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**“He hath made everything
beautiful in his time . . . ”
Ecclesiastes 3:11**



Before They Call . . .

BY JAMES PARMELE

Editor's note: In the February, 1987 President's Outlook, Elder Joel Tompkins wrote about a negative experience involving Pathfinders in peril. This month he is pleased to present this positive Guest Outlook to balance out the other.

Pastor and Mrs. James Parmele had planned to drive to Pocatello, Idaho recently to attend to some business. Getting into their car Monday about noon, they drove approximately three miles to the entrance of the freeway.

The entrance to the ramp was just a right turn away when Mourine said, "Oh, I forgot the key to the house." They returned home, got the key and drove onto the freeway, satisfied they now had a clear road to their destination. Little did they know they would not reach Pocatello neither that day nor the next.

They had driven only 16 miles when they saw a bus beside the road, and Mourine read aloud "Silvertip Pathfinders" Kelowna, B.C. "Do you suppose that is a group of Adventist youth in distress?" she asked.

The Parmeles braked the car to a stop beside two teen-age girls who had walked a few hundred feet from the bus, and on inquiring found that this group of young people were from Okanogan Adventist Academy. They were going to Mexico to a Maranatha project to help build a church when the motor of the bus conked out. Since these people needed help, the journey would have to wait. Two or three of the teachers were mechanics of sorts and were already working to take the motor apart. One piston was in bad shape.

Joe Suececk had already gone to see if there was help in Hammett, a small town about four miles away.

The group was well supervised by teachers under the direction of Dwight Rose, a returned missionary who had spent seven years in Lebanon. It was suggested that help could be gotten back

at Mountain Home. Pastor Parmele took Rose to meet Ron Dodge, who he knew could tow the bus into Mountain Home with one of his trucks. Ron has a cement and gravel business. Ron appreciated what Maranatha had done in helping his church in its building program, and he did not hesitate to offer his services. However, he did not want to tow the bus with 30 people aboard.

Mrs. Parmele immediately said that she would call for transportation for the group. She got Mrs. Lynn Billock, who has a large van, then Dick Clayville with his van, and both Parmele cars. In one trip the group was in the church, and shortly the bus with its cargo was on the church parking lot.

Ron knew someone who had a motor like the one in the bus. The men worked till nearly midnight on the motor, only to find that General Motors had made four different motors and this one did not match the one in the bus.

The next day, while the youth were swimming, walking, and playing, the teachers were working on the bus. Ron left his business to help all that day, and the others helped too.

Mary Dodge made doughnuts for the whole group while Mourine shuttled the youth to the Racquet Club; and the elder took two of them into Boise for gaskets, not available in Mountain Home. Ron located the needed head and took it to a local machinist, who ground the valves and whatever needed to be done.

That afternoon Ron Dodge furnished his mechanic to work putting things together. By about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening the bus with the Maranathans aboard pulled away from the Mountain Home Church toward their mission project.

Now supposing a key had not been forgotten! The Parmeles would have been on down the road, and would never have known the Silvertip Pathfinder bus existed.

God knew. He times it just right. Before the bus was in trouble. Before they knew they had a problem. God set in motion a solution to His children's predicament.

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Outlook On The Cover

August: Stan Strange, a Lincoln-based Adventist photographer, contributes once more to the cover of the Outlook with this summer morning study of dried wild flowers and barbed wire.

The Open Door

BY MARGE WOODRUFF

Across the back of our house my husband built a twenty-foot wide, two-story solar greenhouse. Sliding glass doors open from the living and dining rooms onto a balcony. On the eight-foot sides, upper and lower patio doors and a window provide ventilation. An opening under the eaves lets hot air escape up and out a ridge vent on the roof.

As yet, I've not seen any birds fly into the glass panels from the outside. But one day a sparrow found the ridge vent. Investigating its possibilities as a nesting site, she ended up trapped in the greenhouse. I heard desperate chirps amid a frantic whirring of wings.

As I stepped into the open doorway, she took off from the balcony railing and crashed full speed into the glass. She fell, weakly fluttering, to the floor below. Poor thing! I would help her out—I thought.

After opening the upper outside screen, I closed the inside screens. I didn't want her to "escape" into the house. Then I ran down the basement stairs to open the lower outside screen. When I appeared down there, the sparrow flew back to the railing. Good! I thought. Now she will see the open door up there and wing a successful flight to freedom. I came inside, closing the basement screen behind me.

From a discreet distance in the living room I watched the sparrow. She cocked her head this way and that, dazed and puzzled that she couldn't reach those tree branches a few feet in front of her. She tried again and again, only to meet an invisible foe that sent her reeling. Apparently, she couldn't see any difference between glass and open space. I'd have to take further measures if she'd ever be free.

Thinking to guide her, I approached from the end opposite the open door. Hopefully, she'd fly through it in the attempt to get away from me. She missed the opening by five inches and got knocked down again. So I ran down again to steer her out the lower door. But she made a determined flight toward the trees, which ended, of course, in yet another crash that left her listless.

By now I felt as frustrated as she. I longed to help. If only I could communicate with her. If only she could sense my good intentions. If she continued her own efforts, she might die. There was no need for her fright. She could easily be free. But I had done all I could.

Slowly, sadly, I returned to the living room and sank into a chair. At first, the New Earth came to mind. There, the animal kingdom will not fear man. Then I thought of my desire—and struggle!—to reach that beautiful land. Have I sometimes acted like that sparrow? Has the Saviour

ever longed to help me as He watches my repeated, futile efforts to escape the confines of sin? It's a possibility I hadn't fully considered.

Christ opened the door to freedom for me. He comes near to gently, patiently nudge me toward it. Thankful for the sparrow's vivid lesson, I knelt to pray. After all, communication with the Saviour is possible. I asked Him to make me willing to follow His guiding hand.

Returning to the balcony, I discovered that the little sparrow, too, had at last found the open door. ★





A Miracle of Faith

BY CHARLES C. CASE

Eight miles east of Benton, Illinois, a dirt road takes off to the north for about two miles where a sign indicates the headquarters of the Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

A few hundred yards down this dirt road stands the new network building, which houses the offices, studios and other facilities for the new Adventist uplink TV station (a station which beams the signal directly to a satellite transponder in space), the first of its kind in the church.

Danny Shelton tossed and turned in bed the night of November 15, 1984. He felt God was impressing him that he should start a TV uplink station. He called friends

in Louisiana at 3:30 that morning and told them how he felt. Jim Greer had to work, but the next day, Ann Greer and her father traveled to West Frankfort, Illinois, to visit Danny and his brother, Kenny.

A visit to a charismatic church pastor who intended to sell his three TV cameras and other equipment, ended in his donating all the equipment to the Sheltons.

A Christian electronics engineer told Danny and the others about a location a short distance away where an uplink station could be built, one of the few locations free from interference. A non-Adventist lady who happened to be visiting at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the Sheltons' church when members were asked to remember the TV project in prayer, called two nights later saying she was

impressed to donate property for the station. The property was the exact location that the electronics engineer had pinpointed for an uplink station . . .

A commercial firm checked out the location, and the Federal Communications Commission gave an unrestricted license that permitted the uplink station to broadcast in any direction without interference.

The transmitters required three-phase electricity. An investigation revealed that three-phase electric lines ran right to the property line. This saved hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Donations began to arrive just in time to pay for needed equipment. The Three Angels Corporation was established with a governing board of laymen of the church

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and Everett Cumbo, president of the Illinois Conference.

Miracle after Miracle

Miracle after miracle continued and continues. The 16,000 square-foot headquarters building plus two smaller buildings for the electrical supply and the transmitter were constructed. Then a 32-foot, \$300,000 satellite dish was installed.

On November 23, 1986, the first broadcast was transmitted to a satellite 22,300 miles in space. 3ABN now broadcasts 24 hours a day over SATCOM (F1), Channel 17 which is listed in TV Guide. Programming repeats every eight hours. Current programming includes both church-produced telecasts such as "It Is Written" and "Breath of Life" as well as those produced in their own studios.

Staff members go to the transmitter building each broadcast night, join hands in a circle and pray before the switches are thrown. After prayer, Clarence Larson, the engineer, dials Radio Corporation of America on the phone and informs them they are ready. He throws the main switch to indicate their signal to RCA and makes any requested adjustments. After approval, other switches are thrown and the Three Angels broadcast is on the air.



Above left: This sign indicates the headquarters of the Three Angels Broadcasting Network in Southern Illinois. Above: 3ABN employee Gonzalo Santos operates a camera during studio filming. He also serves as the network's electrician and assistant engineer.

The Three Angels Broadcast has been putting a written announcement on the screen which says, "The Three Angels Broadcasting Network wants to know how you are receiving this transmission in your area." A telephone number is displayed. Seconds after this message is on the screen, calls start coming (at the caller's expense)

from Alaska, Hawaii, The Bahama Islands, Puerto Rico, Honduras and many states.

During half time at the Orange Bowl football game on January 1, a man turned his dial and saw the Adventist program, "It Is Written." He watched that and other programs with great interest. Later, he called the network and told the staff that he never saw the second half of the Orange Bowl game. He said, "Praise God for another Christian TV station."

Stories of Employees

The ways each 3ABN employee joined the station are miracles in themselves. Clarence Larson, chief engineer, searched out and found the location where an uplink station could be built. "I don't know why I'm telling you this, but I just feel impressed to do so," he told Danny. As time went on, Mr. Larson volunteered his time, after hours, to help develop the Three Angels transmission station. He spent many hours helping with the planning and installation.

Mr. Larson, a Baptist, is now working full time on salary for Three Angels. He says about the programming, "I haven't heard anything I can't accept or agree with yet."

Art Humphrey, production director, came from Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Humphrey attended Oakwood College, but graduated from Alabama A. & M. University with a degree in telecommunication because Oakwood did not have a major in telecommunication. He worked for a television station as director, producer and in many other jobs. Later, he was TV producer for the second largest computer graphics company in the world, producing all of their video training and advertising films.

He heard about the Three Angels network and visited the Sheltons several times, and expressed a desire to join the Three Angels Message Broadcasting Network. One morning his wife, Pat, decided to fast, and ask God to indicate if they should move to Illinois and join Three Angels.

On Friday, the second morning of her fast, Pat was preparing breakfast and her 5-year-old daughter, Candice, asked, "Mommy, when are we moving to Illinois?" Pat was startled and asked Candice why she asked. Candice told her than an angel stood beside her bed during the night and told her that they were moving to Illinois, that she should pack her toys and help her smaller brother pack his. Upon further inquiry, Pat asked the height of the angel, and Candice said that his head touched the ceiling.

Upon hearing the story that afternoon, Art joined Pat in fasting and prayer during the Sabbath. They decided to move and called Danny who said, "Come, we have the job for you."

Gonzolo Santos, an electrician, had been

installing large electrical systems in commercial buildings for a company in Chicago. He heard of Three Angels and visited the Sheltons several times. He volunteered much of his time and helped install the large electrical supply with many one-inch underground cables.

Impressed with his work, Danny and Ken hired Gonzolo to be their electrician and assistant engineer. "Gonzolo is an answer to our prayers," said Danny. "He came just when we needed him—a person well-qualified." Gonzolo also helps as a cameraman for studio filming.

Jim and Ann Greer are the couple who Danny called at 3:30 a.m. when he was wrestling with the idea of the network in November 1984. Jim was a building contractor. He decided to quit this work and help build Three Angels for the Lord. Ann was working as a technical secretary for a Veterans Administration hospital. To be nearer the network, she transferred to Memphis, Tennessee. That way, she would be close to Jim and Three Angels. Ann had been working just a few months at the Veterans hospital in Memphis when Three Angels needed more secretarial help and she was offered the job. Danny says, "The Greers are a great asset to the Three Angels Broadcasting Network."

Need to be the Head

Summing up for the Three Angels Broadcasting Network Kenny says, "We want to throw the church out to the world so it can see what we have. We have been the tail too long; now we need to be the head." He then closes his remarks by quoting Ellen G. White, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 117).

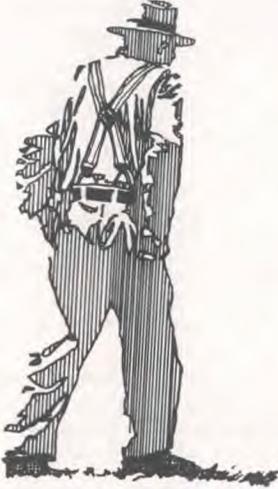
Danny and Kenny had no knowledge whatsoever of TV electronics. They felt God calling, they answered, and He has provided people with expertise to do the job.

The Three Angels Broadcasting Network is committed to upholding the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The board voted the following guidelines for programming:

- a) To uphold the writings of Ellen G. White as counsel to the church.
 - b) All programming is to be Christ-centered.
 - c) Programming will not dishonor or discredit the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
 - d) Programming will be in harmony with the 27 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church based on the Bible.
- Danny and Kenny say, "We hope the Three Angels Broadcasting Network will hasten Jesus' soon coming. Pray for us, because, 'where there is no vision, the people perish . . .'" (Proverbs 29:18). ★

Harvest Time, August, 1877

Dust rose in swirls from my black boots, clogging my nostrils and forming dust drops on my eyelashes. Hay protruded from my shirt like porcupine quills scratching my chest and legs each time I took a step forward. My lips were mumbling the phrase, "hardheaded Norwegian Lutherans". My ears ached from having heard that phrase ever since I had



left Jacob and Mary's farm a half mile back down the dirt road. The last ten days I had been breaking my back from pitching hay in the hot August sun. To top it all off, I wasn't even a farmer. I was a short, stout preacher. My soft hands, short arms, and stout shoulder muscles had proved their worth against Jacob's and his three boys'. I raised my hand to scratch a sore shoulder blade. Suddenly, out of the blue sky, a voice distinctly said, "Go back, go back". I turned my head in every direction in search of human bodies, but all that met my gaze were empty hay fields. Instinctively, I knew it was God's voice, I fell to my knees in the ditch beside the dust road and poured my heart out to God in prayer.

The frustration I had felt inside slowly melted. A calm peace settled over my entire being. I dusted the dried grass from my knees and rose slowly to my feet to go back. My mind, which a few minutes ago had carried distorted ugly pictures of hardheaded Norwegian Lutherans, now had been filled with God's Spirit. I saw Jacob and Mary Johnson and their four sons as God's future children. My muscles still ached, my head was still drowsy from staying up ten nights in a row, past midnight, pouring over the Bible; trying with all I had to help them see my loving

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Savior and the wonderful truths His Word held.

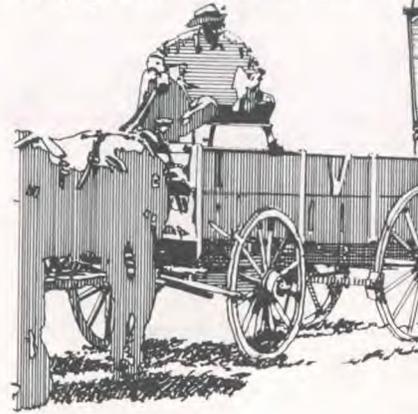
A wisp of hay flew past my nose breaking through my thoughts. I turned up Jacob and Mary's driveway. Their brown mutt came bounding down the drive announcing my return with his barks.

Mary met me at the door with a sagging smile. I couldn't discern if it was a smile of politeness or relief that Jacob would again have my free help out in the hay fields. I returned her smile, dusted off my boots, and then returned my briefcase to the boys' room where I stayed. I bowed my head one more time to whisper, "Father, I'm back again, fill me with your Spirit so I will have the strength to at least give Jacob's boys some competition in his hay fields. Lord, I'm all yours, work through me to win these souls for you."

Eight Days Later

Eight days later my feet were plodding down the same dusty road again. This time all the Norwegian jokes I had ever heard were ringing through my head. My lips were running twenty miles an hour; "Hardheaded Norwegian Lutherans, nothing but

The farmer bowed his head, "Heavenly Father," he prayed, "We thank Thee for this day. And now, may Your Spirit be with us as we seek Your Word." A slight sigh passed my lips. I once again sent a silent



message up to God. "Lord, when we first started studies, Jacob didn't even completely close his eyes when I prayed and now he is offering the prayer himself.

If He Had Never Gone Back

BY REBECCA LOUISE STOUT CHOBAN

hardheaded Norwegian Lutherans". My eyes were glued to the road. For the last half mile I had plugged first one ear and then the other with my free hand. Through the dust I again heard the voice: "Go back, go back, go back!" This time I didn't raise my head, I knew God's voice without searching. I stumbled to my knees. I put my knees in the same prints that I had made eight days before. As I prayed, my frustration and doubts again faded. This time I knew I could not leave Jacob and Mary until they accepted. I arose from my knees and retraced my dusty steps back to the farm again.

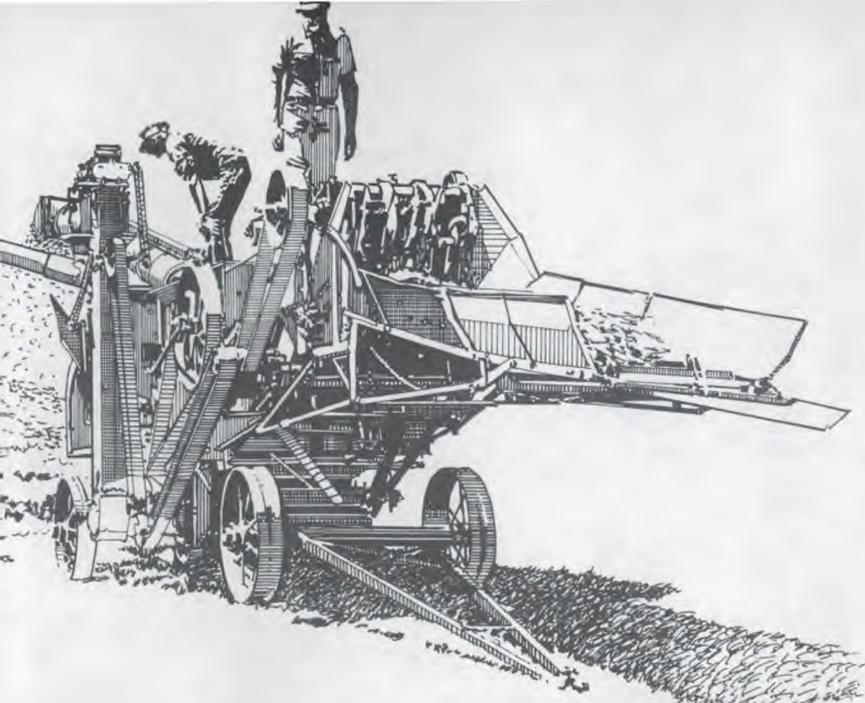
Ten Days Later

Mary placed the last of the supper dishes into the cupboard. Jacob called to her to join us. She seated herself beside Jacob on the sofa. I lifted my hand to adjust the flickering lamp. "Lord", I breathed, "Please, tonight let them see your true light." Out loud, I asked Jacob if he would ask the Lord to bless us as we studied His Word.

Be especially near us tonight."

My hands grasped the leather of my Bible tightly as I opened its cover, leafing through its pages until I came to the Gospels. I then relaxed as I felt God's Spirit flow peacefully through me. I opened my mouth and the words poured out, jerky at first, and then they mellowed into a calm river. I retold the story of salvation and then moved into the Sabbath message, recounting how Jesus Himself kept the Sabbath day. Explaining how the Sabbath actually was the seventh day of the week, I climaxed the story by asking Mary to bring the calendar in. She arose from Jacob's side and went out into the kitchen.

A squeal came from her lips and she bounded back into the room. "Jacob, he's right!" "Jacob, he's right!" Her finger was glued to Saturday, where it proudly stood, the seventh number in the row. Jacob now eagerly arose, deep in thought. The boys who moments before were secretly playing tic-tac-toe on their school slate now sat at the edge of the sofa to see the outcome. Jacob slowly bowed his head and then



spoke. "The preacher's right about the Sabbath; it stands clear as water on the calendar. He's also right about the ten percent tithe to the Lord, and not eating pork, and smoking and drinking." He then lifted his eyes and looked straight at Mary as if she were the only person in the room. "Mary, I would never ask you to change your faith or even deny you the right to teach the boys what you think best. But, I'm afraid the preacher has convinced me that what he has to say is all true."

"Like I said, I won't ask you to accept it, but I can't deny the Lord's truth when it

stares me straight in the face clearer than water. I'm going to become one of those Seventh-day Adventists. Nothing could please me more than for you and the boys to take the stand beside me."

Total silence filled the rooms as all eyes were glued on Mary. The calendar slipped from her hands and tears began to pour from her eyes. "Jacob, I know it just like you do. It's all just like he says. It all stands straight in black and white in our own Bible. It wouldn't seem fitting to have our Bible reading something we didn't keep."

At the last statement Jacob arose and gathered Mary and the boys into his arms. Tears streamed down my face. "Thank you Lord", I prayed, "Oh, thank you Lord."

Hutchinson, Minnesota, October, 1927

Sun filtered in through the window blinds. I sat on my son's sofa in his living room. I glanced down at my wrinkled hands. "Oh Lord," I prayed, "thank you for your Sabbath." "Lord, I truly have felt blessed today even if I wasn't able to attend our church today. Lord, I'm not as young or spry as I used to be. But Father, my love is just as strong for you; in fact, it is stronger."

The living room door swung open. My

son entered the room, smiling with a young man behind him. My son pulled him around and said, "Father, I would like you meet a student of mine, Jay Johnson from Iowa." Suddenly memories flashed back in my head. I slightly rose exclaiming, "Johnson, Johnson; Iowa, Iowa." "Could you by chance be related to Jacob and Mary Johnson from Milford, Iowa?"

The young man stood a little taller and explained, "Why, yes, I'm their grandson." Tears blinded my eyes as I weaved my way to the young man. Clutching him, I laid my head on his shoulder and cried as I've never cried before. Through my tears, I prayed, "Oh, Lord, what if I'd never gone back!" What if I'd never gone back!"

Elder Peter L. Hoen, the minister who studied with Jacob and Mary Johnson, lived to be 101 years old (1838-1939). While working as a self-supporting minister, Elder Hoen raised up the Ruthven and Milford churches (1876-77) in northwest Iowa. He was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1878.

Jacob and Mary and five other families met for Sabbath services in different farm homes each Sabbath. In 1887, they donated one acre of land to build a church six-and-one-half miles east of Milford in the country. The church was built in 1888. This church (Terrill church) was closed in 1966 and the congregation transferred to the Spencer, Iowa church.

Jay Johnson never forgot the story that Elder Hoen told him when he met him in his sons' home (Rue E. Hoen) in 1927. Jacob and Mary had four children, 15 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, 101 great-great-grandchildren, 49 great-great-great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great-great-grandchild.

From this family came several full-time church workers; five ministers, nurses, doctors, five missionaries, and many colporteurs, teachers, departmental workers, secretaries, and a host of laymen who have faithfully supported God's cause with their talents and income. It is interesting to note that Jacob and Mary supported God's work with 160 acres of farmland; today, their offspring are supporting God's work with more than 10,000 acres of farmland. ★





The Summer Institute For Christian College Teaching: A Union of Faith and Learning

BY LINDA DICK AND JANET MULLETT

"Welcome to the birthday party," Dr. George H. Akers told the assembly of church and college administrators, members of the Board of Higher Education, and special guests. "If we live long enough, we may look back on tonight as an historic occasion. The birth of a new tradition in Adventist education."

The group gathered June 9, 1987, to celebrate the inception of the Summer Institute for Christian College Teaching (SICCT). Under the guidance of an advisory committee, the Institute will offer its first seminar in 1988 on the campus of Union College.

Another guest at the birthday party, Elder C.E. Bradford, reminded the group, "The purpose of Seventh-day Adventist education is to nourish the culture, to keep it strong and viable."

In support of this purpose, the Adventist educational system has long upheld rigorous

teacher-training programs and periodic teachers' conferences for elementary and secondary school teachers, preparing them to "nourish" Adventist young people, spiritually as well as academically. Akers and others have felt a deep need for similar encouragement for Adventist college teachers. The Summer Institute will bring together experienced teachers, from all the various academic disciplines and from all the Adventist colleges in the North American Division, to explore the concept of integrating faith and learning.

"The integration of faith and learning is not a goal to be reached; it can only be an ongoing process" explains Dr. John Wagner, President of Union College and SICCT Center Coordinator. "The Institute, then, is intended to help us in Adventist higher education do better that which we are already doing well."

The Institute is already receiving support from concerned laymen. It is currently being funded through a private grant of \$75,000. Besides the direct expenses involved in holding the seminar, the Institute will fund the travel, board and room of the participating professors. The

colleges themselves will help support the Institute by maintaining the salaries of participants during the seminar.

In order to insure the best quality of intense study and discussion, the seminar will be limited to a maximum of 22 participants, with a balance of teachers from the various academic disciplines. To be eligible for participation, seminar applicants must hold at least a master's degree, doctorate degree preferred. The Advisory Committee is developing a brochure, to be sent to all college teachers in the North American Division, explaining the seminar and how to apply. Participants will receive a stipend and academic recognition for completing the seminar.

The two-week seminar itself will consist of readings, lectures, group discussions, and formal presentations by guest lecturers. During the first week, the participants will review world views and examine their implications for Christian teachers and particularly Seventh-day Adventist educators. The second week will focus on the integration of faith and learning in specific academic areas. Each participant will be expected to develop a personal position paper in the field of his or her academic specialty, which will be presented to the group during the closing session of the seminar.

In support of the Institute, the Union College library is developing a collection of resource and research materials on the subject of faith and learning for Adventist teachers and students. Says Akers, "Any teacher in any academic discipline will be able to come to this library collection and 'think after' the greatest Christian teachers in his field." Library director, Chloe Foutz, welcomes suggestions or contributions of further such materials, books or articles on the subject. A parallel core collection of materials will be housed at the General Conference Department of Education to serve the world field. Plans are underway to begin publishing a series of monographs on the integration of faith and learning, to be sponsored by SICCT.

The featured speaker at the June 9 "birthday" banquet for SICCT was Dr. Arthur F. Holmes, Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Wheaton College and a driving force behind the Wheaton seminar. In his speech, Dr. Holmes reminded his listeners that a seminar such as SICCT can only hope to "impart a vision" to participants, to "begin a lifelong process" of integrating faith and learning. He said, "We have a long way to go" in that process, at our colleges and in our personal lives. "Integration is an ideal never fully accomplished by anyone but God Himself." For human beings, integration, like Christian growth, is never completed. But it can be encouraged. ★

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The Lou Fitting Family. From left to right: Lou, Matthew, Kara and Joshua.

Journey to Jesus

BY LIZ SWEENEY WALLS

What do Hawaii, a supermarket, and a veggieburger have to do with conversion to the Adventist Church? In the case of Lou and Kara Fitting, this unlikely trio played a vital role in paving the way to salvation.

Lou Fitting was raised a staunch Lutheran. He faithfully attended church, led a clean and moral life, and enjoyed working with the young people of his church.

Kara, on the other hand, had little interest in religion. To her it was, a "hit or miss" proposition. Her folks never bothered to take her to church, and consequently spiritual things were at the bottom of her list of priorities.

Then came her trip to Hawaii—with Lou's best friend's sister, Sue. Naturally many photos were taken during the trip and upon their return, Lou happened to see one with Kara in it.

"She looks like a nice girl," he mused aloud. "I'd kind of like to date her."

"No problem," replied Sue's father who happened to be in the room at the time. "I'll fix it up for you."

Lou thought the man was joking, and

went home chuckling. But that very Saturday night he got a phone call.

"Your date is all arranged," Sue's father told him. "She'll be waiting for you at 6:30."

"But I already have a date," protested Lou. After hanging up he gave the matter more careful consideration and broke his earlier date to go out with Kara . . . He's never dated anyone else since then.

Before they married, however, Lou let Kara know in no uncertain terms that religion meant a great deal to him and he'd expect any future partner to share in that interest with him. Kara agreed and immediately began attending church with Lou.

Frank Enters Their Lives

For a while all was well. Then Kara began to feel discontented. "I'm just not getting anything out of church anymore," she told Lou. It was about that time that Frank came into their lives.

Frank had previously worked in the grocery store with Lou, and at the time was rather rowdy. Lou and Kara moved away for a while, and Lou didn't see his former supermarket buddy for many months. Then they moved back, and who should Lou bump into one day but Frank—and what a different Frank he was.

"I've been reconverted to my former church," Frank told Lou, "and I'm really on fire for God."

"Oh?" Lou was shocked, remembering all the times he'd tried to get Frank interested in religion with no success. "What church is it that you're with?"

"Why, the Seventh-day Adventist Church," said Frank proudly. "Here, I just happen to have a few pamphlets you might like to read."

A short while later, Frank called and talked to Kara. He wanted to come over and show them a filmstrip called, "The Theater of the Universe." Kara was just in the frame of mind for something new and different, and convinced Lou to let Frank come to their home. Lou figured if they let Frank get his fanaticism out of his system, then he'd quit bothering them.

But somehow, things didn't go as Lou had planned. As they viewed the filmstrip, both Lou and Kara became very interested. Frank stayed till after 1:00 a.m. answering their eager questions. He left with the promise of returning the following evening.

Once again, however, Lou was the one to be surprised. The filmstrip answered all his arguments before he could ever voice them. The clock struck one before Frank left, but not before extending an invitation to visit his church that Sabbath.

Lou and Kara did go, and were, as Lou puts it, "Fascinated and excited". They were extremely impressed to see everyone

carrying and using their Bibles. "These people really love the Lord" they whispered to each other.

That was a potluck Sabbath, and the vegetarian cuisine was something new and wonderful to them.

A State of Cold War

After that, the Fittings never returned to the Lutheran church. This caused quite a stir in Lou's family. For about six weeks a state of cold war existed between the two families. Lou loved his parents very much and the trouble made him sad, but he knew he could never turn back. So he and Kara kept praying for a truce.

Finally, love won out and Lou and Kara were allowed to rejoin the family group on the condition that they never discussed their religion. This condition exists even yet, but Lou never stops praying and hoping.

It was a happy day when Kara and Lou were baptized. At the time, Kara was very pregnant with baby Matthew, and Lou confesses "the minister was a little worried we wouldn't get her out of the tank!" But all went without incident, and so the Fittings became members of the Adventist family.

Right away, Lou and Kara became heavily involved in church work, filling each commitment with great joy. Then one day Lou felt the call to something even bigger, the ministry.

"At first I was afraid to tell Kara," he admits. "We were comfortably settled, I had a good job, and we had two children to support by this time." But after talking to the pastor Lou told Kara. Her response: "I'm behind you 100 percent!"

On the pastor's advice, Lou waited a year to be sure of his calling. During this time they took on more responsibilities: Dorcas society, Revelation Seminars, personal ministries, church and school board. The next fall Lou checked out the possibilities at Andrews University, but he couldn't find a job in Michigan. So they waited another year and tried again with no success. Then someone suggested Union College.

Lou and Kara visited Lincoln and fell in love with it. Financial aid was arranged, and best of all Lou was able to get a job in his previous line of work to support the family. They returned home to pack and sell their house.

Their house was on the market until one week before they had to be in Lincoln. It was a severe test of their faith, but they stood firm.

Lou has since pastored in a three-church district, served as a summer literature evangelist, and assisted as a student pastor at Northside Church in Lincoln. He is presently men's dorm chaplain at Union College, and is looking forward to graduation in two years so he can begin his full-time pastoral duties. ★



“Weight, I Say, on the Lord!”

BY RANDY MAXWELL

“Just wait on the Lord, brother,” or “Look to Jesus” are common expressions in and around the body of Christ—and if you have been a Christian for any substantial length of time, you, like me, have heard them a “million” times. They have to rank at least second or third among the Top Ten favorite Christian cliches.

Want proof? The next time you’re facing a trial or find yourself in some kind of trouble, see how much time elapses before someone offers these words of “comfort” to you. But don’t go to sleep while you wait, because they’re coming at you—count on it. And you know what? When *someone else*—a friend, relative, co-worker, or fellow believer—gets in trouble, they’ll hear them too—from *you*.

Now don’t get me wrong. I’m in no way poking fun at what I believe to be one of the greatest promises of Scripture. See Isaiah 40:31. It’s just that I’ve found that we Christians, always anxious to give “the answer,” glibly spout off this verse, applying it to another’s trial with all the finesse of a rapid-fire machine gun, without really comprehending what it is we’re saying or what the Bible is really saying. I know I didn’t—not really. I discovered that it’s easy to wait on the Lord. That’s right, easy—until—until I had to wait on Him!

When the bills are paid and you have just received that new promotion, your car is running like a Swiss watch, physically you’ve never felt better, and generally life is handing you a bouquet of roses, waiting on God is a snap! But just let the car break down or the funds get a little tight or let the bill collectors start inviting themselves over for dinner, and suddenly you’re bleeding from the thorns on that bouquet of roses life just handed you. There you stand, blood flowing from your fingertips, and some well-meaning “saint” is grinning in your face telling you to “Hang in there. We’ll understand it better by and by. Just WAIT!”

What is Waiting?

But just what is *waiting* on the Lord?

Randy Maxwell, still in his twenties, works as a supervising typist clerk in the physical therapy department of Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center in Downey, California.

How does it work? Is there really more to it than just “grinning and bearing it?” Can we finally take it from the Top Ten cliché list and find some practical application for it to our marriages, our finances, our automobiles—our very lives?

It is because I believe there is a positive answer to these questions that I have entitled this book “*Weight, on the Lord*,” spelled W-E-I-G-H-T. I have done so because I truly believe that when the Lord tells us to “wait,” He had more in mind for His children than just sitting in a corner with our Bibles, wringing our hands. Or walking around with a plastic smile on our faces, lying to everyone who asks, “How are you today?” by answering, “Fine”—while inside we resemble a piece of chopped up meat—torn up with fear, anxiety, and hurt.

No, I believe the Lord wants us to W-E-I-G-H-T on Him—to place the full weight of our burden, whatever it is, totally on Him and thereby receive a fresh supply of strength to continue on. Is this not what the apostle Peter means with these words?

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7, NIV.

Jesus has been very up front and honest with His followers regarding trials and suffering. He assures us that as long as we are still in this world we will have tribulation. Nevertheless, He adds the consolation that because of His triumph over sin, Satan, and the grave, we can be of good cheer. See John 16:33. We can have hope and actually learn the secret of transforming our desert experiences into watered gardens of faith and trust in a God who has promised never to leave or forsake us.

A Banquet of Blessings

Jesus has spread out a banquet table of blessings for His children, and far too many of us have spent the majority of our Christian lives wasting away on the crumbs—and all because we won’t “taste and see that the Lord is good.” Psalm 34:8. We don’t put God’s Word to the test and practically apply its counsel to our everyday lives. As a result, we may be twenty or thirty years old in our Christian walk with a kindergarten faith that remains stunted and immature from lack of use.

It has been said that when we get to heaven, we’ll be surprised to find a room full of unopened, gift-wrapped boxes with our names on them and cards attached that read:

NEVER DELIVERED TO EARTH,
BECAUSE NEVER REQUESTED
FROM EARTH

These boxes contain all the promises and spiritual weapons of God’s Word that could have been ours in times of need but were never claimed, never applied.

Jesus is anxiously waiting for His children to experience more than just a theoretical, intellectual relationship with Him, and all heaven waits to bestow on us all the glorious fullness of the living Christ. We need but to ask, and the experience will be ours.

I believe it was never the Lord’s intent for us to grovel through this life, seeking out a meager existence, just “hanging in there” until He would come and take us home to heaven. Sorry, that’s not the picture my Bible paints for me.

The Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath. Deuteronomy 28:13.

Jesus wants us to be “more than conquerors” (see Romans 8:37), and we can get “above” our trials and soar above our difficulties. But before we can “mount up with wings as eagles,” we must drop our “turkey” mentality and “WEIGHT” on Him.

This book doesn’t pretend to have all the answers. Times of perplexity and doubt will still come (I know—I’ve had them in the publication of this book)! Nor does this book seek to eliminate all trouble. Rather, it attempts to provide some positive, practical, biblical methods of coping with the many trials we face from day to day. I offer the next few pages of ink and paper as a sacrifice to God and a gift to you with a prayer that the simple words and thoughts shared herein will help you strengthen your grip on the hand of God—in the valley as well as on the mountaintop—and learn how, *by faith*, to “run and not be weary; . . . walk, and not faint.”

“WEIGHT,” I say, on the Lord!



Frontier Missionaries Sent

Marc and Aunie Scalzi with their children Cheris and Shiloh have just been sent out as the first missionaries under the auspices of Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM), a new mission organization working in cooperation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "Our purpose," explains Clyde Morgan, executive director of the Berrien Springs, Michigan based organization, "is to establish new work among language-cultural groups around the world where the church currently has no work established."

If you're wondering just how much need there is for this kind of work, Morgan is ready with a battery of statistics. Of approximately 23,000 people groups around the world, nearly 17,000 of them (72%) are unreached by Protestant Christianity. About three-fourths of the earth's population do not name the Name of Christ. Of these, approximately 2½ billion (half of the world's population) are separated from Christians by barriers of language, geography and culture.

"The only way these people can be reached," Morgan emphasizes, "is by missionaries being sent to them across these various barriers. That's what AFM is doing."

Adventist Frontier Missions operates under a board of directors made up of Seventh-day Adventist laymen and denominational employees most of whom have been, or are currently involved in missions. Dr. Gottfreid Oosterwal, AFM board member and director of the Seventh-day Adventist Institute of World Mission which orients the church's missionaries before they go out says, "Adventist Frontier Missions is a movement whose time has come. It arose in response to the challenge of the three billion people in the world today who have not been reached with the everlasting gospel."

In Northern Luzon in the Philippines, the Scalzi family is pioneering work among the Ifugao tribe whose religion is still largely animist. Of the 100 or so towns and villages in Ifugao most can only be reached by foot. Upon learning this Marc quipped, "Well, the Bible does say, How beautiful are the *feet* of those who bring good news." A pastor and nurse, Marc is readily finding much usefulness for his dual training.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scalzi of College Place, Washington, Marc attended Walla Walla College from which he went as a student missionary to Peru. He later completed his education and graduated from Loma Linda University. Aunie, whose parents now reside in Ontario, Canada, is originally from the Netherlands. She and Marc met while involved in city ministry in New York City.

Adventist Frontier Missions has been



Top: Marc and Aunie Scalzi with their children, Cheris and Shiloh. **Above:** Marc Scalzi inquires in Ifugao village in the Northern Philippines about villages and dialect groups.

invited by the Guam-Micronesia Mission to help pioneer new work in the island of Yap, and is looking for missionary candidates for this full-time position which will involve personal evangelism in establishing the

church on Yap. AFM can be contacted at P.O. Box 346, Berrien Springs, Michigan 49103, telephone (616) 473-4250. A free newsletter is available to those requesting it.

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The Money Noose of Student Aid

BY JAMES
ARKUSINSKI

She was trying to help me, but we probably would have been better off if she hadn't worked," said Betsy Amerson. Betsy's mother had taken a summer job to help Betsy with her school bill, but because of that job, her income level broke the \$30,000 level, and thus Betsy lost her Pell Grant. This is just one of many stories of its kind. With the cost of education *increasing* and financial aid *decreasing*, students are finding a financial noose closing around their necks. Because government financial aid is being cut to a bare minimum, many students will be unable to attend college.

President Reagan has been reworking his budget, and since he will neither raise the taxes nor stop increasing the defense budget, cuts are coming in the form of less support for food stamps, social security, and student aid. Last year \$9 billion was spent on student aid. This

aid went to five-and-a-half million students across the country. But the Higher Education Act is currently being reassessed, and cuts are bound to come. Even now it is tough to get enough money for higher education, and to some people, Christian education is a far-off dream.

Impossible dream

This dream may become impossible due to problems caused by the students themselves. Washington spends \$3.7 billion on student loans and \$3.6 billion on Pell Grants. Defaults drastically increase these expenses—by 1990 defaults are projected to reach \$2 billion. Fraud constitutes another major problem. Although some of the errors on the grant applications are made unintentionally, many of them are done willfully. Students indicate independence, when in actuality they are still living with their parents. With these facts in mind, Congress is putting financial aid on the chopping block.

Ironically, the honest people often find it toughest to get financial aid. The Pell Grant allocated funds to the lower income bracket, and if need is

shown, this grant can give a student up to \$2,100 in assistance. But it doesn't always work. Take the case of the farmer with a son who wants to attend college. He has a very small income but many assets

because of his land and farm. Result? No Pell Grant for his son.

Don't the schools try to help students with their finances so that our sons and daughters can have Christian training? The answer is yes, they do. Union College is trying to help its students financially in as many ways as possible. Currently, U.C. has ten different programs for which students can apply. Three major programs are the UNITE Grant, Job Services, and miscellaneous scholarships. UNITE is a unique grant program in which Union College will write off the rest of a freshman's or sophomore's bill after every other possibility of financial assistance has been used. "More than 230 students have received UNITE Grants this year," says Eldina Blue, student financial aid advisor for Union College. Job Services calls local businesses and finds jobs for the students. The students then apply for the job

available. The scholarships are provided by various organizations and individuals to worthy students. But government assistance is sought first.

Eldina Blue also provided statistics from Union College for the number of students using federal aid. This past school year alone, 287 students received aid from the Pell, SEOG, and SSIG grants; 140 students received aid from the Work-Study program; and 340 students borrowed money through the Guaranteed Student Loan and National Direct Student Loan programs.

Independence Increases Need

The 1987-88 financial aid form, which indicates student need, has tightened its requirements over last year's. A student must now earn \$4,000 a year to be classified as independent. Independent status increases one's need by 30 percent. Summer camp and like scholarships funded by a church or school cannot be counted as income. Thus, students may be forced to find other summer jobs. Should government financial aid be cut any further, many students from the lower middle and lower classes would be unable to attend, in spite of Union College's UNITE Grant, Job Services, and scholarships.

Christian schools are founded to provide a healthy training in the spiritual, physical, and mental realms, thus providing a rounded and complete education for their students.

With all the expense of attending a Christian college, you may wonder if it's worth the trouble. An answer is found on a black-and-white poster hanging in Union College's library: "Education Expensive? Try Ignorance." ★

James Arkusinski wrote this article for the advanced writing class he took at Union College.



Open House For New Office Building

BY BEVERLY LAMON



On May 31, 1987, the Minnesota Conference held an open house at the new site in Maple Grove. Tours of the building took place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Pictured above at the ribbon cutting ceremony are, left to right: Duane Huey, Mid-America Union treasurer; Don Nelson, Bob Roderick, and Bob Britain, all members of the building committee; C. Lee Huff, Minnesota Conference president; and Raymond R. Rouse, Minnesota Conference secretary/treasurer.

Beverly Lamon, communication director, Minnesota Conference.

The Best News

BY MARILYNE SAYLER

What more appropriate message could have been chosen than "The Best News"? And who could have addressed the subject more sincerely and convincingly than Elder Dick Winn of Angwin, California?



Dick Winn

Elder Winn's comments were mainly directed at relationships—our relationship with God and with others. It is easy, he continued, for Christians to focus on external behavior and forget about the importance of internal motivation. To illustrate this concept, he contrasted two views of the Christian's responsibility.

Whereas some would demand, "We've got to reveal the character of God!", he suggested that by changing a few letters in that statement we could more accurately express our high privilege by saying, "We get to reveal the character of God!"

In addressing the subject, "Satan's Theology of the Cross", Elder Winn proposed that Satan has succeeded in deluding many as to the real meaning of the cross. "Is the cross Jesus' message to God to change Him, or is it God's revelation designed to change us?" he asked. Whereas Satan would want us to believe that it is not all that bad to sin, the cross was intended to reveal God's truthfulness—that separation from God (sin) does result in death. "The good news of the cross is God news—a focus of who He is. . . not that I am forgiven, but that He is a forgiver. That I am forgiven is a side benefit of the good news.

Elder Winn also addressed how inadequate our terms are when we attempt to talk about God. "We need to infuse some old words with new meanings," he urged as he illustrated the va-

riety of ways in which the word "love" can be used in modern language, and how those usages can color our understanding of God's love. He further proposed that the solution to the sin problem is not that we should continue trying to get God to change His opinion of us, but that we should change our opinion of God. "Jesus Christ wants us to live more like Him so the world will think better of the Father . . . Forgiveness is not intended as a great nurturing hand underneath us to lift us up so that Christ-like behavior is possible. It is a healing, strengthening experience in our lives that makes loving other people possible."

Eighth-Grader Seizes Opportunity

BY MARILYNE SAYLER

Jodi Ellen Meekma, daughter of Glenn, Sr. and Joyce Meekma, marched proudly as the only eighth-grade graduate from the Thief River Falls Elementary School this year. She believes she has received a quality education so far. "My teachers have been

able to give me a lot of individual attention," she says thankfully, "and lately I've begun to realize how much I can help the younger students at the school, both with their classwork and by setting a good example."

While Jodi has enjoyed her formal education in school, a lot of her education has been obtained at home on her parent's farm near Newfolden. Having attended her family's flock of sheep since she was a little girl, it is not a surprise that her dream is to become a veterinarian. Jodi has demonstrated that she can single-handedly manage the day-to-day care of the flock including such complicated procedures as delivering triplet lambs. When she was invited to spend one day per week with a local veterinarian, Dr. Steve Meyer, Jodi was ecstatic. In the succeeding months, Jodi has learned a lot about office procedures and farm visits from Dr. Meyer. "I believe that it has been time well spent," she says enthusiastically. "He has taught me so much about animals and about his profession. And he has encouraged me to go on and be the best veterinarian I can. It really means a lot when someone believes in you!"

Investiture: Time, Talent, Fun!

BY MARILYNE SAYLER



One of the year-end activities at the Thief River Falls Elementary School was an Investiture program. The children presented a program and several students displayed and explained the science projects they had put together. Minnesota's educational superintendent Wes Peterson was on hand to present the children with their honors. Left to right, front: Code Gillund, Holly Nordvick, Billy Simpson, Shane Hanson, Patrick Simpson, Jesse Hanson, Penny Nordvick, Ann Luckiesh. Back: Elvis Hanson, Jennifer Simpson, Tammy Lund, Tracy Simpson, Jodi Meekma, Jodi Madden, Jerime Lund, Mindy Simpson. Wes Peterson stands behind.

Marilyne Sayler, communication secretary, Thief River Falls church.



Outlook On Minnesota



Youth Leader Is Appreciated

BY LOIS RODRIGUEZ

The St. Paul Eastside SDA Church has a special member in Ken Paradez. Ken graduated from Maplewood Academy eight years ago and has been the church pianist most of that time. He accompanies the church choir and often is called upon at a moment's notice to accom-

pany that day's featured special music.

Ken has also been the youth Sabbath School leader and social coordinator for the last three years. Along with Dan Chung, they have planned many outings for the class. The class has spent entire Sabbath days together beginning with church services, then to Ken's house to enjoy a spaghetti lunch. The afternoon is spent with a nature hike and Christian companion-

ship. For supper Ken often makes homemade pizza. Later in the evening they have a big bonfire and roast marshmallows as they wait for their parents to pick them up.

In May, Ken and three of his class members, Bobby McPherson, Tong Vang, and Felicia Rodriguez, spent a Sunday afternoon painting their Sabbath School classroom.

Wendy Pfundtner enrolled the youth class in the SDA program REACH. The class saves their money and sends \$15.00 per month to sponsor a needy child in India.

Lois Rodriguez, communication secretary, Eastside church.

Vegetarian Meal Served

BY DON THOMPSON

A vegetarian dinner was served to the public of Fergus Falls sponsored by the local

Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Approximately 100 non-Seventh-day Adventists sampled the meal. The wife of a prominent attorney was heard telling the pastor, "You Seventh-day Adventists bring such wonderful programs to this town. We really appreciate what you are doing."

Dan Hansen, an Adventist chef from Wadena, prepared the meal.



Chef Dan Hansen

Don Thompson, pastor, Fergus Falls church.



Outlook On Dakota



Couple Joins Lisbon Church

BY CHARLOTTE DASSENKO

On April 25, 1987, a very special couple, Richard and Lucie Kresse from Alice, North Dakota spoke their baptismal vows in the Wahpeton church before being immersed into the watery grave of baptism by Elder Charles Stout. Members of the Lisbon Church were there to witness the baptism and welcome them into their congregation.

Richard is a construction worker and Lucie is a nurse who left the church about 13 years ago. They have a son, Cory, 9 years old. The Kresse's had been studying with another denomination, but they weren't satisfied with it. Lucie had been praying, asking God for wisdom and guidance about the truth. Rich used to get upset with her every time she tried to talk about religion. In the meantime, a foster sister of Lucie's, from Turtle Lake, talked to Pastor Boyd, the pastor in that

district at the time. He sent Lucie some Revelation Seminar Lessons, and put her in touch with the associate pastor of the Lisbon church. When Pastor Short called on the Kresse's, Lucie answered the knock and she said it was an answer to her prayers. Pastor Short studied with them at a round-table Revelation Seminar being held in Enderlin. He left for Arizona and Pastor Stout took over the studies.

Richard had never been interested in religion. He was scared of

it. Richard said, "I knew 99 percent of the time there was a God, but there was this 1 percent which I was uncertain of and this is what kept me from becoming a Christian." But now that Richard has accepted Christ as his Savior, he has been busy telling everyone about his new found faith.

We thank God for leading Richard and Lucie into His kingdom of joy, peace and truth.

Charlotte Dassenko, communication secretary, Lisbon church.



Pastor Stout, Lucie and Richard Kresse



1987
**CHURCH CENTERED
EVANGELISM**
Pastors and Laity United

Dakota Adventist Academy Registration is scheduled for August 23, 1987 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The following day, Monday, we will depart with the entire school family for a week at camp for purposes of organization, orientation, recreation, and a spiritual coming together. **PLAN ON JOINING US. WE'LL SEE YOU THEN.**



Joash Chest Brings \$40,000

BY MARVIN G. LOWMAN



Dakota member put his gift in the Joash Chest.

Members of the Dakota Conference attending camp meeting gave over \$40,000 in a special offering on Sabbath afternoon. Part of a plan to retire a \$1.5 million debt on Dakota Adventist Academy, the idea of a JOASH CHEST was conceived by Stewart Lozensky, Dakota Conference Publishing Associate. He got the idea from the story found in II Kings 12.

With only one notice going to the churches in advance of camp meeting and a brief appeal on Sabbath afternoon, conference leaders were encouraged to see the response. It was thrilling to watch as one after another of the members came to the front to put their checks and cash in the chest constructed by Sam Timothy of Max church.

While some of the money was donated for Academy operating, most of it was for the reduction of loan owed to the General Conference. It will be used as part of the \$200,000 needed to match a North American Division offer to help liquidate the General Conference debt.

Marvin G. Lowman, communication director, Dakota Conference.

Three Students Baptized

BY EVELYN KAHLER

Chasity Ann Eaves, a fifth grader at Richards Elementary School, was baptized April 25, 1987, with Elder Charles Stout

administering the baptismal rites. Chasity is praying that through her Christian example her parents, Herman and Lois Eaves, will also be baptized very soon.

James P. Wasemiller, son of J.P. Wasemiller and Mrs. Suzanne Wasemiller, was baptized March 14, 1987 at the Wahpeton church with Elder Charles Stout having the privilege of baptizing him. Jamie had taken a Revelation seminar before being baptized.

Christopher A. Wall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wendall A. Wall, was baptized May 30, 1987. Elder Stout also had the privilege of studying with Chris, not only at a Revelation Seminar but at the church school.

Charles Starks reaffirmed his faith by being rebaptized after having Bible studies with Elder Stout, and he now rejoices in the three angels messages.

The Wahpeton church is so very happy to welcome Chasity, Jamie, Chris, and Chuck as they profess their faith in Jesus.

Evelyn Kahler, communication secretary, Wahpeton church.

Baptisms



At Bottineau

BY JOYCE BOWERS

At a beautiful lake on a Sabbath afternoon recently, Paulette Efimenko was baptized into the newness of life after making her decision to follow and serve the Lord in every way. Pastor Leonard Devnich officiated.

Joyce Bowers, communication secretary, Bottineau church.

At Minot

BY ROBIN NORDMAN

God still works through His people to reach others. He reached Debbi Olson through Pastor Stan Teller of the Minot

church. After studying the Bible, she realized who cares and loves her the most—Jesus! She was baptized on May 2.



Debbie, B.J., and Matthew, welcome to our family!

Robin Nordman, assistant communication secretary, Minot church.

Stouts Go To Ireland

BY EVELYN KAHLER

Farewell to Elder and Mrs. Charles Stout, Cyndi, Chuck and Margaret. The Stout family accepted a call to Galway County, Galway, Republic of Ireland, where Elder Stout will be a pastor and evangelist. Mrs. Stout will teach grades 1-6 in the church school. Margaret will be a

student missionary there, and Cynthia will be in grade 8. Chuck will be at DAA this fall. The Wahpeton church held a farewell dinner May 30. We appreciate the efforts of the Stout family in this district. We wish them health, joy and happiness as they leave us.

Garage Sale For DAA

BY PAM STEELE

The struggle for the continuing operation of Dakota Adventist Academy is a concern to all the members of the Dakota Conference, but especially to the parents of academy-age children.

Bonnie Menshausen, one such parent, decided on a fund-raising plan that could involve the whole Pierre church—a garage sale.

Several church members helped, and many donated items to be sold. All proceeds, which came up to \$300, went to DAA.

So many items were left over from the sale that another one is being planned for August. With the Lord's blessing, this one will also bring in many dollars for the academy.

Pam Steele, communication secretary, Pierre church.

Robert Boyd Ordained



Pastor Robert Boyd was ordained at the Dakota Conference camp meeting held at Dakota Adventist Academy. Pastor Boyd and his wife Peggy were converted to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1977 while serving in the Air Force at Minot.

In January 1980, Bob began serving the church as a Bible worker and proved to be an excellent soul winner. They are currently serving the Redfield/Ortley/Watertown district in South Dakota. The Boyd's have four boys—Robbie, 11; Michael, 10; Matthew, 4; and Stephen, 2.



Family Living God's Style

BY GORDON B. SIMS

In May, Claude and Jocelyn Thomas of Huntsville, Alabama, conducted a family enrichment seminar at the Sharon Church in Omaha. The seminar was entitled "Family Living—God's Style." Claude Thomas is the Director of Counseling at Oakwood College.

During the seminar the Thomases presented messages regarding true love, emotional fulfillment, spousal and parent-child relationships, and sex as presented in God's Word. At the conclusion of the seminar, a family dedication service was held followed by a brunch for families that participated in the seminar.



Mrs. Jocelyn Thomas



Dr. Claude Thomas

Literature Evangelism Day

BY LOUIS STARKS

April 18 was Literature Evangelism Day at the Grove Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church in Wichita, Kansas. The day will be a constant memory to those who fellowshiped there. Pastor Danny Milton, conference Publishing Director, was there along with Associate Director Eunice Foley with the St. Louis district

literature evangelists and Associate Director John Jones with the Kansas City, Missouri district literature evangelists. They came to be with Wanda Sims, Literature Evangelist Supervisor and the literature evangelists of the Wichita area.

Wanda Sims preached an electrifying message pertaining to the revival of the church entitled, "Holy Ghost Revival at Grove Heights." It truly was a spirit-filled day.

We want to acknowledge and give a word of appreciation and thanks to Pastor Hillard Pettway for sharing his platform with the literature evangelists on this auspicious occasion and we thank the Master for His blessing.

Louis Starks, communication secretary and literature evangelist, Grove Heights church.

Dolea Fullwood Graduation

BY GORDON B. SIMS

On May 23, the members of the Omaha Sharon and Bethesda Temple Seventh-day Adventist Churches came together to support the graduation exercises at the Dolea Fullwood Elementary School. The eighth grade class's aim was "Getting ready today, Being ready tomorrow, Staying ready till Jesus comes." Their motto was "Walking by Faith With Jesus."

Elder Clifton Jessup presented the baccalaureate address entitled "What Is In Your Hands?" challenging the students to use their talents to serve God. Mrs. Genoice Hampton, secretary to the Education Superintendent of Central States Conference, presented the commencement address. The soul-stirring message, "Choose Ye This Day," emphasized the importance of acquiring and utilizing knowledge in the manner that God desires. She pointed out that as the students cooperate with the will of God, His power becomes theirs and whatever is undertaken at His command, may be accomplished in His strength.

The class president was Swehla Davis and the valedictorian was Steven Sims.



Valedictorian, Steve Sims, receiving his diploma from Dr. N. Miller.



Ms. Swehla Davis, class president, giving her address.

Gordon B. Sims, communication secretary, Omaha Sharon church.

Timely Lectures In Kirkwood

BY MAGNOLIA HARRIS

God's wonderful promise in Deuteronomy 28 "thou shall be the head and not the tail" was vividly realized when two young women on separate occasions shared their expertise with the members of the Kirkwood church.

First, Sister Carrie Brewer who is employed by the St. Louis Board of Education as a Guidance Counselor, held the audience's attention as she presented help for the youth. Not only did she point out problems such as drugs, suicide, etc., but she described ways to be aware of these problems in their initial stages. Her discourse included case histories which revealed how earnest and dedicated she is as a

Christian counselor. Although she holds a Master's degree in Guidance Education, Sister Brewer desires to more effectively reach out and also help children who have little verbalization skills; therefore, she is receiving additional training in Art Therapy and presently pursuing a Doctorate degree in Psychology. Her mission as a Seventh-day Adventist in the secular world is to work with values and guide children in a positive direction.

Dr. Esther Mitchell Beeks, D.D.S., recently gave a most informative lecture at the Kirkwood church. Dr. Beeks is married and the mother of two children. She moved to St. Louis in 1984, and is a member of the Northside church where she serves as Assistant Temperance Director. She is an associate with a group practice—Chen Associates in Venice, Illinois. Her presentation, which included a film, promoted better dental health. We may be "brushing but not cleaning our teeth" was vividly demonstrated. She stressed the importance of brushing and flossing correctly, how to avoid gingivitis, bad breath, etc. She surprised many in the audience by recommending that a toothbrush should probably be discarded after three months. Not only may the bristles not cleanse as effectively after that period of time, but more important is the fact that infection-causing organisms may be on the bristles causing poor health. After answering questions from the audience, Dr. Beeks concluded her lecture by admonishing us to take care of ourselves, because no matter how long we live, we want to live life to the fullest.

Sister Marye Thomas planned these programs.

Magnolia Harris, communication secretary, Kirkwood church.





Outlook On Central States



Temperance Presentation

BY ETTA COLLINS

The Central States Conference encourages their young people to become creative in presenting a Temperance program. Phyllis Padilla, Community church AYS leader, began contacting schools, recreation centers, and recently other denominations to observe our program. Padilla chose as her vehicle dramatized orations. There were two youth who could perform orations. Fona Mathis, who won the conference-wide oration this year, for her performance of a teen mother addicted to cocaine, and Gary Collins for his portrayal of a lawyer defending crack, which is on trial for murder.

Recently, they participated in a youth Temperance program at the Clayton Street Church of Christ in Denver. The Clayton Street youth gave reports, skits,

had a guest speaker and a question and answer period on drugs. Our orations were very timely, because the young people asked many questions about cocaine and crack. Since then, the Clayton Street young people have visited our AYS hour. God has given Community's youth another unthreatening means of witnessing to teens outside of our faith.

Health Fair. An estimated 100 people from the community participated in the annual Channel 9 Health Fair held at Community church. Community church is one of the many branch stations used to service the Denver Metro area with free health screenings, sponsored by Channel 9 KUSA, a local television station, the American Red Cross, Lions Clubs, Chevron, and the Colorado National Guard.

Other services provided at Community church were eye/vision and hearing checks, blood pressure, cancer screening and multiple health information. This

ministry is on its way to becoming a standard in this community.

Etta Collins, communication secretary, Community church.

Youth Week Of Prayer

BY GWENDOLYN WALKER

The Park Hill church in Denver recently held its annual youth Week of Prayer. The theme was "The Family and its Social Relationships."

The speakers presented know-

ledgeable and informative sermons on family relationships and social needs that are urgent in these last days, not only for the youth but for everyone.

Health reform, love toward one another, faith and Christian fellowship were stressed. Shown below, the speakers were, left to right: John Dennis, Billy Freeny, Mark Paris, Yvonne Grove, Daryl Robinson, and Greg Nealy. Myron Nealy is not shown.

Gwendolyn Walker, assistant communication secretary, Park Hill church.



Outlook On Kansas-Nebraska



PVA Students Reach Out

BY JACQUELINE GERRANS

The Balladaires, a select musical group that has been a tradition for many years at Platte Valley Academy, have been active in sharing their musical talent during the past 1986-87 school year. Rob VandeVere, music and history teacher, calls himself a coordinator rather than a director, as he has been singing bass as a part of the group for the school year. Besides presenting programs of musical praise to God in many of Nebraska's SDA churches, they have shared with other church affiliations in Gibbon and Shelton, including being a major part of a Sunday morning worship service in the Shelton Methodist Church. Comments were made concerning the friendly spirit of the young people, as well as the musical harmony of the group, and invitations to return were extended.

Expressions, a new group this past school year, was formed by the students for the purpose of sharing with others through conducting SDA church services in rural areas. Speaking publicly has increased the students' confidence in sharing with others. Jon Gibson, the mathematics and government teacher, has been the group's adult sponsor and driver.

Balladaires and Expressions

have found it enriches the program if they combine to present a total worship service. Expressions has also combined the PVA drama club and Son Cast, conducting Sabbath School by presenting skits that give insights of daily Christian experiences. Son Cast has about 15 members and is directed by Sharon McAllister, the girls' dean.

Expressions and Son Cast

hosted a weekend Bible camp for 7-10th graders this past May. They put on all the programs, were counselors and led worship in the individual cabins. One girl who was the only SDA in her family was apprehensive at first, then gradually became excited, and finally shared a great weekend she'd experienced. The students themselves found this a rewarding way to share with their peers.

All of these groups bring students closer to one another and enhance their confidence in sharing God-given talents with others, whether through musical worship, through sharing thoughts and experiences concerning the Christian life, or through dramatic presentation of Christian experiences. Plans are underway to extend the outreach for next school year by including programs in nursing homes and children's hospitals.

Jacqueline Gerrans, communication secretary, Shelton church.



The Balladaires, under the direction of Bob VandeVere, allowed Platte Valley students the opportunity to witness to many Nebraska churches.



Retzer Re-Elected

BY JOHN TREOLO



Gordon Retzer

Gordon L. Retzer was re-elected President of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference by 314 delegates attending the Second Triennial Session of the Conference June 7 at College View Church in Lincoln.

Retzer, president since 1986, will direct this two-state conference in the Heartland of America during the next triennium.

"It's a wonderful privilege to serve in this church no matter what the assignment may be," Retzer said after his appointment. "We have a great Conference. I want to be sensitive to the many interests represented by the members in our Conference. Please pray that all of us will be sensitive daily to the influence of the Holy Spirit."

In attempting to make the session's proceedings run smoothly, a new approach was introduced. An organizing committee, chaired by Mid-America President, Joel O. Tompkins, convened some two hours prior to the constituency meeting to select a nominating committee. Chosen to serve on the nominating committee were 20 members, 9 denominational employees and 11 laypersons.

Tompkins applauded both the organizing and nominating committees for the gracious spirit displayed throughout the day's activities.

Re-elected to serve as Conference officers were J. Roger McQuistan, secretary and Norman K. Harvey, treasurer. All departmental leaders were also re-elected, including Monte Morris, ABC manager; John Treolo,

communication; Jerry Furst, education; Dan Peters, associate education; J. Roger McQuistan, ministerial; Jim Brauer, church ministries; Wayne Gosling, associate church ministries; Walter Howard, stewardship and associate trust services; and Harry Reile, trust services field representative and academy developer.

Elected also was a 23-member Conference Executive Committee, including 11 laypersons, 10 Conference workers and the presidents of Shawnee Mission Medical Center and Union College. A Conference Association Board of trustees with 13 members, 7 of whom were laypersons, was also appointed.

One item of interest which came to the floor of the constituency was the document entitled "The Allocation of Funds in the Seventh-day Adventist Church: Concerns and Suggestions." This document, promoted by the College View Church, asks for information and shares concerns regarding denominational debt, expensive projects, et cetera.

The focus of the document is to request that our church look carefully at expenditure of funds assessing whether the funding correlates with the true focus and mission of the church.

The delegates voted to refer this document to the new Executive Committee for study, reflection and implementation. The findings will be communicated to the constituency.

According to McQuistan, Conference membership at the close of this triennium totaled 10,737, representing 116 churches. Two companies were organized and four churches were disbanded during the same period.

Faithful describes the members during the recent triennium, Harvey indicated during his financial report. Tithe remittance showed a 1.65 percent increase during the three-year period, including a 5.3 percent jump in 1986.

"This is the most solid financial statement I've had the privilege to present in ten years," Harvey noted.

More good financial news came from former Association Treasurer, Dan Peckham, who recently accepted a call to serve

in the Texas Conference. Peckham reported the academy endowment funds, in both the endowment and revocable trust area, totaled \$1,250,000 at the close of 1986, compared to \$518,000 when this triennium began, indicating the intense desire members display towards Adventist education.

Peckham went on to say that of the \$1,102,000 invested with now-bankrupt Dr. Donald J. Davenport, only \$162,000 is not presently covered with assets that have been returned to the Conference. Further negotiations with Pacific Bell Telephone on the purchase of one of the properties may result in \$215,000 more for the property than appears on the financial records. A final settlement from the bankruptcy trustee may amount to another \$100,000. If these last two items materialize, Peckham emphasizes there will not be any loss on the notes receivable not covered with either property or cash received.

Retzer expressed his appreciation to all delegates for their commitment to the progress of Kansas-Nebraska Conference. By mid-afternoon, the session

adjourned with the same spirit that opened the meeting some six hours earlier. Truly the Holy Spirit was present during this constituency session.

John Treolo, communication director, Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Notice

The following members of the New Haven church are listed as missing. If they cannot be located, they will be dropped from church membership. If you can help us locate them, please write to Pastor George Terian, New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church, 8841 Glenwood St., Overland Park, KS 66212. They are: Larry Friend, Sharon Messenger (formerly Gulotta), Patricia D. Hamer, Gary Holst, Mary Lou Lapietra, Mindy Morando, Michael Morrison, Deanna Palermo, Bernard Pudewell, Lois Sharp, Stuart and Shari Strickland and Stephan Van Artsdalen.

Panhandle Camp Meeting



H.M.S. Richards, Jr.

7:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

September 4-5, 1987
Nebraska Western College
Scottsbluff, Nebraska



Del Delker

September 4
Speaker: H.M.S. Richards, Jr.

September 5
Sabbath School: Gordon L. Retzer
Ordination Service
Worship Speaker: H.M.S. Richards, Jr.
Fellowship Dinner
Del Delker, Living Water Singers, H.M.S. Richards, Jr.
Speaker: H.M.S. Richards, Jr.

ABC BOOKMOBILE-CAMP MEETING SPECIALS
KANSAS-NEBRASKA OFFICERS AND STAFF



Living Water Singers



Camp Meeting In Pictures



John Loor, president of Indiana Conference, presented nightly meetings on the theme "By Beholding . . ."



Roland Lehnhoff spoke during the morning devotional period.



Ordained during camp meeting were Gordon Herra, with wife Erica, and Kirk Brown, with wife Cindy. Presenting the pastoral prayer is Norman Harvey, treasurer. Also pictured is J. Roger McQuistan, secretary.



The Chuck Fulmore Trio thrilled all ages.



Assisting John Loor during the Sabbath School lesson are Thomas Young, Gloria McQuistan, Virgil Carner, Virginia Simons and Betty Edwards.



Mona Griffith, one of many sign language interpreters.



There are many ways to witness. This bicycle was one of many used by young people during Pathfinder Fair.



A Sunday pancake breakfast was served by Conference President, Gordon Retzer. Assisting with cooking were all officers and departmental directors.



Dr. Des Cummings, Jr., presented helpful hints on Creative Sabbath Celebration. Cummings' wife, Mary Lou, assisted during the three-day seminar.



Shirley Burton presented a special feature during Sabbath School highlighting the work of Seventh-day Adventists around the world.

SIGNS CHANGES LIVES



Camp Meeting Health Screening

BY LORRAINE GUILD-SMITH



Moberly Regional Medical Center. Lorraine Guild-Smith, PhD, MPH, the director of Education and Health Screening.

For the past four years the health screening coordinator for Moberly Regional Medical Center has blessed the Iowa-Missouri Camp Meeting with professional health screening. This year the hospital coordinated employees, church members, displays and equipment to screen 105 camp meeting attendees. The eight screening stations were blood chemistry, height/weight, visual screening, dental screening, step-test (heart rate), coronary risk profile (computerized), and summary and referral.



The "height/weight" station

A large wooden cake displayed the sugar content in cereals, pop, gum, and desserts. Buckle Bear from the Safety Council had information and coloring books on seat belt safety. The people who participated in the screening came from such important places in Iowa as Altoona, Prole, Wiota and Tripoli. Missouri had representation from towns such as Bourbon, Macks Creek and Osceola. From Chunky and Gulfport, Mississippi there were six people. Even Ulva, Oklahoma and Noblesville, Indiana church members took

advantage of the screenings.

Eighty-two people had their blood drawn for a chemistry profile which evaluates conditions such as diabetes, kidney function, liver function, and coronary heart disease. For a minimal fee of \$10.00 to defray the cost of sending these to a lab, the participants received results for 19 profiles.



Blood pressure check

A tabulation of these blood chemistry results produced some startling information. Twelve percent had high cholesterol. But more disturbing is that 36.5 percent had high triglycerides—some two and three times above normal, a few even six times above normal. High cholesterol and triglycerides are chief contributors of coronary heart disease. However, there are controllable factors to prevent this North America epidemic. A lifestyle of low saturated fats, less refined carbohydrates and sugar, proper weight, and consistent exercise are regulators for a healthy body, both internally and externally.

Good health is worth working for, and periodic checkups are the best way to assure good

health. Moberly Regional Medical Center wishes to thank all those who participated, wishes you good health and happiness and hopes that we have contributed to both.

Lorraine Guild-Smith, PhD, MPH, director of Education and Health Screening coordinator.

Waterloo Church Raising

"Every generation should have the privilege of building a house for God," says Russ Renner, personal ministries leader and head deacon of the Waterloo Seventh-day Adventist Church. "I feel so happy inside just doing the little bit I've done."

Such expressions of gratitude and courage keep cheering everybody along as the Waterloo church family works together to build a beautiful yet humble house of worship. Conference president, W.D. Wampler, and Walter Brown, treasurer, visited Waterloo to help set the last blocks of the foundation in place. Since then the building committee and members, both young and old, have worked diligently to help do the construction work that many once thought could never be done.

The proposed building plan was adopted at a business meeting last November and May 1 was the target date to break ground. However, with the blessing of good spring weather and careful agenda planning by the building committee chairman, Key Lee, the project was off to an



Elder Wampler and Pastor Coridan laying a block; the onlookers are Elder Walter Brown and Mayor Bernard McKinley.

early start in mid-April. On Sabbath, June 13, with the building 50 percent completed, a worship service was held in the new sanctuary. A portion of the worship hour was devoted to special thanksgiving for the mercy of God for making such a Sabbath experience possible.

"When we consider that the work stopped for almost an entire week while several of us went to camp meeting, I'd say the Lord has moved this project along very quickly," comments Pastor Dean Coridan who is also serving as building contractor.

Members are now preparing for a dedicatory service on Sabbath, September 5. They are believing that Heaven will pour out such a blessing on that day that there shall not be room to receive it.



Some Waterloo workers in church's early stages.



Baptisms



At Hannibal

BY DAN MCGEE

Mark Twain's hometown, Hannibal, Missouri, was the site for a Revelation Seminar starting March 20. Thirty-two registered with an average attendance of twenty. A five-day plan was individualized for each student who wanted to stop smoking. Pictured are five students who were baptized by Pastor Dan McGee (on the right) and three more are preparing for baptism.

Dan McGee, pastor, Hannibal church.

At Des Moines

BY LESLIE SCHMALZREID

May 23 was a high day at the Des Moines church as four people gave their lives to Jesus through baptism and two were rebaptized to start life anew.

Michele Carper and Jennifer Fulton are students at the Adventist Education Center in Des Moines. Mike McVey and Mary Ann Davenport studied with Pastor Hallock and stepped out in their new found faith.

The Des Moines church also welcomed Carla Armagost and Marion McElvogue as they were rebaptized.

Leslie Schmalzreid, communication secretary, Des Moines church.

At Independence

BY STEVE VAIL



Pastor Vail and Rich Labarba

A Revelation Seminar was launched in March by the Independence, Missouri church. The program each night included a Bible class and lecture by the instructor, Pastor Steve Vail.

To date, seventeen have been baptized and a number of good interests are attending a class on the book of Daniel.



Elder Oliver and nurse, Charlene Jones

Elder E.W. Oliver, though disabled and confined to a wheelchair, is deeply interested in the work of soul winning. He invited his nurse, Charlene Jones, to attend with him. Charlene made her commitment to Christ and was baptized at the close of the Seminar.

Steve Vail, pastor, Independence church.

Store Closed Saturdays

BY JOHN CARTEE

Justin Uptergrove and Phil Wilson of the Gladstone, Missouri church, recently conducted a Revelation Seminar in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Five are currently under conviction of the wonderful truth they have received. A former Seventh-day Adventist who attended, owns a store in the area. After the meetings he changed the "open hours" sign in his store window to announce his business is now closed on Saturday.

John Cartee, communication secretary, Gladstone church.

VBS—"Jesus Is My Friend"

BY LESLIE SCHMALZREID

Approximately one hundred children attended Vacation Bible School at the Des Moines church the week of June 8.

This year's theme was "Jesus Is My Friend." Debby Bowles, leader, invited different children to participate in the flag service and scripture reading each day. Pastor and Mrs. Hallock helped with the music. Emil Kahler told very thought-provoking stories to help the children know what a wonderful God we have.

As one mother commented, "Aric's prayers now include—"Dear Jesus, thank you for being my best friend." What a testimony that this year's Vacation Bible School indeed was a success.

Scholarship Awarded

BY MILDRED ADAMS



Vickie Strong is receiving a \$2,000.00 scholarship for working with the street people in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a student at Rockhurst College, a Catholic school, and is studying to be an Administrator in Youth Organizations. This summer she will be counseling and helping to feed the street people. She will have many interesting stories to tell when she returns this fall.

Mildred Adams, communication secretary, Kansas City Central church.

New Pathfinder Club



Pictured is one of Iowa-Missouri's newer Pathfinder Clubs, the "Jefferson City Capitols." The Pathfinders in Iowa-Missouri are growing with over 40 clubs and about 350 Pathfinders under the direction of youth director, Fordyce Koenke.



AHS/NEMA Keeps Farm Community Hospitals Alive

BY ANDREW DEMSKY

Things are tough all over. But things are *really* tough for rural hospitals. Health care estimators are predicting the closure of 1000 hospitals in the United States by 1990. Many of them will be small, rural hospitals like Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center in Goodland, Kansas. But the people of that Kansas farm community have good reason to believe their hospital has a better chance of survival than the others. That's because of the support and the resources of Adventist Health System.

In 1986, the medical center board met to take a critical look at the operation of their hospital. The picture was not bright. As the only independent hospital in the tri-state area of Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, the center had difficulty recruiting medical staff. Their small size undercut opportunities to secure discounts for bulk rate purchases, and their remote location made delivery of those purchases more cumbersome and expensive. Already the board had cut full-time employees from 120 to 90. Further cuts would have to come from services, which in turn would decrease the quality of

patient care leading to a steady downhill spiral. A spiral other small rural hospitals have disappeared into without a trace.

After support from local government was denied, the medical center board decided that joining a multi-hospital system was the only way to continue to serve the needs of northwest Kansas. But who would they join? A list of ten systems was narrowed to three: Hospital Corporation of America, Great Plains Alliance of Phillipsburg, Kansas, and Adventist Health System.

Donald Hanson, president of Porter Memorial Hospital and Dave Demchuck, assistant vice president of Porter, represented Adventist Health System/North, Eastern and Middle America (AHS/NEMA), a division of the national system. They presented to the board the Adventist approach to health care which blends management expertise with over a century of Christian health emphasis. Hanson and Demchuck convinced the board that AHS/NEMA could provide the support and resources of a corporate "big brother" to keep Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center alive.

The fact that quality care was repeatedly alluded to by Hanson and Demchuck was also a major selling point for many of the trustees and department heads who attended the presentation session. Speaking for many of the supervisory personnel, Nursing Director Jackie Jorgenson said, "Their concern with the issue of quality care was what convinced me that

AHS was the right system to affiliate with. Some of the other presenters were so preoccupied with finances that patients almost seemed a secondary priority."

Now AHS/NEMA is supporting Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center with medical staff recruitment services, continuing education, the advantage of group purchasing (resulting in savings of 15 to 20 percent), and enhancing the quality of care with a new mission: The Adventist commitment to caring for the whole person—physically, mentally, spiritually and socially. A formal link is in place with Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver for patient referral, physician relations and administrative support. Year to date, through May, Northwest Kansas is meeting its break-even budget which reflects a \$200,000 improvement over 1986.

The AHS/NEMA division, with headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas, is visible in other rural communities, managing quality medical centers, providing those areas with jobs, and the security of unusually good health care.

Last year the community of Julesburg, Colorado, gave Adventist Health System the Julesburg Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Award. This made AHS the first organization to ever be recognized by the chamber of commerce in this way. In 1986, AHS/NEMA had been involved in recruiting medical expertise for the area and had helped Sedgwick County Hospital and Nursing Home in Julesburg to make a \$100,000 turnaround in their financial outlook.

In 1978, the division combined two competing hospitals in Moberly, Missouri to create Moberly Regional Medical Center, a modern health complex which has dramatically changed the face of medical care in that region. Most recently the Moberly medical center has received much attention in the local press for its "Fresh Air Policy" the hospital's innovative no-smoking program.

"People no longer have to leave Moberly to get help from a specialist. We have it all right here," says John Cahill, director of development and marketing.

"The rural communities of this

country have been hard hit by the economics of the new competitiveness in health care," says J. Russell Shawver, president of AHS/NEMA. "It's good to know that we can use our collective strength to keep these small hospitals operational in areas where they are truly needed. In a very real sense, this is part of being the health arm of 'the caring church.'"

Northwest Regional Medical Center, Sedgwick County Hospital and Moberly Regional Medical Center are not likely to become gloomy hospital industry statistics. Instead, the people of the communities these hospitals serve can expect to receive better medical attention because Adventist Health System came to their towns.

Andrew Demsky, Editor of Corporate Communications.



Adventist Health System

Volunteers Knit Baby Caps

Volunteers of Moberly Regional Medical Center, Moberly, Missouri, and friends of the hospital have knitted over 100 baby caps to be donated to the nursery. The caps, which are smaller than normal, are for premature infants staying in the MRMC nursery.

Since premature infants do not maintain a normal body heat as well as full term babies, the caps help hold in natural body heat. When baby and mom leave MRMC, the cap goes home with them as well.

Some of the caps are knitted, and some are crocheted. Margaret Whittaker, a former MRMC employee and now a volunteer, designed the pattern for the knitted caps. Hazel Stack, an LPN in the emergency department designed the pattern for the crocheted caps. The stocking caps and berets come in assorted pastel colors, solid and variegated.



Rick Ketchum is administrator of Northwest Kansas Regional Medical Center, pictured here at the hospital's front entrance.



Kiewit Foundation Gives \$200,000 Matching Grant

The Peter Kiewit Foundation has offered Union College a challenge grant totaling \$200,000 (\$50,000 per year over the next four years). To receive each yearly grant, Union must raise matching funds of \$50,000 in new contributions; this money is then to be escrowed until 1991, when interest from these funds will become available for student scholarships, with no one student to receive more than \$2,000 in any given school year.

With this grant to Union College and similar grants to other schools in the state, the Trustees of the Kiewit Foundation hope to make a private college education more accessible to a greater number of students. Thus they hope to encourage more of Nebraska's best and brightest young people to stay in the state, as students and as contributing citizens.

Proposal For Joint Venture In Faith

Union College has gone into a partnership with an Adventist businessman. It is a "joint venture in faith" between this man, and his share of the businesses in which he is involved, and Union College.

Union's part in the partnership includes a pledge to request students, employees, and friends of the college to remember the Union College business partner in special prayer for guidance and success each day. In return, the "partner" pledges to Union College a percentage of any annual increase in his earnings, which is based on what his business earns.

Union College believes in the power of prayer and in the tangible blessings of God for those who have committed their talents and resources to Him. God has

invited His followers to enter into a covenant relationship with Him with the words, "Prove me . . . if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Taking God at His word can be a faith-building experience for the Union College family and for Union's "faith business partners".

If you would like information about starting a business partnership in faith also, call President John Wagner at Union College.

U.C. Business And Science Graduates

The 1987 Union College business and science graduates are headed for success. The following are a few examples from the class of '87.

Two U.C. accounting majors accepted jobs with Big Eight accounting firms—Scott Wooten with the Denver branch of Price Waterhouse, and Barbara Prowant with the Kansas City branch of Peat Marwick Main. Another accounting major, Steve Johnson, will be a company representative for John H. Harlan, a check-printing company with the most consistent growth record of any company on Wall Street.

Devin Scott, a pre-law student, was accepted at several respected law schools: Tulane, George Washington, Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Pepperdine, and the University of Denver.

Terry Tautz, who graduated with three majors, is now pursuing a Ph.D. in molecular biology. He was accepted by such prestigious universities as Yale, Stanford, and Berkeley. He chose to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder, which has one of the best molecular biology programs in the country.

In 1986, 100 percent of Union's graduates applying to medical school were accepted. This year, five of the seven applicants are known to be accepted, and one of the remaining two, Foeng Tham, has now been accepted at the University of Missouri in dentistry. Union College

students accepted in 1987 for admission to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine are Mark Calkins, Mark Carlson, Lowell Reynolds, Rob Ladd, and Terry Parsons.

This year 100 percent of Union College students applying to dental schools were accepted. They are Tom Onjukka, Melanie Lang, Ben Wooten, Trent McMillen, Sonny Chokka, and Andy Radovan.

Union College undergraduates have a good acceptance record into two-year health science degree programs as well, in occupational therapy and medical technology.

Union's New Face



Dan Curtis, Admissions Counselor

Dan Curtis is Union's new Admissions Counselor. He will work primarily in recruiting students from high schools and other non-SDA schools throughout Mid-America. Frequently, Dan will travel to do recruiting, often alone but also with band, choir, and drama groups from Union. He will also be working extensively with College Days and camp meetings in Mid-America.

In May of 1987, Dan received a business administration degree with emphasis in human resource management from Union. He waited three years after high school to begin college, and then didn't hurry to finish. He is now 28 years old. During the past year Dan worked as a part-time student employee for graduate placement in Union's enrollment services office. Before that he

worked full time with his own commercial cleaning business.

Dan is looking forward to his new position and says, "I think it will be fun." Dan has some new ideas he would like to try with recruitment. He would like to start new programs and work more closely with alumni.

Summer Events On Campus

Early in the summer, the Union campus was hopping with activity. The week after graduation in May, Christian Record Braille Foundation held a conference on campus. One week later Kansas/Nebraska Camp Meeting was held at the College View Church with many people staying in dorm rooms and camping in motor homes and tents. Those meetings were immediately followed by the Board of Higher Education, a meeting of Adventist Colleges Abroad, a Philanthropic Services for Institutions conference, and a kickoff inauguration for the Summer Institute for Christian College Teaching, all meeting in the same week. With the large number of people coming in and out of Lincoln for the conferences, students and faculty were kept very busy making trips to the airport. The dorms were also buzzing with activity. So far there have been almost 750 guests in the college dorms this summer due to conferences. Other events scheduled for the summer include a Kansas/Nebraska Workers' Meeting and a number of weddings.



Charles Bradford, president of the North American Division, attended Board of Higher Education meeting.



Decision Time!

BY R.A. MCCUMBER

Here it is, decision time again! Can we afford to send our children to church school again this year? It is going to be necessary for the wife to take a part-time job in order to meet tuition cost. Then there is the problem of transportation—will the church run a bus this year, or will it be the responsibility of the parents to provide a way to and from school? Just think, down the street a few blocks they have built this beautiful new public school that has all the latest equipment for learning, and then there is sports! Our son has a guaranteed spot on the team if we decide not to send him to Champion Academy. He and the coach have really hit it off very well and under the close supervision of the coach—perhaps that would compensate for the “other” influences at the high school. For Bible courses we can order something for both kids from the Home Study Institute, but what about the free time for our academy-age son?

Decisions, decisions, decisions—it seems that life is just one round of decisions! We want the best for our children—not only the best of everything everyday for them here and now—but what about eternity? How can we obtain the best of eternity for them in schools where they cannot discuss Christian values and the importance of their relationship with Jesus Christ? When you begin to think about eternity and your own children—church school and academy aren't really too expensive. In fact, all of the “sacrifices” aren't really very important.

Last year an essay contest was conducted in our elementary schools in the Rocky Mountain Conference. The students were to write an essay on “Why I Like My School”. There were five winners selected. Following are the essays as they were received. Space consideration will not permit us to reproduce the exact copy.

Why I Like My School:

When people ask me what I like about school I usually say art, but there are other things like my friends. Life would be boring without seeing them at school. I learn a lot in my regular classes but I especially like working on my M.V. honor. We're keeping track of the moon's shape for the weather honor. My teacher puts displays up to keep us thinking of Jesus. Learning about Him from our books, teachers, and songs is the most important reason why I like my school.

—Rachel Lambeth, Grade 4
Intermountain Junior Academy
Grand Junction, CO.

I like music class because we learn new songs about Jesus. We also learn how to write music.

I like recess because we learn new games and get to be outside with friends. We do apple turnovers and other tricks on the monkey bars.

I have fun eating lunch with my friends. We talk about what we are doing in school.

I like school because I get to learn about Jesus. How He made the world, the flowers and animals. Also I learn about how much He loves me. I like learning memory verses from the Bible.

I like math because it is fun and easy to do. It is my favorite subject. It also helps me to count my money for Sabbath School. I like spelling too because I learn how to spell new words.

I like story time because we listen to new stories all the time. We also learn about what Jesus did and how it was when He was alive.

—Megan Cloer, Grade 2
Arvada Elementary School
Arvada, CO

My schoolroom has my Saviour in it every morning. Every morning after worship and before we leave to go home, one of the students or my teacher has prayer. When he prays he asks that Jesus's blessings and guidance will be with us for the rest of the day. After prayer in the morning we discuss how and if Jesus has helped us.

My school helps me have a new attitude toward life. It encourages me to let Jesus be first and to walk with Him every step of the way.

I like my school because it's not “our” school. It's God's school. My school has loving and understanding teachers. That is an important part in having a

good school. The school I go to makes you want to go to school. Going to my school helps me wake up every morning alive and being thankful for another day. Every day I personally pray for Jesus to let me give all I can give. I am thankful for all the people that are giving me the chance to be all I can be. I am also glad I have the opportunity to make Jesus my personal friend. My school gives me all this.

—Pamela Koefoed, Grade 7
Canon City Elementary School
Canon City, CO

My school is not too big,
And not too small,
Not too short,
And not too tall.
And someplace we,
Can give our all.

It's out in the country,
But not too far,
You could ride a bike,
But we drive in a car.

It sits on a hill,
With special pride,
And cedar trees,
At its side.

The dedicated teachers
Giving their all.
They never teach we came,
From monkeys and all.
They teach that God,
Takes care of us all.
And now you see why,
I like my school best of all.

—Meredith Sansing, Grade 8
San Juan SDA School
Farmington, NM

I like my school because we can pray any time we want. We pray during worship, before lunch, and before we go home.

Also AJY cards are fun. You can learn and also have fun. When I read the Bible part I learn new things that help me as well as hear stories I have already heard.

Another thing I like is Bible class. In Bible class we read Bible

Aurora Schedules Open House

Colorado's second largest city will host an open house at its new elementary school building. Ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 9. The public will be invited to tour the K-8 grade Adventist school, and have the opportunity to register their students. The school is located at 1159 South Moline adjacent to the Adventist Church. You are invited! For more information call Church office: (303) 755-1617.

Announcing...

New School Facilities in Aurora, Colorado!

The nine-year-old Aurora SDA school has a new building. Opening August 24, our new facility (housing K-8) will house a full-size gymnasium, kitchen, and four classrooms. Additional improvements will soon include a ball diamond, playing fields, and running paths.

We believe our new first-class facilities indicate our continued dedication to quality, heart-felt Christian education. Join us!

You are cordially invited to an Open House of our school August 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moving into the area? Give us a call at (303) 755-1617 or 371-1188 or write for a more detailed brochure:

Aurora SDA School
11400 East Mississippi Avenue
Aurora, Colorado 80012

See you in the Fall!



stories and then do a page to put in our folder. We memorize memory verses, too.

Other subjects like reading are fun, too. You read good stories and in the workbooks.

The other pupils in my school are fun to play and work with. They all believe the same as I do, so we don't have to fight over religion.

I like my school, too, because we have good Christian teachers. They help you if you need help and also keep you in order.

Another thing I like is the fun, exciting, and interesting sports we play. When we play we don't fight a lot.

The last and best thing about my school is that it is a Christian school, waiting for Jesus to come.

—Rick O. Case, Grade 6
Canon City Elementary School
Canon City, CO

When you realize how important our church schools are to our own young people, it makes you wonder why we adult members of the church and parents of young people ever question the value of Christian education!!!

R.A. McCumber, communication Director, Rocky Mountain Conference.

Baptism

BY HAZEL O. AUSTIN

Ronda Wood showed her love for her Lord by following His example of baptism recently at the Cedaredge church. Elder C.

Ray Wyatt, of the Rocky Mountain Conference Office, administered the sacred rite, recalling earlier days when he was a pastor of the Cedaredge church. He used "Christian Baptism" as the theme of his sermon. Ronda's parents are Bernard and Debbie Wood, of Eckert. She attends the Delta Adventist School.



Hazel O. Austin, communication secretary, Cedaredge church.

Crusade Adds Twenty

BY OPAL JOSEPH



The Greeley, Colorado church is rejoicing after the April and May evangelistic crusade held by the Ben Green family in Spokane, Washington. It was a spiritual revival for the church, and added twenty individuals to the church membership by baptism. "An additional twenty persons are studying for baptism," commented Pastor Oetman, "and we thank God for tremendous victories for Christ during the six weeks of meetings."

Opal Joseph, communication secretary, Greeley church.

The Joys Of An L.E.

BY WALTER A. MAIER

Twenty-one years ago Linda Martinez purchased Christian literature from Harold Widmayer. She was concerned for her family. The contact resulted in Mrs. Martinez becoming a Seventh-day Adventist, along with five of her children. There was joy in her family and a great sense of accomplishment in the heart of Literature Evangelist Harold Widmayer.

God loves to bring good things to both encourage us and to prove His promises.

At the age of 21, Paula Gallegos was concerned about the future and what it would hold for Steven Paul, her six-month-old son. Her husband, Steve, also a Christian, shared her concern. They sent for information about Adventist Christian literature for their home.

Imagine the joy as Harold Widmayer visited with this sincere family and discovered their interest in the literature. He also found that Paula is the daughter of his previous customer and friend, Linda Martinez!

A recent Literature Evangelist Rally at the Denver West Church brought these three families—Martinez, Gallegos and Widmayer—together. Steve Gallegos, visiting an Adventist church for the first time said, "I'll be back."

Adventist Christian literature changes lives! What a joyous reunion it will be when literature evangelists and their contacts who have given their lives to Christ, join to sing the victory song of Moses. It will be a reunion never to be parted!

Walter A. Maier, director, Publishing Department.

Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that thou mayest believe, but believe that thou mayest understand.

—Augustine



Art At San Juan School



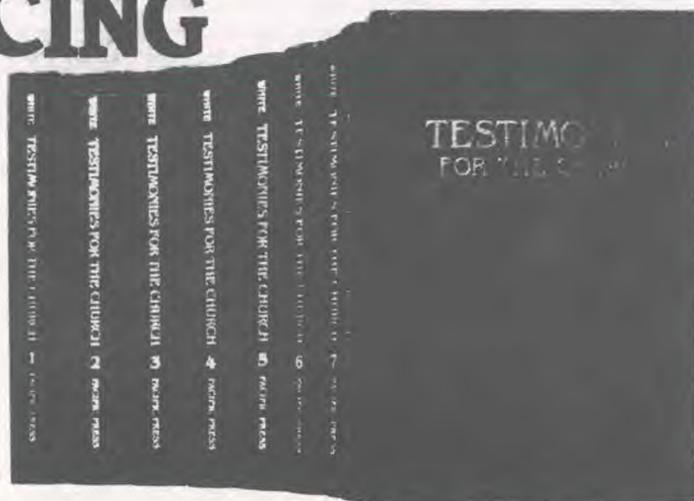
This latch-hook picture of hot-air balloons was created in art class by grades 4-9 of the San Juan Adventist School, Farmington, New Mexico. It is on display in the school lobby.

Pictured are the ones who worked on this project (left to right): Elliot Fullmer, Rudy Keedah, Yvette Alley, Shanon Lucero, Krista Specht, and Tommy Nazareus.



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Of Trusts and Treasures

BY GEORGE WOODRUFF

She was thirty-five and didn't have a Will. After a devastating divorce, who remained to put into a Will anyway? Her heavy workday ended, a weary Rose stopped to pick up little Ricky at the babysitter's. Her two older boys and a playmate tussled in the back seat as Rose pulled onto the highway. Suddenly, a screech of tires and a blinding crash brought sickening silence! The speeder struck the little blue Datsun on the driver's side, demolishing it. The children escaped with only minor stitches, but Rose never regained consciousness. That morning they had committed themselves to the Lord and asked for the care of the guardian angels. Now the unthinkable had happened.

Caring Adventist friends quickly came to the rescue. The two older boys stayed with friends who lived near the church

school. The babysitter decided to make it a full time job. The boys wondered why their father never so much as inquired into their welfare. Rose's parents, who lived many miles away, came to care for the final necessities. A somber church mourned the loss of their beloved Rosie.

Now the endless complications of dying intestate commenced. The boys became wards of the state. The kindly judge discharged his responsibility to provide them the best home without regard to religion. The court awarded Rose's few possessions to her parents. Through all this grief, they could not help but recall a day 27 years before, when they had prevented the separation of twins by adopting Rose and her brother. Now they determined to do everything they could to keep their grandchildren together in an Adventist home. They hired the best attorney they knew.

It seemed like a miracle. Four days after the funeral, a childless Adventist physician and his wife

in their mid-thirties, phoned to ask if they could adopt all three boys! For more than a year they had sought in vain for the right child, now they were willing to take on a whole family. Another Adventist couple had different ideas. They had grown very attached to the one-year-old and felt they could not give him up. Their attorney appealed the judge's decision to place the three boys with the doctor in another state on the basis that they were local experienced parents and could provide a fine home. The Social Security representative supported these compelling factors, but Grandpa frowned. He feared that the older boys would be placed locally too, and probably in separate non-SDA homes. The expensive legal tug-of-war dragged on until the judge ruled a second time that the three boys should be awarded to the doctor and his wife.

Nine tedious months have passed, and still the case is not completely resolved. The three boys are happy with their new

parents on the far away 20-acre farm. They are enjoying third- and fifth-grade classes at their new church school. It will be another six months before the adoption is final. Grandpa feels that all his effort and expense was a worthwhile investment, but please stop and reflect a moment. All the cost and anguish could have been avoided if Rose had understood the value of having a Will which appointed a guardian for her most precious possessions.

George Woodruff, trust services director, Mid-America Union.





Insight Fights To Reach Youth

BY KIM PECKHAM

Adventist leaders across North America speculate that anywhere from 50 to 80 percent of the children who come to Sabbath School, will exit the denomination when they grow up.

Andrews University and others are searching for ways to slow the head-long rush youth are making for the back door of the church. Chris Blake, editor of the church's only magazine for older youth, is convinced he prints part of the solution every week.

"Letters keep arriving telling how the new *Insight* is meeting the needs of the new generation in a practical, Christ-focused way," he says.

Decline in Mid-America. But *Insight* is falling short of this potential in the Mid-America Union because comparatively few youth ever see the magazine.

Don Keele, Jr., chaplain at

Campion Academy, found that budget pressures left him with 15 copies of *Insight* to serve 265 students.

"They say the kids can share around," Keele says. "But it doesn't happen that way. Seventy-five copies is the fewest we need."

Perhaps the most dramatic example of an academy battling with financial hard times is Enterprise, which came within a pencil-width of closing last year. They have two copies for almost 100 students.

The lack is even more noticeable since they started a successful Sabbath School program where youth teach other youth using the *Cornerstone Connections* lesson studies found in *Insight*. "So here we are trying to get two lonely little magazines to teach the Sabbath School lesson. It's pitiful," says principal Miriam Kittrell.

Widespread Problem. The story isn't much different at Sunnysdale, Platte Valley, Maplewood, and Dakota Adventist Academy. Each has 10 copies

for their entire dormitory population. And each want more if only they had the money.

Says Marshall Bowers, both pastor and Bible teacher at DAA, "We would like to double or triple our order so that anybody who wanted one could pick it up."

Young Lives Affected. But does this magazine have a noticeable effect on the way students live? Tasha Schmechel, a freshman at Campion remembers a special issue titled "Organizing My Life." "Many of the ideas have influenced my thinking, and also my actions," she says.

"I remember a very favorite *Insight* of mine was the one on prayer," says Laura Lemons, also from Campion. "That really brought me closer to Jesus."

Time for Action. A meeting with GC leadership resulted in a plan whereby individuals can send *Insight* to the academy of their choice, as well as to any individual youth for whom they have a special concern.

The opportunity for sponsors

is great. At Enterprise, Miriam Kittrell wants a total of 50 copies—one for each dorm room. Bob Uhrig, chaplain and Bible teacher at Sunnysdale, also would like one for each dorm room and 10 more copies at the very least. A survey that Stan Hardt did at Maplewood indicates that many more students want to read the magazine than have copies.

Says Blake, "Sponsoring *Insight* is one small way to make contact with a struggling young person."

Two steps you can take to help bond Adventist youth to the church. 1. Choose an academy, or special young person for whom you have a special concern. 2. Call your local ABC and tell them you wish to sponsor either 9-month (excellent for academy address) or 12-month subscriptions to *Insight*. (Or see ad below for a coupon you can mail).

Kim Peckham, advertising copywriter, Review and Herald Publishing Association.

Send Insight to "Our Most Important Mission Field."



How do you tell youth about your faith?

Charles Wilkinson, who works with young people as an academy teacher, has some observations—

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"In every issue of *Insight*, there are stories and articles that capture the hard-to-reach interests of youth. Stories so interesting that students bring them and read them to me. Behind it all is the traditional Seventh-day Adventist

philosophy, the truths you want them to cherish.

"When a student gives a worship talk and uses an *Insight* story, I sit back and say (to myself), 'That's what I've been trying to tell you all along! But you had to dig it out for yourself.'"

Wilkinson goes on to point out, "*Insight* will be read only if someone else pays the price." Paying the price isn't easy for our academies. Most can afford only one *Insight* for every 10 to 20 students. That means many of our youth miss seeing the magazine and its message.

You can help. Will you sponsor *Insight* for an academy or individual? It is one effective way that you can communicate your faith, and keep young people close to the church.

INSIGHT

Yes, I want to sponsor *Insight* for an academy. Please increase their order by _____ subscriptions at US\$12.58 each (Academy bulk rate for nine-month subscriptions).

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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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You may include other addresses on a separate piece of paper.



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Mid-America Union Pathfinder Camporee

Broken Arrow Ranch, Olsburg, Kansas
August 19-22, 1987

If you have not registered for the Union-wide Pathfinder Camporee and you want to be a part of this fantastic experience, don't be discouraged—there is still time.

If you do not have an organized club, but have several young people who would like to be involved in the pathfinder program, call your local conference youth director TODAY and see what you need to do to be a part of CAMPOREE 1987.

There is a \$5.00 fee for each person attending the camporee, but what a small price to pay for special activities planned especially for YOUR young person.

PLACE: Broken Arrow Ranch
Olsburg, Kansas

DATES: August 19-22, 1987

SPECIAL FEATURES:

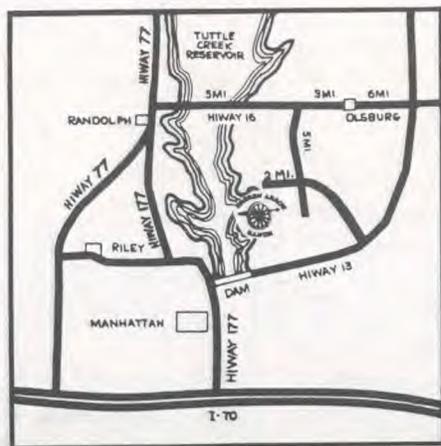
- Dennis Crabbe—Ventriloquist
- Dr. Jim Tucker—Naturalist & author of "Windows on God's World" the Junior Morning Devotional Book in 1976.
- Ross Harris—Child Evangelist (Our pathfinders would not want to miss this!)
- Emily Hall—Child Singer
- Special Drill Team from Fort Riley, Kansas
- Lots of good music with the "Down Home Boys"
- Clyde Peters—Missionary Pilot

Other special activities and events including a GIANT PEANUT DROP where your pathfinders might be the lucky winners of special prizes. A special nature group presenting "Birds of Prey" in real life!

Plan now to attend! We WANT you and we NEED your pathfinders!

For more information, contact the following person in your conference:

- Central States—Nathaniel Miller (816) 361-7177
- Dakota—Marvin Lowman (605) 224-8868
- Iowa-Missouri—Fordyce Koenke (515) 223-1197
- Kansas-Nebraska—Jim Brauer (913) 478-4743
- Minnesota—Bob Brauer (218) 724-0260
- Rocky Mountain—Bob Reynolds (303) 733-3771



LOCATION

Located on Tuttle Creek Reservoir near Manhattan, Kansas. Broken Arrow Ranch is owned and operated by The Kansas Nebraska Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

C.R.B.F. Dedicates New Wing

BY JOHN TREOLO



"I declare this production wing open," are the words from Christian Record's Board Chairman, Dr. Calvin B. Rock, as he cuts the ribbon. Looking on are Rich Stites, Bert Harris, Patricia Horst, CRBF controller and V.L. Bretsch, president of CRBF.

A new 13,000 square-foot production/printing wing added recently to the Christian Record Braille Foundation's headquarters office in Lincoln, Nebraska, was officially opened and dedicated during a ceremony Friday, May 22.

The ceremony, in conjunction with Christian Record's national convention, the first time in a decade all braille evangelists and workers assembled together, occurred a day before the convention closed.

Participating in the ceremony was Dr. Calvin B. Rock, CRBF Board Chairman, V.L. Bretsch, president, Rich Stites, representing Nebraska Governor Kay Orr and Bert Harris, representing his brother, Bill Harris, mayor of Lincoln.

"This is a dream come true," Bretsch said of the new wing, the first such expansion to Christian Record's building since 1963. "We are now in a position to prepare a global strategy for serving the blind and deaf."

In addition to the new wing, several new pieces of printing/computerized equipment was also obtained during 1986. With the additional space, equipment and manpower, Bretsch predicts Christian Record can now work more effectively with overseas divisions in taking the Gospel to the blind and deaf worldwide.

John Treolo, communication director, Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



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Jim McDonald, Record Producer of 12 award-winning Gospel Albums of the year is taking auditions for:

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Wedding

Stout - Choban

Rebecca Louise Stout, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Charles Stout of Wahpeton, and Timothy Nicholas Choban, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Choban, of Kelowna, British Columbia, were married May 17, 1987, at the Wahpeton Adventist Church with Elder Ward Hill officiating. Rebecca graduated from Union College in May and Timothy is currently on the Union College staff.



Obituaries

EICHMAN, Rachel Brickman, was born in Marion County, KS, Sept. 16, 1897 and died June 15, 1987, Denver, CO. In 1919 she married Fred F. Eichman. He died in 1947. Survivors include her son and his wife, Clyde and Alberta Eichman, Orlando, FL; her daughter, Gloria Eichman, a secretary in the Rocky Mountain Conference office, Denver, CO; 2 granddaughters, Pamela Eichman, and Jacqueline Eichman, and 1 great-grandson, Stanley Good.

GALINDO, Luis, was born Aug. 25, 1933 in San Bernardino, Mexico and died June 12, 1987, Denver, CO. He was an active member of the Greeley church. Survivors are his wife, Virginia; 3 daughters: Marie Lusia Galindo-DeAlvarez, Patricia Galindo-DeAlvarez and Elida Galindo, all of Greeley; 1 son, Luis Galindo, Jr., of Gill, CO; 4 grandchildren, 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

KRANZ, Fred H., was born Dec. 16, 1904 at Brookside, WI and died Apr. 23, 1987 at Broken Bow, NE. He was united in marriage to Velma L. Owen in 1929 and lived in the Eddyville and Oconto areas. He was a member of the Broken Bow SDA church. Survivors include 2 sons; Dwain and Wain both of Eddyville, NE; 1 daughter, Marilyn Kutschara of Hay Springs, NE; a foster daughter, Rosella Shuff of Payson, AZ; 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

LUNT, Elizabeth, was born in High Prairie, MO and passed away in Merriam, KS. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Earnest, Olathe, KS, a step-daughter Elvia Koonce of Houston, TX; 4 sisters, Lois Reese, Ava Fritchman, Edith Wells, and Myrtle Edmondson; 3 brothers, Vernon, Arthur Ellis, and Leonard Ellis; 9 step-grandchildren and 21 step-great-grandchildren. She was a charter member of the New Haven church in Kansas City.

MOLSKNESS, Leonette R., was born Dec. 7, 1923, and passed away on May 21, 1987. She taught in SDA church schools for 24 years, all in Minnesota. Leonette is survived by her husband, Maynard; 2 sons: Forest Anderson of Spring Valley, OH; Donovan Anderson of Needles, CA; 1 daughter, Faye Dudas of Laupen, Switzerland; 5 grandchildren; 3 step-sons; 2 step-daughters; 12 step-grandchildren; 4 step-great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Marie Nordvick; 2 nieces and 1 nephew. She was preceded in death by first husband, Curtis L. Anderson.

PERRIGO, Ethel Dix Neel, was born Sept. 13, 1892, Bethel, MO, and died Oct. 22, 1986, Cedaredge, CO. Her first husband, Richard Dix, died in 1967. Her second husband, Albert Perrigo, is also deceased. Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy (Dixie) Murphy, of Colorado Springs, CO; 3 grandsons and 4 granddaughters.

PIERSON, Viola, was born Apr. 2, 1899 in Holt County, NE and passed away Feb. 19, 1987 at Torrington, WY. She was a charter member of the SDA church at Torrington. Survivors are 6 daughters, Rosella Pierson of Toppensish, WA, Donabelle Peckham of Gothenburg, NE, Ruby Scheller of Pierce, CO, Edna Loomer of College Place, WA, Maysie Helms

of Riverside, CA and Eunice Horn of San Diego, CA; 2 sons, Eugene of Burleson, TX and Donald of Lander, WY; 21 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

SHEDRICK, Ruth W., passed away at 93 years of age on June 6, 1987 at Kansas City, MO. She was a member of the Kansas City Central church where she was active in the Dorcas Society. Survivors are her son, Alden of Kansas City, MO; 1 grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Clarence Estus, was born Feb. 7, 1902, at Half Rock, MO; died May 18, 1987 at Modesto, CA. He served as teacher and pastor-evangelist for more than 45 years in the Texas, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Cumberland, Kansas, Minnesota, Colorado, and Central California Conferences. Survivors are his wife, Velvah Smouse-Smith of Modesto, CA; daughters, Cherie Stump, Tempe, AZ, and Shandalynn Hemeger, Turlock, CA; brother, Walter Smith, sister, Lela Bogle, 6 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

SORENSEN, Marguerite, was born Mar. 4, 1912 and passed away June 7, 1987 in Elkhorn, NE. She is survived by her husband Harry Sorensen. She joined the Omaha Memorial church in 1935 and for 23 years served as church treasurer.

TARASENKO, Elsie, was born Mar. 25, 1923 in McLean County, ND, and passed away Mar. 5, 1987 at Bismarck. She lived near Butte and was a faithful member of the SDA church there. Survivors are her husband, Paul; daughters, Paula of Orlando, FL, Beth and Christal both of Lincoln, NE; sons Gary of Minot, ND, William, Long Beach, CA, Robert, St. Peter, MO, Laurel, John and Kenneth, all of Lynden, WA; sisters Mary Federoenko, Olga Roberts, and Pauline Johnson; brothers Pete, Harold, Gust and George Verbitsky; and 7 grandchildren.

WELSETH, Edna H., was born Mar. 5, 1901 at Wells, MI and passed away May 24 at Bottineau, ND. She was a member of the Bottineau church and is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

ZIEGLER, Mary Eva, was born Mar. 5, 1923, Peetz, CO and died May 25, 1987, Kersey, CO. Her husband, William Ziegler, died in 1980. Her sister, Alberta Branson, of Kersey, survives.

Notices

YOU ARE INVITED to the reunion of the Fort Scott SDA Church School on Sept. 18, 19, & 20, 1987 at 711 South Hill St., Fort Scott, KS. Please write Opal F. Lewis at Rt. 1, Box 69B, Redfield, KS 66769 when you plan to come. We want you as guests in the homes of our members.

VEGETARIAN CUISINE INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP, Sept. 21-24, 1987. Where: College View SDA Church. Who: Dr. Erna B. Vyhmeister of Andrews University, (retired) G.C. Health Dept. Details: Course: 32 hrs. Capacity: 35 persons, maximum. Cost: \$30. Contact: Mrs. Angel Bock, (402) 483-1204. Send for application: George W. Timpon, Mid-America Union Conference of SDA, P.O. Box 6128, Lincoln, NE 68506. This workshop is for those who have had previous experience at conducting vegetarian workshops.

ADVENTIST SINGLES MINISTRIES, Fall Weekend, Sept. 18, 19, 20, Camp Heritage, Climax Springs, MO. For information call: Patty Putnam, (417) 623-1570, Tina Johnson, (913) 268-0840.

Classifieds

Employment

HELP WANTED: live-in SDA nanny for SDA mother with boys ages 2 & 5. Location: Suburban Columbus, OH. Negotiable wages and vacation. Respond to: Ruth-Ann Williams, 2538 Brown Rd., Grove City, OH 43123.

SOCIAL WORK DIRECTOR needed to manage staff of 7, establishing standards, evaluating program, and providing direct services to patients and families. Requires MSW and 2 years' supervisory experience. Send resume to Bill McGregor, Vice President, Reading Rehabilitation Hospital, R.D. #1, Box 250, Reading, PA 19607.

NEEDED: ELEMENTARY TEACHER for small school in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Anyone with pioneer spirit can qualify. Rt. 1, Box 18C, Custer, SD 57730. Or call collect (605) 613-4420 or 642-7878.

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	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28
Denver, CO	8:14	8:07	7:58	7:48	7:38
Grand Junc., CO	8:27	8:20	8:11	8:02	7:51
Pueblo, CO	8:09	8:02	7:53	7:44	7:34
Cedar Rapids, IA	8:27	8:18	8:09	7:59	7:47
Davenport, IA	8:21	8:13	8:03	7:53	7:42
Des Moines, IA	8:33	8:25	8:16	8:06	7:55
Sioux City, IA	8:47	8:38	8:29	8:18	8:07
Dodge City, KS	8:50	8:43	8:34	8:25	8:15
Goodland, KS	8:00	7:53	7:44	7:35	7:24
Topeka, KS	8:35	8:28	8:19	8:10	8:00
Wichita, KS	8:39	8:32	8:24	8:15	8:05
Duluth, MN	8:42	8:33	8:21	8:09	7:56
Internl. Falls, MN	8:53	8:42	8:30	8:18	8:04
Minneapolis, MN	8:41	8:32	8:22	8:10	7:58
Rochester, MN	8:35	8:26	8:16	8:05	7:53
Columbia, MO	8:22	8:15	8:06	7:57	7:46
Kansas City, MO	8:31	8:24	8:15	8:06	7:55
Springfield, MO	8:22	8:15	8:07	7:58	7:48
St. Louis, MO	8:13	8:05	7:57	7:47	7:37
Grand Island, NE	8:51	8:43	8:34	8:23	8:13
Lincoln, NE	8:44	8:36	8:27	8:17	8:06
North Platte, NE	9:01	8:53	8:43	8:33	8:22
Omaha, NE	8:42	8:34	8:24	8:14	8:03
Scottsbluff, NE	8:14	8:06	7:56	7:46	7:35
Bismarck, ND	9:17	9:07	8:56	8:43	8:31
Fargo, ND	9:01	8:51	8:40	8:28	8:15
Williston, ND	9:32	9:22	9:10	8:58	8:44
Pierre, SD	9:08	8:59	8:48	8:37	8:25
Rapid City, SD	8:18	8:09	7:59	7:47	7:36
Sioux Falls, SD	8:51	8:42	8:32	8:21	7:14
Casper, WY	8:28	8:20	8:10	7:59	7:48
Cheyenne, WY	8:17	8:09	8:00	7:50	7:39
Sheridan, WY	8:35	8:26	8:16	8:04	7:52

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