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Living Epistles— Part II

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COVER

*E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will his changeless goodness
prove;
From the gloom his brightness
streameth,
God is wisdom, God is love.
He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere his glory shineth;
God is wisdom, God is love.*

John Bowring

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Michigan. This photo was one of
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A fearful responsibility rests on one claiming to be a *living* epistle of Jesus Christ. As living epistles we must take care that the way of truth be not evil spoken of through us.

In the lives of some professed Christians there is little seen but pride, selfishness, unkindness, and an evil temper. These are not characteristics endorsed by God. The devil uses all such flaws to bring reproach upon the cause of Christ.

Any evil detected in our lives will be used to refute the truthfulness of the doctrines we espouse. People will judge our church by our shortcomings. The faults they see in you and me will be attributed to the entire system that we support.

The true Christian should actually be a living love letter from God to men. Living love letters should clear up any doubt that human beings may have in their minds concerning God's love for them.

In ordinary life sometimes evil persons come between lovers. They spread false rumors about the feelings of one of the partners. Usually a tender love letter can clear up all misunderstanding and doubt. As a result the happy relationship continues to flourish.

Satan uses the same tactic to maintain distrust and separation between a lost soul and his God. Many are misinformed about Jehovah's true feelings toward the sinner. Our Lord depends upon you, His living epistle—His love letter in the flesh—to help every man, woman and child understand His abiding love for them.

The only reason some have not accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour is because they do not know that He loves them to the uttermost. As living epistles we are obligated to inform these confused hearts of the words found in Romans 5:8; "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The Bible is also God's love letter to mankind. But remember, lost men may not read the letter unless we place a copy of it in their hands. They may not understand it unless we, like Philip, explain it to them. They may not believe it unless they can see a living version of it as we live it from day to day.

Heaven appeals for the cooperation and support of every true believer today with the following exhortation: "Ye are our epistle . . . known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2).

Robert H. Carter

Clockwise from right, George Ward helps his mother, Betty, operate the family gasoline station next to their home. As head elder of the Manistee, Michigan, Church, George enjoys singing and serving beside Pastor Kenneth Denslow. He also enjoys meeting church visitors after services and here greets Margie Mida while deacon John Block waits to assist him down the steps.



*I see from my house by the side of the road
By the side of the highway of life,
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife,
But I turn not away from their smiles and their tears,
Both parts of an infinite plan—
Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.*

Sam Walter Foss

THE HEART OF THE LAKE UNION

Wheelchair Elder

by Everett Butler

GEORGE Ward is a survivor. He was nearly five years old when stricken with polio. Then he spent six months in an iron lung. Before reaching the age of six, he was miraculously saved from drowning in a bathtub.

Despite being wheelchair bound, you might say business is George's business and seed sowing for souls his profession. Being a licensed ham radio operator (WA8AZB), the world is his mission field.

Now 40, George is elder of the Manistee, Michigan, Church and has served in numerous other church and Sabbath School offices.

Professionally trained, George earned a two-year associate degree in marketing and retailing from Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Michigan, in 1967.

Since the death of his father, Carl, in 1980, George has helped his mother, Betty, operate the family gasoline station. The station is open during the summer season and is conveniently located next to their home on U.S. 31 south of Manistee.

The gasoline station serves as a base of operation for reaching his Vanguard Ingathering goal each year. In another project, using a motorized wheelchair, George collects deposit bottles and cans along the

highway to help raise as much as \$50 a year for church investment. Stamp collecting aids the Voice of Prophecy.

George conducts an anti-smoking ministry through personal contacts and the use of a special edition of Listen magazine. He believes he has been instrumental in helping at least 10 smokers to break the habit.

He was responsible for 31 missionary subscriptions to Signs of the Times being sent out in 1984. He annually buys at least 20 copies of the Book of the Year for gifts. Three or four copies of the book are regularly kept in the station. His only condition for a person to receive a free copy is a promise to read it.

It would surely appear that divine intervention helped preserve George's life so that he might share in the finishing of God's work on earth.

In the near-drowning incident, George was left in the care of his two older sisters. However, while he was taking a bath and they were away from him, he suddenly became unable to maintain his sitting position and his head slipped under the water.

George remembers to this day the panic he experienced as he swallowed and kept swallowing the water.

What George did not know at the time was that his mother was rushing to his rescue from the strawberry patch.

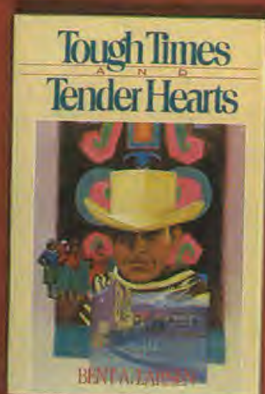
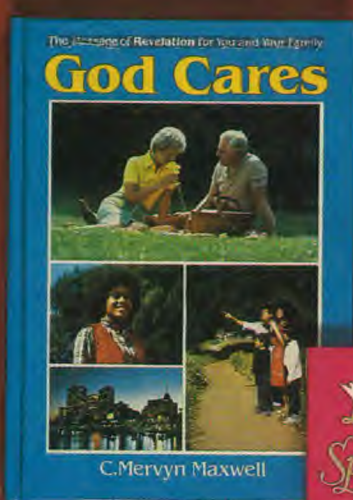
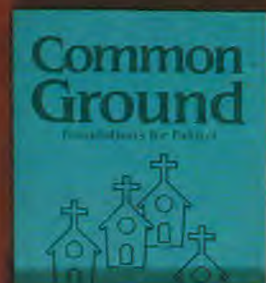
Why?

An audible voice had warned her:

"Get to the house! Get right to the house!"

Everett Butler is a member of the Manistee, Michigan, Church.

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From left, Natalie Davidson serves as an usher during the current Kankakee evangelistic crusade. She and four of her children were baptized during the last crusade held at the church. Natalie now serves as treasurer for the Kankakee, Illinois, Church.



'Lord, Take Full Control'

by R. C. Connor

ONE day, about five years ago, I asked the Lord to take full control of my life and show me what He wanted me to do. Within the last five years, the Lord seems to have taken full control of my life," stated Natalie Davidson.

Natalie was raised in a Christian family, but always had a desire to know more about God. As an adult, she attended church but also began to watch religious programs on television and felt impressed to search for more truth. She asked the Lord to send her someone to help her understand His Word.

One day, while Natalie was visiting her sister, she tried to talk to her about the Bible. Her sister was not interested, but told Natalie she should talk to a young man that had been trying to get her to study the Bible with him. Natalie said, "Please introduce me."

Her sister responded by saying, "He's sitting on the front porch."

Natalie introduced herself to the young man, and they began to discuss the Bible and its prophecies. She was excited with the "good news" of the Bible.

Later she joined another church and remained a member for one year, but she continued her search

for more truth. She also continued Bible studies with the young man she had met on her sister's porch and a friend of his.

They invited her to attend a Revelation Seminar, which she did. The young men next invited her to church, but she was not interested in joining another church.

She did find out, however, that the two young men were Seventh-day Adventists.

About two years later the Christ Is the Answer crusade team came to Kankakee, Illinois, to conduct an evangelistic series. The Bible workers associated with the crusade made contact with Natalie and began leaving her Bible lessons from day to day.

The Bible workers invited Natalie to attend the crusade, but her answer was, "I've already been to some of your seminars." The Bible workers told her these lectures were different, and Natalie decided to attend.

"To my surprise," says Natalie, the truth I was looking for was presented on the screen and explained clearly. I knew these truths came from the Bible, because I had studied them. My heart was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"I had asked the Lord to take full control of my life and show me the truth, and He did," explained Natalie.

Natalie, her eight-year-old daughter, Natalie, and her 14-year-old twins, Tyra and Todd, were baptized.

Then Natalie wrote her son in the Marines about her newfound faith. He was happy for his mother. Upon his return home, Alma Vaught, a Bible worker, studied with him and he, too, was baptized.

Natalie is now praying for her husband, James, and an older son, Travis, who is attending Southern Illinois University.

Today Natalie rejoices in her newfound Christian faith. She has been elected the treasurer of the Kankakee Church. She and her children are presently ushering during the current crusade being held in Kankakee.

Natalie is bringing some of her friends to the crusade, and four of them are considering their decision for God.

Once God fills the cup of a person seeking everlasting water, the cup runs over, for eternal truths *must* be shared with others. Natalie's cup continues to overflow for God.

Pray for Natalie and her family and the thousands that are entering God's church daily.

God's church will be triumphant and go through to the eternal kingdom. Pray with us that day will be soon.

R. C. Connor is ministerial director of the Lake Union Conference.

'Rounding Out' Opportunities— Well Worth the Extra Time

by Glenn H. Hill

WHEN is a minister really ready for his work?

College and seminary training are considered prerequisites. And then the North American Division Soul-Winning Institute adds some finishing touches. But is there no more training needed beyond that?

The Michigan Conference says there is. Arthur Carlson, ministerial director of the conference, has prepared an orientation and training program for Michigan's ministerial interns that is being well received.

Special emphasis is placed on how to win a soul to Christ. It is Art's aim that each intern will develop efficiency in the art of leading people to Jesus. He feels it should be second nature.



Arthur Carlson, ministerial director of the Michigan Conference

Robert Lawson, intern pastor at Michigan's Mt. Pleasant and Clare churches, believes that, too. He remembers the three months of in-service training with Bill Bloom, assistant to Art Carlson.

Bob had been giving Bible studies for two or three years and felt comfortable giving them. But he felt he lacked the know-how of taking church members along and



Robert Lawson, pastor at Mt. Pleasant and Clare churches, delivered a 20-minute sermon to be critiqued by other members of the group.

disciplining them into the art.

Working with Bill provided Bob the opportunity of observing three Bible studies on the same day. Then Bob gave another three studies that day while Bill critiqued him.

An evangelistic series with Jack Nash, conference evangelist, and subsequent follow-ups have produced 22 baptisms in the past 14 months.

Now Bob is disciplining his members in the art of personal evangelism. Satoshi Shiraki, a new

Japanese convert in Mt. Pleasant, is going with Bob and learning how to give Bible studies, too. Mabel Hamstra, a member of the Clare Church, and Bob share two Bible studies in Mabel's home for invited friends.

Three times each year the men of Israel were called to special services at Jerusalem. Michigan's ministerial interns are also called to Lansing in January, April and August for a rounding out of their education.



Armour Potter, the pastor at Troy Church, presented his hospitality ministry seminar to the interns.

During a two-year period they are exposed to seminars in personal finances, voice and diction, preaching practicum, time manage-



Michigan Conference interns presently participating in the training program provided by the ministerial department.

Glenn H. Hill is the communication director of the Michigan Conference.



Intern pastors Byron Hudson and Hans Killius listen to a seminar speaker.

ment, special ministries (anointing services, weddings, baptisms), human relations, Christian ethics, and grief ministries for the sick and dying.

These thrice-yearly seminars begin at 10 A.M. one day and close at 1 P.M. the next day, giving about 10 hours of instruction and interaction.

During the preaching practicum each intern presents a 20-minute sermon to the group and submits to a 10-minute critique of the presentation. The sermon may be recorded on videotape for his later study and self-analysis.

Art Carlson believes in follow-up, too. He visits each intern's church and sometimes videotapes the entire worship service. Then he critiques the service privately with the intern. Art's aim is to develop dynamic, powerful preaching and services that contribute to meaningful worship and foster the art of personal evangelism.

Interns are encouraged to spend 20 to 22 hours each week giving Bible studies and discipling members to give studies. Twelve more hours are to be spent in sermon preparation and another 10 in multi-purpose visitation.

Four more hours should be allotted to administrative work in the church for chairing committees, writing letters and planning future programs.

During Art's 23 years of pastoral ministry he trained 14 young men

as interns. As a departmental leader in Iowa and Minnesota, he continued this on a larger scale by developing an orientation and seminar program for the young interns. Michigan is now benefiting from that previous experience.

David Banks is pastor of the Sault Ste. Marie Church and Northwoods Chapel in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He appreciates the blend of the seminars and the prac-

tical field experience. Before working with Bill Bloom, David says he lacked hands-on experience in soul-winning. Bill helped him "take the knee-knocking out of his personal witnessing."

Once each quarter Art Carlson calls a mentors' meeting. At this meeting senior pastors report on how the internship program is going in their churches and share ideas on how to make it better. Each January there is a joint meeting of the mentors and interns with a fellowship meal at the Carlsons' home.

The personal touch begins even before the interns join the working force of the conference. Recently Art met with 12 interns at the seminary at Andrews University to share a meal and spend two hours in devotional time. He also visits with them in their homes to orient them into the Michigan program.

Solomon declared that "much study is a weariness of the flesh" (Ecclesiastes 12:12), but Michigan's interns say they are happy for the additional "rounding out" opportunities of fellowship and study. Increased fruitfulness and efficiency are well worth the extra time.



From left, Bill Bloom demonstrates Bible study techniques to Kathy Ballard and her daughter from the Bunker Hill Church while Donovan Davis, Lansing intern, looks on.



Arthur Carlson, right, leads out in a square-table discussion.

God Uses Ordinary People

by Julie Johnsson



Claudette Javois has been Story Hour leader in Benton Harbor, Michigan, since February of 1983. Claudette, who will graduate from Andrews University in June, says, "It's going to be so hard to leave, so hard to let go of those kids."

ORDINARY people, God uses ordinary people."

Claudette Javois, Glendon Cross and Carty Laurence live the words of this familiar gospel tune as they serve Andrews University's A.C.Y.A.-sponsored Benton Harbor Story Hour.

Claudette, a graduate student in counseling, has been Story Hour leader in Benton Harbor since February 1983 when she rejuvenated the program which had been abandoned for several years.

"I decided to pick it up because I really believe in child evangelism," she remembers with a smile.

After deciding that this mission was indeed intended for her, Claudette began tackling problems. Her meager budget of \$168, funded by the A.C.Y.A., solved some monetary problems, but finding manpower was not as easy.

"We put up signs advertising the Story Hour on campus, and two weeks before we were to begin we were still short on staff; only two or three people signed up. Then on February 19, 14 students showed up to help us knock on doors to tell parents about our program, which would start the next Sabbath. Sixty-nine children signed up that first day!"

The Story Hour is held each Sabbath afternoon throughout the year in the community center of a housing project in Benton Harbor.

"None of the kids are Seventh-day Adventists," Claudette says. "We work with 35 to 40 disadvantaged kids, most of them from single-parent homes. We try to show them that someone cares.

"Our main objective is to *live* the love of Christ for them. Some say you should use show-and-tell to reach children. Our main objective is to *live*—not *show*—them Seventh-day Adventism," she adds.

The Story Hour uses a four-phase program to reach the children, according to Glendon Cross, a senior theology student. Program themes run a cycle of emphasis on

the Bible, character building, nature, and health each month.

"We are becoming more down to earth, trying to get more in touch. Instead of being program-oriented, we are trying to work on establishing rapport with the kids and their parents," says Glendon.

This desire to be "more down to earth" has led the Story Hour group to expand their methods of witnessing. Last summer they sent six Story Hour kids to the Lake Region Conference summer camp for a week.

"What impressed me was the change in those kids," says Glendon, who chauffeured the children to and from camp. "They thought they hated vegetarian food and weren't looking forward to camp when they learned what time they had to go to bed and wake up. Coming back they sang all the camp songs in the car and wanted to go back to camp for another week."

Claudette's "dream" of having a slide program of the children to show other people became a reality when Carty Laurence, a graduate student in communication and a Story Hour volunteer, just happened to be taking a class in multi-image production at Andrews.

He was immediately pressed into service, and His work resulted in a touching portrayal of the weekly program.

The program has been shown at several area churches and to the Adventist Intercollegiate Campus Ministry seminar in North Carolina earlier this year.

"The show captured the spirit of what we're doing," Claudette says. "The theme was 'Ordinary People,' and we *are* just ordinary people."

These ordinary people are pretty special to the kids attending each week's program. Ranging in age from 2 to 15 years, the children aren't afraid to climb into a volunteer's lap, or to hold on to a student's hand.

"Even though we don't preach to the kids, they know who we are and what we believe," says Claudette, who will leave the Story Hour program when she graduates in June. "It's going to be so hard to leave, so hard to let go of those kids."

Julie Johnsson is a senior at Andrews University. She will graduate in June with a major in journalism.

'As Long as the Lord Gives Us Strength . . .'

by Laura Hartman

RALPH and Adalee Bogue possess quiet, unassuming characters that reflect their dedication.

The Shelbyville, Indiana, Church and the Shelbyville community have both benefited by the untiring, selfless dedication of this couple.

In 1926 Adalee began a teaching career which even now finds her in the classroom three days a week.

As Adalee thought of the year she began teaching, she said: "Conditions were very much different in those days. My salary was \$800 for eight months of teaching.

"I not only taught the three R's, but also was janitor and had to build my own fire each day. Occasionally pulling teeth was even a part of the curriculum."

For the first 10 years of her teaching career she taught all eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse. When transferred to a larger and newer school, she taught first and second grade; later she concentrated only on the first grade.

In 1974, Adalee was named in *Who's Who Among Outstanding Teachers of America*.

When Adalee retired at the age of 70 in 1976, she was asked to teach remedial reading. Each year she is asked to continue, and she consents without too much pleading.

Early summer finds her crying, as she becomes attached to her students and does not look forward to summer vacation. Having taught three generations of students, she has many former students and their children to remember. Some she doesn't recognize right away, but when they smile she remembers each by name.

While Adalee was dedicating her life to teaching, Ralph was becoming a successful farmer. His specialty was raising quarter horses. Many times he visited Adalee's classroom, and his quick wit and humor delighted the students.

The Bogues have also dedicated their lives to the Shelbyville



Adalee Bogue directs the community services center in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Church. From a branch Sabbath School beginning, the church is now an active community-oriented church.

For the past 20 years Ralph and Adalee and other church members have traveled to Brown County, Indiana, each October and November to sell baked goods, handmade quilts, and fresh produce. This was first started to help liquidate the church building debt.

After the church mortgage was retired, a community services center was the next project. The center has recently been remodeled. The remodeling was supervised by Ralph.

Directed by Adalee, the center provides quilts and comforters for victims of fires and food and clothing for others in need.

The center works closely with the Red Cross, the Human Services Department, and the Salvation Army. "The community services center has really made the community aware of our church," says Adalee.



Ralph Bogue supervised the remodeling of the community services center.

But the story is not finished with the dedication of the Bogues to their church and careers. Ralph and Adalee have also become involved with their neighbors. Ralph shares his garden produce and voluntarily hauls trash for neighboring homes.

The Bogues have also kept children in their home—those less fortunate and students whose parents have had to move during the school year and did not want to transfer their children to another school in the middle of the year.

Many academy students, some known, others unknown, have benefited from the Bogues' generosity.

During their leisure time the Bogues enjoy visiting the "older folks" at the nursing home.

Although past the age when most retire and settle into a more leisurely pace, Adalee and Ralph aren't thinking about that. "As long as the Lord gives us health and strength, we will keep going. There is so much to do and so little time. The Lord is coming so soon," exclaims Adalee.

Laura Hartman is a housewife and secretary living in Arcadia, Indiana. Her husband, Harry, is the publishing association assistant for northern Indiana.



Ken, left, and Danny Shelton have been given equipment and land to start an Adventist television station. Now they are raising funds, and God is performing miracles.

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network

by Charles C. Case

HAVE you ever heard of the Three Angels Broadcasting Network? Neither had I until I talked with Danny Shelton of West Frankfort, Illinois.

Danny and his family had a self-supporting singing ministry. When his wife was killed in an automobile accident, he and his daughter Melody continued to carry on this singing ministry all across the United States.

They have sung in churches of most denominations and on most of the large religious television programs.

In this ministry, Danny has met many kind Christian people and has made many friends. Danny has also seen what a tremendous opportunity there is on television. During one program he and Melody appeared on, they were told that 30 million people were tuned in.

Danny began to think about the great possibilities of television and prayed that God would help him spread the Advent message.

Last November 14, at about 9 o'clock in the evening, Danny felt the Lord was trying to speak to him. He felt the Lord was impressing him to start an Adventist Christian television station.

He wrestled with this feeling until about 2:30 in the morning, then he asked the Lord some questions: "Why me Lord? I don't have any money, training or anything that would qualify me for starting a Christian television station. Why an Adventist TV station? Don't we have enough Seventh-day Adventist television programs?"

Danny told the Lord he was going to call some friends of his in Alexandria, Louisiana, to tell them about his impression. He told the Lord if they volunteered to come and visit him, without him asking them to do so, then he would know the Lord was leading.

He called his friends shortly after 2:30 A.M. and woke them up. He told them of his impressions about starting an Adventist TV station. Then, without any prodding, the friends suggested that they visit Danny to discuss the project. They arrived about 10:30 A.M. the day following the telephone conversation; they had driven all night.

When they arrived and began talking to Danny, Anne, the wife of the couple, said to Danny, "Why has the Lord impressed us to take this project on; we don't have any money, training, or know-how?" Danny responded that he certainly didn't know.

Anne then said, "Danny, do you know anyone who has some television equipment so that we can look at it and get some ideas?"

"Sure, I do," Danny responded. "I have a pastor friend from a charismatic church who has a complete studio. He produces many programs for the large Christian TV stations."

"Well, let's go and visit with him," said Anne. "Maybe we can get some ideas about what type of equipment is needed."

Danny and his friends visited this pastor, and when Danny told him why they were there, the pastor told Danny he wanted to sell all of his equipment. As Danny talked, the pastor began to feel impressed about Danny's story.

He told Danny about a dream he had of seeing southern Illinois as the hub of a wagon wheel with spokes going out in all directions and reaching throughout the world.

Charles C. Case is communication director for the Lake Union Conference.

The pastor told Danny that at the time of the dream he had felt God had meant the dream for his TV ministry, but perhaps God meant this dream for Danny's ministry.

The next day this minister phoned to tell Danny his church was donating all of the TV production equipment to the Adventist television ministry. The equipment is worth more than \$65,000.

Next, Danny and his brother, Ken, knowing nothing about television production, went to a local



Danny Shelton

Christian television production station and talked with the engineer.

The engineer explained that he had been doing research for more than a year on up-link stations. (An up-link station sends television signals up to a satellite, which reflects them back to earth.)

He said he had found only about 15 places left in the United States where an up-link station could be placed. One location was a few miles from where Danny lives.

The engineer said he felt impressed to share this information with the Shelton brothers, but he didn't know why. Danny said, "I know why."

Danny and Ken went to visit the proposed site and found that a former relative owned the land. But the owner was not interested in giving or selling any of his land.

That week, at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, Danny asked the church members to remember the TV project in prayer. He asked them to pray that if it was God's will they would find a piece of property in the area the engineer had mentioned.

A woman who was a member of

a community church happened to be visiting the Adventist prayer meeting that evening. On Friday morning she phoned Danny's mother to tell her that she had been impressed to give some of her land to Danny and Ken for their television ministry.

The brothers went to see her, and guess where she lived? Right next to the man who did not want to part with any of his land.

The woman offered Danny and Ken her entire nine acres of land, but they informed her that they only needed two and one-half acres for the building and antenna.

A special company that checks out locations for up-link stations was next telephoned. They checked out the site for the station and could not believe that Danny and Ken had found the site without having any technical skills or equipment.

They explained to Danny that there are 139 possible interferences coming into that area, and none of them touch this property.

When the electronic engineers asked Danny how he knew this was the place, Danny said, "I didn't, but the Lord did." The engineers shook their heads in disbelief; they also granted clearance for the establishment of an up-link station in this area.

Danny and Ken then had papers drawn up for the Three Angels Broadcasting Network, as a non-profit corporation. The papers designate the Illinois Conference as the recipient of the station and equipment, should the Shelton brothers leave or the situation change.

Elder Everett Cumbo, Illinois Conference president, is a member of the board.

As Danny says, "We're working with the church, not in competition with it. We love our church and want to spread this great message to all of the world."

Danny and Ken have the equipment, the land, and are now raising the funds needed to construct the building and install the equipment. They are in the process of raising \$400,000 to get the project going and are well on their way to raising that amount.

People who are hearing about

the project are donating funds and other equipment to help make this project a reality; many of these people are non-Adventists.

Danny says, working with the Adventist Media Center in California, they could do much. The Sheltons' goal is to have Adventist religious programs going around the world 24 hours a day.

When asked why he felt he should be initiating this project rather than encouraging the church to handle it, Danny replied:

"Mrs. White says, 'The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers' (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 117).

"That is what we are trying to do," says Danny. "We want to involve other laymen. We have engineers and other television-trained people offering to quit their jobs to come and join us. God is performing miracles almost every day for this project, and we believe He wants us to have this up-link station to use for spreading the three angels' messages."

Space does not permit me to tell you more, but there is great excitement in the Shelton family with regard to this project and the many



Ken Shelton

answered prayers.

We will keep you informed through the pages of the Lake Union Herald as to how God is blessing the progress of this exciting project. Danny and Ken request your prayers.

God works in marvelous ways, his wonders to perform.

Editor's Note: This article and the one on the following page present two views on the subject of abortion. These are printed for reader interest and evaluation. The opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and are not necessarily those of the Lake Union Herald or the Lake Union Conference.

The Reborn And the Unborn

by John and Millie Youngberg

Did Christ come to save life or to destroy life?

If the Great Physician were on earth today, would He be involved in taking the lives of unborn infants, or would He desire to see little ones (even fetuses) reach their God-given potential?

God has a people on earth who are His ambassadors. They have been reborn. It is incredible that the reborn would threaten the lives of the unborn. The womb, created by God to be the safest place to nurture life, has become a place of death.

With the abortion issue being a national and worldwide concern, there is a need for study into what God would have us do in meeting this human problem.

Propositions to Consider as We Search For God's Will

I. The Proposition of Scripture

A) The argument has been put forth that we do not know when life begins. We consider our theology in the vanguard of Christian thought about what happens when life *ends*. Is it logical then to plead that divine revelation has been insufficient to enlighten us about when life *begins*? If there is no separate entity which escapes the body at death, then there is no entity that infuses the fetus at a determined time during pregnancy. Therefore, the developing of that Godlikeness is present from conception, and abortion is the destruction of that Godlikeness and a crime against the Creator Himself.

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An eight-week-old fetus; photo used with permission, Handbook on Abortion, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Willke, Hayes Publishing Co., Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

II. Propositions Based on the Character of God

A) Cosmic Abortion: What do we do when things go wrong and there is the possibility and probability of shame, affliction, and suffering because of past events. God created a world, but it went wrong. The prospect was long-term shame, the maligning of His name, suffering, death to His Son, and separation of the Son from the Father. The Lord of the universe could have called for *cosmic abortion* and could have aborted the human family but a short time from the inception of the race. He could have blotted out Adam and Eve and started over. We say He could have, but really He could not have, for that is not like His character. He chose not cosmic abortion, but *cosmic sacrifice*.

B) Agape Love: The fundamental characteristic of God as presented in the Bible is love; self-sacrificing love. The new commandment which Christ gave is "That ye love one another; as I have loved you"

(John 13:34, italics added). We should treat the unborn child as God would treat him or her. He wants His love to be communicated through us. More than that, the way we treat the unborn child is the way we would treat Jesus. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

C) Redemption: The unborn child has been redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. Is death the reward Christians should give to the purchase of Christ's blood? Theologically we believe that the babe in the womb has already been redeemed. Some may object. For these we could word our proposition—the unborn child is redeemable.

D) Lordship of God: The secular press has made the abortion issue center around the rights of the mother versus the rights of the unborn child. It becomes obvious that this viewpoint rotates around the human "rights" of two parties. No divine dimension is mentioned. How about God's rights? Does He not have inalienable rights over His relationships with His creatures? Some may argue that a woman has a right to do what she chooses with her own body. The Bible answers: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). Frail humanity may think it knows the whole situation, whereas the only One really knowing is God Himself. Are we to usurp the divine right of life and death?

By virtue of what "perfect" knowledge about the present and the future can we take upon ourselves this responsibility?

III. The Proposition of the Authority and Attributes Given to Man

A) Creation: In the Christian world view, God is seen as the ultimate Creator. Humans who "create" life do so only by delegated privilege from God.

Continued on page 14; see The Reborn and the Unborn.

The Abortion Issue: Must the Church Decide?

by John Duge



Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

A painful struggle of conscience has occurred in our Seventh-day Adventist Church regarding the question of abortion.

The conflict at present is not diminishing, but growing more shrill, and the anti-abortionists in particular are mounting pressure on our church officials.

Up to this point, the church administration has developed guidelines "(1) to assist our hospitals and physicians as they formulate policy; (2) to deter that which would provide an easy way out for loose or promiscuous living, and (3) to discourage anything that would diminish sensitivity to the sacredness of life." But "the church also believes it should not be the conscience for the individual" in this matter and has not taken an official position on the subject.

I personally agree with the decision our church leadership has made in this case, and I believe we must resist efforts designed to push our church toward a radical anti-abortion position. Abortion is a serious matter, and it must always be regarded as such. But it should not be entirely prohibited by the church.

Church Leaders Supported on the Basis Of Two Points

I. Abortion on Bible Grounds Is Not Murder.

Turning to the Bible we see that in the case law portion of Exodus, shortly following the Ten Commandments, the case is given where a woman is injured, causing her to miscarry (Exodus 21:22, 23). The guilty party in this case is required to pay damages, but is not treated under the law for murder unless the mother dies (v. 23). This case is cited in the immediate context of the "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth" principle (v. 24).

The life of the fetus in this text, unlike the life of the mother, is not equal to the life of the man causing the miscarriage. And violently

induced miscarriage, although a serious matter under the law, is still not murder.

II. In Some Cases Abortion Is the Lesser of the Pending Evils.

The price paid by the mother who gives birth to an illegitimate or unwanted child, and, even more, the price paid by that child is enormous. I question whether we have the right to demand that in all circumstances a mother and child must pay that price so that some individuals can maintain an abstract philosophical position.

The radical anti-abortion position is at its root philosophical—not theological. It does not stem from the Bible, but from philosophical presuppositions through which the Bible is read, and it is not worth all the suffering it is able to create.

This issue is, above all, an issue of human hearts and lives. The women involved are more often the victims than the culprits. And yet it is they who have to raise and care for the unwanted child. They carry the major part of the economic burden and the social stigma.

Statistics show that 63 percent of the abortions occurring in the United States are performed on women under the age of 25. And 78 percent of the women having abortions are unmarried.

The scenario goes something

like this: A girl desires attention or wants to escape an unhappy home or personal experience; she meets a fellow, fears losing him, and is induced into a sexual relationship. Upon discovering she is pregnant, the father of the child often rejects the responsibility (90 percent of unwed teenage fathers do).

The young mother is often unskilled and cannot generally return to school (80 percent drop out of school).

Without a working husband to provide income, the young mother often turns to welfare for support. Some will live with any man who will provide even partial assistance, and some even turn to prostitution. These options begin a self-perpetuating poverty cycle that holds little hope for anything better.

The immature couples who do feel obligated to marry are ill prepared for the responsibilities. The young man or woman often begins to feel trapped and resentful. Tensions mount and divorce is often the outcome.

The result of the anti-abortion argument is often the punishment of the victim.

How can those who would demand that these victims have their babies and bear these burdens, possibly share the spirit which Christ manifested in John 8? Christians do not excuse sin, but they also do not add to its burden.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," says Matthew 7:20. Yet what happens when we apply this test to the social movements involved in the abortion controversy today?

Certainly there are all kinds of people on each side of the issue. Please understand that what I am about to say is only a generalization and by no means fits all cases.

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Abortion makes sense within the context of a materialistic or evolutionist world view. This view denies God as the ultimate Creator and chooses to believe the doctrine of the survival of the fittest where the stronger may sacrifice the weaker.

B) Law Written in Heart: When God created human kind, He put within their very beings the maternal and paternal instinct to protect their offspring. We shudder at the record of women eating their babies in time of famine or of parents sacrificing their newborn to the gods. The true God does not take away the maternal/paternal instinct, He strengthens and ennobles it. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands . . ." (Isaiah 49:15, 16). To reject and cast off one's offspring violates the law written deep in the heart of every son and daughter of God. An unexpected or unwanted pregnancy may well alter our plans, but God forbid that it would alter our God-given humanness."

C) Freedom of Choice: God has granted us freedom of choice. He gives us freedom to sin, to kill others or even ourselves. In the final judgment we will answer for our choices. The destiny of the chooser is at stake. The Bible says: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: . . ." (Deuteronomy 30:19). Ultimately the freedom which God grants as our legitimate right is not the freedom to take innocent life—it is the freedom to choose who will be our master, Christ or the evil one.

IV. The Proposition of the Distinctiveness of Seventh-day Adventism

We hold that elective abortion violates the fundamentals of any Bible-believing community of faith, but it is particularly serious to Seventh-day Adventists in that a

nondefinition on this point undermines two pillars for our existence: 1) It leaves us in an ambiguous position on the doctrine of the nature of man, and 2) it denies the essence of the Sabbath.

A) Nature of Man: Many religions hold that at some undetermined point of time the "soul" infuses the fetus. Thus perhaps in the second trimester (or whenever), the fetus, which up to that time was basically animal, is infused by a divine entity which makes it truly human and in God's image. The same logic calls for this divine entity to depart at the point of death and float off in its eternal existence with God or in the fires of everlasting torment. Adventism believes in "man the indivisible." As mentioned earlier in this article, if there is no separate entity which escapes the body at death, then there is no entity that infuses the fetus at a determined time during pregnancy; therefore, the developing of that Godlikeness is present from conception, and abortion is the destruction of that Godlikeness and a crime against the Creator Himself.

B) Sabbath: The Sabbath finds its meaning in recognizing God as Creator. The observance of the seventh day in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12 is based on recognition of the creatorship of Him who made heaven and earth. To the point that abortion denies the lordship and creatorship of God over one of His creatures, it is denying the essence of the Sabbath. Loyalty to the Creator-Lord becomes the final test of loyalty to the inhabitants of planet earth. Can we as Christians afford to be noncommittal regarding a practice which finds its origin and historical development in pagan cultures and which finds its justification in a world view which denies the creatorship of God? In the final conflict soon to envelop the world, nominal religion will confederate against biblical Christianity on two points: the Sabbath and the nature of man. Clarity on these two great pillars should characterize Seventh-day Adventists.

Helping Those In Need

We close these thoughts with a plea for a redemptive attitude toward the erring. Among us are those who have practiced abortion. God's mercy is great. He forgives us for Christ's sake.

A great unresolved problem in our church is that many times it is more socially acceptable to get an abortion than to be an unwed mother.

To turn this around, our churches and conferences will have to address the issue and search for alternatives. Caring members will have to turn from their own pursuits and become involved in the lives of others.

With tender hearts we must reach out to those in crisis, providing both love and acceptance and practical help. Perhaps some will open their personal homes to an unwed mother.

Perhaps we also need special homes built and staffed for this purpose, strategically located. Certainly caring counselors are needed to help both father and mother, and their extended families, work through their feelings and make necessary decisions, be they for marriage, adoption, single parenting, or placement of the baby in the home of a family member.

Programs like Adventist Adoption and Family Services (125 College Avenue, Berrien Springs, MI 49103; 616-471-2221) which provide counseling, moral support, and an understanding heart, as well as professional legal and medical care, deserve our support and encouragement. Such redemptiveness is the essence of the Gospel.

The Ultimate Question

The ultimate question is that of authority. If our authority is what the world is doing, then we have our answer. But God would have no authority known in His church except His own. His authority of love, caring, forgiving the erring, and of nurturing the helpless is the law of His kingdom. That which is based on hate, rejection and death is of the Enemy. Whose authority do we accept?

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A noticeable difference exists in the spirit and attitude of the activists on opposite sides of this struggle in American society, and that difference does not favor the anti-abortion camp.

Anti-abortionists are generally Christians, but when they take up the anti-abortion cause it sometimes seems difficult for them to take Christ with them.

Would Jesus be there with the angry faces outside the clinics shouting at frightened, crying teenage girls, "Don't go in there! They murder babies in there!"?

Most anti-abortionists are able to stop short of this kind of outrage, but I simply ask you to look carefully to see who and what you are joining.

Judge the tree by its fruits: the ugliness, the anger, the bombings. Jesus' ministry was first of all a ministry of healing.

Where are the efforts by anti-abortionists to heal?

Please don't be so eager to attack those you consider "liberal" that you increase the sufferings of women and children in order to do it. If the anti-abortion movement were led by Christ, would you not expect to see it devote more energy to helping people rebuild their lives rather than labling them murderers?

Most important, there is the case of the fetus itself. Do we really want to urge the increase in unwanted children? What is more cruel than that?

Faced with the increase of child abuse in the United States, our concern should focus on the results of the birth of an unwanted child.

Facts That Changed My Thinking

During the past 12 years I have conducted a study of 38 Seventh-day Adventist women, aged 15 to 20 who became pregnant while unmarried. These are not *selected* cases, but represent all of the cases I have been aware of.

In reviewing these records, some startling facts appeared to me: The women who had abortions were much more likely 1) to finish their schooling, and to finish it in an Adventist academy; 2) to form a lasting marriage; 3) to remain a member of the Adventist Church. (See boxed statistics for details.)

I do not mean to suggest that these findings should be used to argue that a given person should seek an abortion. It is dangerous to extrapolate from data like this to specify what should be done in isolated cases.

But over the years I have gradually changed my views from an absolute anti-abortion position to the position now taken by our church leaders. The thing that has influenced my change more than anything else has not been theoretical arguments, but experience.

Too many women and children have been crippled or destroyed because of an unwanted birth—a few of them on the basis of my own advice.

Too many times, also, I have been forced to recognize the wisdom of women who ignored my advice, or the advice of others, and underwent an abortion. I have witnessed their subsequent lives free of the disastrous complications the birth of the child

would have brought.

I repent of the damage I have done by standing rigidly against abortions in the past. I hope my brethren will be led to do the same.

Think It Through

Certainly there are better answers than abortion: birth control, and above all else, sanctified life-styles. But we live in a world where wrong choices are so often made, and we are often left with making the best of a bad situation.

Is it following Jesus to say to victims of sin, "You have made your bed, now you must lie in it?" Is it really discipleship to insist that a fetus be born into an "unwanted" situation?

Most of us have the luxury of debating this problem in our comfortable homes, without bearing the cost of our decision. But let us think hard of the suffering we are asking young mothers and children to bear.

Women with unwanted pregnancies deserve affirmation and encouragement and the privilege of being permitted to carefully consider their options in a context of loving, moral, Christian support. If an abortion seems to be the right way out, women need to be able to make that painful choice without the added burden of our condemnation.

As disciples of Jesus, we should address those unfortunate women who feel driven to choose this alternative with Christian love, in a spirit of help.

*Personal letter from Mervyn G. Hardinge, M.D., director of the health and temperance department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, February 27, 1985; in reply to an inquiry regarding this matter addressed to Neal Wilson, president, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

A 12-Year Study Of 38 Adventist Unwed Pregnant Women Between the Ages of 15 and 20

<u>Decision Made</u>	<u>Number of Women</u>	<u>Secondary School Dropouts</u>	<u>Completed Public High School</u>	<u>Completed Adventist Academy</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Divorced</u>	<u>Remained in Church</u>
Abortion	18	0	3	15	13	3	13
Child Bearing	20	5	14	1	16	9	6

'Picking Up the Pieces'

by Tim Gardner
photos by Dexter Pierce

PICKING Up the Pieces" was the theme for the Youth Week of Prayer which was held at the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit, Michigan.

The special guest speaker was Troy Wilson, a former member of Burns Avenue and currently a pastor in Midland, Texas, for the Southwest Region Conference.

Pastor Wilson grew up in the streets of Detroit and experienced many of the hardships and sorrows caused by narcotics and alcohol abuse until he became acquainted with the Lord in 1978 and was baptized.

After his baptism he served as local elder at Burns Avenue for about a year.

He later felt a call to become a minister and decided to enroll at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, where he majored in theology. He graduated from Oakwood in 1983.

During his ministry to the young people at the Burns Avenue Church, Pastor Wilson shared with

Tim Gardner is communication secretary of the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit, Michigan.



A youth choir consisting of youths between the ages of 10 and 20 provided songs of praise during the Youth Week of Prayer held at the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit, Michigan. The choir was directed by Patsy Ollis and William Maxwell.

them his own personal experiences about what it took for him to come to God after many failures.

"Knowing and understanding the Father is the key to coming back from failure," said Pastor Wilson. "It is important to know that God is merciful, that God is a restorer, and that God is personally involved in your affairs."

He said the guilt of sin blinds us to reality, and in order to "pick up the pieces" of our broken lives we need to confess, repent, and then forget about the sin.

Pastor Wilson attracted large crowds of young people and adults each night as he presented sermons on grace, conversion, and faith. He pointed out that salvation is something that is done for you and not what you do for yourself.

The young people participated in prayer and praise each night during the week of spiritual emphasis.

A special Adventist youth choir consisting of youths between the ages of 10 and 20 was formed. It was directed by Patsy Ollis and William Maxwell and provided songs of praise and dedication.

Many of the youths from the Burns Avenue Church responded to a call for rededication.

The Youth Week of Prayer was organized by Sharon Maxwell, youth leader, and her assistants Shirley Tatum, Deloris Taylor and Evone White.

On the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer a Sabbath dinner was served.



Troy Wilson, former member of the Burns Avenue Church and currently a pastor in Midland, Texas, was the special guest speaker for the Youth Week of Prayer held at the Burns Avenue Church in Detroit. His theme was "Picking Up the Pieces."



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Who Ever Heard Of a Trash-a-thon?

by Kitty Crary

YOU may have heard of bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons and marathons to raise funds, but have you heard about a trash-a-thon?

Starting at 8 A.M. each Sunday, Monday and Tuesday from March 31 to April 2, the 15 Pathfinders and six leaders of the Portage, Wisconsin, church district went throughout the community picking

up trash and litter to raise funds for the North American Pathfinder Camporee.

This trash-a-thon received extensive coverage in the local newspaper, The Daily Register, with two stories. A half-hour radio talk show also featured Pastor Robert Stauffer, his son Tad, and Michelle Collins. Both Tad and Michelle are Pathfinders.

More than half of the homes and all of the businesses in the Portage community were contacted for pledges. The project was well received by local residents, and funds totaling \$1,100 were raised

to help the Portage Travelers Pathfinder Club.

The Pathfinders collected enough trash from the town and surrounding area to fill 176, 30-gallon garbage bags. They also handed out 700 pieces of Amazing Facts literature and 240 missionary books such as *The Great Controversy* and *Steps to Christ*. All of the materials were donated by local Adventist churches.

The project was such a success with the community that one businessman encouraged the Pathfinders to "Do it again next year."

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Adventist Book Centers— Influencing Decisions

by Terry Chesnut

IT was the opening day of the 1982 camp meeting at Broadview Academy in Illinois.

The Adventist Book Center personnel were busy putting the finishing touches on the display that would before long be buzzing with eager customers.

While returning from the cafeteria, Harold Haas, assistant manager of the ABC, noticed a couple drive up in a van. They asked Harold for directions, saying that they had never been to camp meeting before and in fact were not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Harold extended an invitation to them to visit the book center display after they got settled in their campsite.

That evening, after the meeting, Harold was happy to see these new friends come into the ABC. He

showed them the many books available for Bible study and a good selection of Bibles, story books, and missionary outreach materials.

Before leaving that evening the couple, Cladie and Joseph Fisher, had purchased several books and gave Harold a big hug in appreciation of the help and kindness shown to them.

The Fishers took their Christian literature back home and studied. They became convinced that the Adventist Church is God's "true church," but because of personal reasons decided they would never become members.

This decision held firm until Elder Eugene Taylor held a series of meetings in Ottawa, Illinois. Cladie was present in church on that last Sabbath, and Elder Taylor's message touched her heart where the seed of truth had been placed.

On March 17, 1983, Joseph and Cladie were baptized into the family of God. Since that time both

of their daughters have also been baptized.

Today, Cladie is actively involved in a prison ministry program throughout Illinois. When asked if the Adventist Book Center had any influence on her decision to follow God's Word, she responded, "most certainly."

How many others are there around you—even at camp meeting—who need a word of encouragement or a piece of literature to give them hope.

The Adventist Book Centers of the Lake Union extend a cordial invitation for you to visit their display at camp meeting this year. Make plans to attend the Sunday Book Sale where many new items, along with a selection of best sellers, are offered at special prices.

Camp Meeting Book Sales

Illinois:	Sunday, June 9
Indiana:	Evenings, June 9-16
Michigan:	Sunday, July 21
Wisconsin:	Sunday, June 9

Terry Chesnut is the manager of the Adventist Book Center located in Brookfield, Illinois.



A Christian Lawyer Looks at the Judgment, written by an attorney, compares the human legal system with God's system of judgment; \$4.95.



Good People Get Burned Too introduces you to Rose Lee, a woman who experienced more than her share of rejection yet found it to be a stepping stone; \$4.95.



How to Enjoy Those September Years is written by a senior citizen and offers many helpful tips on how to have a rewarding and full retirement; \$4.95.

News

SECULAR CAMPUS MINISTRIES EXPAND

LAKE UNION—Secular Campus Ministries works with Seventh-day Adventists and nonmembers on non-Adventist college and university campuses.

Supervised by Ken Williams, a former secular campus chaplain and now a doctoral student at Andrews University, seminary students have become involved at several university campuses.

Mr. Williams has visited many universities and colleges in the Lake Union, interviewing the local church pastors and students on the campuses, to get a feel for the possibility of establishing Secular Campus Ministries on different campuses.

At present, ministries are being established on the campuses of Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Purdue University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, University of Illinois, and Southern Illinois University.

Two young people have already been baptized through the efforts of Kerry Kelly and other students on the Central Michigan University campus.

Plans are being made to begin ministries for the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Illinois State University, and Indiana University.

Pastor Lee Gugliotto has been

called by the Illinois Conference to pastor the Lincoln/Bloomington District and to begin a secular campus ministry on the Illinois State University campus.

Pastor Gugliotto will spend 50 percent of his time developing the ministry there. The North American Division and the Lake Union are participating with the Illinois Conference in this new program for a period of three years.

Recently a special fellowship weekend was cosponsored by the Lake Union youth department and the Andrews University Theological Seminary. Seventh-day Adventist student leaders were invited to participate and share in this secular campus retreat.

Thirty-six students responded to the invitation from many of the campuses listed above. The speakers were Dr. Norman Miles and Dr. Ivan Blazen, both from Andrews University, who talked about "How to Reach the Secular Mind" and "Love and Ministry" respectively.

Two students, one from England and one from Yugoslavia, plan to go back to their countries and begin this ministry.

Pray that as Secular Campus Ministries takes on a new look in the Lake Union, many souls searching for truth will be found. Seventh-day Adventist faculty and students on secular campuses want to become involved in spreading the good news of salvation for their church.

Any inquiries about Secular Campus Ministries should be sent to Charles C. Case, Youth Director, Lake Union Conference, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

SIGNS Wins Souls



COMMUNICATION SEMINAR HELD IN INDIANA

INDIANA—Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gillam of Richmond, Indiana, were among the church communication secretaries who attended a learning skills seminar held at the Indiana Conference office recently. Bonnie Kotter, copy editor of the Lake Union Herald, and Jerry Lastine, Indiana Conference communication director, arranged a program to better equip the volunteer communicators in presenting church news statewide. Judy Jordan, secretary in the communication department, served a noon luncheon to the church workers in the office dining area.



MANTON CHURCH HOLDS REVELATION SEMINAR

MICHIGAN—Bernadine Smith, personal ministries leader of the 16-member Manton Church, conducted a Daniel Seminar each Tuesday evening at the church for 10 weeks. Six non-Adventists have been attending Sabbath School and church as a result of the seminar. Mrs. Smith has now started a Revelation Seminar as a follow-up to the Daniel Seminar. Two years ago Mrs. Smith attended a Revelation Seminar held by the Manton Church and was rebaptized.



SAGINAW JUNIORS STUDY BIBLE TIMES

MICHIGAN—At a recent Sabbath School program in Saginaw, Michigan, juniors demonstrated a Bible wedding. The first quarter Sabbath School lessons helped juniors learn how people lived and dressed in Bible times. From left are Kristine Morel, Michael Comstock, Holly Dummett, Pam Gembrowski, and Amy Dayo. Leaders in the junior division are Esther Trombley and Gary Clark.



EDUCATIONAL FAIR HELD AT INDIANA ACADEMY

INDIANA—Nearly four hundred students of the 22 church schools of Indiana attended the annual Educational Fair at Indiana Academy, Cicero, Indiana, April 9, according to Joyce Rodie, assistant educational superintendent. Temperance posters, displays of student handiwork, learning centers and crafts lined the auditorium. Archie Moore, Indiana's educational superintendent, welcomed the students, teachers, parents and friends during the morning program. Craig Morgan, Cicero Church School, was master of ceremonies. The program consisted of school bands, jump rope demonstrations, tumbling, marching, and temperance awards. In the afternoon, Mike Hackleman, Richmond Church School, served as facilitator for the religious presentations. Eight schools presented musical pieces and all participated in the mass choirs of grades one through four and five through eight.



A SPECIAL SABBATH AT DETROIT OAKWOOD

MICHIGAN—At a special service in the Detroit Oakwood Church recently, 14 people celebrated their "new birth" in a meaningful way through baptism. The 14 baptismal candidates assisted Pastor Fred Adams in the church service by giving testimonies of commitment and their reasons for choosing to become members of the Adventist Church. Above, Leston Hill gives his testimony before being baptized. Each new member was given a book, a "new birth" certificate, a picture to commemorate the service, and a tape of the service. Members celebrated the occasion with musical selections, both vocal and instrumental. A fellowship dinner followed the service.



CHRISTMAS IN MAY?

MICHIGAN—Christmas is still a long way off, but each quarter Michigan members have the privilege of giving to missions through the regular mission offerings, investment, birthday-thank offerings, and 13th Sabbath offerings. Last Christmas Lakeview, Michigan, members gave \$110 in a special birthday-thank offering for missions. Children participated by bringing hearts they had filled with money before Christmas. Marjorie Snyder, child evangelism coordinator, says, "Last year Michigan members gave \$968,784.80. Can we reach a goal of a million for missions in 1985?"



ANDERSON AND BERGER HONORED

INDIANA—Two 1951 graduates of Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, were honored at the biennial meeting of the Professional Agricultural Management Association, eastern division, at Indiana Academy in Cicero, Indiana, recently. Marvin Anderson, left, farm manager for 34 years at Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska, and Clarence Berger of Mt. Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana, were recognized by the 35 members who attended the two-day meeting. Dave Nelson of Andrews University was elected president for a two-year term.

ALICE MARSH HONORED

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY— Alice Marsh, professor of home economics emeritus of Andrews University, was honored for her 50-year membership at the 67th meeting of the American Dietetic Association held in Washington, D.C.

She was also honored in the Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association for her 30-year charter membership at an annual meeting also held in Washington, said Fonda Chaffee, chairman of the home



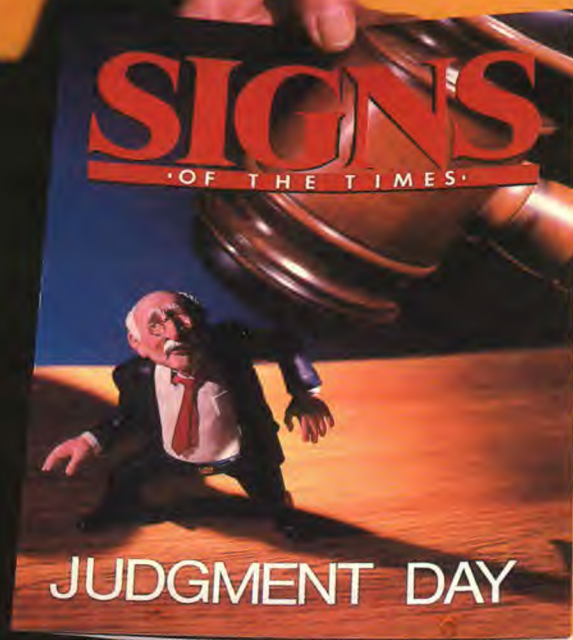
economics department at Andrews.

A native of Berrien Center, Michigan, Mrs. Marsh graduated from Andrews with a bachelor of science degree in home economics in 1929. In 1938 she received a master of science degree in food and nutrition from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Mrs. Marsh received an honorary doctor of science degree from Andrews in 1973.

She taught at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, and at the University of Nebraska before joining the Andrews faculty in 1950. She was chairman of the Andrews home economics department for 21 years.

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WISCONSIN CONFERENCE LITERATURE EVANGELIST SENSES GOD'S LEADING

LAKE UNION—In the February 26, 1985, issue of the Lake Union Herald, the story of Fred Van Order's search for Christ was told. Now we see the continued leading of God in this young man's life.

Fred, from his youth, has felt the touch of God calling him into ministry. Through all of the byways of life, the wooings of the Spirit have called him back to his first convictions.

Shortly after he was baptized and joined the Almond, Wisconsin, Church, Fred attended a Lay Bible Ministers Fellowship meeting at Wisconsin Academy. Once again he became convicted that God wanted him to be involved in the ministry.

Fred says that Elder Bill Wilson's Lay Bible Ministers Fellowship program gave focus to this need, and he began to seriously consider the particular type of ministry he would perform. He considered a health ministry or the possibility of the life of a clergyman, but somehow the literature ministry intrigued him.

Fred became acquainted with Jim

Duquaine, a literature evangelist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Jim submitted Fred's name to the publishing department of Wisconsin Conference.

Clair Tillman, assistant publishing director of the Wisconsin Conference, contacted Fred regarding his interest in literature evangelism. After careful training by Brother Tillman, Fred was enrolled into the ranks of the literature evangelists. He is presently working in the Green Bay, Wisconsin, area.

Fred feels that God has definitely



George Dronen, right, associate publishing director of the Lake Union Conference, welcomes Fred Van Order into the ranks of the literature evangelists.

led him into the literature ministry. His testimony is that God has tested him but has never failed him in his four months of literature work.

Fred repeatedly expresses his appreciation for the support of many friends since he has come into the church. He is especially thankful for the moral and spiritual encouragement of Dorothy and John Tess, members of the Almond Church, and Gloria Wilde and her family, who are members of the Green Bay, Wisconsin, Church.

It is these loving personal contacts that keep the family of God together and growing.

Fred's story illustrates at least three things: 1) God never forsakes but is faithful to reach out to us; 2) it takes the cooperation of laymen and ministers to provide loving support to those who are the object of salvation, and 3) God has a special ministry for everyone, and real happiness is found only when we are in our place doing His work.

We look forward to reports of many good things as Fred continues his work for the Master.

Don A. Copsy, Director
Personal Ministries

Announcements

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

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY STUDENT MISSIONARY BENEFIT CONCERT, Sabbath, May 25, at 7:30 P.M. in the Berrien Springs Village Church. The program will feature Joel Ingram, Myrna Castrejon, Martin and Lisa Butler, and Elder Chester Damron.

MICHIGAN

THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING has been postponed from June until the fall. This will accommodate those who usually attend Wisconsin's camp meeting.

AN ANNUAL HOMECOMING at Battle Creek Academy will be held July 13. Sabbath School begins at 9:30 A.M. The church service begins at 10:50 A.M. A vesper service is also planned. A potluck dinner at Battle Creek Academy will follow the church service. Bread and drink will be furnished. Bring two dishes to pass and table service.

LUDINGTON HOMECOMING: The Ludington Church invites all friends and former members to a homecoming celebration on June 8. Glenn Aufderhar, the new Michigan Conference president, will speak during the morning wor-

ship service. For more information contact Ruth Businger, 616-843-4231.

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN CAMP MEETING 1985 will feature Wisconsin's heritage and contribution to the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We need news items, pictures, and artifacts from Wisconsin's early years. All items used will be well cared for and will be returned in the same condition as received. Anyone having such items should contact Dale Ziegele, P.O. Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707, or Henry Mattson, N4650 East Park Plaza, Onalaska, WI 54650.

OUTSIDE LAKE UNION

"CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE" is aired Saturday nights on the Lifetime Cable Network, Satcom F-3 at 4040 transponder 17, vertical polarization, at 10 P.M. E.D.T. Regular stations airing the broadcast are: WFHL-TV, Channel 23, Decatur, Illinois, 1:30 P.M., Monday; WICS-TV, Channel 20, Springfield, Illinois, 9 A.M., Sunday, and WRAU-TV, Channel 19, Creve Coeur, Illinois, 9:30 A.M., Sunday.

"VOICE OF PROPHECY" is now aired on WIFF(FM)-105.5 in Auburn, Indiana, at 9 A.M., Sunday; WFLT-1420 in Flint, Michigan, at 7 A.M., Monday to Friday, and WLQV-1500 in Detroit, Michigan, at 6:45 A.M., Monday to Friday.

FORT DETRICK SERVICEMEN'S REUNION: Former Fort Detrick service personnel and their families are invited to a reunion on October 11 and 12 honoring Colonel Dan Crozier, former commander of the United States Army

Fort Detrick installation, with the 1985 Community Service Award. The program will include a Friday evening vespers, Sabbath School at 9:20 A.M., a fellowship dinner, a tour of Fort Detrick, sunset vespers, and a social hour. For more information write: Servicemen's Reunion, Frederick Adventist Church, 80 Adventist Drive, Frederick, MD 21701.

Classified Ads

All advertisements must be approved by your local conference office. Ads should be sent to the local conference office at least five weeks before the desired issue date. No phoned ads will be accepted. Final ad deadline at the Lake Union Herald office is Monday, 9 A.M., 16 days before the date of issue; 50 words maximum. Limit of four insertions.

Rates: \$12 per insertion for ads for Lake Union Conference church members; \$18.50 per insertion for all other advertisers. All ads must be paid in advance of printing. Money orders and checks should be made payable to the Lake Union Conference. There will be no refunds for cancellations.

The Herald cannot be responsible for advertisements appearing in its columns and reserves the right to edit classified ads in conformance with editorial policies. The Herald does not accept responsibility for categorical or typographical errors.

MR. AND MRS. FURNITURE—Pat and Gary invite you to let them help fight inflation. Take advantage of special order discounts before leaving this area. Box spring and mattress and carpet specialists. Erhard Furniture, 2300 U.S. 31, (North of Andrews) Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Phone: 616-471-2202. —1010-11

RESPIRATORY THERAPY INSTRUCTOR wanted to fill staff instructor position at Columbia Union College. B.S. degree preferred; associate degree acceptable. Please send resumes and inquiries to: Sandra Blair, Respiratory Therapy School, Columbia Union College, 7600 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912; 301-891-4188. —1154-11

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Half price on new band and orchestral instruments. Call toll free: 800-346-4448, or write to Hamel Music Co., Box 184, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Michigan residents call 616-471-3794. —1164-13

CARPET INSTALLERS: Collegedale Interiors needs experienced installers of institutional carpet who will relocate at Collegedale and travel for large volume projects or remain where currently located and install on projects within radius of 300 mi. If qualified and interested, contact Lynn Elkins, P.O. Box 476, Collegedale, TN 37315; 615-396-2188. —1166-11

MARANATHA LIVING CENTER, for retirees, is now open for occupancy. Profits are for the advancement of Maranatha Flights International work throughout the world. 2-bedroom full-life lease apartments. Monthly rental studios. Adjacent to Adventist church and school. 575 E. County Rd. 518, New Port Richey, FL 33552; 813-847-2980. —1169-20

FOOD SERVICE WORK: Full- and part-time employment available for persons 17 years and older interested in food service work while attending the General Conference session, June 23 to July 6. Call Adventist Health System/EMA immediately at 800-255-0251 for application. —1172-11

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST! To order meals for General Conference 54th Session at the \$4.50 price, send meal order form today to Adventist Health System/EMA, 8800 West 75th St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66204; or call 913-677-8000 for information. —1173-11

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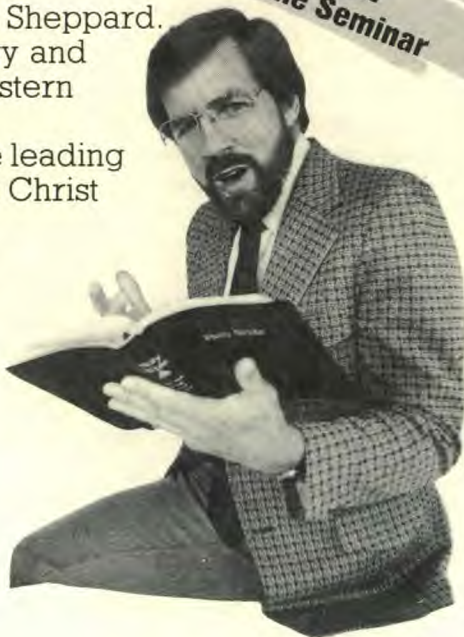
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MEDICAL RECORDS DIRECTOR responsible for patients' medical records, planning for DRG implementation and Utilization Review programs. Requires R.R.A. degree, 2 years supervisory experience, and work with DRG's, Q.A., and U.R. Apply to Bill McGregor, Assistant Administrator, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D. 1, Box 250, Reading, PA 19607; 215-775-8203. —1178-11

REGISTERED DIETITIAN to review physicians' orders and modify patients' diets, instruct patients in diet therapy, advise in preparation of therapeutic diets, and advocate a vegetarian diet. Must be registered with American Dietetic Association. Apply to Bill McGregor, Assistant Administrator, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D. 1, Box 250, Reading, PA 19607; 215-775-8203. —1179-11

ART DESIGNER: The Review and Herald has an immediate opening for an art designer with commercial design experience. Please send resume and portfolio to Personnel, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 55 West Oak Ridge Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740; 301-791-7000, ext. 400. —1180-11

FOR SALE: Beautiful, wooded, high and dry 3/4 acres on paved road near Castle Rock Lake, Wis. Well permit and perc-tested; \$9,500. Can be shown personally during Wisconsin Camp Meeting, space #6302, or call 904-344-5999 before May 20 or after General Conference. —1191-11

FOR SALE: 6 acres of land located on Williamsville Rd., Cassopolis, Mich., for \$8,000. Please call James Bell for additional information, 616-476-2527. —1192-11

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST: Hospital in upper east Tennessee is taking applications for medical technologist with B.S. and A.S.C.P. registry. Supervisory experience preferred. Send resume to: Personnel, Takoma Adventist Hospital, P.O. Box 1300, Greeneville, TN 37743. —1195-11

REGISTERED NURSES: R.N.'s needed in a 62-bed acute care, progressive west Texas hospital; I.C.U., medical-surgical, OB, E.R. and O.R. Adventist Health System/Sunbelt benefits. Call or send resume to Sharon Nickel, R.N., Director of Nursing, Reeves County Hospital, P.O. Drawer 2058, Pecos, TX 79772; 915-447-3551, ext. 215. —1196-11

FOR RENT: Secluded 4-year-old, 3-bedroom ranch-style home on 100 acres of woods and farmland. Creek, small orchard, eastern Tennessee hills. Home schools are legal. Ideal retirement spot. Robert Myers, Rt. 2, Box 118, Mooresburg, TN 37811; 616-272-9211. —1197-11

PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT: Position available June 1, 1985, for 4 months. Understanding of the health care market and skills in editing, writing, photography, human relations, layout and design desirable. Send resume or contact: Personnel, Hinsdale Hospital, 120 North Oak St., Hinsdale, IL 60521; 312-887-2478. —1198-11

PATIENT CARE COORDINATOR: St. Thomas Hospice, an affiliate of the Adventist Health System, is seeking a patient care coordinator. B.S.N., 2 years home care or hospice nursing experience with supervisory responsibility. Oncology experience desirable. Responsible for all hospice patient care coordination. Recruits, orients, and supervises nursing staff. Call collect, Nancy Hanson, director, 312-920-8300. —1199-11

MISSION TOUR OF SOUTHERN AFRICA in September includes the Cape of Good Hope, Ciskei, Transkei, Lesotho (Basutoland), Zululand, Swaziland, several game parks (Kruger National Park), Victoria Falls and

several mission stations. Brochures obtainable from John Staples, Professor Emeritus of Religion, Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA 94508. —1200-11

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NURSING INSTRUCTORS: Masters degree, 2 years clinical experience required. Teaching areas include maternal-child and/or medical-surgical nursing. Position available fall 1985. Send resume to Dr. McCluskey, Union College, 3800 South 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506. —1207-11

FOR SALE: 20-acre farm with 14' x 70' mobile home with addition. 2-car garage, 3 acres woods, 5 acres hay, black walnut and sugar maple trees. One mi. from 10-grade church school on paved road, 4 mi. north of Gobles, Mich. Price \$29,900; cheaper for cash. Call 616-628-2633. —1209-11

Letters

Letters are welcomed by the editors. We appreciate your thoughtful reaction to articles printed and your suggestions and questions. Right is reserved to edit for continuity and space limitations. Your name, address and home church are required. Letters will not be published if you request anonymity.

This is regarding the article "Estates Willed to North Shore Church" in the April 9, 1985, issue of the newspaper edition [of the Lake Union Herald]. I am sorry you didn't have room—or whatever the reason was—not to use the entire story. I want you to know that I am disappointed in how it was edited. Communication secretaries spend hours trying to write a presentable release only to find over half deleted. Also, the photos are not reproduced clearly. Many people have complained to me concerning the photos. I have not had any training in communications. I have tried to learn by studying books available at the library. No workshops have been conducted here in the three years I've had this position.

Bernace Kirschenbauer
Park Ridge, Illinois

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