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Top: Ramona Bushor, a Lakeland Company member, and Art Nelson, Wisconsin Conference treasurer, discuss a point about the budget. Bottom: The ballot provided a way for each delegate to vote.



editorial THE DESERTED VINEYARD

by Robert H. Carter, president Lake Union Conference

IN THE FIFTH CHAPTER OF HIS BOOK, THE PROPHET ISAIAH tells about a vineyard whose owner went to extraordinary effort to make it productive. First, he built a fence or wall around the vineyard to protect it. Then

he tilled the soil to make it ready for planting. All the stones were removed so that they would not hinder any growth. Finally, he carefully selected the best vines that he could find to plant. Then anxiously he waited for the vineyard to bear fruit.

The fact that the owner build a wine press in the midst of his vineyard indicates that he expected to received an abundant harvest. When he went to seek grapes, however, he discovered "wild grapes." It is not hard to detect his disappointment when he asked, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?" (Isaiah 5:4)

Most Bible commentators agree that this vineyard represents the professed people of God, and the owner is God Himself. Ancient Israel was carefully selected by God as the "choicest vine." He cultivated and nurtured that nation with the expectation that she would reflect His character. When He went in search of fruit, He had every right to expect excellent fruit. But instead he discovered "wild grapes."

Because the vineyard produced "wild grapes" the owner ceased his efforts on its behalf. The wall was soon broken down. The vineyard became a wasteland. No one tilled its soil nor pruned its vines; overrun with briars and thorns, it became deserted.

Because of her refusal to exhibit the traits of character that God expected, Israel was also abandoned and left to herself. As a result, she was plundered and overthrown. God withdrew His protecting hand and Israel no longer prospered. Jehovah had expected so much from this people and received so little. What a tragedy!

I do not believe I exaggerate when I state that modern Israel is just as guilty as our ancestors were. Many times the Great Keeper of our vineyard has come searching for the "fruit of the Spirit," such as love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; but He has instead found the "wild grapes" of hatred, meanness, jealousy, impatience, faultfinding, self-seeking, intemperance.

In Isaiah 5:6, the vineyard's restoration and survival was dealt a crushing blow when the owner declared, "I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it." One does not need to be a vineyard keeper to know that without rain a vineyard will perish. This text convinces me that "there is a point beyond which God does not deem it wise to waste His moral efforts upon self-hardened sinners." Preachers Homiletic Commentary, Volume 15, Page 107.

God forbid that we who constitute today's vineyard will ever go beyond that point. Like the vineyard in the fifth chapter of Isaiah, we need rain if we are to flourish and survive spiritually. We need not ordinary rain, but the Latter Rain! Those who sincerely desire to greet the Lord at His appearing should heed the admonition given in Hosea 10:12, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."



A POWERFUL START

SUMMARY: A decisive year 1992 will be, for the final success of our Church's "Global Mission." We have been challenged to blanket this world with the good news of Jesus. Knowing what this means and how we can be a part of it, is key to our Church's success. So let's get revived; let's get inspired; let's get involved for there is work to be done!

by Carlos E. Aeschlimann

"GLOBAL MISSION" IS THE MOST COMPLETE program ever launched by the Seventh-day Adventist Church — it has been enthusiastically accepted by the entire world! Now isn't that exciting? But how many of us understand what this Global Mission program really is?

In a effort to better inform and serve our readers, we, the editors of the *Lake Union Herald*, will: (1) explain this program to you in the following paragraphs; and (2) publish monthly Global Mission stories from our Lake Union members which will show results, as can be found on Pages 4 and 5 of this issue. We hope that these results will inspire and encourage you: Let us all unite to inform and encourage each other as members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

EVANGELISM IS KEY

There are two dimensions of this program: (1) Global Mission Penetration, coordinated by Michael Ryan, executive secretary of Global Mission for the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland; and (2) Global Mission Evangelism, promoted by the ministerial association for Global Mission.

Evangelism (the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ; militant or crusading zeal) holds an essential and important place in this program. In reality, Global Mission provides the motivation and climate to increase evangelism to a maximum.

Last year, our General Conference president, Robert Folkenberg, stated without a doubt that evangelism has a place in Global Mission: "The unentered areas or penetration objectives of Global Mission must be in addition to, not in place of, an ever-increasing emphasis on the soul-winning mission of the church" (keynote address, 1990 Annual Council).

THE BAPTISMAL GOALS

For this quinquennium, we are using two goals: (1) a basic goal of 2,600,000, or one baptism per minute; and (2) a faith goal, set by the divisions, for a total of all division baptisms to be 2,929,785. The North American Division faith goal is 182,950 of this total.

FIRST YEAR RESULTS

The first year results of Global Mission, from July 1990 to June 1991, are:

Baptisms — We praise God for the 569,975 precious souls baptized. During Harvest 90's first year 376,460 souls were baptized. This means we have an increase of 194,463 over the Harvest 90 program. On an average, each quarter we added a division of 142,494 members; every month, a union of 47,497; each week, a conference of 11,874; each day, a mission of 1,561; each hour, a church of 65 members; and each minute 1.08 baptisms!

Membership — In June 1990, Church membership stood at 6,442,595, but in June 1991, it rose to 6,879,571. This is an increase of 436,976 or 6.78 percent net growth. Our membership now surpasses seven million! The Inter-American, South American and Eastern Africa divisions have more than one million members. In the near future, memberships of Africa-Indian Ocean and Far Eastern divisions will go over the one million mark, too.

EVANGELISM PLANS FOR 1992

"Church-Centered Evangelism" emphasizes a 1992 strategy to: Encourage the 31,565 churches/congregations worldwide to become centers of evangelism/soul-winning involving all church members.

The public challenge to this statement has been for each church/congregation worldwide to conduct two evangelistic campaigns or seminars in (1) their church, and (2) a new and unreached place. This challenge should not alter the ongoing evangelistic activities in your church.

A church's baptisms should be: a reachable goal, held monthly or quarterly, with a call for decisions at each baptism. May your church unite, and also implement a plan to retain their new members: visit, appoint spiritual guardians, give advance doctrinal classes, involve them in church life, and make them your friends. Now that the seeds have been planted, and are showing growth, don't forget to water them - or they will die! (See "The Deserted Vineyard" on Page 2.) "... having favor with all the people. ... the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47, NAS).

"Pastoral Evangelism" emphasizes a 1992 strategy to: Encourage the 16,500 Adventist pastors around the world to be evangelists, working with their church members in an ongoing program of soulwinning.

A challenge has gone out to each pastor, as an evangelist, to: (1) hold an evangelistic campaign in the church and another in a new area in order to organize a new church, (2) outline plans of ongoing evangelism to involve the participation of the whole church, (3) develop a plan for ongoing preparation of baptismal candidates, (4) extend frequent calls for decisions, (5) be sure that each activity and department of the church is evangelistic oriented, and (6) make definite plans for retaining, mobilizing and training new members.

The successful pastor inspires, recruits, trains and puts to work the largest number possible of church members.

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OUR GLOBAL IVIISSION



Each pastor, as a trainer, should prepare lay preachers, lay Bible instructors, and baptismal class instructors; and they should challenge each Adventist family to win a relative, and each church member to win one soul to Christ.

Every pastor should be a global mission promoter, and penetrate an unentered area with the gospel. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Jesus Christ ... [to] preach the word ... do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Timothy 4:1, 2, 5, RSV).

THE WORLD BAPTISMAL DAY

The 1991 Annual Council in Perth voted to have a "World Baptismal Day," to be held on the last Sabbath of this month. It was recommended that each church hold a baptism on that day, and invite the largest number possible of interests and friends to be present. After baptism, implement a plan to retain and incorporate the new members.

THE GLOBAL MISSION CHALLENGE

With the help of God, and mobilizing church members and pastors, 1992 can be the most glorious year in winning souls and entering new territories. Please pray for a harvest of 650,000 precious souls. To reach this global faith goal, we need to: launch 60,000 evangelistic campaigns (two in each church), conduct 100,000 baptismal classes, and mobilize one million lay persons as soul- winners.

Global Mission's challenge is to blanket the world with the good news of Jesus. We pray that the Holy Spirit will move upon church members, giving them a personal revival and inspiring them to be involved in an evangelistic movement that will cover this whole earth. Now, don't you want to be a part of this enthusiasm, too?

Carlos E. Aeschlimann is associate secretary of evangelism-Global Mission for the General Conference.

"IT IS WRITTEN" GAINS AIR TIME IN CHICAGO

ILLINOIS — During a February rally held in Hinsdale this year, generous support was shown to help witness with "It Is Written." Airing began April 5 to over four million Chicago TV viewers in a choice time slot on WFLD Channel 32 at 9 o'clock Sunday mornings.

"Praise God for this marvelous evangelistic opportunity that has been made available to us through the efforts of 'It Is Written' and the generous support of our constituents," responds the Illinois Conference president, Elder Bj. Christensen.

The telecast opened with the Overcomers series which will run through the next month, featuring: May 3, "Overcoming Sexual Abuse"; May 10, "Overcoming Bankruptcy"; and May 17, "Overcoming Opposition." May 24, "Satanic Sacrifices," will highlight a teenage Satan worshiper, the youngest person on death row in the United States; and May 31, will share how it's possible for humans to be "Thriving in Fire and Ice." Then in June, the Thoughtmakers series will air.

COMMONALITY OF ALL RACES IN CHRIST

LAKE REGION — "A joint service is long overdue," commented Pastor Alvaro Sauza of the Ann Arbor (Michigan Conference) Church, who delivered the timely message "Unity in the Body of Christ," at the Michigan Ypsilanti (Lake Region Conference) Church, Feb. 22.

Immediately following worship there was a fellowship dinner prepared by both churches. During the dinner, there were musical items and a report from Pastor Errol Lawrence, a visiting missionary who served in Liberia for seven years.

Declaring that there is one Seventh-day Adventist Church with a presence in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, were Elder Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, and Pastor Sauza. The thrust of their message was the commonality of all races in Christ. Already, several Ann Arbor members attend Ypsilanti's prayer and study session, which is held seven days a week from 6-9 p.m. (See "Once is Not Enough" on Page 12.)

On the "Quiet Moment" radio broadcast sponsored by Ypsilanti, listeners are invited to attend both churches. The church ministries departments of both churches met Feb. 23, to discuss cooperative soul-winning strategies. A similar meeting is planned with leaders of the two Pathfinder clubs. No doubt, the next joint service will be at the Ann Arbor Church!

The day is upon us when we must be our brother's keeper even if it means cooperation between Samaritans and Jews, or Greeks and Barbarians. Our behavior in Heaven must be practiced here on earth as part of our vital character development. Is not the Church the visible body of Christ on earth? Yes! One thousand times, yes. Maranatha!

Randy Skeete, Ypsilanti head elder

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

Printed continuously since 1908, our *Lake Union Herald* has been a faithful chronicle of the Church's progress and work. Throughout time, its goal has remained the same: To inform, instruct and inspire Seventh-day Adventist members of the work.

Breaking new ground with this issue, the Lake Union Herald has been redesigned for the busy reader of today. Note the four categories that now make up the magazine, in order: "Our Global Mission," featuring outreach activities and evangelism results; "People With A Purpose," reporting church news under such relevant headings as Youth, Education, Sabbath School, etc; followed by "Showcase Features" of more indepth topics that include summary boxes; and lastly, "Life," containing the usual back page information and a revamped reader's response section titled, "The Way I See It."

The Lake Union Herald is a vital communication vehicle—it is the only Lake Union publication that is sent to every member in this area, and at no cost to that member. If you, or someone you know, are not receiving this informative magazine every month, contact your church clerk to be added to our mailing list. If there are any problems with your subscription, please call us at 616-473-8239.

Let us unite to inform and inspire each other as members of this great Seventhday Adventist Church. As editors, we would welcome your response to our new format. Send your comments to: Lake Union Herald, P.O. Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Thank you, and may God be your shining light.

PROOF THAT PRIMARIES CAN PROVIDE

INDIANA — It was the 1991 holiday season. After Jenniffer and William read a newspaper article about the children in Bangladesh, they wanted to send them some of their spending money to help. However, their Mom and Dad recommended that they choose to help someone locally instead - so they could actually "see" the results of their labors. Were those two youth in for a big surprise!

Adalee Bogue, community services leader of the Shelbyville Church, gave them the name of a Shelbyville family with six children who were in great need this past Christmas. The children saved up \$50 and carefully selected food items that were only necessary, to give to this family in need - no candy, cookies or "junk" cereals. Each penny was wisely accounted for on a portable calculator while they shopped.

With excitement, Jenniffer and William packed the purchased goods into six grocery bags. They included some of their own good used toys and other carefully wrapped donations from the Community Service Center, to be taken to this needy family.

As church members found out about Jenniffer and William's undertaking, oranges, apples, margarine and other items were donated. When this love gift was given to its intended receiver, everyone was thrilled - Jenniffer and William actually saw their savings help someone, they felt the true joy of giving!

The story does not end here, though, it only just begins. As a result of this idea, the Shelbyville Primary Sabbath School class has now established a can marked "Poor Fund," which the kids contribute to weekly. It is hoped that by December of this year, several hundred dollars will have been gathered. But whatever the amount, this entire Primary Sabbath School class will go together to purchase goods and new toys to supply at least one community family in need. The class is eagerly pursuing "jobs" at home, so they will have extra money to contribute to this fund.

Let us as a Church be inspired by the vision of our youth. Let us, like this primary class, rise up together for a mission. Thanks to the notion of two young children, an entire primary class, an entire church, and an entire union can catch a vision of the Global Mission program reaching out to others - evangelism.

Peggy A. Fisher, former assistant superintendent of education

No candy, cookies or junk cereals these children carefully selected food items that were only necesssary!

HOW-TO SEMINAR FOR SHARING BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

MICHIGAN — Don't establish goals and numbers for our members to attain without any assistance. Provide training for our church members' mission.

And so a how-to weekend for sharing Bible knowledge, the "Lay Bible Ministry Seminar," met at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, March 27-29. More than half of the almost 200 people attending had never come before. Some were not yet members, many were newly baptized members, and others have been members. The Lay Bible Ministry philosophy is: For church members to share what they have learned about the Bible with their neighbors and friends.

One example is Nedra Renshaw - recovering from a hip replacement, but not slowing down - she lives in Burlington. Nedra attended this seminar and also brought with her a lady that came to the Lord through her guidance and the Holy Spirit's influence. Before going to the hospital for surgery, Nedra made all her contacts for Ingathering from a wheelchair.

Also, 18 people attended from Holly and 27 from Flint. These two churches have finished evangelistic meetings, and seminar attendees were either new members or not yet baptized. Daniel attended the Flint meetings and recommitted his life to the Lord. Daniel became involved in Bible studies when another church member asked him to become his visiting partner. As together they attended studies, Daniel realized that he needed to "get my act together" before he could help others. Daniel's advice is: "Listen to the Holy Spirit. Don't shun Him. Listen to Him and go with it!"

Pray that during 1992 many decisions for Christ will be made through the faithfulness of the Lay Bible ministers and instructors.

Marjorie Snyder, communication director

"THANK YOU LORD JESUS"

As the sunlight pierces the cloudy sky, so Jesus' love for man penetrates our hearts and our minds.

Through God's Word, people and nature, and most of all by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God has revealed himself to me. I want to do God's will so that I may glorify Him in all that I do, through His mercy and grace.

He created me and now He has saved me. Thank you Lord Jesus for blessing me.

by Rose Petty,

a new member in the Knoxville Avenue Church, Peoria, IL



WOMEN

BREAKAWAY IN SEPTEMBER

ILLINOIS — "Challenging God's Woman" is the theme of our second annual breakaway for Illinois women, Sept. 25-27, in Oregon.

Many women who attended last year's breakaway expressed the desire for a retreat out in the country. The Illinois Women's Commission found this retreat facility in a country setting on Rock River, approximately 75 miles west of Chicago near Rockford.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Deborah Harris (pictured), a



dynamic devotional speaker and psychology professor in the department of special education at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She is known for her thought-provoking and stimulating devotionals.

Timely topics will be: "Grief Recovery" by Joyce Evans, "Hospitality" by Cynthia Burrill, "Stress Management" by Diane Schuetz, and "Your Relationship with Jesus" and "Married to an Unbeliever" by Marsha

Frost Collins. Other highlights will be: an Agape feast, small group prayer and Bible study opportunities, inspirational music, and fellowship with Christian women along with recreational activities.

Early registration is recommended. The one flat fee is \$30 or so less than last year's fee, and will include all vegetarian meals, dormitory-like accommodations, programs, and seminar materials.

A discount will be available until May 31. The deadline for all registrations is Sept. 11. For more information contact: Cynthia Burrill, NADEI, 1120 64th, La Grange, IL 60525; 708-482-9777.



HIS ROYAL DAUGHTERS

MICHIGAN — One woman stated: "I will never be the same!" after attending the Michigan women's ministries retreat, titled "His Royal Daughters," Feb. 7-9.

The 225 women chose from eight workshops: "Disciplines of a Beautiful Christian Woman" by Debbi Miner, "The Adventist Single Woman" by Rose Otis, "Witnessing Without Fear" by Cindy Tutsch,

"Grief and Loss" by Teresa Wiersma, "Prime Time" by Betty Lou Hartlein, "Building Blocks for a Lifetime of Learning" by Elsie Jackson, "Marriage: Joy of ????" by Delcy Kuhlman, and "Entertaining Graciously" by Donna McNeilus.

Rose Otis, director of women's ministries for the General Conference, spoke for one session, "In Search of Mission Heirs." And guest speaker Virginia Cason (pictured above) of Deer Park, CA, (a radio personality, author, and mother of four) presented "The King's Daughter: Victorious, Virtuous, and Visionary." She quotes "The King's daughter is all glorious within" (Psalm 45:13, NAS).

For those of you who have not been to a retreat, these comments will be of interest: "I came a skeptic and left a believer. It was a totally inspirational weekend,"

"I attended several of the workshops, and all of the general sessions. In none of them did I see any women talking about power in the work place or the Church. The women who attended these sessions seemed more interested in how they could improve their relationship with Christ, His Church, and their families [rather] than how they could become the next conference president."

The Michigan women's ministries Statement of Mission is: "to address the spiritual, emotional and social needs of women in the Church; and to improve their potential for more effective roles in their families, churches, professions and communities." This weekend retreat certainly helped to fulfill that mission.

Marjorie Snyder, conference communication director



REVIVE US AGAIN, LORD

LAKE REGION — Women arrived, seeking spiritual renewal, and they found it.

On March 20-22, more than 110 women registered at the Stouffer Hotel in Battle Creek, MI, for the first annual retreat of the Women's Ministries Eastern Division of the Lake Region Conference. Friday evening began with a slide presentation that detailed the life and work of Ellen G. White. Then Pastor Ifeoma Kwesi (pictured above), associate pastor of All Nations Church in Berrien Springs, brought the personalities of Mary to life in, "My Sister's Keeper."

More than 80 women attended the Sabbath morning sunrise jubilee service which began at 6 o'clock. The theme, "Why Prayers Aren't Answered," was presented by Jessie Sims and Cathy Ashley. After breakfast, Dr. Thesba Johnston, former Lake Union Women's Ministries president, held the audience captive with her analysis on the "Life of Hannah." Sabbath continued to be a delight as the 11 o'clock service brought soul-stirring music by the quintet "Harvest," and a powerful message of "Who's Credible?" from Pastor Kwesi.

Afternoon options were: an Ellen White tour, a workshop by Dr. Johnston and her daughter Sheila Smith on "Inter-racial Communication," or an opportunity in prayer, praise and testimony.

All reassembled at 4 p.m. for a seminar on "God's Women" by Attorney Linda Ammons of Cleveland. Afterwards, the women divided into sessions with Carrie Owens-Petty or Teresa Musson, presenting "The Empty Nest Syndrome" or "Walking in the Spirit."

After a mouth-watering supper, we could choose to get acquainted, play table games, swim, enjoy the sauna, watch a movie, purchase books from our retreat bookstore, or just relax with friends.

Sunday's sunrise jubilee looked at the different types of prayers and the significance of the sanctuary service. Sunday brunch was followed by "Until We Meet Again." Hearts wept and rejoiced with Michelle Ray as she told of her trials and perseverance while her husband was on drugs. Pastor Kwesi presented the last seminar, "Where Do We Go From Here?"

There is a great task ahead of us. Having received a spiritual renewal along with new inner strength, we are to take all that we have seen, heard and learned back to our various homes and churches to share with those unable to attend. Anxiously, we will look forward to the time when we can all meet again for such a time as this was.

Deloris Taylor, member of the Detroit Burns Church

MEN

SAY YES TO MEN'S RETREATS

LAKE UNION - Men are not being left out!

Men's retreats are being planned by several conferences this year. The Georgia-Cumberland Conference is hosting a Men's Fellowship Prayer Breakfast and Golf Tournament this month.

One line in their promotional flyer states: "Please note, the prayer breakfast and golf tournament are both open to all SDAs and non-SDAs."

What an excellent idea to encourage and facilitate friendships, while reaching out with mission evangelism in an easy-going and fun-filled atmosphere.

Get a group going for fellowship and fun, or you're missing out!

MEN IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

LAKE REGION - With the world moving at such a fast pace where so many abbreviations are used to identify everything and anything, we sometimes need to reflect back on the meaning of acronyms.

The members of Niles (MI) Philadelphia Church have to look

back to February 1990 when MICL, or Men in Christian Love, began, MICL represents the men of this church who show love in a special way, at a special time, and to special people - the women of the church.

On the evening of Feb. 15, the third annual celebration of MICL was held in the church's beautiful fellowship hall, decorated in red and white hearts, balloons and streamers. The women were escorted to tables lit by floating candles, and seated before red and white place settings. Then a scrumptious and nutritious meal was served.

The evening's topic was "Passion" as relating to strong fondness or enthusiasm, as well as the suffering of Christ on the Cross or His Last Supper. After the meal the couples rededicated themselves to each other and Christ with a communion service, where they washed feet and served each other. Deaconesses and special ladies served the single women. According to some members this communion service was the most sacred and spiritual one experienced.

Before closing prayer was given by Pastor Ralph Shelton, every woman was presented with a red carnation. Then the women entered into a short period of greeting and giving accolades to the MICL for another delightful evening.

Myrna McClain, Niles home and school leader

SABBATH SCHOOL

This Sabbath School angel is Jasmine Perry. (photo by J. Brezzell)

CREATIVE INCENTIVE FOR ATTENDANCE

LAKE REGION - The Ypsilanti (MI) Church Sabbath School department

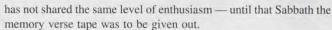
is successfully promoting Sabbath School attendance.

As a motivator to encourage members to arrive on time, there is an "angel" at the door every Sabbath morning at 9:15, giving members small tokens as a special blessing for being punctual. These mementos include: stationery, buttons, miniature picture albums, bookmarks, and a special cassette tape!

To encourage and help members in memorizing their memory verses, Roberta Perry, assistant Sabbath School superintendent, volunteered to put the memory verses to music. So Roberta and Deborah Young, of the communication department, scripted verses into tunes which has proven to be a huge success!

Time is reserved at the end of Sabbath School for a review of memory verses learned. Roberta then adds onto the continuing composition, that week's new memory verse. As an added incentive, Ray Young, communication department head, records these memory verse tunes onto a cassette tape. Then the following week, these tapes are made available to members who arrive on time! All this has made a difference in at least one family's life.

Sister Phyllis Washington had tried everything possible to get her family of four to Sabbath School on time. As the Cradle Roll division leader, she understood the importance of role-modeling to encourage her students in punctuality. But despite her efforts, her husband Bill



A limited number of tapes were made so only those who were promptly on time for Sabbath School would receive a free copy and Brother Washington wanted a copy! On that Sabbath morning his stepson, Tyrone, could not figure out why he was awakened so early by Bill and urged to get ready. After all, Bill was the one the family often waited for. A real change in events though, came when Bill was ready and waiting in the car long before it was time to leave! We are happy to report that Bill acquired his tape because the family promptly arrived for Sabbath School.

Evangelism in the Sabbath School can be a reality for every church. These ideas aren't sophisticated or difficult to implement. But any successful program takes committed Sabbath School leaders who are devoted to saving souls through the study of God's Word. With this church's creative Sabbath School program, Bill now sings in joyous bass tones his memory verse melodies.

FAMILY/PARENTING

News Notes

- PARENTING ADOLESCENTS is the theme of the next Adventist Baby Boomer Newsletter. It is top notch! And it would make an excellent handout at family life workshops, youth ministry training events, etc. Special bulk prices have been arranged: 50-99 copies, 90 cents; 100-199, 80 cents; 200-299, 70 cents; or 300 plus, 60 cents. Order from Paul Richardson at the Baby Boomer Ministries Resource Center; FAX 503-666-1081.
- · AN AID FOR THE DIVORCE IN THE CHURCH: Dale Ziegele, Wisconsin Conference church ministries director, recommends Beyond Forgiveness by Don Baker, printed by Multnomah Press.



YOUTH

KIDS TAKE BASEBALL TO RUSSIANS

Andrews University — Thoughts of many Americans turn to baseball at this time of year. Jonathan (batting below), age 9, and his sister Rahel (catching), age 12, spent a month last summer in Russia with



their parents, Richard and Jo Ann Davidson. The family stayed in Zaokski (about 70 miles south of Moscow) where Richard, an Andrews professor, taught at a Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. But dad wasn't the only one teaching!

"We decided to take a ball and our gloves so we could play catch," Jonathan said. But there had not been room for a bat, so in Russia a suitable stick was found.

During their first day there Jonathan and Rahel went out to play catch. Seminary windows opened and heads popped ou wanting to see America's national pastime, which they pronounced "baz-bul." Most of

the children had heard of the game but none had ever played it. They asked their new American friends to teach them.

Jonathan and Rahel showed them how to hit the ball and run the baseline, but there was a slight breakdown in communication. "They kept thinking we had to chase them," Jonathan said. "They would leave the base path and run for the trees."

When Jonathan and Rahel finally convinced the kids to stay on the baselines, they discovered they still had problems. The first runner would stand on the base watching the game while the next runner ran into them, Jonathan said. At other times they would hit the ball and just stand at home plate. Jonathan and Rahel told them to run but they did not understand.

Teaching the Russians to play the different positions was also a challenge Jonathan said, "When the ball was hit to the outfielders they would not try to catch it but would duck." Their pitching was a total disaster so Jonathan remained all-time pitcher.

They all wanted to learn to use the glove — although, when so equipped some still caught the ball with their bare hand and would throw with the gloved hand.

After about four days of sign language the Russians were able to get a translator. Then the game really caught on. "They all got so they could say, 'strike one, strike two, strike three,' "Jonathan said. The college students also wanted to learn the game, when they saw how much fun the children were having.

So everyday Jonathan scheduled a "bazbul" game at 4 p.m. Each morning the students approached Jonathan's father, pointed to their watches, held up four fingers and said, "remember bazbul." Those games would include about 30 people playing and plenty of others watching from the sidelines and the windows of the seminary.

One of the agriculture students — the owner of the only baseball cap on campus — came to play everyday because his hat finally had meaning.

"We began the summer playing in English, but by the end of the month we were keeping score in Russian," Jonathan said. "We left the 'bazbul' there as a souvenir for them."

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Evelyn Hainey, a newswriter for Andrews public relations



BEING A PATHFINDER IS FUN AND GAMES

MICHIGAN — Move over "Jeopardy" for the Michigan Pathfinder Bible Bowl!

Bring six Pathfinders together and what do you have? A Bible Bowl team ready to face off against their home church which may consist of: pastors, Sabbath School teachers, superintendents, or other Pathfinders and church members.

In some cases the Pathfinders answered more questions correctly than their elders! The winning church teams then went to local meets, and these winners went on to the finals. Twenty-four clubs participated this year.

Six clubs met for the final bowl in Lansing Church, March 21. Pathfinders of the Pioneer Memorial Church answered the most questions and received the traveling trophy. Other finalists were: Lansing, Orion/Oxford, Urbandale, Wilson and Wyoming, who also received trophies that will be passed on to next year's winners. Every Pathfinder received Bible Bowl pins: a bronze for taking part, a silver for the finals, or a gold for answering the most questions at the finals.

The Bible Bowl's purpose is not competition, but rather to encourage Pathfinders in learning and understanding all they can about the Bible. Organized by Terry Dodge, conference Pathfinder director, this year's emphasis was on the book of Acts.

Plans are already being laid for next year's meet; contact Terry Dodge at 517-485-2226 for details.

Marjorie Snyder, conference communication director

WISCONSIN POETS

O beautiful for smoggy skies
Insecticidal grain,
For strip-mined mountains majesty
Above the asphalt plain,
America, America,
Men sheds his waste on thee,
And hides the pines with billboard signs
From sea to oily sea.
Richard Wilde, senior, Wisconsin Academy, Columbus

You have the right to drink.
You have the right to get high.
You have the right to remain silent.
And you have the right to die.

Jeremy Zeismer, senior, Wisconsin Academy, Columbus

NEWS NOTES

- LYDIA BARSKE, a member of the Antigo (WI) Church, was an Antigo
 Junior High School winner in the Drug Free Week essay and poster
 contast. Lydia, age 14, placed third with her poster "Mr. Nobody."
 This poster's stated: "I use to be the life of the party, but now my
 friends call me Mr. Noboby. Don't let drugs turn you into a Nobody."
- MICHIGAN PATHFINDERS collected a total of 45,689 cans of food and \$498 in cash for their annual can collecting activity on Halloween last year. The 780 Pathfinders involved in the collection prepared and delivered 1,107 food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, according to Terry Dodge, conference Pathfinder director.

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PORTRAYS CHRIST

INDIANA - Having demonstrated academic achievement, leadership



and citizenship, Douglas Morrow was among 350 high school students who went to Washington, D.C.

Representing Edgewood High School, Douglas, a senior, attended The National Young Leaders Conference last December. Throughout this uniquely designed six-day conference Douglas met with key leaders and newsmakers from government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

His two highlights were: welcoming remarks from a member of Congress on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, and a

panel discussion led by prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Douglas visited the diplomatic embassy of Chile, toured the Capitol area, and visited the Vice President's senate office.

Douglas is the son of Lisle and Linda Morrow of Bloomington. He is a member of the Bloomington Church where he serves as a deacon and Sabbath School secretary. He is a graduate of Bloomington SDA Elementary School. Douglas is planning to attend Walla Walla College, where he will major in mechanical engineering this fall.

Joann Grubb, Bloomington Church communication secretary

DESIGNED BY GOD

Wisconsin - "I would like to go where there is a great need for hope



and love ... where people have forgotten they are unique and designed by God," Lisa said.

Lisa Habenicht, Wisconsin Academy se-

Lisa Habenicht, Wisconsin Academy senior and daughter of Pastor Richard and Cherry Habenicht of Columbus, is the recipient of a \$1,000 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation scholarship. Students are selected for their leadership, citizenship, and school and community activity. Scholarship recipients will be honored at a banquet in Wausau, WI, May 3.

Lisa, the Adventist Youth to Youth president, has been active in religion, mission trips and community outreach during her four acad-

emy years. Her dream is to work with people who are socially or economically underprivileged. She has decided that a lifework to best accomplish this dream is teaching. Her next step is to attend Andrews University this fall.

Sue Rappette, academy secretary



A PATHFINDER READ-A-THON

INDIANA — The Cicero Pathfinders did not hold a traditional New Year's Eve party with balloons and kazoos. Instead they opted to usher in the new year of 1992 reading their Bibles!

One class requirement for Pathfinders going after the Adventist Junior Youth honor is to read the entire Bible in whatever version they prefer. In pursuit of this requirement, each Pathfinder searched for sponsors to support their efforts scheduled for New Year's Eve. Three girls: Rachel DelRio (above left), Cindy Thompson (right) and Sandy Thompson (not pictured), stayed up all night and completed their reading requirements.

Cicero Pathfinders are active and growing! They presently have 34 members, which necessitated a move from meeting in the small Pathfinder room to the larger room once occupied by the Day Care. This read-a-thon brought in \$1,069 that Pathfinders are placing toward their next international Pathfinder Camporee.

We are proud of our youth, and hope that adults will become inspired from the evident dedication kids have for Christ.

Ramona Trubey, Cicero communication secretary

USING HER GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

LAKE REGION — Out of 350 entrants, LaNita Beth Watts was presented with a Young Black Achievers honor for her accomplishments in music

Beth received this honor along with 11 other Illinois students who had qualified. A savings bond for \$200, a Chicago Bulls jacket, and many other items were awarded to her.



The Young Black Achievers program is sponsored by the Illinios Lottery and Jewel Food Stores. Providing an incentive, qualifiers must maintain a 3.0 GPA plus a 3.5 average in their nominated category. Beth has been able to maintain a 4.0 plus, even taking honor classes. In her class of 427 she stands at number five.

The Rockford Church benefit from Beth's talents, as she often plays piano for both the church and Sabbath School services. We applaud your accomplishments Beth, and wish you God's continued blessings!

Dona Grow, Rockford communication secretary

EDUCATION

Second-grader, Dorkis Reyes, builds a structure from toothpicks and clay.

UNDERSTANDING NATURE BETTER

BATTLE CREEK ACADEMY (MI) — Second grade ... easy ... all you have to do is simple stuff, right? Well, Phyllis Essex's second-



grade class would tell you differently. Recently her class studied the ways animals built their "home" structures. How birds entwine twigs to create cozy nests for their babies, and how some termites build complex structures that rise 10-15 feet tall.

At the end of this study, the children were given some toothpicks and clay to build their own structures. First they had to estimate how tall their structure would be. Some said "ten feet" while others aimed for four feet. When attempts to build something that reached their estimated size faltered, the students had to determine why it didn't work and what they would do differently to make it work.

Some thought less clay was important if the structure was going to be very tall because clay is heavy — others wanted thicker toothpicks. From this lesson the kids learned what they needed to do in order to successfully build solid, functional structures. They also learned to appreciate what animals do to build their complex homes, and to appreciate the God who created all living things.

CHASING AWAY THE BLAHS

NORTH SHORE JR. ACADEMY (IL) — School Spirit Week, Feb. 10-14, was a fun-filled week of activities for the Chicago students. Monday, the first day, was "hat day." We were allowed to wear hats all day even in class! There was not a lot of weird hats, but I saw tons of hats with the names of sport teams on them.

Tuesday was "dress weird day." A lot of people went all out for this event. On some of those who participated, not a stitch of matching or coordinated clothing was to be seen! We, the newspaper staff, nominate teacher Estelle Stehman as the "queen of dress wacky day," and Steve B. was nominated as "king." Guys get the prize for some of the worst outfits ever seen!

Wednesday was "T-shirt and sweatshirt day," which wasn't so hard, and a lot of people participated. We saw a lot of Bart Simpson and Air Jordan shirts. Thursday was "black and white day." Those are our school colors so it was very supportive for people to join in.

The most exciting day was Friday — it was "button day." When we all arrived at school we made designs for our own buttons. Early in the morning we had our "annual balloon launch," which sent up helium balloons containing messages that asked anyone who received a balloon to write back. Ice cream was served during lunchtime to people who participated in School Spirit Week — with toppings given according to the number of days you participated.

I'm glad we have School Spirit Week. It helps us to renew our pride in our school, and it is great for chasing away the January blahs! Jessica MacKay and Kim Galva, student newswriters

PREPARE FOR A JORDAN DIG THIS SUMMER

Andrews University — The Madaba Plains Project is an archaeological dig in Jordan that will take place this summer. It is sponsored by these universities and colleges: Andrews, Atlantic Union, Canadian Union, Walla Walla and Wilfrid Laurier, Canada.

This dig will focus on: Tell Jalul, Tell Jawa and Tell el-'Umeiri. "Our main purpose is to study relationships between the ancient Ammonites and Moabites with the Israelites, in addition to anything we may discover about Jalul," says Randall Younker, a co-field director from Andrews for the project. "This is not just for Andrews students and faculty, the community is also invited. No experience or skills are required. We can use a variety of talents and abilities."

The full-season tour is six weeks, June 16-July 28. Two half-season tours are available, June 16-July 5 and July 1-July 28. A Middle East tour of Jordan, West Bank, Sinai and Egypt will take place July 29-Aug. 9; including an optional seven days, Aug. 9-16, through Turkey and Greece. Academic credit for this project is available through: Andrews, Atlantic Union College, Canadian Union College, Walla Walla College and Wilfrid Laurier University.

The cost of the full-season tour is \$1,550 including room, board and a mid-season trip to Aqaba. For participants from consortium institutions the fee is \$1,400. The half-season tour costs \$900 including room, board and a mid-season trip to Aqaba. For more information on the Middle East tour contact Randall Younker at Andrews' Institute of Archaeology, 616-471-3273.

Barbara Leen, newswriter

SUNNYSIDE KIDS SHARE JESUS

WISCONSIN — Students of the Sunnyside Elementary School in Clear Lake were recently featured in the *Journal of Adventist Education*, in the article "Sharing Pictures of Jesus."

Linda Rosen, principal and teacher of fifth through eighth grades, told about activities of the children during their Bible Labs class. After lunch each Monday, students receive their assignments for the afternoon. Some students may read to a visually-impaired woman, younger students may visit a widow, other students may clean a yard for an elderly person, while still others arrange pictures in a photo album for an older couple.

Twice a month the students visit their adopted grandparents at the Golden Age Manor. The "Adopted Grandparents" program, now in its fourth year, helps students learn to portray a loving and caring God. And according to Rhonda Paulsen, activity director for the manor, the staff has noticed a change in residents as a result of the children's visits. They are in a upbeat and happy mood on the day the students are expected, and ask to be wakened if they are napping when those "Sunnyside Kids" come.

The effects of this Bible Labs program have been felt around the community, according to Linda. The city newspaper heard about the adopted grandparents program and a few days later, photographs of the children with manor residents covered most of the paper's front page.

Linda reports that from this Bible Labs program, students have acquired the poise and confidence to converse with a variety of people, and have increased their sensitivity to the needs of others.

Beth Nelson, communication leader and teacher of grades 1-4 Sharon Terrell, conference communication director

THE LEADERS OF TODAY

Indiana — Senior Recognition, Feb. 6-8, for Indiana Academy in Cicero, began Thursday night with a faculty-senior banquet.

Seniors chose to provide all Cicero Church Sabbath services. Friday night Jason Sanders spoke and Elizabeth Whitlow played her saxophone. During Sabbath



School, Dottie Massengill, a senior class sponsor, involved seniors with song service, theme thoughts, a skit and special music. Justin Sanders and Yvonne Jones were the worship speakers, and Amber Gregg along with her father Doug, provided a trumpet duet.

The church bulletin stated: "We welcome the seniors ... to our pulpit today. ... Not only are they our leaders of tomorrow, they are our leaders of today." Members enjoyed the students' participation.

The Saturday evening senior benefit included a variety hour, followed by the seniors' play "Bench 18."

Ramona Trubey, Cicero communication secretary

News Notes

- Survey of Voluntary Support: Raising \$4.2 million during last school year were the 44 Adventist academies throughout the United States who completed the annual Survey of Voluntary Support from the Council for Aid to Education. Our placing Lake Union academies were: "Top 10 for Total Voluntary Support," Wisconsin in Columbus, No. 4, and Broadview in IL, No. 9; "Top 10 for Alumni Giving," Battle Creek in MI, No. 6; "Top 5 for Giving from Parents," Madison in WI, No. 4; "Top 5 for Gifts from Corporations/Foundations," Broadview, No. 1, and Madison, No. 3; and "Top Growth for 90-91," Wisconsin, No. 2, and Battle Creek, No. 6. We are very proud of our Lake Union church schools!
- Andrews University: Presented awards for Excellence in Teaching
 were: A. Josef Greig, William Richardson and F. Estella Greig,
 College of Arts and Sciences; Russell Staples, Theological Seminary; Stanley Bell, College of Technology; Leonard Gashugi, School
 of Business; and John Youngberg, School of Education. Also awards
 for Excellence in Service were presented to: Jean Graham, secretary
 for the School of Business; and David Wilber, physical plant manager; reports Michele Jacobsen, university correspondent.
- Marion (IN) Elementary School: Students recently made bread as a class project; reports Heidi Trubey, teacher of kindergarten through eighth grade. They enjoyed kneading it with their hands and eating what they made. All expressed that "making bread is fun!"
- Indiana Academy Chapter of the National Honor Society, located in Cicero, inducted five new student members: Felicia Clark, Tiffany Davis, Christina Mattingly, Telly Gray and Carrie Ousley; reports Beverly Davis, academy registrar. Membership criteria includes a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and demonstrating good character, student leadership, and service to the school and church/community.
- CICERO (IN) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Due to illness the Christmas program was postponed. But even on Jan. 9, after Christmas, to listen to Christmas carols and poems and recall the Christ Child, held meaning and interest for parents, friends and church members who attended. Better weather and less competition for time increased the usual number assembled.

STARTING YOUNG IN CHURCH FUNCTIONS

Andrews Academy — Various Andrews Academy student groups presented or participated in the church service of Michiana (Michigan/Indiana) area churches, Feb. 22-March 14.

They provided: scripture, prayer, special music and the children's story. Students presented the sermon in about six churches. Participating groups were: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Silhouettes, Concert Band and the National Honor Society. Youth to Youth, Christian Nurture and Spanish classes also joined in.

This opportunity for our students to experience church leadership exemplified what Christian education can do for the Church's future.

Denise Holder, newswriter

A BELIEF IN EDUCATION

LAKE REGION — "I know I'm somebody cause God don't make no junk," the little child says in a poster on the classroom wall of the Fairhaven Seventh-day Adventist School — the oldest black parochial school in the Flint, MI, area.

Bibles sit atop desks as some children cluster around the aide for help in remedial math. Down the hall smaller children in an art class color drawings of a Bible story just read to them, while their teacher asks topic questions. All are dressed in blue and white uniforms.

"We feel it [the school] is part of making an individual well-rounded. They can't get religion in public school," says Willie Smith, chairman of the Fairhaven school board. The 300-member Fairhaven Church devotes nearly a third of their budget and one wing of its building — three classrooms, a small library, and an office — to the school. Parents are willing to pay \$1,600 per child because they believe Christian education is superior to that of public schools.

"Classes are taught according to biblical standards on creation," explains Gloria McCoy-Jacobs, principal/teacher. Slang is not allowed. Rules posted on a wall say: "We will treat each other cordially and respectfully. ... We will be prompt, prepared and precise."

Gloria said she wants the children "to see themselves ... in what they read, something that mirrors their own race and their attitudes. She says, "To build self-image and pride, you need to know from whence you come."

Pupils have their own reasons for liking Fairhaven school: "You learn more about church," said Erik Itson; "I don't get pencils stolen," said Nathaniel Washington Jr.; and "You don't have to worry about getting beat up," said Julia Anderson.

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Betty Brenner, the journal's religion writer

SHARING IN A GRANT

Andrews University — Andrews will share in an \$85,000 grant recently awarded to members of the Michigan Colleges Foundation (MCF) from the Skillman Foundation.

The funds, which will be used to supplement operating expenses, will be divided equally between other member colleges. All participating educational institutions are four-year, degree-granting liberal arts colleges, accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. MCF is a non-profit organization which obtains financial support from business and industry. MCF has raised more than \$39.7 million in operating support for its member colleges since its inception in 1949.

Evelyn Hainey, newswriter

LOCAL CHURCH

MICHIGAN CAMP MEETING SCHEDULE

MICHIGAN — This year's camp meeting theme will be "Pentecost Returns Through Prayer," and special emphasis will be given to the power of the Holy Spirit. All area camp meetings will begin on Friday evening and continue through Sunday noon. Weekend camp meetings for the Lower Peninsula will be held at three separate locations, and the Upper Peninsula camp meeting will be at Camp Sagola.

Dates are: June 12-14 at Battle Creek Academy, Dr. George Akers of Andrews University is speaker. June 19-21 at Adelphian Academy in Holly, speaker will be Dr. Jack Blanco, chairman of Southern College religion department. June 26-28 at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, speakers will be H.M.S. Richards Jr. and Lonnie Melashenko, with the 1962 Voice of Prophecy Quartet. Aug. 7-9 at Camp Sagola in the Upper Peninsula.

There will be dormitory rooms available only at Great Lakes Adventist Academy on a first-come, first-served basis. See the spring issue of *Michigan Memo* for information.

Bookmobile schedule: Friday in Battle Creek, Holly, Cedar Lake, 1-7 p.m.; and at Camp Sagola, 4-7 p.m. Saturday night, sundown to 11 p.m. in each location. Sunday, only in Battle Creek, Holly and Cedar Lake, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., with an old-fashioned book sale at 11 a.m. Book sales will be held at Camp Sagola on Friday and Saturday night at sale prices.

News Notes

. INDIANA WAFFLE FEED: A recent waffle breakfast was put on by the



Cicero Church social committee. Before entering the breakfast members needed to purchase entrance tickets. A large selection of waffle toppings was offered — something for everyone. But most simply enjoyed the fellowship. Cicero feels that church fellowship is one of the keys to bonding

together, and our social committee has been faithful in planning and providing fellowship for everyone.

- MICHIGAN STUDENT'S CHURCH PROJECT: The Carson City Church, recently reopened by the Great Lakes Academy students at Cedar Lake and teacher Cindy Tutsch, invited Dan Collins to hold an evangelistic series. Eighteen non-members attended with nine indicating a desire for baptism!
- Lake Region Reveals God's Word: Detroit Maranatha Church held a Revelation seminar, conducted by local elder, Harold Weaver, and assisted by Pastor Charles Willis. Meetings were well attended. The question and answer period was eagerly looked forward to. This highlight made the seminar more personal because everyone found the answers for themselves, as they were pointed out in God's Word. Four persons will be baptized!
- Indiana Enjoys a Variety Night: After vespers by Judy Richardson at the North Vernon Church, the social committee leader, Bureen Mann, planned a variety of activities. Member Judy Richardson was honored with a special song and birthday cake. She remarked, "I am

nifty-fifty." Then, games were played by young people while others baked cookie treats for shut-ins or decorated containers for these treats. Some of the treats were even taken yet that night to the sick. The remaining cookies were delivered later by Elder Bill Mann.

A GREAT YEAR OF GIVING FOR LAKE REGION: Community service



workers of the Chicago Independence Boulevard Church serviced 63 families with food, 30 people with fruit baskets, and those in

need selected 71 garments from the storeroom — all in the month of December! Leader Delores Douglas is pictured above, center.

• Indiana Remembers Church Blast: On Jan. 18, Cicero remembered their old church that was destroyed by a gas explosion and fire. They celebrated their 10-year anniversary in the new church that took its place after only one year; reports Ramona Trubey, Cicero communication secretary. Member and former pastor, Archie Moore, spoke for the service. This was followed by a fellowship meal at the Indiana Academy cafeteria. An afternoon of reminiscing and rededication of the next 10 years was enjoyed by all.

ONCE IS NOT ENOUGH

LAKE REGION — "I've decided that one day is not enough," says Brandon Perry as he enters the Ypsilanti (MI) Church for a nightly prayer and study session.

Brandon verbalizes what is on the hearts of many here: Worshiping one day a week just isn't enough to sustain us through those daily challenges to our spirituality. In October 1991, as plans were being made for the church program of 1992, a feeling was shared that the church family would experience true unity and victory if an active prayer and Bible study program became the foundation of their church.

So now a prayer and study session has been organized. It takes place at Ypsilanti nightly, from 6-9 p.m. Members pray, sing and study scripture to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit in greater measure. Answers to prayers and changed lives have resulted from these sessions. Habits of personal prayer and study have started or strengthened for attendees. Testimonies of positive spiritual growth have been spoken by both members and non-members.

We, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, identify ourselves as a people of prayer. But when and how much do we pray? Are our lives saturated in communion with God? Do we pray enough as a Church family? Are we realizing victory over sin as we draw closer to God's throne? If we are ever going to triumph over daily struggles we must encourage each other in the Lord and become of one accord, we must "pray without ceasing."

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you," (James 4:8). If we intend to take God at His word, is one day enough?

Deborah Young, Ypsilanti communication department

WORLD CHURCH

News Notes

- Moscow March 13 Meetings Sold Out: Double-header meetings were completely filled Friday evening when Mark Finley started his crusade in the Kremlin Congress Hall. Seating 6,500 people, the hall is the building where former Communist Party of the USSR had its major meetings. Hundreds of influential Russian thought leaders and political luminaries were in attendance as Finley opened the Bible and shared the Adventist message. The tickets for this meeting were not free. They were sold, and all 13,000 seats were sold out over a week early. Mark is on loan from the North American Division.
- A BAPTISM FOR 2,500 PEOPLE IN MOSCOW is being planned as soon as Mark Finley's team can arrange for a swimming pool or other facility. This team has encountered opposition and difficulties, including picketing by some hard-line Communists. You may have seen in the international news media a story about a large Communist rally in Moscow on March 17, and the refusal of the Russian government to allow them to use the auditorium in the Kremlin. What the media didn't tell you (here in North America) is that they couldn't use Congress Hall because it was rented for our meetings! Front page stories in Izvestia and Pravda identified the "Seventh-day Adventist Bible evangelistic meetings" in reporting these events.
- · A MASSIVE EVANGELISTIC EXPLOSION IN ROMANIA: Pastors and laity are conducting 9,500 Revelation seminars and over 110,000 non-members are attending. Please pray for a rich harvest!
- Weekly, 150 People Become SDAs in Santo Domingo: To help house this explosive growth, 1,200 volunteers from Maranatha Volunteers International have devoted as much as 10 weeks to a multiple church building project. Since January 21, teams of volunteers have spent an average of 10 days on 25 churches to be completed in 60 working days, by March 31.
- STAINED GLASS ALTERNATIVES: Designed by Pat Peoples of Window



Elegance in Lake Havasu City, AZ, this award-winning, low-cost alternative window in the Needles (CA) Church shows the second coming of Christ. It measures 5'8" x 59'6" and is made of quarter-inch auto safety glass with a colored mylar scene applied to one side. Both sides are then leaded to give it the appearance of traditional stained glass. At \$2,500, the window's price is about \$56 a square foot; compared to \$75-\$150 a square foot for traditional stained glass.

· New Vegetarian Product: Worthington Foods Natural Touch line has introduced a pattie made with real garden vegetables. The "Garden Pattie" is microwaveable, and loaded with: mushrooms, bell peppers, carrots, onions, water chestnuts, black olives, rolled oats and brown rice. It is wholesome as well as convenient with zero cholesterol, just one gram of saturated fat, and 120 calories per serving. This product will be available nationally for a suggested retail price around \$4 for four patties.

MIDDLE EAST MINISTRY AFTER THE GULF WAR

Kuwarr - Last December about 75 percent of the Adventist members scattered by the gulf conflict have returned and reorganized their churches. They appear to worship freely, though they have not yet accounted for all their members.

In the Middle East there is only one Adventist for every 50,000 people. "We have countries around the Mediterranean which need adopting," says Svein Johansen, president of the Middle East Union Mission. "We must be preparing custom-made programs for countries of the Middle East; these programs will be bridge-building in the Muslim world which know little about Seventh-day Adventists." Programs in Arabic will be the first to be aired from a new station in Novosibirsk, Siberia, but Farsi and Turkish will soon be added.

THE REALITY OF AN ADVENTIST SATELLITE NETWORK

THOUSAND OAKS, CA - At the Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convention in Denver last year, the new ASI officers and board asked the General Conference (GC) and North American Division presidents, "What can ASI do that would make a significant difference in helping the church accomplish her mission?"

ASI is an organization of professional and supporting ministerial Adventists committed to sharing Christ in the marketplace.

Robert Folkenberg, GC president, responded that the Church needs an enhanced communication system, which utilizes current technology to link our churches together more effectively.

ASI leaders have reacted with a taskforce to develop a television satellite network. This network would include any church, school or institution equipped with downlink equipment. The Adventist Media Center was designated to develop this project, and give coordination when it is up and running; then when the project is operational it should be shared with other world divisions.

The board agreed to raise \$500,000 to get this program started if the NAD and related church entities would commit themselves to implementing the plan. Meaning: That the church leadership would agree to designate management and creative personnel, and also produce programming to be available to this network.

Part of the proposed \$500,000 funds will assist small churches in acquiring equipment needed to receive information being transmitted by satellite. This equipment will range from an estimated \$2,000 to \$6,000, depending on the church's size and ability to purchase.

With downlink equipment in every church, it will be possible to transmit late-breaking information during the less expensive nighttime hours to video-recording equipment in each church. Signals from the uplink transmitter would turn on the recorders, send the program, and then turn the recorders off.

"At a time when there are so many voices seeking the attention and loyalty of our members, it is essential that church leaders have the opportunity to directly communicate with congregations and institutions on a regular basis. In my opinion, Adventist Satellite Network would fulfill that need," stats Elder Robert H. Carter, president of the Lake Union Conference.

Future possibilities could even hold live telecasts with telephone interaction between the audience and studio. Final approval of this plan is expected and also operational by the end of 1992. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this planning and implementation.

C. Elwyn Platner, communication director for Pacific Union

Wisconsin Triennial

Summary: This event happens only once every three years. It is when the local church members of Wisconsin gather to elect their conference leaders. These leaders will then unite to inspire and instruct their members toward accomplishing the mission of this Church — preparing those they come in contact with for the Second Coming of Christ.

BY SHARON TERRELL

arly Sunday morning, April 12, the Wisconsin Academy Chapel in Columbus began filling up with people. No, they were not students or parents gathering for a school function; instead they were delegates who represented almost every Wisconsin church for this 29th Triennial Session of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Wisconsin president, Elder Arnold Swanson, began this constituency by extending his welcome to the 208 regular delegates (representing 70 of the 77 churches), the 49 delegates-at-large (conference employees), and the Lake Union Conference officers: Elders Robert H. Carter, Herbert S. Larsen, Herb Pritchard and Luis Leonor; as well as union departmental personnel: John Bernet, Richard Dower, Bill Jones and Fred Stephen.

He also welcomed Elder A. C. Mc-Clure, president of the North American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Maryland. Elder McClure shared with the assembly news of recent advances for God's work in Russia, Romania and Albania.

In a devotional message, Elder McClure reminded members of the need to be unified in the uplifting of Christ in Wisconsin. He encouraged them to "press"

together, press together, press together in the finishing of God's work."

Elder Swanson then shared some opening remarks. He spoke of the challenges faced by this conference during the past three years, and expressed appreciation to the Wisconsin members who have positively responded to these needs.

CHANGES

He invited Richard and myself to join him and then informed the assembly that we had accepted calls to the Ohio Conference. He expressed appreciation to us for our 11 years of service to the Wisconsin members. Elder Art Nelson, secretary-treasurer, read the inscription on a plaque presented to us:

"The Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-day Adventists expresses heartfelt appreciation to Richard and Sharon Terrell for eleven years of dedicated service (1981-1992). Your willingness to be used of the Lord in the work here in Wisconsin will forever be remembered."

Elder Swanson had another announcement concerning the academy. Principal Rick Serns would be leaving at the end of this school year to work on his doctorate degree. Appreciation was expressed to Rick and Valerie for their three years of dedication to the Wisconsin Academy. Then, Elder Nelson presented them with a plaque of appreciation.

Elder Swanson shared with the assembly that in a recent K-12 Education Board it was voted to ask Steve Brown, vice principal and science teacher, to become principal next year. Steve accepted that invitation. (see sidebar)

As stipulated in the revised Constitution and Bylaws (voted November 1991), the nominating committee met 45 days prior to this triennial session to make recommendations regarding officers, departmental directors, and members of the conference executive committee and constitution and bylaws committee.

Elder Carter, nominating committee chairman, reported the recommendation that both officers and current departmental directors be re-elected. This nominating committee also made recommendations of people to serve on other conference committees.

Elder Carter added: Because the Terrells had recently accepted calls to Ohio, a pastor had been transferred to a different district, and one recommended committee member was not able to serve; it was necessary to reconvene to make further recommendations.

When the nominating committee completed its work, Elder Carter asked Carol Mertins, secretary, to read the recommendations. These recommendations were subsequently approved by the delegates with written ballots.

ELECTED LEADERS

Elected were officers: Arnold Swanson, president, and Art Nelson, secretary-treasurer; departmental directors: Dale Ziegele, church ministries and health/temperance; Richard Habenicht, associate church ministries (for stewardship); Herb Wrate, education; Art Nelson,



Left: Arnold Swanson, conference president, welcomes the 257 delegates to the 29th Triennial Session.

Center: Elder Cal Johnson, pastor of the Appleton Church, shares a word with Al McClure, president of the North American Division.

loss control; Arnold Swanson, ministerial; and Richard Habenicht, public affairs/religious liberty and trust services. A communication director was not elected at this time. Elected for special services were: Esther Nelson, Adventist Book Center manager; and Art Nelson, ASI coordinator.

Representing the five regions of the Wisconsin Conference as members of the conference executive committee during the next triennial period will be 14 lay members: Nelson Boon Jr., Carmen Holm, Archie Mitchell, Dale Bossenberry, Ron Crary, Louise Legreid, Aileen Patton, Donald Mann, Bonnie Wiedemann, Carol Kenyon, Darrell Nottelson, Jerry Ringwelski, Robert Merickel and Dwight Rosen; and five conference employees: Orlando Vazquez, Herb Wrate, Marvin Clark, Jess Nephew and John Johansen. Arnold Swanson will serve as chairman and Art Nelson as secretary.

Throughout the day, conference officers and departmental directors presented reports and answered questions. It was noted that during this triennium the conference finances have improved. Contributing to this positive trend has been an increase in Wisconsin budget offerings and special gifts for the Wisconsin Academy debt reduction.

This session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., when it was noted that there were no longer 51 percent of the regular delegates present for a vote as required in the new constitution and bylaws. For this reason, two items of business were referred for consideration to the new executive committee.

Sharon Terrell is Wisconsin communication director until the end of this month, when she will assume duties in Ohio.



Left: Elder Swanson pays tribue to Richard and Sharon Terrell for their years of service to Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN ACADEMY'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Steve Brown, science teacher and vice principal at Wisconsin Academy, was elected to be the principal during a specially called Wisconsin K-12 Education Board on April 7. Current principal, Rick Serns, has resigned in order to pursue his doctorate degree next year.

Steve spent his early years in the Far Eastern Division where his parents, Dr. Douglas and Ardys Brown, served as

missionaries. Steve graduated from Far Eastern Academy in 1971 and received a B.A. from Southern Missionary College (now Southern College of SDA) in 1975. In 1979 he graduated from Andrews University with a master's in religious education.

Before accepting his call as the science teacher at Wisconsin Academy in 1988, Steve served as a youth pastor in Colorado and then as a teacher at Indianapolis Junior Academy. He recently received the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award from the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Steve is married to the former Deborah J. Erskine. They have two children: Kristy, age 11, and Erik, age 8.

As principal of Wisconsin Academy, Steve's stated goal is to further develop the quality of spiritual life along with opportunities for practical outreach. He also plans to promote a spirit of excellence in all areas of school life, and inspire an increased sense of purpose and mission for Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.

Tithing Council and

Summary: Today, tithe seems to mean something different to everyone. Do you refrain from tithing because you feel the monies are being misused? Well God has left it up to us to determine the "how much," "where" and "what" we do with our offerings. But God requires us to return to Him our tithe. May His people draw together in these desperate times, so the Lord's work may advance.

BY DR. ROGER W. COON

ter." For in this letter we learn that Ellen White occasionally gave some of her tithe directly to a designated project or individual.

"During the greater part of the time since my connection with Mother's business in 1881, a full tithe has been paid on her salary to church or conference treasurer." So wrote W. C. White, Mrs. White's son. However, there were some exceptions to this rule. At times Mrs. White gave a portion of her tithe directly to Ad-ventist ministers who were in dire financial straits. Why did she do this, when her consistent counsel to others was to return their tithe through the church treasury?

ELLEN WHITE'S SPECIAL WORK

The entire picture is laid out fully by Arthur L. White, Mrs. White's grandson, in his biography of the prophet. The basic facts are these: Part of Mrs. White's divine commission dealt with meeting the needs of elderly ministers no longer able to work and draw a salary. She states: "I was charged not to neglect or pass by those who were being wronged. ... If I see those in positions of trust neglecting aged ministers, I am to present the matter to those whose duty it is to

care for them. Ministers who have faithfully done their work are not to be forgotten or neglected when they have become feeble in health."³⁶

Those words were written in 1906, five years before the Church instituted a pension plan for denominational retirees, and long before the U.S. government made provision for a pension retirement in the 1935 Social Security Act. Before 1911 when a minister retired, his income ceased; some were left destitute, and some were destitute beforehand.

When acute cases of impoverished workers were brought to Mrs. White's attention, she first contacted conference officials. Often this was sufficient. But occasionally there were problems, particularly in the southern states where operating funds were always in short supply, and sometimes almost non-existent. Then, Mrs. White stepped in using a portion of her own tithe and, on occasion, tithe funds placed with her by other church members as well.

For many years Ellen White carried an extraordinary burden for the work in the South. Her son, J. Edson White, shared this burden. With the blessing of the General Conference, Edson founded the Southern Missionary Society in 1895. This society fostered work largely among African-Americans in the southern states. Mrs. White at times made private appeals for church members to aid this

struggling, needy and worthy work.

MONIES NOT DISTRIBUTED

During the first six months of 1896 the International Sabbath School Association raised \$10,878 (an enormous sum in those days) for the "Southern work."37 Embarrassingly, these funds never reached their destination. The money was at first held in trust by the Pacific Press. It appears that Pacific Press decided to keep the money permanently in lieu of a similar amount owed the Press by the General Conference. The Pacific Press management apparently expected the General Conference, in turn, to appropriate an equal sum to the Southern Missionary Society. But this was not done, since the General Conference coffers were either empty or nearly so.

This took place 18 years before the creation of the General Conference Auditing Service in 1914. Today all church funds and their keepers are closely and regularly monitored at all levels, to reduce the incidence of mismanagement.

THE COLORADO INCIDENT

In 1904, as conditions in the South were growing more acute, W. O. Palmer, a field representative of Southern Missionary Society, went to Colorado to solicit funds among the churches. One congregation contributed about \$400, some of which was tithe money. The whole procedure was admittedly irregular. The Colorado Conference saw this act as wrong and censurable; its president prepared to deal sternly with the hapless, errant intruder in his vineyard.

January 22, 1905, Mrs. White, was visiting Mountain View, California, and learned of these details. She wrote what has now become the "Watson letter."

Practice

Part IV of IV

This letter is used today by several independent ministries to justify their solicitation and acceptance of tithe funds from fellow church members. Extracts are sometimes published — but not always the entire document. We reproduce it here in its entirety:

THE WATSON LETTER

My brother, I wish to say to you, Be careful how you move. You are not moving wisely. The least you have to speak about the tithe that has been appropriated to the most needy and the most discouraging field in the world, the more sensible you will be.

It has been presented to me for years that my tithe was to be appropriated by myself to aid the white and colored ministers who were neglected and did not receive sufficient, properly to support their families. When my attention was called to aged ministers, white or black, it was my special duty to investigate into their necessities and supply their needs. This was to be my special work, and I have done this in a number of cases. No man should give notoriety to the fact that in special cases the tithe is used in that way.

In regard to the colored work in the South, that field has been and is still being robbed of the means that should come to the workers in that field. If there have been cases where our sisters have appropriated their tithe to the support of the ministers working for the colored people in the South, let every man, if he is wise, hold his peace.

I have myself appropriated my tithe to the most needy cases brought to my notice. I have been instructed to do this; and as the money is not withheld from the Lord's treasury, it is not a matter that should be commented upon, for it will necessitate my making known these matters, which I do not desire to do, because it is not best.

Some cases have been kept before me for years, and I have supplied their needs from the tithe, as God instructed me to do. And if any person shall say to me, Sister White, will you appropriate my tithe where you know it is most needed, I shall say, Yes, I will; and I have done so. I commend those sisters who have placed their tithe where it is most needed to help do a work that is being left undone, and if this matter is given publicity, it will create a knowledge which would better be left as it is. I do not care to give publicity to this work which the Lord has appointed me to do, and others to do.

I send this matter to you so that you shall not make a mistake. Circumstances alter cases. I would not advise that anyone should make a practice of gathering up tithe money. But for years there have now and then been persons who have lost confidence in the appropriation of the tithe who have placed their tithe in my hands, and said that if I did not take it they would themselves appropriate it to the families of the most needy ministers they could find. I have taken the money, given a receipt for it, and told them how it was appropriated.

I write this to you so that you shall keep cool and not become stirred up and give publicity to this matter, lest many more shall follow their example."38

Let us here draw some conclusions from this unusual incident in our denominational history:

- Ellen White was directly instructed by God to aid certain poverty-stricken ministers, white and black.
- Her first task was to notify the conference of the existing needs. Then, only

if they did not respond she stepped into the breach with emergency assistance.

- 3) The money disbursed was used for living expenses of destitute workers not for operating expenses of institutions, the publishing of literature, etc.
- 4) The pre-1911 financial situation does not exist today in the United States because pension plans are available.
- 5) In every paragraph of her letter there is at least one sentence in which she explicitly urged Elder Watson to keep quiet about the situation. This was *her* special work, not the special work of others. If everyone followed her example, the financial structure of the Church would be substantially damaged.
- 6) Independent ministries who circulate this letter for personal purposes to justify solicitation and/or acceptance of tithe funds from their fellow SDA church members, are doing exactly what Ellen White told Elder Watson not to do.
- The money was "not withheld from the Lord's treasury" in that it was being applied to denominationally-recognized ministers.

A SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZED CAUSES

As far as extant records indicate, all tithe funds which passed through Mrs. White's hands about the turn of the century were delivered to a recognized agency of the Seventh-day Adventist Church — in this case the Southern Missionary Society — or to workers who were sponsored or endorsed by Church leadership. None of Ellen White's tithe is known to have gone to an independent agency or to a self-supporting worker not under the direct umbrella of the Church.

While Southern Missionary Society was, for all practical purposes, a selfsupporting organization, it was founded and continued to function "under the instruction of, and bearing the credentials of, the General Conference."³⁹ In giving a portion of her tithe to the Southern Missionary Society, Ellen White was giving to an enterprise officially approved by the General Conference.

THE SOCIETY'S WORK AND STRUGGLE

The greater part of the society's work was the starting and maintenance of mission schools and the publishing of literature especially suited for the Southern field. However, this society also carried other lines of evangelism among both Caucasians and African-Americans, and supported several white and black ministers. It received only a token appropriation from church funds.⁴⁰

In the denominational reorganization at the 1901 General Conference Session, the Southern Union Conference was created and the Southern Missionary Society became a branch of the Southern Union. Because the Southern Union itself was not self-supporting at its birth, it was unable to provide any significant support for the society. The adoption of the latter meant little more than "additional moral support and cooperation."

THE MONEY FROM COLORADO

William C. White, youngest son of Mrs. White, recalled the Colorado tithe funds: "The money was placed in the treasury of the Southern Missionary Society and was paid out in a regular and economical way to approved laborers who were engaged in regular denominational work."

When the tithe issue in Colorado continued to be vigorously agitated by Elder Watson, General Conference President Arthur G. Daniells wrote to Edson to ask for his side of the story. In an eight-page reply, Edson mentioned several facts concerning the operation of the society, which was by now an integral part of the Church: "The white laborers for the white people in the South are paid from the tithe, but for several years the Southern Missionary Society has supported from two to five ordained ministers among the colored people, and this support has come from donations received, but the conferences have not allowed the tithe to go to their support. ...

"Some people have placed their tithe

in mother's hands and she has forwarded [it] to our society, promptly, to help meet the payroll of the ministers. Recently three sisters in Colorado have sent their tithe to pay the colored ministers in the South. Considerable disturbance was created in regard to this by the President of the Colorado Conference. ... Bro. Palmer never asked an individual to pay tithe, and he certainly did not ask the church to pay its tithe. ...

"We keep a separate account of the small sums of tithes that come to us in this way and apply them entirely to pay the ministers working for the colored people."⁴³

Edson expressed concern as to whether tithes should be coming to his organization, but since the sisterhood of conferences in the Southern Union refused to help — whether from their own financial distress or from various prejudices — he decided to accept it when offered. He continued: "I had many times refused tithes that had been offered to me, and I felt I needed to know my ground. I knew that the money would be used to pay ministers where their pay was refused us from the tithe from all other places, but whether we had a right to take it was a question." 44

THE TITHE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The worldwide work of the Church is jeopardized today when the tithe distribution system is tampered with. Each conference collects tithe from its constituent churches, keeps a specified amount established by policy to meet local ministerial expense needs, and sends the rest on to the union and the General Conference. Thus, the world needs in other less affluent fields can be met.

If Church members divert tithes, to tithe-worthy projects at home or abroad, the basic reservoir to fund our world work will be endangered. It was this very situation that Ellen White had in mind when, in 1890, she admonished our church members and leaders: "Brethren, do not be unfaithful in your lot. Stand in your place. Do not, by your neglect of duty, increase our financial difficulties." 145

In 1911 when the denomination instituted its retirement plan, Ellen White was approached on her willingness to continue receiving tithe from church members. The pressure was now off, the original need was now virtually nonexistent. Her reply is as helpful now as it was instructive then. She wrote: "You ask if I will accept tithe from you and use it in the cause of God where most needed. In reply I will say that I shall not refuse to do this, but at the same time I will tell you that there is a better way. It is better to put confidence in the ministers of the conference where you live, and in the officers of the church where you worship. Draw nigh to your brethren."⁴⁶

In the spirit of the apostle Paul, who wrote the Corinthian church, "Yet show I unto you a more excellent way" (I Corinthians 12:31), Ellen White urged her fellow church members to follow the plan that best meets the total world-wide needs of the Church — to minimize shortfalls and their tragic consequences.

Let us follow what Ellen White called "a better way." Soon the church militant will give way to the church triumphant. In that day all who are now faithful will surely be glad that they have followed the whole counsel of the Lord.

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PLEASE NOTE: For readers interested in further information, The Ellen G. White Estate offers a collection of papers, "The History and Use of the Tithe." Write: Ellen G. White Estate, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600. Enclose \$2.50 to cover costs of duplication and postage.



CREATIVE PARENTING The Christian perspective for a happier, healthier home life

Giving Children Roots and Wings

Susan E. Murray

"What's gray, has a big bushy tail, has four little feet, climbs trees, and eats nuts?" Mrs. Simpson asked her class.

As Tim Hansel tells the story, Mrs. Simpson was surprised when not one hand went up in response.

After a brief silence, she continued: "Okay, children, now picture this in your mind. What's gray, has a big bushy tail, has four little feet that help it climbs trees, and eats nuts. In fact, it eats acorns!"

She paused, convinced that the added clues would bring forth the correct answer. But still, silence. Then, Johnny timidly raised his hand. "Yes?" the teacher said. "Johnny, what's the answer?"

He replied, "Well, Mrs. Simpson, it sure sounds like a squirrel, but I think I'm supposed to say, Jesus."

This illustration reminds me of teaching Kindergarten Sabbath School. So often the children answer "Jesus" when that wasn't the answer to the question. I wanted them to think for themselves, not just parrot an answer back to me!

When children are very young, we can control their environment. But as they get older, obviously their world becomes a larger place. More and more people and experiences influence them. We cannot always be with our children—and that's the way it should be as they mature. But, the two lasting bequests we can give our children are roots and wings. It is our responsibility

to rear our children in such a way that they can become independent from us — that's what parenthood is all about.

That means we need to teach our children how to use their God-given abilities to think, reason and make decisions. In the recently published book, *Valuegenesis: Faith in the Balance*, its authors discuss the importance of our Church congregations providing a warm, accepting, nonjudgmental climate. And, as equally important is the creation of a thinking climate.

"Youth need to be not only allowed but encouraged to raise questions, to probe dotrinal issues, and to debate the relevancy of standards. Many youth are not comfortable in our congregations and schools because they feel they are being told what to believe and how to behave and not encouraged to think for themselves. If what we have is the truth, it can bear the most stringent investigation, and it is only through such process that young people mature into principled and committed adults."

I believe it's imperative that we give children — even very young ones — opportunities in the home which foster thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills. One way to foster critical thinking is to ask questions that won't have specific answers, but rather cause the child to make decisions and respond accordingly.

Foster critical thinking by:

 Greeting children with statements and questions which refer to their person. ("Jeremy, you have a big smile today, has something special happened?")

 Asking children openended questions which enable them to answer with more than a yes or no. ("What do you want to do when you go outside to play?")

• Offering kids choices of responses when they don't answer a question spontaneously. ("If you were him, would you go over the mountain, around it, or through the forest?")

 Questions such as "what if, how, and why" help children predict. ("Tell us why you think that the kitten might be afraid of the dog."

• Let your children help evaluate a process. (If there has been new family rule, sit down and ask "How do you think the rule of each person's putting their dishes in the dishwasher is working?" Then let the kids discuss and evaluate this process. Encourage them to understand another's point of view and encourage them to talk about their feelings.)

When you provide an environment where open discussion is encouraged, be prepared to listen! I like the explanation that hearing takes place between the ears, and listening takes place through the heart. We must stop and listen long enough to really hear what our children are saying, to let them get to the heart of things.

Now, you may be saying: "Iwant to work at provoking thought in my children, but every time I turn around it's, 'Why?' 'Why?' "Why?' "

Understand, do they ask because they: desire information, are making social contact, or need reassurance. A child's question, "Will you still be my mommy in heaven" is likely a need for reassurance. The child isn't asking for factual information or for a theological explanation, they just need to know, "Yes, I'll be your mommy forever and forever!"

Look for opportunities to ask a question in return, to perhaps see what lies beneath their question. "That's an interesting question, what have you been thinking about?"

Children are excellent recorders but often poor interpreters. They see the world differently from us; and when we put them off, dismiss their questions as bothersome or foolish, they quickly get the message to stop asking!

Our children deserve and need answers. Children need reassurance and opportunities to question us so that they can build their own belief system, and learn to resist peer pressure in healthy ways. This will develop faith maturity.

What an exciting but sobering thought: to know that as parents we are the most important educators of our children. As parents, we are the first ones to provide an environment for our children that will enhance their abilities of thought and reason, so that when all is said and done they will have made the best possible decision in life — to wholeheartedly follow Jesus!

Helping children resist and reverse peer pressure, and develop faith maturity will be the focus of future issues.

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Talking to baby

Do you find yourself feeling foolish when you look up and someone has noticed you grinning, gurgling and talking to a baby? Rather than acting foolish, you are being wise.

When you talk, even though a baby can't talk back, you are teaching him or her that sounds are one way we communicate with each other. When you answer a baby's babbling with words or

noises which imitate him or her, they are

learning from you.

Babies who are spoken to often also learn to speak more easily. This is because they imitate the sounds and facial expressions of those who are talking to them. The more they are spoken to, the more practice they get.

Communication is one of the most important things we do! So keep up the grinning, gurgling and babbling, and add in a few good words as you go!

A new Hide-and-Seek game

When the kids are stuck inside, try this updated version of hide-and-seek; it can work with any number of children and in any indoor location.

Rather than hiding people, try hiding objects such as pencils or spoons. Seekers stay in one room while the hider

stashes 10 of the same objects in another room. Then, the child who finds the most objects becomes the hider!

Tricks for learning multiplication of nine

To help your child learn the "9" times table, here are some techniques. The fingers know! For example: $2 \times 9 = 18$. Have your child hold up his 10 fingers. Have him count on the left hand two fingers, then bend that second finger down. Now count, there will be one finger to the left of that bent finger, and eight on the right - so the answer is 18! Try 4 x 9; count from the left and bend the fourth finger down, there will be 3 fingers on the left and 6 fingers on the right - so the answer is 36!

To check your answers of the "9" times table, you can try another method. When multiplying any number by 9, the correct answer will always add up to 9! For example: $2 \times 9 = 18$ (and 1 + 8 = 9); or 8×9 = 72 (7 + 2 = 9). This method also works for very large numbers: $8,142 \times 9 = 73,278$. (7 + 3 + 2 + 7 + 8 = 27, and 2 + 7 = 9). Give your child a calculator and let him or her try it.

Help your child to understand that there are many ways to solve a problem!



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A mirror game for baby

Beginning around six or seven months, a baby will enjoy "The Mirror Game." Stand in front of a mirror with your baby, and point to her reflection. Using his name, say "I see Scott." "Where is Scott?" "Find Scott's mouth." "Look at Scott's hand." Encourage him to point to himself in the mirror.

While still in front of the mirror, do the same thing with

objects. Pick them up one at a time. and move them behind your baby's head. Name these objects, telling the child something about them, such as, "This is a ball, and it is round." Then ask, "Where is the ball?" and encourage him to point to it in the mirror.

Other mirror games are letting your baby play with toys in front of a mirror, or sitting people around the baby in front of a mirror to say their names.

Preparing preschoolers for math

To help your young child get ready for math, give them practice now by using number, size and quantity words. Make a point of using these words yourself, and ask your child questions so they can respond in these words.

For example: At mealtime ask your child if he wants a lot or a little, less than this or more than this, and so on. Cut an apple in half and say, "Here is one half for you and one half for me." Ask them how many pieces they want; if they want a big piece or a little piece. Show them a group picture with the child in it, and ask, "Who is the tallest and who is the shortest?"

Let your child help in the kitchen: Show him how to measure out two tablespoons, mix in one-half cup, and so on. Give her the measuring cups and spoons, along with a pan of dried beans for experimentation in quantities. How many teaspoons in a tablespoon, how many half cups in one cup, and so on.

It is more important that your child understand relationships in sizes and numbers, in order to relate this to every-day activities. Soon, your child will repeat long sequences of numbers, and math won't be so scary.

Memorizing can be fun and meaningful

We can have our children memorize the Bible as just words; or we can help children use their cognitive capacity to add impact to Bible truths. Then, the Bible truths can have an effect and meaning in their lives similar to the influence Biblical truths had on David's life (Psalm 119:11), "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Scramble is a memorizing, game approach in which you can print the words or phrases of several verses on 3x5 cards. Give each member of the family a different cut-up verse and time how long it takes to unscramble the words.

Start "n" Stop is fun around a table. One person recites a known verse, then stops at any point to allow the person on his left to continue it. Each person must add at least one correct word to the verse.

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Jean Schwark (Wisconsin Academy, 1965)

A LOOK BACK

25 YEARS AGO:

"[The] Lake Union Herald [is] Printed weekly. Yearly subscription price, \$4.00. Single copies, 10 cents."

May 2, 1967: Camp Wahdoon, located near Chetek, Wis., is a tract of 280 acres made beautiful by white birches, rolling hills, clear lakes, bird songs. In the two years it has been in operation, 509 campers have attended. Of these, 22 were baptized at camp and 54 others made their commitment to Christ.

Wisconsin children and the older youth, even their parents and grand-parents, recently completed their two-mile drive of dollars for beautiful Camp Wahdoon. Badger State youth and their friends, some 1,500 people, came to the victory celebration at Wisconsin Rapids.

When it was all counted, the conclusion was shared by many: a marvelous campaign, even more amazing because just two years ago two and a half million pennies were gathered in Wisconsin for Wahdoon. Now the primitive wilderness area purchased in 1963 can soon enrich the lives of Wisconsin's youth on a yearround scale. May 2, 1967: Gobles Junior Academy Begun: Ground-breaking exercises for a new junior academy took place recently on the school site, three and a half miles north of Gobles. This new building, a project of the Gobles and Bloomingdale churches, will consist of four classrooms and cost in the neighborhood of \$185,000. A library, gymnasium, kitchen, offices and lounge for teachers, and an audiovisual room are in the plans.

May 16, 1967: Lake Region Conference Office Spared by Killer Tornado: So far as we can determine, none of our believers suffered injury or serious damage to their homes. Our office, which was directly in the path of the storm, sustained very negligible damage. Adjacent buildings on both sides were damaged. We thank our heavenly Father for sparing His children. At the same time our hearts go out to the many whose homes have been made sad by this tragedy.

C. E. Bradford, president

May 16, 1967: The Twelfth Quadrennial Session of the Lake Union Conference held in Milwaukee, May 1 to 3, was attended by the 215 delegates and others.

50 YEARS AGO:

"[The] Lake Union Herald [is] Published Weekly, Subscription Price — One Dollar a Year."

May 5, 1942: The present membership of the Wisconsin Conference stands at 4172.

May 12, 1942: No doubt it will be of interest to the believers of Indiana to hear of the soul-saving work. Elder Laurence stated: "Our evangelistic meetings are crowded. We are compelled to place chairs in the aisles. Sunday night, we felt we had made a mistake in not building the church larger. After six years of hard work the interest here is the best I have seen. The members are full of zeal, and we hope to have our lights and stairs finished before long. We have baptized twenty-one so far this year."

May 12, 1942: Last Tuesday evening the church school children at Holly [Michigan] sponsored a very interesting and instructive Hobby Show.

May 12, 1942: Repeated letters come in to our office, asking us to contact certain young men in the army and

navy camps in the Lake Union Conference. To these requests we are happy to respond, for we believe in giving all the help possible to our young men in uniform. But we ask you, however, that when writing in you give the full military address. Thank you very kindly.

75 YEARS AGO:

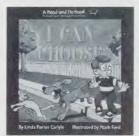
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LAKE UNION

Disaster and Famine Relief Offering will be taken May 9.

1992 Woman of the Year award: Write to: Association of Adventist Women, P.O. Box 3884, Langley Park, MD 20787, with nominations. Deadline is June 30. Contact Selma Chaij, 301-434-4700, for information,

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"Our Adventist Heritage Seminar," June 15-21, will offer insights into our Church heritage. Call 616-471-3360 for details.

International Music Festival, June 21-26. For information contact: Andrews University, Department of Music, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0230; 616-471-3128.

ILLINOIS

Broadview Academy Class of 1972 reunion, July 4-5. For information call 708-485-3934, evenings; or write, Illinois Conference of SDA, Attn: Carol Sanders Williams, P.O. Box 89, Brookfield, IL 60513.

MICHIGAN

South Haven Church dedication, July 18. For details, call Elder Robert C. Quillin at 517-637-5525.

Please help us find our missing members. Rebecca Ayars, Ken Belsley, David Benton, Michael Berecz, David Cemer, Marchetta Copley, Elma Demerest, Vicki Easom, Marilyn Eliser, Robert Eliser, Sandra Ellis, Alan Lant, Sandra Morrow, Judy Moore, Contact Kalamazoo Church, 1601 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49007; 616-342-2279.

Fremont Church homecoming. May 16. For information call Luann Flowers at: 616-924-4874 evenings or 616-689-7218 weekdays.

Adelphian Academy Homecoming, Holly Chapter, June 12-13. Honor classes: 1922, 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1982. Potluck following 11 a.m. service. For details contact Connie Day at 517-693-6003.

Adelphian Academy Class of 1968 is planning a 25-year reunion in 1993 and needs information on: Rose Baker, Doug Black, Barb Green, Tom Hayward, Bill Heitsch, Sharon Hill, Mike Hutchison, Harry Garrett, Marj Crispins, Lynn Langill, Sheila Slade, Linda Thornquist, Sue Titus, Nancy Trainor, Terry Vincent, Dennis Winslow, Richard Stocker, Contact: Pastor Gary Russell, 208 Cross St., Dowagiac, MI 49047; 616-782-7836.

WISCONSIN

1992 Camp Meeting: June 19-27, Camp Go-Seek, Westfield. Guests include: Glenn Aufderhar, Adventist Media Center director the first weekend. Henry Feyerabend, speaker and director of "Destiny" telecast and evangelist in the evenings. And the Voice of Prophecy team of Del Delker, contralto soloist; Gordon Henderson, director of station relations and field services; and Fernando Westre III, accompanist and keyboard artist the second weekend. Gary Strunk of the Pacific Health Education Center will present a health series and Doug Batchelor will be the Youth Tent speaker, his topic, From Caveman to Christian. For details contact: Wis-

consin Conference, P.O. Box 7310, Madison, WI 53707: 608-241-5235.

"It Is Written" will be aired between 8:30-9 am. Sunday mornings on WKOW-TV, Channel 27, in Madison. Sponsored by members of the Fort Atkinson Church, this program will reach residents of seven counties, including: Dane, Sauk, Columbia, Green, Iowa, Jefferson and Rock.

Young Adult Retreat: Ages 18-40 are invited to attend the annual Summer Retreat at Camp Wahdoon, Chetek, WI, July 24-26. For details, contact the Nelsons at Box 67, Lewis, WI 54851; or call 715-653-2286.

Moon Church centennial celebration July 17-18, Contact: Philo Baker Sr., 1972 Sugar Bush Road, Mosinee, WI 54455; 715-693-2680.

WORLD CHURCH

Oak Park Academy Class of 1942 needs information on: Audrey Scotland Jensen, Doris Walters Rode, Alice Morgensen Tubbs. Paul Joice, 612 Scenic View Dr., College Place, WA 99324; 509-525-3256.

Glendale (CA) Adventist Academy reunion: May 2-3.

Pioneer Valley Academy reunion, July 3-5, at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, MS.

Wytheville (VA) Church reunion will include the Wytheville Sanitarium and Hospital, and the Echo Valley Church School, July 10-11.

Communication Workshops will provide help for free-lance and professional communicators at Southern College's third annual series of Communicators Workshops, May 4-7. Contact: Southern College, Collegedale, TN 37315; 800-768-8437.

National Single Adult Conference, June 3-10, Southern College, Collegedale, TN. Adventist Singles Ministries, 4467 King Springs Road, Smyrna, GA 30082; 404-434-5111.

"Voice of Prophecy" May program schedule. May 3-8: "The 'D' word," (Sunday) and "The Hell Debate," May 10-15: "The Lord's Day," (Sunday) and "Romans Made Easy I." May 17-22: "Why Should We Believe?" (Sunday) and "Romans Made Easy II." May 24-29: "The Big Sin," (Sunday) and "How to Eat Without Meat." May 31-June 5: "One Thing at a Time," (Sunday) and "Timetable for Doomsday."

PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

LLINIOS

Arthur and Lori Hamman of Burbank, left March 9 to serve in the refugee camps along the Thailand-Cambodia border.

MICHIGAN

Robert Joseph, former pastor at Elk Rapids and Traverse City churches, is now pastor for the Ionia and Belgreen churches.

Albert Parker, formerly retired, is now substitute pastor for Michigan's Ithaca and Twin Cities churches.

Richard Scott, former assistant manager of Camp Au Sable in Grayling, MI, is now plant services manager for Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI.

WISCONSIN

Calvin Johnson, formerly semiretired in Appleton, WI, is now interim senior pastor for the Fox Lake district; along with Richard Moore, who was completing his education in Chicago, and is now associate pastor in Fox Valley district. They replace Norman Yoder who will be pastor in Rice Lake district.

Raymond Plummer, former pastor for the Rice Lake district, is now pastor for the Madison district.

Marvin Clark, senior pastor, and Raphael Fernandez, assistant pastor for the Green Bay district, will also be senior and assistant pastors for the Lena District.

Steve Cook, former pastor for Germantown, Sheboygan and Franklin churches, is now pastor for the Milwaukee Central and Sheboygan churches.

Richard Habenicht, pastor for Wisconsin Academy and Beaver Dam churches, has also become pastor for the Watertown Church.

Herbert Wrate, conference educational superintendent, is also pastoring the Evansville Church.

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They have 3 children: Gary, Linda Bauer and Bryon.



Ival and Edith Voss of Crothersville, IN, married 50 years ago on Dec. 31, 1941, after both had graduated from Indiana Academy that spring. He worked for RCA and she in nursing and physical therapy.

They have 5 children: Adelia Ann Carlisle, Earl Wayne, Dale Eugene, Charles Michael, and Stephen Douglas, and 18 grandchildren.

BIRTHDAY

Freeda Reder was surprised for her 90th birthday Jan. 18, with a party given by her daughter, Ellen Thornton, near Versailles, IN. Freeda has been a church member for 60 years.

Freeda also has a son, Alton, and two grandchildren, Tammy Schwagmeier and Wade Reder.

WEDDINGS

Carol Arvilla Benshoof and Brent A. Stanton were married Dec. 28, 1991, in Bloomington, IN. The ceremony was by Pastor Birky.

The couple are making their home in Bloomington. Carol is the daughter of Max and Betty Benshoof, and Brent is the son of Bob and Sharlene Stanton.

Gay Ann Wagner and Robert Guevara were married March 14, 1992, in Owosso, MI. The ceremony was by Pastor Robert B. Stephan.

The couple are making their home in Chesaning, MI. Ann is the daughter of Harold Wagner and Brenda Wagner, and Robert is the son of Francisco and Amalia Guevara.

Victoria Wilson and Joseph Duke were married March 1, 1992, in Hubbard Lake, MI. The ceremony was by Pastor Jack Williams.

The couple will be living in Alpena, MI. Victoria is the daughter of Tara and Richard Heiss, and Joe is the son of Douglas and Patricia Duke.

OBITUARIES

BECKWITH, Dollie, age 98; born April 10, 1893, in Whoster, MI; died March 2, 1992, in Niles, MI. She was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Millie Wessels.

Services were conducted by Pastor Ken Schander, and interment was in White Cloud (MI) Cemetery.

BENSON, Joyce E., age 72; born Sept. 16, 1919, in Hampton, IA; died Jan. 21, 1992, in Effingham, IL. She was a member of the Stewardson (IL) Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Dennis "Red" and Michael; a daughter, Ramona Riedel; a brother, Bert Houston; 6 grandchildren; and 6 greatgrandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Dale J. Barnhurst, and interment was in Lower Ash Grove Cemetery, Strasburg, IL.

BILIK, Thomas B., age 74; born Aug. 8, 1917; died March 4, 1992, in Berwyn, IL. He was a member of the West Central Church in Oak Park, IL.

Survivors include: his wife, Vera; 2 sons, Robert and Daniel; 2 daughters, Carol and Linda; 10 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Ned Maletin.

BRINK, Erna A., age 98; born Oct. 23, 1893; died Dec. 24, 1991, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the South Bend (IN) Church.

Survivors include: a son, Dale; a daughter, Mary Jane Stevens; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Don Inglish, and interment was in Riverview Mausoleum, South Bend.

CLAIBORNE, Corrine E., age 71; born Nov. 27, 1920, in Mobile, AL; died Dec. 23, 1991, in Chicago. She

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was a member of the Chicago Independence Boulevard Church.

Survivors include: a son, Gerald; 2 daughters, Gloria and Rinel; 5 brothers, Joseph, Esau Jr., Anderson, Haile and Samuel Rollins; and 2 sisters, Fannie Mae Henry and Regina Dickerson.

Services were conducted by Pastor C. R. Graham, and interment was in Restvale Cemetery, Chicago.

CRAIG, Ruth A., age 81; born June 30, 1910, in Indianapolis; died Feb. 12, 1992, in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Indianapolis South Side Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Dick and Roy Luthe; 2 daughters, Rosemary Scharbrough and Rita Merrick; and a brother, George Brown.

Services were by Pastor Jim Roos, and interment was in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Indianapolis.

DePRIESTER, Julia E., age 90; born Nov. 17, 1901, in Weyerhauser, WI; died March 20, 1992, in Hastings, MI. She was a member of the Hastings Church.

Survivors include: a sister, Ella Henney; 5 grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; and a great-greatgrandchild. Services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Hastings Township Cemetery.

DeWITT, Winfred "Win," age 65; born Aug. 26, 1926, in Herbert, PA; died Feb. 28, 1992, in Fenton, MI. He was a member of Holly (MI) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Marie; 2 sons, Wayne and Randy; a daughter, Sheri; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Daniel Towar, and interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly.

DICKSON, Phyllis Shaver, age 58; born Dec. 22, 1933, in East Peoria, IL; died March 5, 1992, in Lewiston Township, WI. She was a member of the Waukesha (WI) Church.

Survivors are: her husband, James M.; a son, Mark Damon; 3 daughters, Debbie Lynn Bynum, Lisa Gaye Mabrey and Tina Marie Hanson; 2 brothers, Robert and James Shaver; 3 sisters, June Staley, Hazel Wright and Helen Shaver; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Richard Terrell, and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Portage, WI.

DOVICH, Shirley I., age 19; born Nov. 28, 1972, in Maracas Valley, Trinidad, West Indies; died Feb. 24, 1992, in Hermansville, MI. She was a member of the Holly Church. Survivors include: her mother, Luvamay; 2 sisters, Sharon Szynkowski and Laurel; and 2 brothers, Steven and Douglas.

Services were by Pastors Daniel Towar and Mel Pond, and interment was in Beebe Cemetery, Holly.

EVANS, John, age 86; born June 10, 1905, in Canada; died March 14, 1992, in Chesaning, MI. He was a member of the Chesaning Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara; a son, Leon; 3 daughters, Dorthy Cole; Evelyn Thompson and Ruth Hamon; a brother, Walter Evanchuk; 2 sisters, Minnie Cheychofski and Annie Roger; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Robert B. Stephan, and interment was in Brant (MI) Cemetery.

EVANS, Junus J., age 77; born March 22, 1914, in Port Gibson, MS; died Feb. 4, 1992, in Chicago. He was a member of the Chicago New Life Church.

Survivors are: wife, Ada; 3 sons, Gerald, Bernard and David; 4 daughters, LaVerne Benne, Patricia Watley, Gloria Jones, and Mayetta; 19 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Charles Joseph, and interment was in Washington Memory Gardens, Homewood, IL.

FOLL, Cecil, age 88; born Dec. 29, 1903, in Noble, IL; died Jan. 17, 1992, in Olney, IL. He was a member of the Noble Church

Survivors are:a daughter, Barbara Lewis; 3 brothers, Loy, Wilford and Merlin; 3 sisters, Margaret Starr, Lulu Gerhart and Maude Albeg; 3 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Dale J. Barnhurst, and interment was in Greenhill Cemetery, Noble.

GILBERT, Marion I., age 56; born Oct. 30, 1935, in Racine, WI; died March 7, 1992, in Chippewa Falls, WI. She was a member of the Chippewa Falls Church.

Survivors are: her husband, Donald; 8 sons, Daniel, Steve, Paul, Tom and Robert Nelson, Wade, Brad and Steven; 5 daughters, Karen Lentzen, Pam Pedersen, Kim Steinmetz, Judy Rowan and Lori; 2 sisters, Alice Minekel and Laura Riley; 28 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by Pastor John I. Johansen.

GRIER, Nora (Woodward), age 44;

born Oct. 29, 1947, in Elkhart, IN; died Jan. 25, 1992, in Detroit. She was a member of the Detroit Conant Gardens Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Pastor John; a son, John Jr., a daughter, Melissa; her mother, Roberta Woodward; 2 brothers; and 8 sisters.

Services were conducted by Pastor Jonathan Thompson, and interment was in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

HARRIER, Cecil Ellen., age 85; born Dec. 16, 1905, in Newport, IN; died July 1, 1991, in Clinton, IN. She was a member of the Danville (IL) Church.

She is survived by her son, Harold; and a brother, Francis Davis.

Services were by Pastors Paul Ray and Clarence Small, and interment was in Thomas Cemetery, Newport.

HORNER, Edward B., age 76; born Aug. 29, 1915, in Bartholomew County, IN; died Nov. 22, 1991, in Franklin, IN. He was a member of the Columbus (IN) Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Thelma; a son, David; 3 daughters, Jane Dickerson, Gail Coridan and Karen Arnold; 2 brothers, Charles and Franklin; and 8 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elders Gary L. Case and John Loor, and interment was in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus.

JOHNSON, Eddie James, age 64; born Dec. 14, 1927, in Tuskege, AL; died Feb. 20, 1992, in Detroit. He was a member of the Detroit Conant Gardens Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, Eddie Jr. and Terry Moore; 2 daughters, Ora Hodges Hayes and Brenda Nugget; a brother, Realvin; and 2 sisters, Emma Haskens and Yvonne Slaten.

Services were conducted by Pastor John Grier, and interment was in Trinity Cemetery, Detroit.

KNELLER, Harry Dwight, age 96; born Sept. 6, 1895, in Poland; died Dec. 31, 1991, in Garden Grove, CA. He was a member of the Garden Grove

Survivors include: his wife, Waaneita; a daughter, Lauren Darlene Young; and 4 grandchildren.

Harry graduated in 1928 from Broadview College. He served for 40 years as Sabbath School teacher, and longer as a church elder mostly in the Brookfield (IL) Church.

LARKEY, Thelma E., age 84; born Dec. 6, 1906, in Indianapolis, IN; died Oct. 10, 1991, in Shelbyville, IN.

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Services were conducted by Pastors Dan Hall and Adrian Peterson, and interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Shelbyville.

LUTZ, Wayne R., age 38; born Aug. 27, 1953, in Terre Haute, IN; died March 16, 1992, in Indianapolis, He was a member of Terre Haute Church.

Survivors are: his parents, Emory Sr. and Margaret (Norris); and 3 brothers, Emory Jr., Michael and Ron.

Services were by Pastor Douglas L. Inglish, and interment was in Grandview Cemetery, Terre Haute.

McCORKLE, Mary, age 71; born Feb. 24, 1920, in Ripley, TN; died Dec. 15, 1991, in Chicago. She was a member of the Chicago Independence Boulevard Church.

Survivors include: a son, Edward; a daughter, Delphine Harris; 4 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor C. R. Graham, and interment was in Oakridge Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

NEFF, Wilbur C., age 70; born Dec. 12, 1920, in Harvey, ND; died June 28, 1991, in Lancaster, WI. He was a member of the Lancaster Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Esther; a son, Neal H.; a brother, Preston; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder Tedford Rasmussen and Chaplain Tom Walters, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Lancaster,

NELSON, Ruth A., age 67; born Sept. 11, 1924, in Nebraska City, NE; died March 13, 1992, in Lewis, WI. She was a member of the Frederic (WI) Church.

She was founder/sponsor of the semiannual Young Adult Retreat for Wisconsin Conference, and organized 30 plus retreats. She also served one term as a member of the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee.

Survivors are: her husband, Ken: 2 sons, Wallace and Curtis; a daughter, Sandra; 2 brothers, Roy and Oliver Stotz; and a sister, Eunice Wolcott.

Services were conducted by Pastors Dale Ziegele and Norm Yoder, and interment was in Lundeen Cemetery, Lewis.

PARKER, Luella L., age 69; born Feb. 21, 1923, in Three Rivers, MI; died Feb. 29, 1992, in Sturgis, MI. She was a member of Sturgis Church.

Survivors include: her husband,

Arlo; 2 sons, David and William; 2 daughters, Bonnie Carter and La-Donna Cruea; 5 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services were conducted by Pastors Albert Parker and Ralph Darrough, and interment was in Prairie River Cemetery, Centreville, MI.

PARKHURST, Lester C., age 83; born Feb. 7, 1908, in Alexandria, IN; died Jan. 26, 1992, in Greenwood, IN. He was a member of the Indianapolis South Side Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted by Pastor Jim Roos, and interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Greenwood.

PICHOT, Diane A., age 47; born Sept. 2, 1944, in Los Angeles; died Jan. 22, 1992, in Lake City, MI. She was a member of Marion (MI) Church.

Survivors are: her husband, Paul; 3 sons, Marcel, Pierre and John; a daughter, Tanya; her parents, Harold and Muriel Unsell; 2 sisters, Barbara Bianchi and Geraldine Wright; a brother, Tom Unsell; and 2 grand-

Services were conducted by Pastors Jay Gallimore, Morian Perry and Ed Eigenberg, and interment was in Lake City Cemetery.

QUICK, Alice, age 97; born Aug. 19, 1894; died March 2, 1992, in Holland, MI. She was a member of the Holland Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Miriam McCarthy; a sister-in-law, Beaulah Fairhead; 3 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were by Pastor Eugene Amey, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Saugatuck, MI.

REED, Wallie S., age 96; born Jan. 22, 1895, in Wellston, OH; died Dec. 25, 1991, in Jasonville, IN. She was a member of Terre Haute (IN) Church.

Survivors include: 2 sons, James and Fred; 2 daughters, Winnie Burris and Loreen Gardner; 11 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor John Keplinger, and interment was in Lebanon Cemetery, Midland, IN.

RIDGE, Virginia L., age 68; born April 18, 1923, in Bradfordsville, KY; died Dec. 31, 1991, in Noblesville, IN. She was a member of the Cicero (IN) Church.

Survivors include: her husband, James Dale; 2 sons, Eddie and James; a daughter, Kathy; a sister, Ellen Bay; and 5 grandchildren.

Services were by Pastors Lyle Davis and Randy Davis, and interment was in Arcadia (IN) Cemetery.

SEARFOSS, Floyd "Pete" W., age 72; born April 29, 1919, in Gladwin County, MI; died March 11, 1992, in Gladwin County. He was a member of the Gladwin Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy (Brueggeman); a son, Timothy; 3 daughters, Cindy Dean, Althea Strickland and Janet Spencer; a brother, George; 2 sisters, Eva Matthews and Elsie Nash; and 7 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Don Siewert, and interment was in Ridge Cemetery, Gladwin.

SNYDER, Donald D., age 63; born April 11, 1928, in Benton Harbor, MI; died March 9, 1992, in Niles, MI. He was a member of the Niles Westside Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Elsie; a son, Keith; a daughter, Karen; a sister, Jeanine; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastors Ken Schander and Steve Vitrano, and interment was in Rosehill Cemetery, Berrien Springs, MI.

SWAINE, Rona C., age 58; born March 23, 1933, in Grootfontein, Southwest Africa; died Feb. 28, 1992, in Berrien Springs, MI. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs.

Survivors include: her husband, David; 2 daughters, Carla Ann Bórresen and Ingrid Smalling; her mother, Frieda Mitchell; a sister, Mary Cooke; and 3 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor Ken Thomas.

TOWNSEND, Ophelia P., age 68; born Nov. 4, 1923, in Electic, AL; died Jan. 24, 1992, in Fairfax, VA. She was a member of the Ypsilanti (MI) Church.

Survivors are: husband, Albert; 2 sons, Squire and William M. Padgett; 2 daughters, Susan A. Wilson and Janice M.; mother, Alberta Meadows: 4 brothers, John, Columbus L., Charles and Herman Meadows; 7 sisters, Lucille Meadows, Esterlee Anderson, Virginia Reed, Lillian Hall, Mable Rozier, Ruth Peete and Josephine Taylor; and 4 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Pastor James Humphries, and interment was in United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI.

WALSH, Florence E., age 73; born Feb. 20, 1918, in Wells County, IN; died Dec. 25, 1991, in Fort Wayne, IN. She was a member of the Fort Wayne First Church.

Survivors include: 2 daughters, Dorothy Stolte and Roberta Jones; a brother, Ed Barker; 7 grandchildren;



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and 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were by Pastor Jan Follett, and interment was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

WHITFIELD, Ida M., age 88; born June 6, 1903, in Edwardsburg, MI; died Feb. 4, 1992, in Elkhart, IN. She was a member of the Elkhart Church.

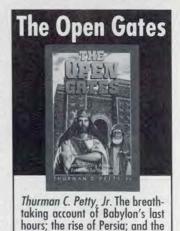
She is survived by her daughter. Dolores.

Services were by Pastor Harold Peggau, and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola, IN.

WILLIAMS, Elizabeth J., age 73: born Dec. 3, 1918, in Clinton, TN; died March 16, 1992, in Detroit, She was a member of the Detroit Northwest Church.

She is survived by her son, Christopher Sargant.

Services were by Pastor Don Williams, and interment was in Mount Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia, MI.



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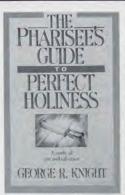
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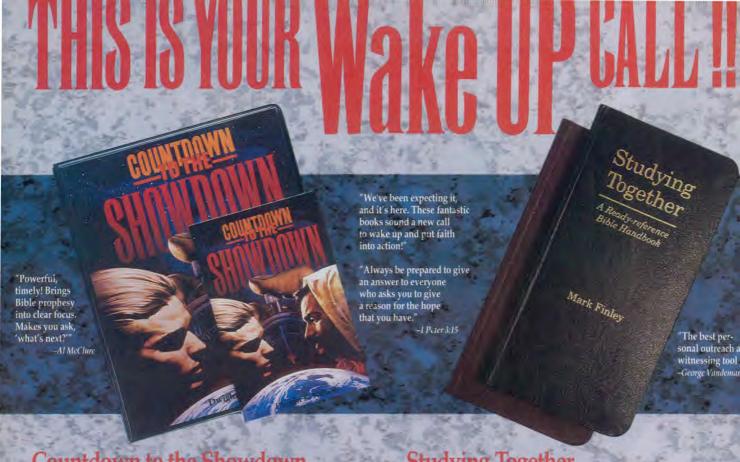
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