in the church, and Bonnie was in college before she heard of such a thing as Pathfinders or summer camp.

Bonnie went from kindergarten through high school at Barker Central. She faced the usual struggles and misunderstandings of Adventist students in public school when major sporting and social activities are held on Friday nights and Saturdays.

"Other kids would often ask us, 'Why don't you ever come? We never see you anywhere.'"

Answering that question is never easy for young people pressured by peers. It is particularly difficult for shy and reserved teenagers lacking the confidence generated by acquaintance with others of like faith.

"We didn't know what to tell them," Bonnie recalls. "So we just said, 'We can't.' That was our answer. And it just got worse, especially as we got into the higher grades."

A few times during her elementary years, Bonnie's foster parents took her for one-day visits to the New York Conference Camp Meeting on the campus of Union Springs Academy. Those rare trips were great occasions, and Bonnie basked in the brief association with other Adventist young people.

When she was ready for high school, she had her heart set on attending Union Springs, but the state social service department regulations for foster children wouldn't allow her to attend boarding school. So Bonnie resigned herself to four more years of bus rides to Barker Central.

"When I graduated from high school, I never dreamed I'd be where I am today," Bonnie said in an interview two days before her graduation from Andrews. "I thought finishing high school was a great achievement. I just didn't

think college was for me. I thought college was some big thing that only certain people do."

Nevertheless, she took the initiative to fill out an application to college. "Andrews was the only college I applied to, and I was accepted." She chose not to attend the college in her own union because she heard it was one of the smaller Adventist colleges, and Bonnie had had enough of smallness.

Being accepted to college and paying her way through college were two different matters, and Bonnie had to struggle. During her five years at Andrews, she has regularly worked 25 hours a week while taking full class loads. She has also applied for and received a substantial amount of financial aid in the form of grants and loans. She says that's what has kept her in college.

For the past two years Bonnie has worked as secretary in the university's collection office for Robert Ingram, collections manager. "It's probably going to take two students to replace Bonnie," Mr. Ingram says, noting Bonnie types 95 words per minute and takes dictation at 125 words per minute.



As Bonnie looks back at her experience, she sees God's hand leading her, though the way was not always easy.

Bonnie's success in her studies and her professionalism in her work is recognized by others. Bonnie Jean Hannah, chairman of the business education department, says Bonnie has made more progress in the department in her years at Andrews than any other student in recent times.

Bonnie's life has been enriched beyond her academic and professional growth. Deprived as a child of opportunities to worship with large numbers of Adventists, she has thrived on the spiritual atmosphere of a large Adventist community.

"When I came to Andrews, I went to every religious program. I wouldn't miss them, because they were so different from anything I had experienced. My friends would ask, 'Why do you want to go to everything?' And I would say, 'Because I don't want to miss anything.' Now, of course, I know which things I want to go to and which I don't."

Bonnie's friends and associates at Andrews are proud of what she has accomplished. They see her experience as an example for others coming from similar backgrounds.

"I think Bonnie's experience, from her difficult childhood to her graduation from Andrews, and now her employment at the General Conference, is a true success story," says Mr. Ingram. "To me, it epitomizes what Adventist education is all about."

In recognition of Bonnie's achievement, Mr. Ingram and a large group of Bonnie's friends organized a special party for her three days before graduation. She was particularly surprised when Andrews President Richard Lesher (whom Bonnie had never met) showed up to wish her well and tell her some things about working at the General Conference.

As Bonnie looks back at her experience, she sees God's hand leading her, though the way was not always easy.

"If, as a four-year-old, I hadn't been placed in an Adventist home, I wouldn't be an Adventist today. And I don't think I would have gone to college. I'm so glad I was placed there and that I was able to come to Andrews."

Christian Education— Is It Worth the Price?

by Esther Novak

WE are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. The destiny of the earth's teeming multitudes is about to be decided. Our own future well-being and also the salvation of other souls depend upon the course which we now pursue" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 601).

Today Adventist schools are needed as never before. Having been an educator for 18 years, I thank God for Adventist education because 1) it educates for eternity, 2) it trains youth to be a blessing to the world, 3) it fortifies youth against temptation, 4) it aids parents in educating their children, 5) it trains youth as active workers for Christ, and 6) it separates Adventist youth from the corrupting influences of the world.

Esther Novak is the educational superintendent for the Wisconsin Conference.

Some may feel that Adventist education is not the number-one priority it was in the past. Some may be wondering if the schools of the world couldn't meet the needs of today's Adventist community. But the biggest question is whether an Adventist education is still worth the necessary sacrifices.

From the book *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 165, we read: "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The church should arouse and manifest a deep interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death."

The devil has traps everywhere to trip the unwary and unwise feet of our youths, and the Lord in His wisdom has warned us of the peril in which we may place our children.

Getting used to things is a

gradual process. We can become hardened to slang, to lying, to cheating and cursing. In a world filled with illicit sex, sensuality and vulgarity, is it safe to allow our children to spend six or more hours a day with people who do not know that the Lord is coming, and who may care even less?

Christian children in public schools often have as their classmates and close friends children to whom a curse word is commonplace, a vulgar word is funny, and cheating is OK. They rub shoulders daily with those to whom movies, gory TV serials and dances are regular themes of conversation.

Soon there is a little yielding here and there until the child we love and want to be saved is on enemy ground.

I know that Adventist schools are not perfect. Adventist teachers are human and make errors. But I also know that Adventist churches



Playtime for students at the Madison, Wisconsin, Junior Academy



Lunchtime at Petersen Elementary, Columbus, Wisconsin

are eager to operate the kind of schools that will be blessed by God.

Adventist schools do seek to make Jesus Christ become more real for the students through a sharing and outreach witness to others.

Some programs that were used in Wisconsin schools this year included an Adopt a Grandparent program. In this program students become friends of elderly people living in a convalescent center and serve them by visiting, reading and giving them Bible studies.

Other programs included making and delivering scrapbooks to shut-ins, writing letters to people in prison, making holiday cards for the elderly, making and sending Valentines to absent members, making gifts for those having new babies in the district, preparing and distributing witnessing packets, and singing and sharing cookies with the elderly.

Besides learning and becoming

proficient in the basics, students have an opportunity to become more knowledgeable through progressive classwork. This year 352 students were invested from Busy Bee to Rangers. The students earned 575 honors, from airplane modeling to weather. Cats, baking, dogs, birds, physical fitness and Christian grooming and manners

were the categories most widely chosen for study.

Often students perform plays they have written for English and social studies classes, and many participate in Sabbath School and church programs. These opportunities help train students for being of service to God and mankind.

Music also plays an important part in the student's life. About 40 students participated in the Annual Music Festival held at Wisconsin Academy. This year the festival featured the band and various piano students.

The Adventist curriculum is broad to help students grow spiritually, physically and mentally.

Think it through before you decide you can't afford to send your children to church school or academy. Are your children worth more than a new car, boat, TV or new furniture?

Send your children to an Adventist school this fall.



Students at the Bethel Junior Academy in Arpin, Wisconsin



Who knows, maybe one of these children from last year's Vacation Bible School will become a future worker for God.



Children at Holly, Michigan, parade through town to invite other children to attend Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School Yields Bible Worker

by Eta Weaver-Cooke

ON the opening day of Vacation Bible School in Holly, Michigan, some years ago, my friend Laurie and I wanted to be early. We had last-minute preparations, and we expected a large enrollment.

Little did we realize the blessings God had in store for us.

Laurie had been dear to me since she first came to Holly. She was not a member of the church, but she had begun to develop a love for the three angels' messages. And she really gave me a lift when she called to ask, "Could you use an assistant at Vacation Bible School?"

Since Laurie's husband was an engineering consultant and was often called upon to entertain his company's clients, he frequently needed Laurie's assistance.

Laurie must have had this in mind as she stepped into my car on the first morning of Vacation Bible School, because with compressed lips and a determined expression she said, "I want you to know one thing; I'm not going to

take any step that will break up my home."

I think I recognized the Holy Spirit working at that moment and could only reply, "Don't worry about it, Laurie. I'm sure the Lord is leading. The Holy Spirit will guide you."

I was glad for all the preparation that had been made for this Vaca-



Laurie Dixon is a Bible worker in the Detroit, Michigan, area.

tion Bible School. Many things had been planned to introduce children to Christ, and many things happened during the week to help us know the Holy Spirit was present.

One morning a tornado alert was announced for the Holly area. I became alarmed. With nearly 200 children attending, a tent can be a scary place in a storm.

About 10 A.M. the sky darkened ominously. Laurie and I went to consult with Elder Donald Mackintosh, then pastor of Holly. With his customary smile he said, "Sister Cooke, there isn't going to be any tornado."

Laurie and I then went to the tent where we had a special prayer asking God for protection. When we came outside, we gasped. The sky was clear and blue. God had answered our prayer.

While God was changing the weather in answer to our prayer, He was also changing a heart, for, after seeing the clear sky, Laurie's face glowed. "One thing I know," she said. "I'm going all the way with my Lord. Nothing, or no one, is going to stand in my way."

Laurie has kept her vow. For many years, Laurie Dixon has been a Bible worker in the Michigan Conference.


Eta Weaver-Cooke is a member of the Holly, Michigan, Church.

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BURR RIDGE CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

ILLINOIS—Burr Ridge celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sabbath, May 12. Dr. Russell Staples, professor of the department of world mission, Andrews University, gave the celebration address during the morning worship hour.

His address, "The Church in the Secular World," was relevant to the mission of the Burr Ridge congregation, which has recently purchased land on which to build a church.

Five years ago, directed by Bud Roberts, Hinsdale pastor, a number of Hinsdale members were impressed to establish a congregation in the Burr Ridge/Darien area and to decentralize from the overcrowded Hinsdale Church. Forty-seven people responded to the initial call and became charter members of the Burr Ridge congregation.

Today the congregation stands at 135 members who compose 50 families. While the Burr Ridge Church is only two miles from Hinsdale, it has sought to develop its own identity, establishing a unique form of worship service where

congregational participation commands an important role in the unifying of the church body.

"What the Burr Ridge Church offers is a chance to become involved in the dynamics of a small congregation in the immediate Hinsdale area," says Pastor Peter Rampton.

"If one looks at a map of the western suburbs of Chicago, the Burr Ridge/Darien area is the logical place to start a new congregation."

Commenting on the immediate goals of the Burr Ridge Church, Pastor Rampton concludes, "We want to build our congregation to at least 200 members and establish a community identity with our membership."

YOUNGBERGS CELEBRATE 50TH SEMINAR

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY—"Three and two are one," proclaimed the banner decorating the wall at a recent Marriage Commitment Seminar (M.C.S.) held at Andrews University. According to John and Millie Youngberg, originators of M.C.S.,

the weekend seminar is designed to bring that motto to life in each participating couple's marriage.

For the Youngbergs, members of the faculty of the School of Education at Andrews, this seminar marked the 50th one they have conducted.

George Akers, dean of the School of Education at Andrews, sent a letter of appreciation to the Youngbergs complimenting them on their success. Likewise, Betty Holbrook, director of the General Conference home and family service department, wrote to praise the Youngbergs for their efforts to help strengthen the marital relationship.

The seminars are designed to increase commitment to marriage and provide a time for self-evaluation and communication.

Other seminars available include Operation Family, Family Worship, and the Taylor-Johnson Analysis.

To find out how your organization can arrange for one of these seminars, contact the Youngbergs by writing Andrews University, School of Education, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, or call them at 616-471-3507.



Adelphian's *Shiawassian* received the All-Union Award of Excellence for two years in a row. From left are Martin Butler, managing editor of the *Herald*; Roy Boehm, school paper sponsor; Susan White, editor of *The Shiawassian*, and Charles Case, editor of the *Herald*.



From left Martin Butler, managing editor of the *Lake Union Herald* presents the All-Union Award of Excellence to Carlynn Uzarraga, editor of *Broadview Academy's Exponent*, and Richard Jordan, sponsor.

ACADEMIES AWARDED FOR NEWSPAPER WORK

LAKE UNION—The newspaper staffs of six Lake Union academies took up their duties this past school year with the intent of producing the best publication possible.

The motivation came, in part, when the *Lake Union Herald* invited them to enter their school papers in the Annual Award of Excellence judging. Every academy that entered its paper in the judging received an award.

When all of the entries were in and the judging process was completed, Adelphian Academy and Broadview Academy both received the All-Union Award of Excellence for their 1983-1984 school papers. For *The Shiawassian* of Adelphian Academy, it was their second year in a row to receive top honors.

The *Shiawassian* was commended by the judges for its "consistently good content with a nice mix of creative features and news about faculty and students." The newspaper staff was also complimented for having made a smooth transition to the new tabloid format which the paper adopted for the 1983-1984 school year.

Editor of the paper was Susan White, a senior from Holly, Michigan. Roy Boehm, vice principal, was the sponsor.

Broadview Academy's *Exponent* received its All-Union Award of Excellence with the judges agreeing that it was "a handsome paper with clean, sharp printing and photos." The *Exponent* staff was also complimented for projecting an image of

students and faculty working together.

Leading the *Exponent* during its award-winning year were Carlynn Uzarraga, a senior from Chicago, and Richard Jordan, sponsor.

Each of the two academies received an ebony plaque for permanent display, and the editors received personalized paperweights.

"It is thrilling to me to see the spirit which the students have toward their school papers, and the support they give to their school paper staff," said *Lake Union Herald* Editor Charles Case.

"I trust the awards received by the two papers selected by the judges will not only inspire these two schools to try again, but will en-

courage the other schools to strive next year for a campus newspaper of excellence," he said.

Receiving honors in the Award of Distinction category were Indiana Academy's *Echo* and Cedar Lake Academy's *Cedar Log*.

Chosen to be the recipients of the Award of Merit were Andrews Academy's *Sanjo* and Wisconsin Academy's *Wisconsinian*.

Judging for the awards was conducted by the *Lake Union Herald* staff; Patricia Gillette, editor and publisher of the *Journal Era*, Berrien Springs' weekly newspaper; Kermit Netteburg, associate professor of journalism at Andrews University, and Andrea Steele, public relations director at Andrews.

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In order to get leads, she opened the telephone book and prayed that God would guide her to the names to call. As a result of these contacts, Joyce Berg and Doris Krueger were ultimately baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist faith at the Wisconsin Camp Meeting in 1983.

Mary Bond, another contact, wanted to join a Bible study group. When the Revelation Seminar began in Muskego, Wisconsin, conducted by Conrad Wallington, Mary was invited and attended faithfully. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was mentioned, but it seems the Holy Spirit withheld its significance.

She was invited to attend camp meeting and she and her family drove to Westfield for one day. As they approached the campground and saw the sign "Seventh-day Adventist" prominently displayed near the entrance, misgivings flooded her mind,

After camp meeting, Mary did not continue attending the Revelation Seminars. Some of her friends told her to stay away from the Adventist Church; others said, "It's a cult."

Then she asked one of her close friends to investigate what the denomination teaches. Much to her surprise her friend returned saying, "The Seventh-day Adventists are good people and they follow the Bible very closely."

Soon after this Lois and her husband, Arnold, held a Revelation Seminar in their home, conducted by Clive Coke, a church member. Mary was invited and attended. After six seminars she said, "I'm going to join the church."

Before the seminar was completed, Mary asked if she could conduct a seminar in her own home. Four individuals attended.

Because of previous baptism by immersion, she was taken into church fellowship by profession of faith. She is now active in the Waukesha Church.



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PIONEER MEMORIAL CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

MICHIGAN—On March 10, members of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church.

The church which now dominates the southwest corner of the Andrews University campus "made do" with a variety of meeting places for 57 years. Meeting places included a tent, an old courthouse, and an assortment of rooms and chapels.

The Pioneer Memorial Church was finally erected in 1959 and united a rejoicing community.

The church has been pastored by four pastors: Julius L. Tucker (1954-1959), James H. Rhoads (1959-1966), John A. Kroncke (1966-1983), and Dwight K. Nelson, current pastor. All four pastors were present and took part in the celebration services.

The weekend theme, "Our History Is His Story," was emphasized by each pastor as he voiced how his belief in Jesus led during his ministry at Pioneer.

Sabbath School, led by Ronald Bissell, Andrews alumnus of 1959, and his wife, Anne, featured Emmanuel Missionary College students and teachers in interviews, music and mission reports. The afternoon program, coordinated by



The first cut in the anniversary cake is made by Pastor Julius L. Tucker, as from left pastors John A. Kroncke, James H. Rhoads, and Dwight K. Nelson look on.

Ellen Bailey, an Andrews alumna of 1980, was entitled "An House of Prayer for All People."

V. E. Garber, original chairman of the building committee, reviewed the building plans, problems and progress of Pioneer Memorial Church. Several other speakers emphasized the many roles of the church in the university community.

The perfect close to the Sabbath

celebration was the vesper organ meditation with C. Warren Becker, church organist since 1959.

An evening reception held in the Wolverine Room of the Andrews University cafeteria provided an opportunity for fellowship with one another and with the four pastors. Pastor and Mrs. Tucker and Pastor Rhoads came from California to join in the weekend of celebration.

Announcements

Announcements for publication in the Herald should be received by YOUR LOCAL CONFERENCE office at least FIVE weeks before the scheduled event.

MICHIGAN

BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY ALUMNI MEETING, Sabbath, July 7. Morning services will begin at 9:30 A.M. in the the Battle Creek Tabernacle. There will be a potluck dinner at the academy. Bring two dishes and your own table service. Vespers by alumni members will be at 8 P.M. Honor classes are 1959 for Sabbath School and 1934 for church.

A GOSPEL CONCERT, with Vaida Smith, soloist, and Carlos Medley, pianist, will be held on Saturday, June 23, at 7 P.M. at the All Nations Church, 310 W. Mars Street, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

THE WORK OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS IN PERU will be aired on two different programs July 15 and July 22 on CBS television. SAWS (Seventh-day Adventist World Service) will be featured in the "For Our Times" series, a weekly half-hour religious program.

A MARKETING HEALTH PROMOTION SEMINAR will be held in Berrien Springs, Michigan, June 24 to 27. It will be conducted by Rudolf Klimes, Ph.D., M.P.H., and will

feature how to select and implement community health marketing strategies. For further information on enrollment, contact Adventist Health Network, 6840 Eastern Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20012; 202-722-6736.

NATIVE AMERICAN BELIEVERS and those interested in native American ministry are encouraged to attend these evangelistically oriented camp meetings: Wewoka Woods, Oklahoma, July 13 to 14 and 20 to 21 (Jerry Schnell 405-271-6110); Umatilla Reservation, Oregon, August 1 to 4 (D. K. Smith 509-525-7190); Monument Valley, Utah, August 23 to 26 (Harold Hall 801-727-3241); Six Nations Reservation, Ontario, Canada, September 14 to 15 (Harley Braze 416-575-0478); Pembroke, North Carolina, October 5 to 7 (Dannie Bullard 916-521-9076). Those in the Lake Union who are interested in attending any of these camp meetings should contact Don Copsey, Personal Ministries Director, Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-473-4541 as soon as possible.

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I wanted to write and tell you how I do enjoy the Lake Union Herald, and all the experiences people have in serving the Lord. I was thrilled with the article "God's Invitation" [February 28, issue], because it has been Lee's and my experience all through our married life. When I met Lee he was a strong Catholic, but as we kept going together my mother gave him Bible studies and she always stressed the importance of paying tithes and the blessings of giving. Before Lee ever became a Seventh-day Adventist he started to pay tithes. When we got married we made a vow we'd have worship in our home every day and we'd give one-tenth tithes and one-tenth offerings. That was 44 years ago. We've been faithful all these years, and God has richly blessed. We haven't had all the world's goods we wanted, but we've had all our needs provided. We didn't have hospital insurance, but when our children, and even I had to go to the hospital, God worked it out and provided. We really didn't have the money to send the children to academy, but we sent them on faith, and God provided. Lee has never made big wages; his work was seasonal. We always prayed for wisdom in spending our money. When money came in, our tithes and offerings were taken out first. We've never missed a payment on things we've bought on time; we were always able to meet all our bills. Now we are retired, and we look back at our 44 years together. We can't thank the Lord enough for His rich blessings; our faith in God has been strengthened. We can see where it sure pays to be faithful in giving our tithes and offerings and serving the Lord. He says He will pour us out "a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it," and our "cup runneth over." People who aren't faithful in giving their tithes and offerings to the Lord are missing the greatest blessings of their lives.

Lee and Bea Abram
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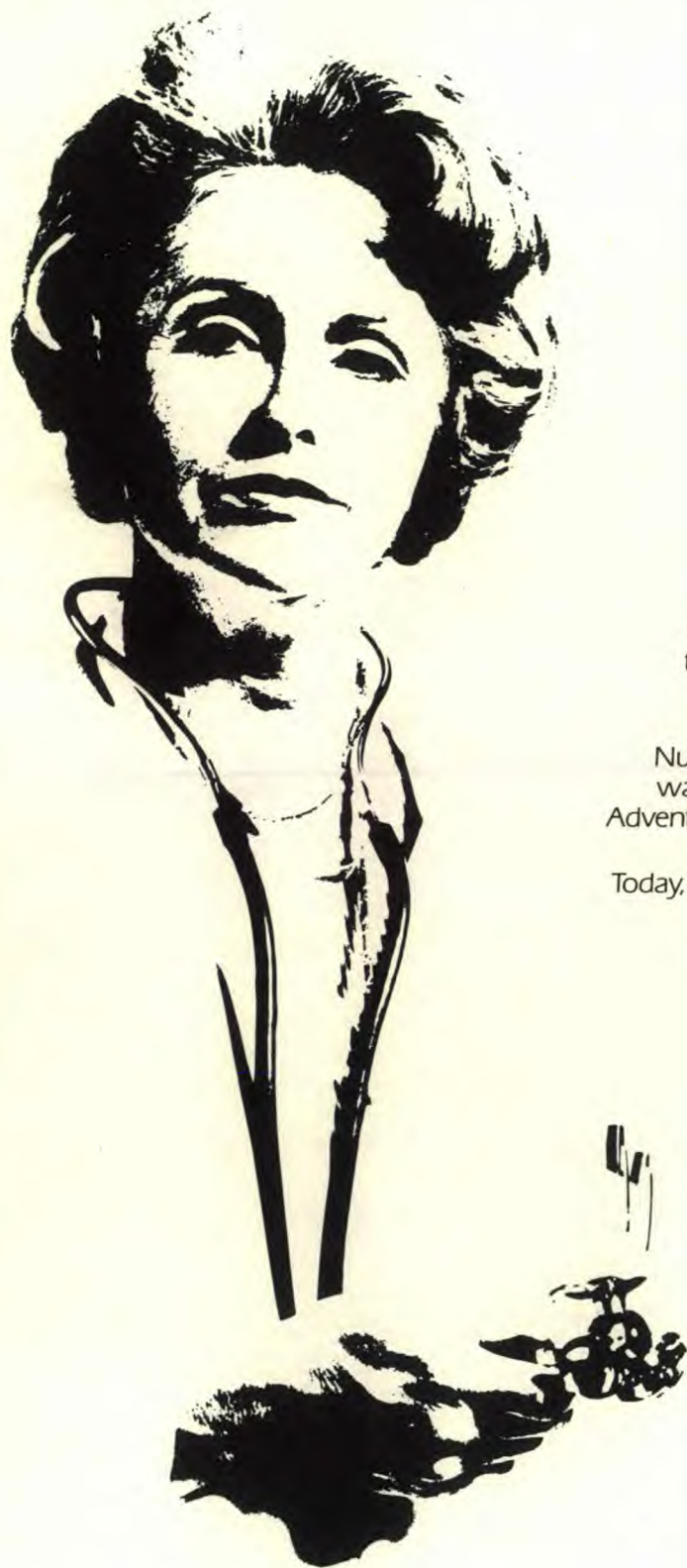
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