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*“But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13*

★ The President's Outlook ★

Affirming Adventist Education

The word affirm means to assert as valid or confirmed. I don't know of anything in recent years that affirms Adventist education as dramatically as the recent victory of 15-year-old Jack Staddon in the first National Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society in May.

Jack, son of Pastor Thearon Staddon in Great Bend, Kansas, won the championship and a \$25,000 scholarship. The fact that he attends a six-student Adventist elementary school in Great Bend affirms the value of the Adventist educational system and is a tribute to the dedication of Adventist teachers and parents.

Jack competed against 54 other state finalists in the bee, a part of the National Geographic Society's long-range effort to restore a knowledge of geography in the nation's schools. Americans ranked among the bottom third in an international test of geographic knowledge according to a 1988 survey by the Gallup Organization.

Fortunately, Jack Staddon and the other winners ranked much higher. Who better to win a national geography bee than a student in an Adventist school who is taught a knowledge of the world from his earliest years because of the church's commitment to preach the everlasting gospel "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people?"

(Revelation 14:6)

I want to personally congratulate Jack and his teacher, Doris Reile. You'll have an opportunity to read about Jack's exploit in detail next month when we feature him in a story written by John Treolo, communication director of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, but for now I would like to use Jack as a springboard for Project Affirmation.

Adventist schools, while good, are not perfect of course, and a recent study indicates that most of our church members are eager to make a good thing even better. Recognizing this, the General Conference Board of Higher Education recently trained a number of local conference directors in how to involve their members in active support of Adventist education. Specifically, they are ready to help you make positive plans to enhance the following: 1. Development of values, faith and commitment in Adventist students; 2. Academic quality of educational programs; 3. Valuing of Adventist educators; 4. Marketing and advocacy of Adventist education; 5. Development of alternative financial strategies for funding Adventist education.

The facilitators trained so far in our union are Carol Bales (Kansas-Nebraska), Everett Cumbo (Rocky Mountain), Barry Mahorney (Dakota), and Nathaniel Miller (Central States). They plan to go to Atlanta for advance training in October. If you would like more information on Project Affirmation, please contact them.

Frankly, I can't think of anything more important today for the future of the church than affirming Adventist education. Can you?

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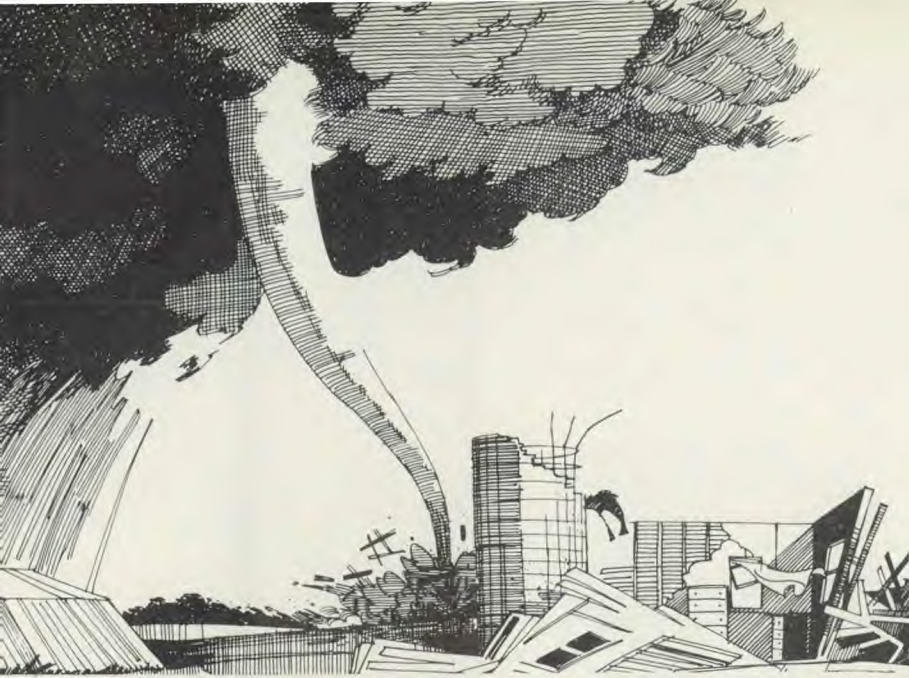
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July: With his incomparable eye for composition, Glenn Sackett, chaplain at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, Colorado, photographed this unposed scene while driving through Rocky Mountain National Park.



Hold on tight!

Like Gwen's "mother-hen" big sister Debbie, Jesus shelters us in the time of storm for one reason only: because He loves us.

BY GWEN SCOTT SIMMONS

"Gwendolyn Kay!" I can still hear my big sister's voice echoing. Nobody ever called me by my full name except for Debbie. Not even my mother. I might have even forgotten what it was had Debbie not used it now and then.

Now Debbie was not a boss. Bossiness is not part of her nature. She simply had taken it upon herself to adopt me for her own. After all, she was seven years older than me, giving her a seemingly giant amount of life experience over mine, and Mom had her hands full with four kids anyway. So why not?

I remember resenting her mother-hen role a tiny bit, but mostly enjoying the personalized attention. Yes, there were the times she hovered over me a little more snugly than I'd have liked.

For instance, the family vacation to the ocean. The home movies show my other two siblings gleefully splashing and diving head first into approaching waves. What fun! Then there I am being repeatedly fetched back to land by you know who. But if she'd let me go

in, I'd no doubt have drowned, so what can I say?

There were other times though. Like when I was sick and she'd play nurse. Once she even made herself a white cardboard cap with a black ribbon across the top. I was amazed at how much she looked like a *real live* nurse. And she might just as well have been, for she truly did make me feel better.

Lucky for me, Debbie never outgrew this mothering mission she'd taken on. When I announced my wedding engagement she wrote a welcoming card to my husband-to-be, but still mentioned "take good care of my baby sister."

And even just lately when I learned I needed medical help, she voluntarily searched out just the right doctor in my area to handle it, spending her own time and money on long distance calls and inquiries.

Big Sister Hall of Fame

These are a few special acts of Debbie's to me. Surely they are sufficient to place her in the "Big Sister Hall of Fame."

But there's more. The biggie. The time the tornado hit camp. I was in junior camp and Debbie was a counselor. One evening as we

all stood in line outside the dining hall waiting for supper, a noticeable change in weather took place. Black, low clouds swallowed blue sky. A sudden wind chilled the hot, sultry air.

Then everything was mysteriously still. Black and cool and still. An aura of impending doom permeated the air.

"Tornado!" someone yelled. Hurriedly, counselors, leaders and pastors instructed hundreds of kids to go inside and lie down on the floor.

Going to my appointed area, scared stiff, I finally spotted Debbie and she spotted me. She rushed to me and oh did it feel great to see that mother-hen sister of mine!

In the dining hall, everyone lay frozen to the floor, just bracing themselves and listening to the whistling, whipping cloud on the other side of the wall.

Everyone except for me, that is. All I could hear were the sounds of Debbie's breathing. All I could feel was her warmth. She had covered my body with her own. She had given her little chick the best shelter she could come up with.

Fortunately none of us were injured. God heard our prayers and made the tornado that was traveling straight toward us change its course. Then came the rain, signalling that danger had passed. Talk about showers of blessing!

For One Reason Only

Why had Debbie so eagerly placed herself in a position to take the wicked damage of the storm to shelter me? To become a hero? No. She's not the self-seeking type. To look good to her fellow counselors? Certainly not. Besides, who could see her with their faces to the floor? No, Debbie sheltered me for one reason only. Because she loved me.

Recollection of the unselfish act of love that my big sister showed for me on that terrifying evening a couple of decades ago, often brings my thoughts to Jesus.

"The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide; a Shelter in the time of storm. Secure whatever may betide; A shelter in the time of storm."

Storm after storm, Jesus offers to be our Rock. And why does He do it? Not because He wants to be this world's greatest hero, though He certainly is. Not because He wants to look good to His heavenly associates. He shelters us for one reason only. Because He loves us.

A storm is coming. A mightier storm than this planet has ever had to endure. The thick black clouds are lowering and the wind is steadily picking up. But our Rock is near.

In Jesus we have weathered many storms and He will not forsake us now. He has covered our lives with His own. Just hold on tight!

Gwen Scott Simmons writes from Centerville, Iowa.

It could never happen to me!

But it did happen—a malignant melanoma that left a scar on her face and joy in her heart for being alive.

BY KIM DEVNICH

Cancer. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "cancer?" Most people relate cancer to immediate death. Your initial reaction is probably that, "It will never strike anyone close to me!" and most of all . . . "It could never happen to me!"

In 1988, there were 494,000 estimated deaths due to cancer. There were also 985,000 estimated new cases diagnosed. Of that number, 11,600 estimated new cases were diagnosed as a melanoma. Also reported in 1988 were 8,200 deaths due to a melanoma. Of these 11,600 estimated new cases diagnosed as melanomas, I was a victim.

Six years ago, I started seeing a dermatologist about a "freckle" under my left eye. I decided to get it removed. After my tenth surgery a year ago, I decided to just leave the poor thing alone. It came back again. I decided to ignore it and just put up with comments like "Kim, your mascara is smeared," or "Here . . . let me get whatever that is off your face," as they would proceed to pick at my face! However, about half way through this past summer, I had had enough. The comments were getting a little stronger and quite a bit more frequent. It started to make me very self-conscious.

My parents were very understanding. They immediately found the best plastic surgeon in the state of South Dakota in Sioux Falls and I scheduled an appointment. The surgery was set for July 28.

I was in a little more pain than with my previous surgeries, but for some reason, I felt good about this surgery. I was confident that Dr. Meyer had gone plenty deep to remove all of the pigment this time—or at least it felt like it!

No More Suntans

My favorite relaxation when I got home from eight or nine hours of work standing on my feet all day, was to go outside and suntan. The following Tuesday, I came home from work (five days after my surgery) and

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Kim Devnich had ten surgeries to remove a "freckle" from under her left eye until a plastic surgeon discovered it was a malignant melanoma. Her brush with death has taught her to be thankful for each day of life.

collapsed in the recliner. My mom said, "Kim, are you going to suntan today?"

"Yes," I said.

"I don't think so," she replied. I just gave her a disgusted look. It wasn't like mom to tell me what to do. Everyone was quiet as I just stared at her.

"Dr. Meyer's nurse called while you were at work today. The results came back from your surgery. You have a malignant melanoma."

I froze. I had no idea what a malignant melanoma was. However, I was fully aware that the word malignant meant cancer. I immediately became angry. I couldn't figure out why my dermatologist hadn't detected this earlier. Mom quickly defended both my dermatologist and Dr. Meyer by saying that the cancer was in an early stage and that they thought they had removed it all. What kind

of a word is *thought* when we're talking cancer in my body? I ran to my room to be alone.

My family was a great support. They kept telling me that it was over and that we could thank God it wasn't any worse. I finally agreed with them.

The following Tuesday, my little brother showed up at work just before I was to leave. This puzzled me, but I told him to hang on and I'd give him a ride home. He seemed upset and said mom and dad had some bad news for me. He had promised that he wouldn't say anything to me, though. We went home. The suspense was killing me, so I finally asked my dad what was going on. Dad just squirmed in his chair and joked around with me. Finally, he said that Dr. Meyer had been on a cruise since the day after my surgery and had just returned yesterday to look over the results of my tests.

"Kim he wants to see you again. He doesn't think the cancer has been completely removed."

I panicked, but tried to make light of the subject. My dad said, "With this type of cancer, Dr. Meyer has explained to me that if you catch it at an early stage, you can just cut it out like you cut bad spots from tomatoes."

That wasn't very comforting to me. I didn't exactly feel like being a tomato!

I went to bed for what seemed a very short night. The phone rang at 6:30. My heart stopped. I answered the phone hesitantly.

Dr. Meyer began explaining to me what would happen. He said they would have to graft skin from behind my ears about the size of a quarter. (Great! What a stupid time to have just cut my long hair!) He said the skin would be purple and probably never look like my real skin. This wasn't a comforting thought at the age of twenty. He said that they could probably go back in after two years and try to "fix" it up to look better. (But what about the two years between? What was this guy thinking?)

I knew the decision was mine to have the surgery or not, so I promptly interrupted Dr. Meyer and said, "I don't want to have the surgery. What if I refuse it?"



A rapidly growing cancer

"Well, Kim, for one thing I'll really be disappointed in you. Let me tell you about melanoma. It's a very rapidly growing cancer. We caught yours at a Grade 2—which is relatively early. If you don't have the surgery, all we can do is give you chemotherapy. Because the incision is so close to your eye, you would lose your sight. With chemotherapy, all it will do is prolong it. This is fatal, Kim. Once it reaches the lymph system, it's too late."

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. The rest of the conversation was a blur. I had to leave for a full day's work just ten minutes later. It was extremely difficult to force a smile on my face for eight hours knowing what I'd have to face.

This was Tuesday. Thursday was to be my last day of work because I was going to go back to school a week early. So I scheduled an appointment for Friday morning. Thursday after work I quickly showered and dad and I left for Sioux Falls again. My surgery was scheduled for 10:30 Friday morning.

My parents had called Holli, my best friend, and asked her to meet me in Sioux Falls Thursday night for moral support. She was waiting there when we arrived at our motel.

Earlier that afternoon, nine pathologists had met regarding my case. They were trying to decide whether the skin grafting was absolutely necessary or not. I was on cloud nine when we left the house Thursday because I knew there was a remote chance that I wouldn't have to go through with this!

The next morning I checked in, got dressed in my hospital gown, and waited for Dr. Meyer. He finally arrived and was delighted to see that the first incision was lower than he had remembered. He said not to get my hopes up, but there was a remote chance I

wouldn't need skin grafting. My hopes shot up anyway, but Dr. Meyer quickly shattered them again by saying, "Kim it's not too late to get a second opinion. I can call the Mayo Clinic and probably get you in today yet. This is serious, Kim. I'm not going to let you go into this blindly. Skin grafting is very ugly . . . especially to a girl your age."

We talked awhile more and I said, "Let's just do it." So they came and took me to the operating room.

The next thing I knew, I was in the recovery room with a nurse standing over me. My first words were, "Did they graft skin?"

The nurse looked at my side and said, "I guess so. There's a bandage here." She was either unintelligent or uninformed. I also had a mole removed from my side that Dr. Meyer was worried about. I immediately knew I didn't have the skin graft. What a relief!

It was a very long trip home. We got home Friday night at 11:00. I had a bandage across the entire left side of my face.

I was on heavy pain killers for the next few days. I couldn't even go to the bathroom without help. I felt so useless and helpless.

Too painful to cry

My sister, Colleen, had come to be with me for the weekend. On Saturday night when it was time for the bandages to be removed, Colleen and I waited up until everyone else had gone to bed and took the bandages off. Colleen handed me a mirror. I immediately started to cry, but after shedding only one tear, I knew I couldn't cry. It was too painful. Colleen stayed up with me that night and tried to ease my fears.

My first incision was about three-fourths-of-an-inch long. I had estimated this one to be maybe one-and-a-half inches long. To my horror, it was two-and-a-half inches long! I

looked like I had been run over by a train! I had 21 stitches across my face.

I was bound and determined to get back to school. So on Tuesday, my friend Mike came over and between my dad, brothers, and Mike, they loaded up our van. I was unable to drive my own car so dad was going to drive me to Lincoln.

Tuesday night was a nightmare. I hadn't been up at all since the surgery. The few minutes I was up on Tuesday wiped me out. I was up all night in a lot of pain. Needless to say, I didn't leave for Lincoln.

Dad finally took me up eight days after my last surgery. I was anxious to get there to see my friends, but realized after only about five minutes that I wished I was at home again. I didn't know how to explain to anyone what had happened.

Sunday was the big test. I had to see all my friends that I hadn't seen all summer. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my life. Nobody knew what to say either. Luckily, Holli didn't leave my side those first couple days and did most of the explaining.

These past six months since my surgery have been incredible. There were times that I hated God for doing this to me. Some of the people I cared about turned away from me when I needed them most. They didn't know how to handle the situation. There were times that I cried myself to sleep at night, begging God to never let me wake up again. I knew I had no reason to live. My self esteem was 0. I wanted to die.

I was very self-conscious of my scar. I felt worthless, like God had just left me along side the road to rot. Even though I was surrounded by friends that I knew cared about me, I felt alone. Nobody knew how I felt!! I felt nobody knew what it was like to have a two-and-one-half-inch scar across your face. Nobody knew what it was like to have cancer. Nobody knew what it was like to live in constant fear that after you have a malignant melanoma once, the chances of it recurring on some other part of your body is 80-90 percent higher.

Last month I turned 21. For the first time in my entire life, I thanked God for giving me another birthday. If I had decided not to have the first surgery, I might not be here today.

Everybody gets down sometimes. You just failed another test. You got in a fight with your roommate. Your boyfriend just gave roses to your best friend . . . whatever. Even though there are so many times these past six months that I didn't want to live, God must have something else in mind for me. He has something in mind for you too . . . or you wouldn't be here either.

I don't know what the rest of my life has in store for me. I don't know if the cancer will return. I just thank God that I am alive today. ★



The Stranger came knocking

Shuffled from place to place and rejected by his peers, Keith Baldwin dropped out of school and turned on to drugs and alcohol. Then a Stranger came knocking on the door of his heart . . .

BY KEITH BALDWIN

As the school bell rings, he races for the exit door at the end of the hall that leads to the back parking lot. Carefully looking in each direction, he sees they are not in sight. He walks alone at a hurried pace. Why is it always the same? Why must he always prove himself? Looking over his shoulder he realizes that they have seen him. Firmly clutching his books and papers in one

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hand and his jacket in the other, he hears the crackling of gravel under his shoes as he breaks into a run. But it's no use. Ahead of him at the narrow place in the school's chain link fence stands the other half of them, waiting. With no way of escape, he slows to a stop.

The smart remarks and challenges to fight begin as the group surrounds him. He knows what to expect. It happened before in the last school he attended. Feeling confident in numbers, the group of boys two grades ahead of him begin to show their valor to one another. The tall, skinny boy with the oily

hair steps up from behind and knocks his books to the ground with a thud. As he bends over to pick them up, he feels a sharply stinging blow to his face delivered by the stalky, sandy-haired boy whom all the others look up to. He is pushed from the front by one, then tripped from behind by another. He falls to the ground and wipes the salty-tasting blood from the corner of his mouth as the wind blows his papers across the football field. Lying on the ground, he can hear them as they leave, laughing over their assumed victory. A few of them wonder why he doesn't fight back. Even though they are



Mid-America Union office maintenance man, Keith Baldwin, gives his son, Jessie, a tractor ride. "The Stranger Came Knocking" is a true account of his personal experience.

cold reality, he turns to drugs and alcohol and to a new group of peers who range from five to ten years older than him. This group will accept him as he is, and as he becomes accustomed to the older group, the younger group, along with school, fades completely away . . .

The sound of an alarm breaks the stillness of the brisk fall morning. He painfully raises his throbbing head. With one eye half open he looks out across the sea of empty beer cans and overflowing ashtrays at the clock which tells him it's time to get dressed and leave. No time for breakfast. Pulling his stocking hat down over his ears and putting his hands tightly in his pants pockets, he sees his breath curling like little clouds in the sharp morning air as he quickly walks toward the corner where the school bus is parked with its lights flashing. But he's not going to school. As he walks past the bus where others his own age are getting on, he turns.

Many types of jobs

The bells of the cafe door clang with a loud noise behind him as he makes his way to a table to get a cup of coffee and wait for his boss. He feels lucky to get this job, considering he's only seventeen and has very little experience. As he enters the real world of work, he leaves behind any thought of higher education. Little does he realize how much "life" has yet to teach him. As the years pass, so does his many types of jobs—being a carpenter, a cook, a janitor . . .

As the sun breaks forth in streaks of gold and red across the snow-covered river bottom, a baby's cry awakens him. He feels the bed gently move as his wife pulls on her robe and slippers and heads toward the crib where their infant lies, calling for his morning feeding. No work today; it's Saturday morning, time to sleep in. He cashed his check last night after leaving the baby with a sitter. After visiting the drug dealer, going out for supper, and spending the rest of the evening in the bar, there is barely enough money left for the rest of the week. Over and over, week in and week out, the same thing. Without finding satisfaction . . .

As the warm wind blows lightly and the birds sing their springtime songs, the sun comes up brightly in the huge blue sky. He gently climbs out of bed, being careful not to awaken his wife. Pulling on his pants, he quietly walks through the kitchen, past the refrigerator where he used to stop first for a can of beer to slow the trembling of his hands. But now he falls peacefully to his

knees in front of the window where the Son is beginning to shine through. In a little while, he rises and reaches, not to turn the stereo on and get high, but for his Bible that is beginning to show some wear. Something has happened. Replacing that cold, hard, unsatisfied look on his face is one of peace, joy and fulfillment.

Letting the Stranger in

A day not long ago a Stranger knocked on his door. He didn't know why, but he let Him in, and his whole life changed. The Stranger took away his built-up anger. The Stranger took away his desire for drugs and alcohol and filled his emptiness with a fullness that reaches from the depths of his heart to the heights of the sky. The Stranger's name is Jesus Christ.

Now he finds himself in school once again. Each day begins with a talk to his Master and a study of His words. He now takes comfort in his school where there is no diversion from classes though his areas of study are certainly diverse. He realizes that seeking the Master in the school of life is the only education that will endure for eternity. ★

I'm just a tool in the Master's hands

*I'm just a tool in the Master's hands,
Working to fulfill His master plans.
From daylight till dusk I do His will,
Seeking His blessing, my soul to
fulfill.*

*I'm just a tool in the Master's hands,
Proclaiming His love across the land.
To make the last call that none might
fall,
For He breaks all of Satan's bands.*

*I'm just a tool in the Master's hands,
As I view the glory of the great I AM.
His white robe I must wear,
So where He is that I might be there.*

*For all is lost and must pass away,
For Christ will come and take us one
day.*

*Yes, all of us who are able to say,
I'm just a tool in the Master's hands.*

—Keith Baldwin

older, he is their same size or bigger. They don't understand.

As the lone boy gathers his papers, memories of other fights roll through his mind, back to the time when, in defense of his younger brother, he left a boy beaten senseless. And another time after he had won a fight, he had continued to pound away at the head of his adversary until he had to be pulled away by two other people. He tried hard to swallow and put away those memories. He redetermines not to release the explosive anger that builds in his heart.

Learning more than most

This is the sixteenth school out of twenty which he will attend before he quits in his junior year of high school. Though his grades don't show it, he is learning more than most. He can't write very clearly nor spell very well. His reading is poor, but life is teaching him something more important—how to survive in the society in which he lives. He longs for love, kindness, mutual respect, and a sense of belonging, but all he finds from those in his own age group are rejection and hatred.

With an obsessive desire to escape from

The Greatest Runner

Waiting for a special event can try your patience, but when the event finally happens, it makes the waiting worthwhile.

BY THOMAS AND AILEEN MAXWELL

I was excited! I had been invited by a filming group to assist in photographing the Colorado Run—469 miles of rugged terrain from Durango, Colorado to Denver over the Continental Divide.

Four Durango athletes had accepted the almost impossible challenge of pitting their zeal and their energy against the elements and the adversities of this grueling test of physical endurance.

They would cover this run in only seventeen days culminating in the dedication of the Colorado Trail near Denver. They would penetrate six Wilderness Areas and seven National Forests; they would encounter five major river systems, and they would cross eight mountain ranges with altitudes from 5,280 to 13,000 feet. Weather could change from sunshine to sleet and snow in a matter of miles and temperatures could vary from 95 degrees to below freezing in a few hours. This would indeed be a history-making event.

We drove by Jeep up La Plata Canyon to 11,580 feet Kennebec Pass. Here I would take my station to snap the runners as they passed by on their way to Taylor Lake, over the Skyline Trail and on to beautiful alpine Molas Lake.

Kennebec was by no means the highest point of their run. It was, however, one of the most scenic areas. Beautiful meadows, covered with wild flowers blooming profusely, were set against a background of snow-capped mountain peaks, reaching into an azure blue sky. A perfect spot for a picture.

I couldn't be late

We parked the Jeep and the others left for Taylor Lake and beyond. We had no idea just how long it would take the runners to come from the Junction Creek Trailhead. We

Thomas and Aileen Maxwell write from Cortez, Colorado.

only knew if we weren't in the right spot we would miss our chance. The place I chose was quite a distance from the Jeep up a narrow trail. I grabbed my camera, my light jacket, and ran. I couldn't be late.

After getting strategically placed I looked at the beautiful countryside, everything so bright and clear in the early morning sun. Then, after checking my camera several times, I realized my feet were getting cold and wet from the morning dew which had dampened the foliage and underbrush. I looked for a place to sit down and relax but there were no rocks close. I was in a field of helibore and flowers. It was too wet to sit on the ground. I felt chilly in the high mountain air and walked around trying to keep warm, not daring to leave my spot for fear I wouldn't be ready when the runners came down the trail.

The sun became a little warmer and then they came—not the runners, the mosquitoes, hordes of them, swarming and buzzing all around my face, neck and ears. Even my hooded jacket couldn't protect me from their stabbing swords of fury. Then I remembered the mosquito spray. It was in the Jeep. All I had to do was go get it, but what if I left and the runners came? I would miss my picture. I couldn't do that so I swatted mosquitoes with first one hand and then the other, keeping my camera ever ready for instant use, while jumping up and down to warm my feet. "How long will I have to wait?" I wondered. I felt cold, uncomfortable, and being eaten alive, but I couldn't leave, not now, not until the runners came.

I kept looking at my watch, an hour passed, then two. Surely, it couldn't be much longer. Could I endure? The sun, rising higher in the sky, became hotter, shining directly in my face. I knew in this high altitude a person could burn easily; but my suntan lotion was also in the Jeep. Even if my face burned I couldn't leave. I had been waiting too long to miss the runners now.

Waiting for a special event

Suddenly the analogy struck me. Ten virgins took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. They too were waiting for a special event. The five wise virgins were ready and took oil for their vessels. The five foolish virgins left to buy oil and missed the great event when the cry went forth, "The Bridegroom Cometh."

In one way I was like the five foolish virgins, not really prepared—no mosquito spray, no suntan lotion. But I couldn't leave to get them; for, like the five wise virgins, I knew I would miss the great event I had waited and planned for. So I waited, uncomfortable but determined to be there at my designated spot when the runners came.

Finally in the distance I saw the runners coming down the trail and I felt like shouting to the mountaintops, "The runners are coming!" As they passed me, I started clicking my camera, taking shot after shot. Then they were gone. I had endured cold, wet feet, mosquitoes, sunburn, and was worn out from standing, but I had achieved my goal.

I wondered as I looked up at the majestic mountain towering above me, will we be ready when Jesus comes? Will we endure to the end and keep our lights burning? Or will we, after waiting so long, become weary from the hardships and go back for our various oils, mosquito sprays, and suntan lotions and miss the most spectacular event of all time—the return of the Greatest Runner, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ? ★

Two young intrepid runners huff and puff over Kennebec Pass during the Colorado Run. Author Thomas Maxwell was invited by a filming group to assist in photographing the historic run which covered 469 miles of rugged terrain from Durango to Denver.



Helen Jaster is surrounded by Certified Public Accountants. Mrs. Jaster's husband, Wes; daughter, Nancy; and son, Charles, have all passed the CPA exam in the last two years. And all three attended Union College.

Mr. Wes Jaster was a pastor for many years and conference secretary in Wisconsin from 1976-1983. After a year in Oregon working as a church growth consultant, he decided to follow in the footsteps of his twin brother, Les, and pursue a career as a Certified Public Accountant.

Thus the Jasters—Wes, Helen, Charles, Nancy and Sylvia—moved to Lincoln in 1984. Soon Charles, Nancy and their father were competing for top grades in the business and accounting courses at Union. "We took turns, establishing the grade curve," says Mr. Jaster.

Charles Jaster passed his CPA examination in November of 1987 and joined his uncle Les Jaster as a CPA. But in October of 1988, something special happened. Wes and Nancy Jaster took the examination together and both passed all parts on the first try, a feat accomplished by only ten percent of those who take the examination nationwide.

Mr. Jaster described the experience. "The CPA exam takes three days and consists of four parts. Nancy finished the first three sections before I did, and the test proctors noticed this. When I finished the fourth part first, they teased Nancy, 'Your father finished before you after all.' 'Yes,' she said, 'but he plans to take it over.'" Wes and Nancy both passed, however. Their accomplishment came to the attention of the Nebraska Society of CPAs. At the society's awards banquet on October 12, they and Charles were honored, and Nancy received a \$250 scholarship.

The father/daughter joint activities didn't stop there. In December, 1988, Wes and Nancy both completed bachelor's degrees in business administration. Wes graduated with High Honors and Nancy graduated with Highest Honors. But then, Wes also had a full time job. "My main study time was between 10 p.m. and one a.m.," says Mr. Jaster.

After graduation their paths split. Wes now works as an internal auditor for Adventist Health Systems in Washington, D.C. Nancy has received a position with Ernst and Whinney, a national accounting firm, and will also be moving to Washington. In May, 1989, Wes and Nancy were honored at the Union College commencement ceremony.

Mr. Bill Murrill, undertreasurer of the General Conference, told Mr. Jaster, "To my knowledge, you and Nancy are the only Seventh-day Adventist father/daughter team ever to have passed the CPA exam at the same time." Perhaps they are the only such team anywhere to have passed it together. ★

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Union College

Educating Leaders for the Lord

The Jasters: a family of CPAs

BY SHAWN NOWLAN



Wes Jaster and his daughter, Nancy, are the only Seventh-day Adventist father and daughter to have ever passed the Certified Public Accountant examination at the same time, according to Bill Murrill, undertreasurer of the General Conference.



Pastor Robert Espinoza and Kelly Bird pose outside the Park Memorial church in Kansas City, Missouri. A neighborhood girlfriend and a man at her work were instrumental in leading her to the Adventist faith.

From pork tenderloins to Park Memorial

Dissatisfied with the church of her parents, Kelly Bird found what she was looking for at Park Memorial.

BY KELLY BIRD AS TOLD TO ROBERT ESPINOZA

Kelly Bird was baptized on April 8, 1989 at Park Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church. We were happy to see

Kelly Bird was recently baptized by Pastor Robert A. Espinoza of the Park Memorial Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

how Jesus still leads young people to his church. Here is her testimony:

"My parents were Methodists and I was brought up going to the Methodist Church. We went usually two maybe three Sundays a month and religion wasn't a big part of my life. I couldn't have told you what the

Methodists believed in and we never brought our Bibles to church.

"Every Sunday we did attend, we ate lunch out after church and then the day proceeded as any other. I went to a lot of my friends' churches after staying over Saturday night, but they were very similar and didn't interest me.

Everything made sense

"Then one day we got some new neighbors. Their daughter, Anita, was about my age. She asked me to stay over Friday and go to church on Saturday. I had never been to church on Saturday. I didn't know why they did, but I went. I can't even say how welcome they made me feel. I loved how everyone had their Bibles and were looking up verses. Everything they told me made sense and when I looked it up, it was right there in the Bible. I went every Sabbath until my dear friends moved to Houston, Texas.

"I was crushed. At only 14 years old, I couldn't drive, and my parents never were too happy about my going so I didn't. On one of my visits to Houston I decided I wanted to be baptized. Marsha, Anita's mother, wrote my parents about it. They blew up! 'Absolutely not!' they said. 'You weren't brought up that way!' Over time, I drifted from the church and the truth.

"My parents joined the Episcopal church where my Grandma joined also. We weren't baptized and knew nothing of their beliefs, but mom and dad were happy. I wasn't. I attended once or twice a month.

"At age 21, I met a wonderful man at work. Once when all of us were at lunch and everyone was ordering pork tenderloins, I asked Bill if he was getting one. He told me he didn't eat pork and he was a Seventh-day Adventist. My heart leaped! I was so excited to meet up with an Adventist again. I told him how I used to attend and would love to go again to church.

Moved like never before

"My first Sabbath back was so beautiful I wondered how I could have ever left. I felt Jesus so strongly and I was moved like never before. I go every Sabbath and my friends from Houston have moved back. I think the Lord brought me back to the truth through Bill. I studied with Pastor R. Espinoza and I am still studying to learn about Jesus and His return.

"I was baptized and my parents, sister and her family, grandmother and Bill's family came. My parents gave me their blessing and told me they're glad I'm finally happy. And I am. Park Memorial has the most caring members and I'm glad to be part of the Adventist family!" ★



"Amen" star Clifton Davis (right) enjoys meeting a Union College student after his recent chapel talk. His main reason for coming to Lincoln was to tape radio and television spots endorsing the work of Christian Record Services.

to the children.

"If we think Adventists are insulated and isolated from these problems (drug abuse, venereal disease, hunger, poverty, et cetera), we are fools," he said.

He should know. Davis is the son of a former Adventist evangelist. As a young man he arrived in Hollywood and became successful as an actor but at the same time addicted to cocaine.

At the point of death, he surrendered to God and returned to Oakwood College to complete a degree in theology. He earned a Master of Divinity degree at Andrews University and served seven years in the ministry before accepting NBC's offer to play the Reverend Gregory on "Amen."

Two hats too difficult

For some time he juggled his real-life role as an assistant pastor at the Loma Linda University church and his fictitious one as Reuben Gregory on "Amen," but soon the actor-pastor found it too difficult to wear both hats and please two sets of bosses.

He chose to go fulltime with "Amen" which he considers to be a ministry in its own right.

"Now I see my ministry as helping people, using the fame God has given me to raise funds . . . I'm not in this because I want to be first but because I want to be a servant. I take no credit for it myself but give the glory to

Amen star urges students to be servants to all

Compassion is no act with this Adventist entertainer.

BY JAMES L. FLY

Clifton Davis, the former Adventist pastor who plays the Reverend Reuben Gregory on NBC television's hit comedy series "Amen," told Union College students recently he wanted to motivate them to be servants to all "outside the boundaries of denominationalism."

"You are the church. Reach out and help somebody," he said.

Davis practices what he preaches. He travelled to Mexico City to observe firsthand the work that World Vision, a Christian organization, is doing to alleviate hunger and poverty. When he saw seven people living in a tiny hut with no running water and children digging through the garbage for scrap metal to sell so they could buy tortillas, his heart

was touched.

The trip inspired him to host a telethon for World Vision and he currently supports five Mexican children through that organization.

Accepts CRS Invitation

And when Christian Record Services of Lincoln, Nebraska approached him to endorse their work for the blind and deaf through advertisements in the *Saturday Evening Post* and radio and television spots, he gladly accepted.

Davis combined his tour of Christian Record Services with a chapel talk at Union College on April 25 and 26. Married and the father of two young children, Davis urged the students to let God's love shine through them

God," he said.

As a Christian actor, Davis is often compelled to make moral choices that would either affirm or deny his personal morality. He felt he had to walk away from one role, for example, since the script called for his character to use profanity.

He knows his role as Reuben Gregory won't last forever and that is one reason why he is working toward becoming an executive producer in film and television. He has taken out an option on a book called *Black and Red*. It's the true story of Robert Robinson, a black American auto worker who spent 44 years against his will in the Soviet Union and whose Christian faith sustained him during that time. ★

“Discovery”: the dilemma of Christ

BY D.W. O'FILL

Elder O'Fill has through the years advocated the one-on-one approach in the evangelism process. I've always been a firm believer in him and his program. Properly executed, it is a very useful tool.

E. E. Cleveland, Retired Evangelist

Virtually all Christians hold some views in common, such as the fall of angels and mankind as a result of rebellion and breaking God's commandments, salvation by Christ's death on the cross, the reality of a judgment, and Christ's literal second coming. When studying with those who have such a background, we do not need to marshal a large assortment of proof texts to convince them of points on which we already agree. This mistake, though sometimes made, is unnecessary and brings no conviction to the heart regarding our special truths. On the other hand, to present doctrinal differences with the possibility of creating ill will makes many Adventists hesitate to discuss their beliefs with Christians of other faiths.

Our pioneers were committed to God's commandments in general and to the Sabbath in particular. In the 1840's and '50s, the belief that the judgment of the dead began in 1844 was heavily emphasized and preached as present truth. This served to explain the Adventists' disappointment that Christ had not returned to the earth in 1844. Even today, when most Adventists hear the word "judgment," they think of 1844 and the time when the judgment of the dead began. But when we mention "judgment" to the majority of today's non-Adventists, they think of an event that comes after death.

Asking the right questions

An important principle of soul-winning is learning to ask the right questions—questions that will arouse curiosity and stimulate a desire to learn more.

Retired Adventist pastor D.W. O'Fill developed the "Ohio Witness" several years ago to reach non-Adventist Christians. It has proven effective in the Rocky Mountain and Ohio Conferences as well as in other areas. A training manual and tapes are available through the Church Ministries Department, Rocky Mountain Conference, 2520 South Downing, Denver, Colorado 80210, (303) 733-3771.

An illustration of this principle can be seen in a contact with a man we'll call Sullivan, a real estate broker who teaches a Methodist Sunday school class.

"I watch George Vandeman on television every Sunday," he said, "but tell me, how do you Adventists teach salvation?"

"Just as the Methodists do."

With a puzzled expression on his face, Sullivan questioned, "Then where does the Sabbath come in?"

A typical response to this question would be to offer some literature for him to read on the law and grace, or to present a Bible study on the Sabbath. But we can pursue a less threatening approach, based on the judgment. We can respond to his question by asking another one.

"Sullivan, do you believe in the soon coming of Christ and the judgment?"

"Yes."

"Do you believe in the fall of angels and men for breaking God's commandments?"

"Indeed, I do!"

"Have you ever wondered when the judgment will take place for those who are still living on the earth when Jesus comes?"

"No, that question has never crossed my mind."

"The key to the answer, I believe, is found in 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4, where Paul states that when the Lord descends from heaven with a shout, 'the dead in Christ shall rise first,' and Christians who are alive at that time 'shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.' It must be, then, that the living have been judged prior to Christ's coming. Do you agree?"

"That is certainly logical," conceded Sullivan.

Then I observed, "I felt that you knew this deep in your heart. But this being true places Christ in a real predicament or gives Him a real problem. And you might wonder why.

"With Christ as our High Priest, He is our sin bearer. He carries us on His heart. He loves us. We might say that Christ is in judgment in His saints, as someone said 'Christ is on trial in His saints.' But to illustrate this problem, let's imagine Satan talking with his angels. He says, 'We lost in heaven, we lost at Calvary, but we can win at the judgment of the living before the return of Christ.' His angels ask, 'What can we do to win?' Satan answers, 'Go out over the earth

and bring pressure to bear on every Christian. Keep them all sinning. Keep them breaking the commandments for which we were cast out of heaven for disobeying. Then, if in His judgment of the living, Christ designates just one person for translation who is not obedient, as well as repentant, He must take all of us back to heaven too.'"

At this point in the discussion, Sullivan smiled and said, "Well, I can see the Adventist position."

But Sullivan has another question, "What about the dead who did not hear this message in their lifetime?"

The case of Martin Luther

To this I reply, "Let us imagine that the books are open in the judgment in heaven, and Satan claims Martin Luther. Satan says, 'I claim Martin Luther because he was anti-Semitic. He brought persecution on the Jews twice, and the second time was just before he died.' Christ counters, 'But I plan to give Luther a white robe. I am the Potter and Luther was the clay. I was making progress in his life when he died. I was not finished with him yet, but he was responding to my leading in his life.' Satan questions, 'Do you mean that if Luther had lived and had not died, he would have repented of his treatment of the Jews and learned to love them?' 'Yes,' Christ answers. 'If he did not repent and change his ways, then I would have to take his name out of the Lamb's book of life or take you and your angels back into heaven.'"

Our obedience is an evidence of our love for Christ, and our repentance is a message to Satan as to whose side we are on. In the judgment, Christ gives us His righteousness and His obedience if we have maintained a relationship with Him and are responding to His leading in our life.

In the approach that we have just demonstrated, you will notice that we avoided a direct answer which could have created unnecessary controversy. We proceeded to establish the judgment of the living, and to do this we asked questions built on Scriptures mutually familiar.

In this approach the Sabbath is not brought up argumentatively, but rather it unfolds as a natural part of truth mutually agreed upon. This is similar to the gentle approach used by Jesus Himself in dealing with souls when He spoke in parables. ★

(To be continued)



MJA, a school full of winners

In harmony with the Seventh-day Adventist belief that every person is a unique individual and that God has a need for everyone and his or her gifts, Minneapolis Junior Academy held an Awards Night for their students and faculty during the last week of the 1988-89 school year. Following a pot-luck dinner, the eager students and proud parents regrouped for the awards presentations. Each student had had an opportunity to qualify and/or participate in some activity or behavior that would lead to an award.

Physical education teacher, Lee Hatfield, had organized a track and field day and many children, according to their grade level, re-

ceived blue, red and white ribbons for their athletic accomplishments. There were the expected academic awards and many unexpected awards such as a "Certificate of Award for Outstanding Enthusiasm." There were also awards for such things as "Growth and Independence," "Distinguished Accomplishment in Handwriting," "Cooperation in Band," and "Outstanding Responsibility for Getting Work in on Time."

Principal Dan Brooks and School Board Chairman Ron Hockridge surprised the staff by presenting each of them with a plaque recognizing their service to Minneapolis Junior Academy. The home and school leader, Deborah Cochran, and her assistant, Jane Rannow, were also acknowledged and were presented large hanging baskets of plants.



Teachers and staff were also winners and received plaques at Minneapolis Junior Academy's Awards Night. Back row: Kevin Froemming, Lee Hatfield, Cindy Britain, Dennis Bailey, Dan Brooks. Front row: Donna Cox, Jeannie Pierce, Marcy Munsterteiger, Diana Bailey.



These Minnesota Junior Academy students who received blue ribbons in the track meet represent the other winners of their school. Back row: Ebonie Collins, Dan Rosenthal, Loren Barnhurst, Shawn McRoy, Holina Heinrich. Middle row: Kenny Town, Crystal Boney, Brady Guy, Eric Harl, Cleve Boney, Avery Schall. Front row: Adam Snyder, Rollie Olberg, Kirk Pettis, Liv Pedersen, Seth Pierce.

New pastor for St. Cloud, Litchfield



John Schachinger, who graduated from Union College with a theology degree in 1989, is the new pastor for the St. Cloud and Litchfield churches.

John became an Adventist ten years ago and he and his wife, Glenda, were baptized and married in Colorado Springs. After his baptism he spent two years at Union College as a music major. John has also spent time as a traveling musician, piano teacher, and a piano and organ retailer. Glenda has been working as a computer programmer and technical support representative.

Zapara Award to Harold Williams

At the May graduation service at Maplewood Academy, Harold Williams, science, math and computer teacher, was awarded the Thomas and Violet Zapara Award. There were ten of these \$1,000 cash awards given to distinguished elementary and secondary classroom teachers in the Mid-America Union this past school year.

Criteria for this award include: spiritual credibility, respect of peers and administration, concern for students, competence in teaching, commitment to quality education, professional development and participation, involvement in church and community and current denominational certificate.

Williams, who is a fifth generation denominational worker, was a pastor's son and has lived in Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, Nebraska, Colo-

rado, North Dakota and Minnesota. He attended Broadview Academy and graduated from Platte Valley Academy in 1960 and Union College in 1964. In 1972 he received a Master's degree in physics from the University of Colorado. He spend the first ten years of his teaching career at Platte Valley Academy and then five years at Campion Academy. He has been at Maplewood since 1981 and will be returning to teach at Campion for the 1989-90 school year.

His wife, who grew up in Wyoming, is the former Barbara Thayer. Their sons are Tad, a student at Walla Walla College, and Vonn, who has completed his junior year at Maplewood Academy.



Elder C. Lee Huff, Minnesota Conference President, and Gary Wilson, Maplewood Academy's principal, look on as Beverly Lamon, Education Superintendent, presents the Zapara Award to Harold Williams.

65th anniversaries



The Albert Lea church honored two of its couples with a special ceremony, dinner and cake to honor their 65th anniversaries. Dorothy and Al Mickelson were married July 3, 1924 and Ida and Gerald Zimmerman were married January 24, 1924.



Outlook On Minnesota



Ornquists honored as Valley Farmer, Homemaker

This past winter, Morlyn and Debbie Ornquist of Middle River were chosen as Valley Farmer and Homemaker of Marshall County by a committee of rural leaders which is chaired by the local County Extension Director. One couple per county, per year, is chosen for this significant honor, and the Ornquists were honored at a banquet at the University of Minnesota at Crookston where they received an award plaque. The committee uses guidelines established by the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association. The Ornquists were lauded not

only for their success in farming, but because they have rendered unusual service to their community, their church, and their government. In addition to this it was noted that the Ornquists had been better than average stewards of land and water.

Morlyn and Debbie milk over 30 Holsteins and have nearly twice that many dairy calves. The milking, feeding and cleaning chores keep Debbie busy for seven to eight hours a day, while Morlyn figures he spends nine to ten hours in the barn daily. Their daughter, Jennifer, age 13, helps after school with her chores, which include feeding the calves in the nursery.

The Ornquist dairy barn was designed to have the cows facing the center of the barn where there is an open area for feeding the animals and storing hay. Along the two sides of the facility are the two

gutters and ample walkways. "The cows seem to like being able to see what's going on," explained Morlyn. Debbie added that they do produce better when they are content and not disturbed or agitated.

The summer months find the Ornquists growing corn for silage, oats and alfalfa. The remainder of their 320 acres serve as pasture.

Debbie has served as treasurer of the Middle River church and treasurer of the Thief River Falls Seventh-day Adventist school where Jennifer has been a student. She has also been a leader in 4-H, and served as president and vice-president of a garden club. Morlyn drives a bus for the Middle River School system and Debbie is a substitute driver for the same as well as for the Northwest Regional Library Bookmobile. The Ornquists are also members of the Northern Dairy Producers Organization.



Morlyn and Debbie Ornquist of Middle River, were chosen as Valley Farmer and Homemaker of Marshall County. They are shown with Duane Ekman, Marshall County Director for Red River Valley Development Association.



Outlook On Central States



Ware becomes conference officer

BY E. F. CARTER

Mrs. Phyllis Ware was asked by the Conference Committee to assume the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Central States Conference on March 16, 1989. Phyllis is the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Mosely of Kansas City, Missouri where she was born and raised.

She attended and completed her work at Notre Dame University and during that time was baptized into the Linwood Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1975. Upon her graduation from Notre Dame she was employed at Arthur Andersen and Company and then went to work as an Internal Auditor with the Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. Before coming to the conference office as chief accountant in 1983, Phyllis was employed in the Legislative Audit Department of Jackson County.

In the latter part of 1983, Mrs.

Ware was invited by Elder S.H. Cox, then president of Central States Conference, to be the chief accountant and cashier of the Conference treasury department. Three years later Phyllis was asked by the committee to be the assistant treasurer of the conference; from which position she was elected to Secretary/Treasurer.

Mrs. Ware continued her education in the business field and sat for her Certificate of Public Accounting and passed in the highest percentile of her class, becoming a Certified Public Accountant at the sitting.

Phyllis is married to Richard C. Ware who is a self-employed merchandise distributor in Warrensburg, Missouri.

The conference and staff is pleased and proud to welcome Mrs. Ware to the Central States Conference administration.

E.F. Carter, correspondent.

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Activities at Kirkwood

Several activities occurred during the month of April at the Kirkwood church in St. Louis, Missouri. The children's division presented a very nice thirteenth Sabbath program for the members. Each class teacher gave a short background and overview of what their class had been doing throughout the quarter. The goals for the lower division included one hundred percent participation in memory verses, mission offering, Sabbath School expense, attendance and invitation of visitors. According to Sister Darlene Turner, the motto for the children's division is, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Everyone enjoyed the program!

Also, Sister Marye Thomas received the Jasper Wayne Award for her outstanding contribution toward the annual Ingathering goal. The church members also showed their appreciation by presenting Sister Thomas with a beautiful five-rose corsage. Sister Tho-

mas said, "I'm just trying to do my part, this work is important! I don't want to miss witnessing to anyone." She also emphatically stated, "We can't afford to slow down now!"

And finally, Elder V. Harris saw seven of his Bible study participants receive their certificates of completion. Mrs. Sheila Rhodes and her six children finished the Bible Says study course. Brother Harris expressed his happiness at hearing the children say, "Thank God for Brother Harris." After the sermon by Elder Paul Turner, six people responded to the call for baptism and church membership.





Early morning concert

BY ETTA COLLINS

It is Sabbath morning at Community Church, Denver. The pews are literally filled to capacity by 9:15 a.m. It is as if the Divine Hour has reversed services with the Sabbath School. Not so. As a change of pace, the Sabbath School Department has planned a one hour concert to be held once a quarter.

Pamela Mobley, Sabbath School secretary and concert coordinator, advertised the coming event several weeks in advance.

Assistant superintendent, Lisa Partee, presented an arousing report on Black heritage.

Maude Bookhardt, guest speaker and longtime stalwart member of the Adventist church was interviewed by Etta Collins, communication secretary, about her life as an Adventist for more than 76 years.

Mrs. Bookhardt is a member of the Park Hill church in Denver, Colorado. Her active life includes serving in various offices of the church. She has also received many awards, one of which was parent of the year in 1970 because of her leadership in the advancement of Christian education.

When asked about her longevity in the faith, she left this message: "I pray for a clean heart and spend time with the Bible."

The concert also featured the heavenly voices of The Testimonies, an Adventist group. They not only perform in churches, but conduct a prison ministry.

As to the intent of these morning concerts, Mobley concludes they are to encourage members who seldom attend Sabbath school.

Etta Collins, communication secretary, Community church.

Christian
EDUCATION
An Adventist Essential

it is written Agape mourns Alice Elmore

BY ANITA L. CLAY

Agape members noted the passing of one of its oldest and most faithful members, Alice Belle Manning Elmore. Sister Elmore was born on October 26, 1904, to the union of Emma J. and William Manning in Louisville, Kentucky. She attended the Louisville Public Schools and was the third of eight children. At a very early age she accepted Christ and was baptized into the Magazine Street Seventh-day Adventist Church in Louisville. In July of 1928 she was united in holy matrimony to the late John W. Elmore, Jr. Of this union three children were born: John III, William, and Carlotta E. Higgins-Lewis.

Sister Elmore was a pleasant, non-complaining and loving person who knew no limits in helping others. She was loved by a generation of children with whom she labored endlessly to sing the blessed message. During her many years of work in the youth department at Park Avenue/Agape, even the smallest, lisping child could sing many verses of "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness" and "A Pilgrim Was I, and a Wanderer." Often on the Sabbath Sister Elmore would spend the whole afternoon softly playing the organ. She possessed a keen sense of humor and enjoyed teasing and being teased. She was very modest and refused to be honored. Her greatest joy was in watching her children grow up. Her first pupils at Park Avenue are now of academy age.

Although she belonged to the children, Sister Elmore will be missed by young and old alike. Throughout her lengthy illness, she forgot names and faces, but she never forgot the name Jesus. Sadly missed by all, she awaits the Life Giver.

Anita L. Clay, communication secretary, Agape church.

Youth Day at Bethesda



Young people conducted the 11 o'clock service at Bethesda's Youth Day.

April 22 was indeed a high day in Zion. The combination of Youth Day and Education Day made it very special. Bethesda's youth were in charge of the eleven o'clock service and the ushering.

A report was given by Terri Lee, who represented our church at the Youth Congress. Avery Robertson, Michael Johnson, and Joey Lee really thrilled our hearts with their songs of joy. Also, our children's choir sang for Youth Day

and they did a beautiful job. Pastor Rodney W. Draggon delivered a powerful thought-provoking message entitled "It's Hip to be Square." He challenged our young people to stand up and be counted.

To top off the day, Sister Barbara Booth was baptized. After the service, Sister Booth served a meal for the members which was an expression of her joy. Needless to say, Bethesda Temple was very happy on this day.



Left to right: Michael Johnson, Avery Robertson and Joey Lee presenting special music.



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Board member gives \$1,000,000 Challenge Grant

Max N. Christianson, retired Houston, Texas businessman, announced at the May 12 meeting of the Union College Board of Directors that he and his wife, Elsie Mae, were pledging one million dollars to Union's Midwest Foundation for Higher Education. The Christiansons, both 1927 graduates of Union, gave the money as a challenge to other donors to give an additional one million dollars in contributions to the college's Centennial Fund campaign.

Max Christianson is an honorary lifetime member of the Board of Directors; as Centennial Fund division chairman for the board, he encouraged board members to raise over \$400,000 in cash and pledges to complete payment of the school's debt to Union Bank, five years early. He joined college officers in retrieving the closing papers from the bank on May 11. The early payment saved the college approximately \$130,000.

The Christiansons were instrumental in establishing the Midwest Foundation for Higher Education, of which Mr. Christianson has been chairman. Taking his place as he retires will be Ellsworth Reile. A 1949 graduate of Union and also a member of the college Board of Directors, Reile recently retired as president of Heritage Centers, an affiliate of Adventist Health System.

The Christiansons have also contributed generously to other college projects. The college family was saddened by news of Elsie Mae Christianson's death, May 23. She and her husband were high school sweethearts, married for nearly 63 years.

"Elsie was a gracious and loyal ambassador for Union College," says president John Wagner. "We will miss her."



Gary Bollinger

New business manager

Union College recently announced the hiring of Gary Bollinger as business manager. His tasks as the new Union College business manager will begin on July 1. Bollinger is currently the principal of College View Academy and Helen Hyatt elementary school, both here in Lincoln.

Dr. Don Pursley will stay on as vice president for finance and chair of the business/computer science division. He is relinquishing his job as business manager to lighten an overly heavy work load and to allow himself to devote more time to teaching.

Motels InnVest in Union

Two Lincoln motels have agreed to participate in a program called InnVest which will raise funds for Union College. Whenever alumni and friends of Union College stay at The Harvester Motel or the Villager Motor Inn and present their InnVest cards, a certain percentage of the room charges will be donated to Union.

The college will mail InnVest cards to all alumni and friends on the current mailing list; however, anyone who may be in Lincoln for any reason related to Union is invited to request such a card.

Please use these facilities and thereby increase gift income for your school! For more information, contact Alumni director, Linda Skinner.

Three receive Zapara awards



Three Union College teachers received 1989 Zapara Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Left to right: Bernelda Cash, M.A., professor of management; Jim McClelland, M.A., professor of art; and David Show, Ph.D., professor of physics. These awards, funded by donors Thomas and Violet Zapara, are presented annually by the Seventh-day Adventist Board of Higher Education.

Commencement Speaker



Mr. Jay Dunlap, chairman of the board at Union Bank in Lincoln, was chosen by the Union College class of 1989 to give the Commencement address, May 14 in the College View church. Eighty-eight seniors received degrees.



Certificate of Appreciation

Joel Tompkins, as chairman of the Union College Board of Directors, presented honorary lifetime board member Max Christianson, above, with a framed certificate in appreciation of his leadership among board members in raising over \$400,000 to give the Centennial Fund Campaign a solid financial foundation.

Union Tuition increase low

Among the twelve Adventist colleges and universities in North America, the average tuition increase for the 1989-90 school year is 6.8 percent. **Union College tuition will increase 4.9 percent for the 1989-90 school year.** That increase is lower than increases at all but one of the North American Adventist colleges; only Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, will have a lower percentage tuition increase than Union.

The Union College Board of Directors and the college officers have been trying hard to hold the line on tuition for several years.





Brother and sister baptized

BY SANDY JUHL

Stephan and Deanna Shelburne, son and daughter of Sid and Diana Shelburne of Florence, Missouri, have a double reason to celebrate their birthdays in the future. They both decided to follow their Lord in baptism on each of their birthdays. Pastor Lewis Brand baptized Stephan on his eleventh birthday, Sabbath, November 12, 1988. His sister, Deanna, was baptized by Pastor Brand on her eighth birthday, Sabbath, March 18, 1989. We rejoice with them in their decisions to join the Sedalia, Missouri Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Stephan, Pastor Brand, Deanna

Sandy Juhl, communication secretary, Sedalia church.

Lee's Summit outreach

BY ROGER GRAHAM

Often there is considerable prejudice and misunderstanding of who Seventh-day Adventists are and what we believe.

Knowing that most ministers use whatever source materials they have available regarding other religions, the Lee's Summit Seventh-day Adventist Church decided to provide all area pastors of all denominations with the truth about what we believe.

With that idea in mind, the church voted to purchase 30 books, *What Seventh-day Adventists Believe*, and present them to each of the area churches. Pastor Roger Graham wrote a cover letter explaining that the books were a free gift from their friends the Seventh-day Adventists, and it was given to

them in the spirit of encouraging understanding of one another. He included his business card with the letter in each book, inserted each book into a large envelope, and personally delivered the books to the pastors.

It provided an opportunity to meet each of the pastors, to get acquainted with them, and develop some friendships. In so doing, he was invited to join the Evangelical Pastor Fellowship Group to cultivate those friendships.

Some responses to the book were quite warm—others cordial but cool. Whatever the end result may be, all area pastors will have the "full" Adventist message in their library and have the truth of our beliefs if and when they care to know that information.

Roger Graham, pastor, Lee's Summit church.

Excellence in Education awards

BY HERBERT O. WRATE



Dalles Carr and wife Aileen receiving applause at the presentation of the Excellence Award.

Rewards for dedication to the teaching profession do not usually come immediately. They come in subtle and surprising ways over the years. Many times the reward will not be experienced until we reach Heaven.

However, the Thomas and Violet Zapara family of Berrien Springs, Michigan has established an Excellence in Education Award that will be given to one hundred thirty-seven K-12 teachers each year for five years. This award will include a plaque, a certificate and

\$1,000.00 in cash for each teacher receiving the award.

The Mid-America Union is allotted ten awards this year. Two of the awards were presented to Tammy McQuire and Dalles Carr at the recent Iowa-Missouri Music Festival. Tammy teaches English at Sunnysdale Academy. Dalles Carr is principal and teacher of grades 5-8 at Sioux City, Iowa.



Tammy McQuire, English teacher at Sunnysdale Academy, is greatly loved and appreciated by students and staff for her total involvement and professional skills.

Fruit program successful for Springfield

BY RUTH CUNNINGHAM

The Belview church school at Springfield, Missouri has been in need of much improvement. The fruit program has been a great success for several years assisting with improvements and school finances and in 1988-89, it proved a very successful venture. The committee, directed by Gordon and Esther Stout, went to work in full force making plans for improvement of the school.

Each year the fruit is ordered from the H & S Fruit Company. It is always good quality, tree ripened and freshly picked. Many of the people purchasing it had only the highest praise for the fruit and the opportunity to buy it. The program provides a positive outreach among our non-Adventist friends. A retired judge here in the city gave a generous gift each time he purchased fruit.

The program offered a challenge

Music Festival

BY HERBERT O. WRATE



About 300 youth participated in the tenth annual Iowa-Missouri Music Festival. The variety of music included bands, bell choir, school groups, Academy chorale and mass choirs.

Tom Buller, new chairman of the Sunnysdale Academy Music Department, organized and directed the superb weekend. Participants included the students in grades 5-12 from the church schools and Sunnysdale Academy. Approximately 850 people enjoyed the weekend performances.

Herbert O. Wrate, conference communication director.



to the Belview students also; for every box of fruit they sold to a new customer, they were paid one dollar. They earned \$126.00.

Over the five months of this school year's fruit program, we paid \$20,751.00 to the H & S Fruit Company and have deposited \$28,605.31 in our fruit account, leaving the committee \$7,853.71 for use. A few of the improvements include: reconditioned Xerox copy machine, new double sinks, faucets and plumbing in both bathrooms, new bathroom cabinets, new school

sign and mailbox, new carpet and vinyl, ductwork, two used 3 HP air conditioners with slabs, door locks and commercial vacuum sweeper.

The Springfield church family plans to invest its "heritage" in heaven by improving the school and supporting the teachers in their program of training—head, heart and hand.

We wish to express thanks to Gordon and Esther Stout and the committee who worked so faithfully to achieve the school improvement.

1 - 2 - 3 Liftoff

BY GERTRUDE SEARS

The Sabbath of May 6 was warm and breezy. It was perfect for what was to take place at the church at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

After the fellowship dinner, 17 Sabbath School children and youth gathered outside to release helium-filled balloons. Each balloon contained a Bible verse and the sender's name and address. As the balloons sailed away they dotted

the sky with various colors. At first they headed toward Iowa's capitol city. Then as they soared higher another current of air carried them southward. Where each balloon will descend and what will be the outcome only the Lord knows. It was fun and everyone agreed that it should be done again. The project was the idea of Jan McCord of Council Bluffs, but she declared that it could not have been accomplished without the help of her compliant husband, Steve.



Belview Seventh-day Adventist School



Grades 4-8 Belview school, Wilma Atkinson, teacher



Grades 1-3 Belview school, Karen Rhodes, teacher

Ruth Cunningham, communication secretary, Springfield church.



Gertrude Sears, communication secretary, Council Bluffs church.

"Old Country Time Revival"



An "Old Country Time Revival" was held in the Independence Seventh-day Adventist Church the last week in March. The speaker was Pastor Dave Ketelsen who is also the pastor of the church. We had old fashion songs and old fashion preachin'. Even the children got in the act. They helped on stage with some of the songs. This was revival time and hearts were revived. A good crowd attended.

Pastor Ketelsen is kneeling and his wife Gina is standing behind "reserved" sign. Baby Austin Ketelsen is peeking over the post. Other church members are looking on.



Baptism at Huron



Left to right: Pastor Glenn Cavanaugh, Neil Kopplin

January 21 was a very happy day for the Huron church as Neil Kopplin was baptized by Pastor Glenn Cavanaugh and welcomed into membership.

Neil had decided a year before that he would like this very special day to take place as near to his birthday as possible. He became thirteen years old on January 30.

Neil's walk with Jesus began at a very early age and he has long been a witness to all his friends in the community by his attitudes and actions in representing Christ.

Neil is the son of Bruce and Anita Kopplin of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

Evangelism at Pine Ridge

BY WILBUR MAUK

Elder Taylor Morris from Stillwell, Oklahoma conducted an evangelistic campaign at the Pine Ridge Mission in March. A total of seven people came forward to indicate their desire for baptism. Three of these people have been baptized and the others are making preparations for the near future.

Elder Morris is a Cherokee Indian and has been a Seventh-day Adventist pastor/evangelist for nearly thirty years. He worked in the Oregon Conference for over twenty years and then worked in the Monument Valley, Utah area. After three years among the Navajo Indians, the Morris' were called to British Columbia, Canada to work among the Canadian Indians. Elder Morris continued in this

field of labor until his official retirement. After his retirement, he began to develop a ministry for Native Americans now known as "Voice for Jesus."

An average of fifty-five Native Americans came each night to listen to Elder Morris' Bible crusade. These people also heard many beautiful songs, some of which Morris composed during some of his quiet moments.

At the conclusion of the meetings the Native Americans gathered in the mission cafeteria for the purpose of honoring Elder Taylor and George Pole Cat in the Sioux Indian tradition of a giveaway. They received a beautiful star quilt and other gifts from the community.

The community is anxious for these men to return next year and do another crusade. Plans have been started and, Lord willing, this can become a reality.



Elder Taylor Morris with George Pole Cat in background, from Stillwell, Oklahoma.

Wilbur Mauk, pastor, Pine Ridge.

Mexican pledges American Citizenship

BY BERNEICE LUNDAY

Zoila Eberhardt was sworn in by Judge Patrick Conmy as a naturalized citizen of the United States recently in Bismarck, North Dakota. Ron Wham, pastor of the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church invited church members to recite the pledge of allegiance to

the United States flag with Eberhardt in a church service where she was honored with a bouquet.

"I hope I don't take my citizenship for granted," Eberhardt said. "A lot of people in this country don't appreciate what they have. I appreciate my freedom of religion the most."

Eberhardt went on to explain that she had legal freedom of religion in Mexico but not social religious freedom because "very few there enjoy Christian fellowship."

The new citizen said her children and husband are proud of her. Jennifer, eight, calls her "my American Mommie." Katie, 11, was her big support and teacher when she had to study the pledge and hymns and prepare for her tests. Eberhardt said she kept it a secret from her husband Dr. Bob Eberhardt, and when she asked him to come with her to the Federal Building, he thought it was probably an appointment with the Internal Revenue Service or possibly naturalization.

Eberhardt did not speak English when she came to the United States and suffered "culture shock" because she had to leave her big family in Mexico and had no other relatives here. The couple met in Mexico and Dr. Eberhardt, an American, already knew how to speak Spanish at that time. They have taught their children to speak Spanish and they return to Mexico to Zoila's family every summer.

Eberhardt teaches an adult Sabbath School class at the Bismarck church and is assistant community services director. Her husband is one of the local church elders.



Zoila Eberhardt

Berneice Lunday, communication secretary, Bismarck church.

Alumni Association plans arts/crafts show

BY BERNEICE LUNDAY

Centennial activities are planned for Sheyenne River Academy-Dakota Adventist Academy's annual alumni reunion, always the first weekend in October (October 6-8), says Berneice Lunday, alumni president.

Plans are being made for an alumni arts/crafts and variety show, Sunday, October 8, 1989, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is preceded by a 5K race at 9:00 a.m. People are invited to come in costume. Sabbath activities may also have a centennial flavor.

Vice president Judy Kirschmann says, "We're looking for people that want to have a great time at our SRA-DAA Alumni Centennial arts/crafts/variety show. We need people to bring their arts and crafts to demonstrate, show and sell. We need people that do rosemaling, quilting, wheat weaving, painting, wood crafting, needlework, and china painting, just to list a few. So get your things ready and come to the show."

"We're also looking for people who would like to perform in the variety show. You may sing (in your native tongue, if you like), play a musical instrument, do a reading or poem or stunt," Kirschmann says.

To provide adequate space for all displays, a pre-registration fee of five dollars is required which must be sent to Kirschmann, Route 2, Box 9, Regent, North Dakota 58650 by **September 22, 1989**. The registration fee entitles the participant to eight feet of space. Participants must provide their own table. Artists must provide easel and/or display stand.

Berneice Lunday, communication secretary, Bismarck church.



Outlook On Dakota



Dorcas feeds needy

BY BERTHA J. DENKE



Left to right: Jimmie Maxwell, Margaret Dyer, Dell Barnes, Betty Johnson, Jan Chavez, community service leader.

The Rapid City Dorcas Society feeds the homeless and hungry at the Rapid City Care Center one night each month. In February 77 people were served; 68 in March.

Bertha J. Denke, communication secretary, Rapid City church.



Michael Potts and Pastor Teller

Baptisms at Minot

BY MARLA GRUBB

Michael Potts met Pat Ordahl and her daughter, Jodi, while working at the Minot Vocational Workshop and was impressed by the loving way they spoke of their Lord. He wanted to know more about the Bible so Mike began attending prayer meeting with them on Wednesday nights. Pastor Teller offered to give him Bible studies. He became very excited as

new truths were revealed and he asked to be baptized. Pastor Teller was very happy to oblige.

The same day Steve and Sue Butterfield expressed their joy and faith in their Lord by also being baptized. Steve had been a member of the Dickinson church since 1982 and he wanted very much for Sue to learn of this message. Sue accepted Christ and the new truths

she learned. Their baby daughter, Alicia, was dedicated to the Lord on the same day.

Other recent baptisms in the Minot Seventh-day Adventist Church include Glen Hills and Rodlyn Malaterre. The Minot church welcomes with joy these new members and we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue the work that He has begun in their lives.



Steve and Sue Butterfield with Pastor Teller

Marla Grubb, communication secretary, Minot church.



Outlook On Rocky Mountain



Schneider accepts call

Elder Don Schneider has accepted a call to become president of the 35,000-member Northern California Conference. Approximately four years ago Schneider came to the Rocky Mountain Conference when he was elected at a constituency meeting following the retirement of Elder Bill Hatch.

"We have really enjoyed working in the Rocky Mountain Conference," stated Schneider. "While we have been here, both of our children have graduated from Champion Academy, a school that we believe is one of the finest anywhere. We will miss the conference's employees, the church members, and the whole beautiful Rocky Mountain region."

When asked what advice he would give to the members of this conference, he said, "Please concentrate on soulwinning. The Lord

is coming, and people all around us are not even aware of it. Also around us are a lot of hurting members and former members—Love 'Em Back! And keep the emphasis on getting kids into our Adventist schools."

L.E.'s work in Fort Morgan

On Monday, April 9, fifteen literature evangelists and three district directors, under the leadership of Don Anderson, director of the Department of Literature Evangelism for the Rocky Mountain Conference, began a week long group canvass in Fort Morgan and its surrounding area.

During the canvass 650 pieces of literature including 104 invitations to receive Bible lessons were left in homes, 250 prayers were offered, and 14 Bible studies were given. In the small territory around Fort Morgan, \$14,500 worth of Christian books were sold. The

gospel message is being spread as the "leaves of autumn" and people are reading of the love of Christ.

On Sabbath following the group canvass, the L.E.'s provided special Sabbath services for the Fort Morgan church members. If your

church would like to receive the blessing of spiritual renewal and hear about the exciting experiences taking place in the Rocky Mountain Conference, contact the Literature Evangelism Department at the conference office.

The Heralds Quartet Concert Schedule

Monday, Aug. 21 7:00 p.m.	Boulder SDA Church 345 Mapletown Avenue Boulder, CO 80302	W. Williams (303) 442-1522
Tuesday, Aug. 22 7:30 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church 1840 E. Niagara Road Montrose, CO 81401	(303) 249-4732





Soul winning in Delta

BY GERI SCHMALING

When Pastor Helmut Kramer and his wife, Betty, began their work in Delta in October 1987, they found many of the members anxious to see the work of the Lord advance. The first step was to elect a Personal Ministries leader. Ruth Talent agreed to take up this work, and she was ably assisted by her friend, Geri Schmaling. Working closely with the church board, a plan of action was initiated.

Church members worked to establish a statement of mission after "The Way to Adventist Church Growth" seminar was conducted by the pastor. Personal Ministries leaders led out in witnessing classes, while another team of church members conducted "Breathe-Free" plans to stop smoking. Displays were set up at the local health fair for the Breathe-Free plan. In the summer of 1988 a team of members conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School. Then followed a series of cooking classes as well as parenting classes.

In preparation for the Prophecy Lecture series, two "Discoveries in Daniel" seminars were held. Finally in January the Prophecy Lecture series was conducted by the pastor and his wife. Shortly into the meetings the area was hit by record cold weather which caused attendance to drop to almost nothing. After a week they were resumed. We are thankful that we can report the addition of five new

members to the Delta church as a result of these meetings, with several others preparing for baptism in the future.

Our new members are Ted Armstrong, John William Harold, Chester and Lavern Jensen, and Melanie Serha. In addition to this blessed increase, several new members have moved into the area. As a result our Sabbath morning attendance has increased greatly.



Melanie Serha received her baptismal certificate.

Several young people are studying and praying for baptism. "There has been a lot of good seed planted in this area," Pastor Kramer stated. "There has been a wonderful spirit of unity and cooperation in the presenting of these programs. We had a plan, and our members have worked hard, very hard. It would have been impossible without their dedication, love and working together as one body."

As the Jensens began attending the Daniel Seminar they also began tuning their satellite dish to the Three Angels' Broadcasting Network which reinforced the things they were learning at the seminar.

School marketing kit

A School Marketing Kit, prepared by the Rocky Mountain Conference Department of Education is ready for use in the conference. The kit is designed to guide pastors, teachers and school operating committee chairmen of the local church in selling their school to its constituents.

The kit encourages a consistent marketing and recruiting program in the local church, the school, and on the conference level on a monthly basis. It contains many ideas and suggestions to convey to the students that "we care."

Don Hevener, director of the Rocky Mountain Conference Department of Education, says, "The major goal of this department is to provide quality Adventist education for every student who sincerely desires it. Approximately half of the potential Seventh-day Adventist students in the conference attend Adventist schools. Let's work for the other fifty percent who are attending public schools!"

For further information regarding the School Marketing Kit, phone the Rocky Mountain Conference Office of Education at (303) 733-3771.

Small church, big plans

Two years ago the Fort Morgan church, which has an active membership of forty, began to move ahead with comprehensive church growth plans. The congregation responded positively when it was challenged by its pastor, Elder Rick Roethler, to build a new sanctuary and to reach the community for Christ. The church is rejoicing that the Lord has blessed them as they have moved out in faith.

The church building project added a new sanctuary, Sabbath School rooms, and provided for Community Service Center space and a fellowship hall. The new facility increased space available to approximately 7500 square feet from the original 1500 square feet.

As members sacrificed to give, construction proceeded using volunteer help; and on April 15, 1989, conference president Don Schneider spoke to the group as they worshiped in their new sanctuary for the first time. The building was debt free and near completion.

The congregation has been reaching out to the community in various ways. An average of fifty to sixty people receive help from the Community Service Center each month. Bible studies, Vacation Bible Schools, cooking schools, and other community activities help to show the church's neighbors that it is a caring church. The week of April 9-14, the church hosted the work of the conference literature evangelists.

On April 22, Elder and Mrs. Harmon Brownlow opened a five-week evangelistic series. The Holy Spirit impressed fifteen people to join God's remnant church on May 27. Still more interests are preparing for baptism soon.

Plans call for a church school to be established for the 1989-1990 school year. The Fort Morgan church rejoices in the blessing of the Lord as it actively continues to be a caring church. This *growing* church has *growing* plans!

Ranch to get new pool

A donor has agreed to give \$200,000 for a new indoor swimming pool at Glacier View Ranch. An architect is currently working on a master plan for the Glacier View Ranch campus. Once the site has been chosen, construction will begin. Conference officers favor a location close to the current lodge in order to enhance the convention facilities.

Marshall Chase, conference treasurer, said, "A new covered pool will make Glacier View much more usable. It will provide groups with recreational activities even during the winter, whereby we can draw more conventions to our facility."

With a new pool, the conference officers anticipate a lower cost of upkeep and an increase in income for the ranch.



From left to right: Pastor Kramer, Chester Jensen, Lavern Jensen, John William Harold. Not pictured: Ted Armstrong, Melanie Serha.

Geri Schmaling, communication secretary, Delta church.



300 participate in Education Fair

BY DON R. HEVENER



A proud student poses with his space project.

Over 300 students in grades 5-10 from eighteen Rocky Mountain Conference schools participated in the April 16th Education Fair at Campion Academy. More than 30 teachers plus parents encouraged their students to be involved in over 550 entries in arts and crafts, Bible, language arts, math, science, social studies and physical education.

The Education Fair Planning Committee voted to make grand prizes available to all students who entered three or more academic areas, made at least one oral lan-

This poem was an entry in the Education Fair:

The Tree

*The branches of humanity,
Are twisted, torn, and scarred,
All the truthfulness of life,
A life that sin has marred.*

*See the very first one?
The one that looks the worst?
That one is for the maker of sin,
The one who sinned the first.*

*See the two above the first?
They're the ones our Maker did
create.
They listened to the evil one,
And met an awful fate.*

*And so the tree that bears our
wrongs,
Is growing ever higher.
We wait to see our Maker
come,
Amidst our joyful songs.*

*He'll come among the clouds so
high,
With the glory of the sun,
And cut down the tree that
bears our wrongs,
The tree that He died on.*

by Christina Elliston
Mile High Elementary
School, Eighth Grade



Model of hydroelectric dam.



A student was caught in the air while doing the broad jump.



Model of hot air balloon.

guage arts presentation, and scored 39 or more points on two of the entries.

Nine beautiful watches were given as grand prizes to the following students: Darisa Braumeister, Shasta Emery, Bobby Hargrove, Jenny Hargrove, Toby Hargrove, Tiffany Jones, Chris Kenison, Crystal Jones, and Sterling Jones.

Ron Whitehead, Rocky Mountain Conference youth director, presented a challenging devotional to begin the fair. Then students presented poems, speeches, readings and skits to an audience of about 500 people. Elder Don Schneider, Rocky Mountain Conference president, acted as master of ceremonies.

While the Language Arts presentations were being given in the

academy chapel, judges worked diligently evaluating the projects displayed in the gym.

The beautiful sunny spring afternoon was ideal for outdoor olympic events. Students participated in the 50-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard run, the 440-yard run, the mile run, the softball throw, the standing broad jump, and sit-ups. Students were observed proudly showing friends a handful of ribbons they had won during the olympics.

The purpose of the Education Fair is to encourage students to strive for excellence in educational activities.

Don R. Hevener, superintendent of schools, Rocky Mountain Conference.



A salute to volunteerism

BY GORDON L. RETZER

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in general, and the Kansas-Nebraska Conference in particular, cannot exist without our many dedicated volunteers who work unselfishly from week to week, often without much recognition. The Lord knows who these committed members are, but I wanted to recognize a few in this issue and to say "Thank You" to all of our volunteer leaders. Without your support, our church program would not progress. Space prohibits recognizing everyone. Here are just a few who have shown exceptional volunteerism.

—Gordon L. Retzer, President

Albion



Alice Anderson

Treasurer, pianist, children's division leader, personal ministries secretary, school board chairman. "It's a matter of keeping the church going," Alice says.

Chadron



Myrna Forbes

For the past four years, Myrna has volunteered as teacher-aid daily at the church school. She also teaches the kindergarten Sabbath School class.

College View



Sybil Herr

For five years, Sybil has made special gifts for babies born to church members. She also makes quilts at the Good Neighbor Center every Wednesday. "It's important to remember new families and to draw young people to the church," she notes.

Garden City



Ronda Petersen

Ronda, along with several other ladies baked goodies to sell, which helped pay off the church debt. The baked goods were so popular that merchants insisted Ronda keep baking. She donates her time, effort and money to help the Garden City church school.

Golden Hills



Bonnie Bodnar

A kindergarten Sabbath School teacher since 1973, Bonnie likes teaching this age group because "they are so teachable." She also types the bulletin, serves on church board, helped with Vacation Bible School, is a deaconess and weeds the church lawn.

Great Bend



Dorothy Thornton

Baptized in 1979, Dorothy serves as church and pastor's secretary, helps with the bulletin, and for the past four years volunteers at the church school, doing whatever is needed. "This gives me a reason for living," she says.

Neligh



Donald Nelson

A third-generation Adventist, Donald was baptized in 1938. Through the years he has served as elder, deacon, Sabbath School superintendent and treasurer. "I serve out of love for the church."

Norfolk



LaDonna McMurtry

Duties include treasurer, organist, Sabbath School superintendent, lower division teacher and Sabbath School secretary. "This service has drawn me closer to Jesus," says LaDonna.



Olathe



Gail Smith

Gail has served as community services leader for two-and-one-half years, working one day a week at the Better Living Center. She's also a VBS leader and an Adventure Club leader. "Being a missionary and a nurse has helped me to be sensitive to others' needs."

Omaha Memorial



Loraine Miles

Loraine "retired" a few years ago, but since then she devotes her time to organizing and caring for the church school library. She also works in the Community Service Center making clothes for needy people and sings in the church choir.

Welcome to the family



Baptized into the Goodland church were Gordon Kissner, Marcus Kissner, Ethel Rath and Ben Romero by Pastor Mike Kissner.

Topeka



Nick and Alberta Murray

Nick and Alberta both have an interest in Christian education. Nick has spent many hours in improving the physical plant, while Alberta has cooked hot lunches nearly everyday for the school students.

Wichita Three Angels



Joyce Royal

Joyce serves as chairperson of the music committee, assists with progressive classes and Pathfinder activities. Joyce's family van provides needed transportation for Pathfinders. During the recent camporee, Joyce prepared meals.



Don and Vena Wehling joined the Fairbury church by profession of faith. Pastor Burton Santee officiated.



Stacy Taylor and Emily Rodriguez are baptized by Pastor Greg Vargas into the Capitol View church.



Travis Watson baptized by Pastor Gary Wagner, Scottsbluff church.

New Radio Ministry! "Words of Life"

Sundays 9:00-9:30 a.m.
on WNAX-AM 570 from
Yankton, South Dakota

Reaches parts of Nebraska, Kansas,
Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, North
and South Dakota

Speaker: Pastor Dave Crockett
Sponsored by: Neligh, Norfolk, and
Albion District

Camp Arrowhead Spiritual Celebration

July 20-22, Lexington, NE

Speaker: Elder Greg Nelson,
Auburn, Washington

Music: Gospel Road Quartet
and others.

For cabins, tents, RV spaces
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Oops!

The Kansas-Nebraska Women's
Retreat is November 3-5 in Grand
Island, Nebraska.

An incorrect date appeared in a
previous issue.



Platte Valley Health Fair

The annual health fair held recently at Platte Valley Medical Center was very much of a success. Some 400 people attended

with approximately 300 blood screenings. Other free screenings provided included: blood pressure checks, feet and ankle exams, lung function tests, oral cancer exams, hearing and vision tests, spinal exams, and stress evaluations.



Dr. Ron Fair, optometrist, checks for glaucoma.



Health fair participant is given free lung function exam.

Project Whitecoats

The nearly 1500 servicemen assigned to "Project Whitecoats" at Fort Detrick between 1954-73 are invited to a homecoming at the Frederick, Maryland church September 29 and 30.

Address inquiries to Mrs. Ann Damazo, 80-A Adventist Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21701. The weekend will be hosted by the Frederick church and the North American Division's Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries.

IIW series shatters popular myths

Showdown at Armageddon, an It Is Written television miniseries, will repeat this summer beginning July 16. The seven-part production focuses on the end-time prophecies found in the book of Daniel.

Program titles include: "Jerusalem Invaded"—July 16; "Thunderball From Israel"—July 23; "The Mystique of Island"—July 30; "Antichrist's Civil War"—August 6; "Secret of the Rapture"—August 13; "Planet Earth's New Age"—August 20; "Counterfeiting Armageddon"—August 27.

Know Your Church sixth volume released

The sixth volume of *Know Your Church*, the church's resource video, has been released by the General Conference. This volume includes two reports given at Annual Council in Nairobi, and a film for youth from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA).

The producers of *Know Your Church* want you to do just that—know more about your church.

As a resource video, *Know Your Church* can be used in the local church for many purposes. Individual programs can be shown as Sabbath School or Church Ministries features. New members who want to know more about their church might want to check out a volume for home viewing.

A brochure summarizing each program's content and target audience, is sent to local conference and union communication directors along with a copy of that volume. Individual volumes of *Know Your Church* can be purchased for \$19.95 each, or a yearly subscription, two volumes for \$30, saving over five dollars on each tape.

To order *Know Your Church*, contact your local conference or write to the Communication De-

partment, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

VOP daily broadcast highlights

July 3-7, Land of the Free

In the early days of the American colonies, Baptists, Catholics, Quakers, and others sought religious freedom in the New World. This week's programs discuss modern threats to the liberty they found.

July 10-14, Promises About Heaven

What is heaven? Where is it? Will we know each other there? H.M.S. Richards, Jr., presents what the Bible says about heaven and eternity.

July 17-21, How to Fix the Family

Kenneth Richards and Lonnie Melashenko interview David Field, author of *Family Personalities*. The emphasis is on how five types of families—chaotic, ruling, bonding, protective and symbiotic—result in different kinds of children.

July 24-28, Apocalypse—Part 3

Dramatic music accompanies a fresh reading of chapters 17-22 of the book of Revelation.

Littleton Hospital/Porter

New hospital off to an excellent start. Since its opening on April 9, Littleton Hospital/Porter has enjoyed larger-than-anticipated patient business. Frequently more than half of the facility's 82 inpatient beds are filled, and outpatient services have been busy. This is the only hospital in the city of Littleton, in the south of the Denver metropolitan area.



Reader's Outlook

To the Editor:

If you were associated with a church and your spouse had been ill for 12 years and expired, and not one scamp who professes to be a minister of the gospel ever came to see him/her, and not one visited them when they were in the hospital, not one sent a get well card or sympathy card, would you continue working with such a group?

Well this is what happened to me and my husband in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The last five years of his life, about all the Christian fellowship we had were people who keep Sunday for a day of rest.

Now don't try to excuse the SDAs by thinking they didn't know, because they did know.

How about printing this in your magazine with your good works you boast about.

The sooner you remove my name from your mailing list the better. I have requested my name be removed from George Boy Vandeman's mailing list.

I never expect to enter another one of your church buildings and I do not want anyone of you to darken my door. I can find a more compassionate church than the SDA to work with and one who teaches more truth.

Ella Wright
Kansas City, MO

To the Editor:

I want to commend you on your articles on self-supporting work. I believe it is an important asset to our church and needs to be supported by "attitudes" such as yours. This shows the proper cooperative spirit that God would have us to express between the different functional capacities within the church.

I am a pastoral graduate of Hartland and worked in Dodge Center (Minnesota) to finish my college requirements and am now a Bible worker in the Minnesota Conference. I am one of those that believe we need to love, honor and support all of God's work.

Please continue to build the much needed bridges so we can

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Kerry Kvanli
Hibbing, MN

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Mt. Union, Pennsylvania
August 7-12, 1989

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Program Descriptions

July 9—Go with our crew as they visit the Harbor Light Center, an alcohol treatment center run by the Salvation Army. Learn about the advantages of having Neighborhood Watch on your street. Then meet Deborah McKeithan, founder of Handicapped Organized Women, who refused to give up when incapacitated by illness. And visit with Joni Eareckson Tada and her husband, Ken, at the Joni and Friends offices.

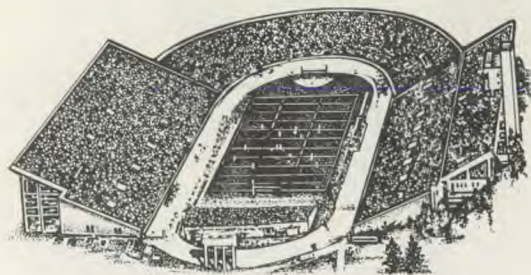
July 16—Follow along with 60-year-old Charlotte Hamlin as she walks and bicycles across America to promote good health principles. Visit the AIDS Re-

source Ministry, which offers support and comfort to AIDS victims and their families. Talk to an AIDS victim and visit a group meeting. In our studio, Clifton and Joyce Penner explain how to talk to children about sex.

July 23—Sail with our crew on the *Anastasis*, a ship used by Mercy Ships to aid in disaster relief around the world. Visit Bear Stearns Investment Bank, where managing partners are required to give away a percentage of their salary to charity. Meet courageous Captain John Tetrake, pilot of TWA Flight 847, as he tells Dan what it was like to be hijacked by terrorists.

July 30—Follow Dick McClain and his Hiking Church on a visit to God's "second book," nature. We'll show you how TV shows are close-captioned. And meet Professor F. LaGard Smith, who talks to Dan about the New Age Movement and brings insight from his book, *Out on a Broken Limb*.

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Angry Saints, a new book

Angry Saints, a new book by Dr. George R. Knight, has just been released by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. As the cover blurb states, it is about the frightening possibility of being Adventist without being Christian. The book seeks to expose the roots of conflicts that have fractured the church during the last hundred years.

The author, well known for carefully written books on Adventist history, begins with a vigorously researched account of the Minneapolis General Conference of 1888, when church leaders argued bitterly over such issues as the nature of Christ, perfection, the authority of Ellen White and righteousness by faith.

"One of the great tragedies of Minneapolis," the author says, "was that in seeking to protect Adventism's doctrinal purity and its traditional scriptural interpretations, the Battle Creek leadership had lost its Christianity."

The author contends that even though the specific characters and surface issues have changed, most of the problems, opportunities, dynamics, personality traits and bedrock controversies portrayed in *Angry Saints* are remarkably contemporary. In the struggles of the past, he finds lessons that apply to the present.

The book concludes on a positive note—the infinite possibilities of God's saving grace.

George Knight is a professor of church history at Andrews University. Among his other books are *Myths in Adventism* and *From 1888 to Apostasy: the Case of A. T. Jones*.

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Obituaries

AMUNDSON, Adolph M., b. May 19, 1902 near Walnut Grove, MN; d. Mar. 31, 1989 in Mankato, MN. He graduated from Hutchinson Theological Seminary in 1924 and was a church school teacher for 30 years. At his retirement in 1967, he and his wife moved to Mankato. Survivors: his wife, Amy; 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and Dale Pegel and Melva Jean and Clinton Simpson of Frederick, MD; 1 son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Sylvia Amundson; 12 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 10 step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mabel Frederickson; and 2 brothers, Irvin and Leslie.

CARTER, Delmas, b. Sept. 27, 1908 in Sidney, IA; d. Apr. 23, 1989. Survivors: wife, Edna; son Paul; daughter, Phyllis; sister Veleda; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

CHRISTENSEN, Ruth B., b. Nov. 27, 1893 in Omaha, NE; d. May 8, 1989 in Omaha. She was a member of the Omaha Memorial Church and a student in the first Omaha church school. Survivors: daughters, Vivian Lancaster and Joy Pottala; son Jim Christensen; 7 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

DRUMM, William A., b. June 1, 1916, Garland, TX; d. Apr. 12, 1989, Greene County, MO. Member of Springfield church. Survivors: wife, Jennie; 1 sister, Nettie Anderson; 4 brothers, Frank, Woodrow, Lafe and Edwin.

FRANCK, Rose V., b. July 5, 1902 at Dunfermline, IL; d. Nov. 9, 1988, Cedar Falls, IA. Survivors: daughter Barbara Franck; sons Dallas and Clinton Farr; 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

KIPP, Cheryl D., b. Nov. 14, 1946 in Dallas, TX; d. May 18, 1989 in Minneapolis, MN. She was a member of the Golden Hills church in Omaha, NE. Survivors: husband, Charles; son Gary Kipp; daughter Cynthia Kirk; brothers Donald Brooks and Charles Kirk; and father Stanley Kirk.

LAYDEN, Dorothy P., b. Oct. 10, 1909 in Niles, MI; d. May 31, 1989 in Branson, MO. She was a member of the Kimberling City church. Survivors: 1 son, Douglas Kolb; 4 daughters, Carolyn Jean Skinner, Loah Joyce Burkett, Doris Modelewski, and Martha Cox; 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 1 sister, Winnifred Barnett.

LEA, Norma Maude Hills, b. Sept. 7, 1905 at Denver, CO; d. Apr. 20, 1989 at Jackson, TN. Former resident of Lamar, CO and Lincoln, NE. Survivors: son Elder David Lea; daughters Nola Gifford and Areta Hautman; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

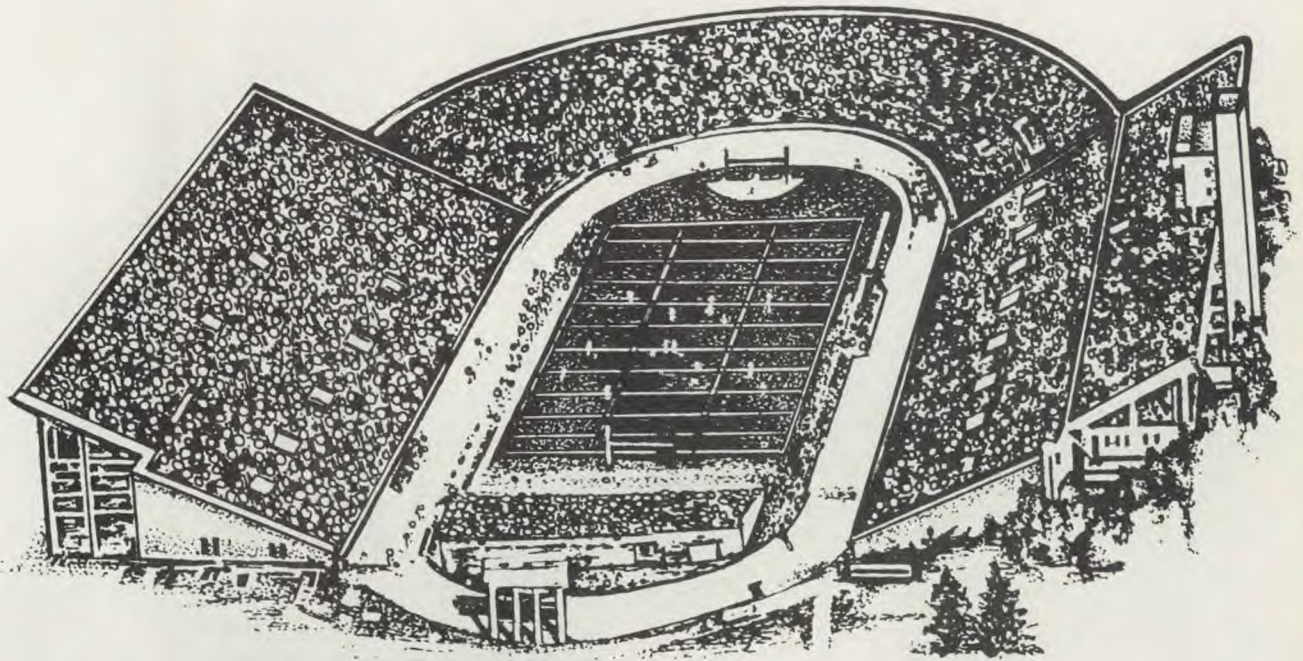
MONDRAGON, Ruby, b. Jan. 23, 1905 in Salida, CO; d. Apr. 6, 1989 in Canon City, CO. Survivors: husband, Jim; children, Robert Maestas, Eugene Maestas, Eva Sandoval, Mayo DeHerrera, Patsy Melendez, Jim Mondragon, Leroy Mondragon, Linda Mondragon, Darlene Pena, Celsa Swindle; 43 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren; brother, Adolph Aragon.

MOREY, Glen H., b. May 1, 1909 in Guthrie Center, IA; d. Apr. 28, 1989 in Loveland, CO. Survivors: wife, Reva; sons, Arvin and William; stepsons, Richard, Tom, Jerry, Jim and Jack Diekman; sister, Florence Sherburne; 3 grandchildren, 18 step-grandchildren, and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

PHELPS, Addie L., b. Jan. 19, 1910 in Petersburg, NE; d. Apr. 28, 1989 in Longmont, CO. Survivors: son, Reginald Phelps, Jr.; daughter, Jean Jones; 1 sister; 1 brother; 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

REMBOLDT, Arthur J., b. July 3, 1911 near Gackle, ND; d. Apr. 23, 1989 at Jamestown. Survivors: wife, Tillie Remboldt; son Russell; sister, Mrs. Pauline Beglau; brothers, Emil and Ervin; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

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Grand Junc., CO	8:43	8:40	8:36	8:30	8:23
Pueblo, CO	8:24	8:22	8:17	8:12	8:05
Cedar Rapids, IA	8:45	8:41	8:36	8:30	8:22
Davenport, IA	8:38	8:35	8:30	8:24	8:17
Des Moines, IA	8:51	8:48	8:43	8:37	8:29
Sioux City, IA	9:05	9:01	8:56	8:50	8:42
Dodge City, KS	9:05	9:02	8:58	8:52	8:46
Goodland, KS	8:16	8:13	8:09	8:03	7:56
Topeka, KS	8:51	8:48	8:44	8:38	8:31
Wichita, KS	8:54	8:51	8:47	8:42	8:35
Duluth, MN	9:05	9:00	8:54	8:46	8:37
Internl. Falls, MN	9:18	9:12	9:05	8:57	8:47
Minneapolis, MN	9:02	8:58	8:52	8:45	8:36
Rochester, MN	8:55	8:51	8:46	8:39	8:30
Columbia, MO	8:38	8:35	8:31	8:25	8:18
Kansas City, MO	8:47	8:44	8:40	8:34	8:27
Springfield, MO	8:37	8:34	8:30	8:25	8:18
St. Louis, MO	8:28	8:25	8:21	8:15	8:09
Grand Island, NE	9:08	9:05	9:00	8:54	8:46
Lincoln, NE	9:01	8:58	8:53	8:47	8:39
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Omaha, NE	8:59	8:56	8:51	8:45	8:37
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Fargo, ND	9:23	9:19	9:13	9:05	8:56
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Pierre, SD	9:28	9:24	9:18	9:11	9:03
Rapid City, SD	8:37	8:34	8:28	8:21	8:13
Sioux Falls, SD	9:10	9:07	9:01	8:55	8:46
Casper, WY	8:47	8:43	8:38	8:32	8:23
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