

# heart to heart

# A Standard Bearer of the Past Speaks

Takoma Park, Maryland

In recent weeks I have been reading again some of the editorials and articles written by F. M. Wilcox, editor of the Review and Herald for 33 years. Certainly the Lord gave this man of God insights into many church problems we face today and with a tireless pen he sought to arouse the church and its leadership to the dangers that lay ahead. Elder Wilcox carried a special burden for the educational work of the church and faithfully he poured out his heart to his brethren, pointing out the declension of faith that had overtaken schools of other denominations, and appealing that Seventh-day Adventist schools not follow their road to unbelief.

The servant of the Lord says, "The standard bearers who have fallen in death are to speak through the reprinting of their writings."—Selected Messages, book 1, p. 161. Because I share Elder Wilcox' burden for the church and schools we love, I want to follow Ellen White's counsel and let Elder Wilcox speak for me from the columns of the Review dated October 23, 1930, as he wrote on conditions then existing in many public educational institutions. (His words were written when the accreditation of our colleges was a live issue at the 1930 Autumn Council):

"That we face a serious problem in the educational situation, every one who has given serious thought to the question readily admits.

"We live in a world that for the most part has forgotten God, in a world indeed that has not only forgotten Him, but is engaged in an active warfare against Him. Teachings which not only subvert the Gospel and the truths of divine revelation, but even deny the very existence of God, are being taught openly. And the very center of much of this teaching is found in some of the great institutions of the land which are supposed to educate men and women for a higher civilization, for better citizenship in this world, and for a preparation for the world to come. Some of the great universities, and also some of the church seminaries whose special purpose is to prepare men for holy orders, are the leaders in this propaganda."

Elder Wilcox then discussed the danger that Seventh-day Adventists who attend such schools might even unconsciously bring back into our institutions and churches the very elements that caused the downfall of other Christian schools. "If the teaching to be found in many of these schools shall do for Seventh-day Adventists who attend them what it has done for the thousands of the communicants of other churches, we face the greatest crisis of all our history."

The former editor of our church paper referred to a previous article he had written and said: "We reviewed some of the significant warnings which the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy sounded against the entrance of these delusive doctrines into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We were warned against the 'doctrine of devils,' that an effort would be made to undermine the very foundation of this movement,

and to supplant with a system of intellectual philosophy the fundamental principles of truth, for which we have stood through the years. This system of intellectual philosophy would discredit the past leadings of God in this movement, and would seek such changes and transformations as would bring this work into harmony with the so-called advanced thought of the present day. And we were warned that this was the alpha of error that was seeking admission into the church.

"When this warning was given, twenty-five years ago (May 18, 1904), the danger was recognized, and earnest steps were taken to avert the threatened catastrophe. God blessed the effort. But this was not to be the end of the satanic campaign to corrupt the truth of the Gospel as held by this denomination. We were definitely warned that the wicked philosophy which was met twenty-five years ago was the alpha of error, but that the omega of error would be developed later, that the erroneous teaching of the past would again be repeated, and that the church of God would be called upon to face another crisis....

"The book —— 'contains the alpha of these theories. I knew that the omega would follow in a little while, and I trembled for our people."—Special Testimonies, Series B., No. 2, p. 53.

Elder Wilcox continued, "We do not know in what varied forms and phases the omega of error will manifest itself in the future, but this warning needs to be burned into our very souls....

"We may be assured of this, that the omega of error, whenever it comes, will present many plausible reasons as to why it should be accepted. On the subtle plea of broad-mindedness, liberality, competent and efficient leadership, and conformity to the advanced thought of a new age, it will demand recognition. And from the standpoint of worldly policy and expediency it will have much to commend it for acceptance; but the evil fruit of its seductive power will be just as baneful. The omega will not come from professed enemies of our work, but rather from professed friends, even from Seventh-day Adventists who are still enrolled as members of the church, but who have lost out of their hearts the spirit of this message."

These words contain straight testimony. They are thought provoking. They sound a note of warning to us in 1974 that is perhaps even more relevant than when they came from the pen of God's editor more than 40 years ago. We should meditate upon them prayerfully. We must be alert! God's church and institutions must not take the course some of our Christian friends have taken.

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# This Week

One hundred years ago this year the Seventh-day Adventist Church sent out its first missionary. On September 15, 1874, in company with his children, Charles and Mary (his wife had died March 18, 1872), John Nevins Andrews sailed from Boston, bound for Europe. The event marked an epoch in the his-

tory of Adventist missions. This year (1974) the church celebrates its centennial of missions.

Telling the story of how the concept of world mission developed in the church is Gottfried Oosterwal (cover). Five articles in all will tell the thrilling story of the expansion of the church's mission program.

As chairman of the Department of World Mission of the church's theological seminary, Dr. Oosterwal is well qualified to discuss not only the historical aspects of the church's mission advance, but the philosophy of mission as well.

As is our custom, at the beginning of the year we like to say a word about our columnists. They help to make the paper what it is and, according to feedback to our offices, their columns are appreciated by readers. In every second issue of the month appears the column Heart to Heart, by the president of the General Conference. Robert H. Pierson speaks monthly on great issues confronting the church, as well as on personal issues confronting the individual Christian. See his column, page 2.





Ralph F. Waddell

Robert H. Pierson

Another columnist appearing in this issue is Ralph F. Waddell, M.D., secretary of the General Conference Department of Health (p. 8). He is beginning his fourth year as author of the column, "Let's Talk About Health." In the three years he has authored the column, Dr. Waddell has commented on numerous topics of widespread interest.

Dr. Waddell holds not only an M.D. degree from Loma Linda University but also a D.P.H. degree from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. He is an ordained minister. Besides his service in the United States he has spent many years in mission service.

When submitting her biographical blank to the REVIEW, Cora Stark Woods, author of "Just a Glimpse of Him" (p. 6), remarked modestly, "I'm afraid my biography is most unimpressive." But there followed records of her services to the church and the community, as well as to academy and college students that bespeak her not insignificant contribution. Her article, which appears also in the January monthly REVIEW (in English and Span-

ish), is a series of vignettes in which she tells of how she has beheld the image of Christ as reflected in others. She contends, "We can gain much strength as we search and recognize the good in one another."

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## Letters

#### **Public Magazine Racks**

Yesterday I went by a large magazine rack in a store. On those huge racks were no Adventist books. Why?

Do we as a church oppose putting our books out for the public? Is our message a secret?

Can't they be listed at a price that we can afford to put them on every magazine rack, in every public library, and other places so the public can get them easily?

Mrs. Carroll Johnson Clarkston, Washington

▶ Bruce M. Wickwire, associate publishing secretary of the General Conference, responds:

For many years plans to place Seventh-day Adventist trade books in non-Adventist retail stores have been considered. In certain areas of the world attervits have been made to reach the public with our literature in this manner. Such past attempts have netted small results. The basic idea, however, has never been lost or abandoned.

Recently the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and the Southern Publishing Association joined together in a plan to reach the public through non-Adventist bookstores.

Under the new plan the name United Publishers is used as identity. Under this title membership has been established with Christian Booksellers Association. Presently there is consideration for establishing membership with American Booksellers Association.

Our publishers are encouraged with developing results. They are now making plans to accelerate the program. For example, the Pacific Press Publishing Association has employed an experienced marketing executive who will devote his full time to contacting non-Adventist bookstores, music shops, libraries, and businesses with book racks, such as discount houses, drugstores, supermarkets—wherever people and book sales outlets are found.

Books featured in this way will not include subscription books handled by our literature evangelists or our textbooks.

#### Uruguay's New Day

Re "A New Day in Uruguay" [Oct. 18]:

This report on Uruguay is soul refreshing. Once again the time-honored phenomenon of a feeble church turning dynamic and aggressive under unfavorable temporal conditions takes place; a sober reminder for us who live under relatively pleasant conditions.

I was born and raised in Uruguay, and remember all too well the effects of philosophic liberalism and insidious agnosticism permeating all strata of society, particu-

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#### A Movement Is Born

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these movements, of course. But the fact that nearly everywhere in the world preachers and prophets arose foretelling the end of the world and the soon coming of a divine King who would establish a kingdom of righteousness is still baffling scholars of religious history.

Some have tried to explain the universality of these spontaneous Messianic movements and expectations in the 1830's and 1840's by economic deprivation, the shock of the coming of the new technological age, political crises, catastrophes, the imperialistic expansion of the West, psychological stress, and other factors. Some of these did indeed influence the movements, but no human factor alone can explain the universality of these expectations and the large number of movements at that time in the history of man.

What is the explanation, then? And what are its meaning and consequences? The answer to these questions is embodied in the rise and growth of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, its message and its mission.

The most important, and indeed most impressive Messianic movement in North America at that time was that of the Millerites. What distinguished them from most other movements, especially from those in Europe, South America, and Asia, was not the fact that they predicted the year, and later the month and the day, of the return of Christ, as some have maintained. For the setting of a date was quite prominent in a number of these movements.

#### The Millerites

But Millerism was distinguished by its view that the coming of Christ meant in effect the judgment over the whole world. The mission of God had ended. There would be no salvation for those who were outside of the fold. No second chance; no way to repent anymore. The door of salvation was forever shut. There was only the judgment. This view presupposed, of course, that the gospel had already been preached in all the world, and people had had a chance to respond to its claims and promises.

The Millerites, as a result, did not develop any world mission, as did some other Messianic movements at the time. Seventh-day Adventists inherited this Millerite

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One Sunday morning about nine months after October 1844, William Farnsworth publicly announced that he had become convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath of the Lord and that he was determined to keep it. Others soon joined him. Thus was begun the first Sabbath-keeping Adventist church. The site was Washington, New Hampshire.

view and as a result did not discover their mission to the whole world until many years later.

A second characteristic of the Millerite movement was that it remained doctrinally a part of the mainstream of Christianity, evangelical in outlook. It did not teach what would be considered heresies. Neither was it a cult or a separatist sect that had elevated one pet doctrine over or against the other tenets of Christianity. But the churches forced out of their communions those who believed that Christ would come in 1843 or 1844.

Around 1840 the hostility and antagonism the Advent believers suffered from their respective churches—Baptists, Christians, Methodists, and others—became so severe that the Millerites were forced to become a separate organization. It cannot be denied that some of this hostility, even persecution, rubbed off on the preaching and the writings of some prominent Millerites whenever they pointed to the Protestant churches of America as the whore of Babylon and the image of the beast, the Papacy (Rev. 13).

Both of these characteristics of the Millerite movement tended to make its message and its work *America*-centered. It was not influenced by the Messianic expectations in England or Europe, and neither did it show any interest in movements or people outside of North America. This is a characteristic that the early Seventh-day Adventist pioneers inherited from the Millerites also, and which they had to overcome in order to discover their mission to the whole world.

With spiritual exaltation and hope the Millerites gathered in churches and homes on October 22, 1844, eagerly waiting to meet their Lord. The Disappointment was a shattering experience. Many believers, totally disillusioned, lost their faith. Others joined some prominent Messianic cults of that day, such as the Shakers. From those that remained, three groups emerged. A majority, including William Miller, and most of the movement's leaders, such as Joshua Himes, concluded that they must have made an error in their chronology.

Another rather extremist group maintained that the chronology was right, that the Bridegroom had come and had indeed shut the door of salvation. Only, Christ's return had been a spiritual event, experienced in the lives of His true followers.

A third group likewise remained convinced that the date October 22, 1844, was correct, but that there had been a misinterpretation, a misunderstanding of the

event that had taken place. This group at least had an explanation for the universal Messianic expectations and movements in the 1830's and early 1840's. These were not just the result of human desires, economic deprivation, or psychological stress. Something important had happened indeed. And the whole world had been aroused to consider its consequences. What, then, had happened?

#### The Heavenly Sanctuary

On the night of October 22, 1844, a group of Advent believers gathered at the home of Hiram Edson, a Methodist layman of Port Gibson, New York. "We looked for our coming Lord until the clock tolled twelve at midnight," wrote Edson later. "The day had then passed, and our disappointment became a certainty. Our fondest hopes and expectations were blasted" (Hiram Edson, ms, Life and Experience, folio 9, verso).

After most of the Advent believers, disillusioned, had left his home, Edson suggested to some of those who stayed: "Let us go to the barn." Weary, but earnest in their task, these few believers spent the early morning hours praying for comfort and strength, and especially for more light from God in the face of this awesome grief.

Later in the morning, somewhat restored by the night of prayer and searching, Edson invited Owen Crosier, another lay preacher, to come with him and "encourage some of the brethren." To avoid the scoffers, the two men shunned the road and walked instead through Edson's field, where "the corn was still on the shock and the pumpkins on the vine."

Suddenly Edson stopped. An overwhelming thought had struck him. "Instead of our High Priest coming out of the Most Holy of the Heavenly Sanctuary to come to this earth on the tenth day of the seventh month, at the end of the 2300 days, He [Christ] for the first time entered on that day the second apartment of that sanctuary and that He had a work to perform in the Most Holy before coming to this earth."—Ibid.

The sanctuary that was to be cleansed, Edson realized, was neither the earth, nor the church, but a place in heaven. And the coming of the Bridegroom was to the wedding, not to the earth. There was a short time left still before the Bridegroom would return from the wedding (Luke 12:36).

Edson, Crosier, and Franklin B. Hahn spent the following months studying the subject of the sanctuary, and the meaning of the "shut door." Crosier prepared the results of their study and published it in *The Day Dawn* at Canandaigua, New York, and later in a more expanded form as an extra

of *The Day Star* in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 7, 1846. Ellen White was impressed by their study, and in a letter to Eli Curtis, written on April 21, 1847, she wrote that "Brother Crosier had the true light, on the cleansing of the sanctuary," and highly recommended *The Day Star* Extra.

What has become clearer still from that day on is that Christ had entered a newand final-phase of His mission. And as there arose prophets among the heathen in the days of Jesus' first coming to whom the Spirit of Inspiration had imparted the great news of the coming of the Messiah, so also at the momentous occasion when Christ would begin the final phase of His mission, the judgment. And today again, as a sure sign of the end of time, thousands and thousands of prophets and movements are arising again all over the world, in the Christian and in the non-Christian world alike, in metropolitan Japan as well as in stoneage New Guinea, foretelling the end of the world and the coming of the great King. They challenge Seventh-day Adventist mission today as never before.

#### The Seventh-Day Sabbath

In the township of Washington, New Hampshire, about three miles from the village of Washington Center, stands a rural church building, a wooden structure that is often referred to as "the first Seventh-day Adventist church." More precisely, it is the church where Sabbathkeeping was first practiced among Adventists.

Before the great Disappointment of October, 1844, Mrs. Rachel Oakes (Preston) came to Washington, New Hampshire, to live near her daughter, Delight Oakes, a schoolteacher in the township. Mrs. Oakes was a Seventh Day Baptist, and, attending the Millerite meetings in Washington, she tried to convince the Advent believers that keeping God's commandments as a preparation for the Lord's coming meant also that they should keep the seventh day as Sabbath. But Mrs. Oakes found them so engrossed in the preparation for the coming of the Lord that they paid little attention to her Seventh Day Baptist literature.

#### One Hundred Years

By ALLISE GRENBERG

One hundred years (Dear God, forgive) We failed.
One hundred years of missions and the end still is not.

"And this gospel . . . shall be preached in all the world . . . ; and THEN (O God, it should be NOW) shall the end come."

Her first convert was Frederick Wheeler, a Methodist preacher, and, like Mrs. Oakes, a strong believer in the soon-coming Advent. While conducting the communion service on Sunday in the Christian Brethren Church of Washington, whose members were mostly Advent believers. Wheeler remarked that all who confess communion with Christ in such a service as this "should be ready to obey God and keep His commandments in all things." Commenting on the service, Mrs. Oakes told him later that she "had almost risen in the service to tell him that he had better push back the communion table and put the communion cloth back over it until he was willing to keep all the commandments of God, including the fourth." The message struck home. Convinced of the truth of it, Wheeler began to observe the Sabbath in March, 1844.

About nine months later, "after the passing of time" (of October, 1844), William Farnsworth decided that Mrs. Oakes's message was what the Bible teaches. One Sunday morning he publicly stated during church service that he had become convinced that the seventh day was the Sabbath of the Lord and that he was determined to keep it. Some other members of that Washington church, including his brother, Cyrus, immediately followed the Sabbath doctrine. Mrs. Oakes, in turn, soon embraced the new Adventist teachings on the sanctuary.

When the former sea captain Joseph Bates learned about the Sabbathkeeping Adventists in Washington, he traveled some 150 miles to meet with them. At that time he had already become convinced by Thomas M. Preble, a Baptist minister and Millerite preacher, and another convert of Mrs. Oakes, that "there never had been any change in the day." But out of his experience in Washington, New Hampshire, grew a 39page tract, The Opening of the Heavens, published in May, 1846, in which Bates expressed his conviction that keeping the Sabbath was Bible truth. Three months later, Bates wrote that powerful and influential 48-page booklet: The Seventh Day Sabbath as a Perpetual Sign.

Among the first to accept Baţes's view were, besides Crosier and Edson, James and Ellen White. It was the autumn of 1846 (Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 75), nearly a year before Ellen White had a vision on the Sabbath. Like the doctrine of the sanctuary, the message of the seventh-day Sabbath as the sign of and seal of God's relationship to man and the focus of the final conflict of the ages came to the early Seventh-day Adventists through prayer and Bible study. Only later did a vision corroborate their beliefs. 

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# Just a Glimpse of Him

By CORA STARK WOODS

"LOVE ME if you wish but don't put me on a pedestal; I might topple off," she cautioned. I was 13 and she was a lovely lady in her early thirties. Like most adolescents, I needed a heroine and she possessed every quality my girlish heart desired-character, poise, intelligence, charm, and beauty. She came to my town the day of my mother's funeral. At church the subject of three teenagers left without a mother was uppermost, and she was eager to meet us. Her arrival followed a broken marriage, and her heart was hungry. Wisely, she filled the void with service to others. My wide-eyed admiration met a real need in her life, and she could have exploited it. Instead, she offered friendship and loving counsel. She clearly turned what virtually amounted to my worship of her to worship of Him.

We often are admonished not to look at others. In the next breath, we are cautioned and reminded that people are watching us. Inconsistent? Not really. Truly our human heroes do topple off their pedestals if we try to elevate them. How then do we come to know the One Altogether Lovely? If the disciples failed to recognize Him at times, how can we know Him whom we have not seen? I maintain we catch a glimpse of Him as we see character shine forth from the most humble of His creatures.

My first glimpse of Him was given to me by my mother. Tucked in one corner of her mirror was a copy of the poem—"'Tis easy enough to be pleasant when life flows by like a song, but the one worth while is the one who can smile when everything goes dead wrong." I saw her live out these lines through many problems. She played, she laughed, and she sang through pain and sorrow, and in this manner we were spared awareness of her fatal illness right through to the end. Truly her courage was a reflection of her Maker!

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Another glimpse came to me through the example of a saintly aunt who cared for us occasionally. She never used slang or even mildly indelicate language, and we deliberately tried her by interjecting questionable words as we played games of repetition, such as "I packed my grandfather's trunk." She carefully skirted these with abbreviations. She even kept her composure when we insisted that our dog and cat kneel for worship. Despite our youthful values we recognized her abiding faith, particularly as she constantly prayed for an unfaithful mate—for his happiness here and his ultimate salvation.

During my teens I invited a non-Adventist girl to a church picnic. One of the young men persuaded her to slip out from the group. I complained to my special heroine, who was sitting with a group of women. She turned to them and said, "Somebody is jealous!" I was crushed! The very next Sabbath she called me into the hall and apologized for the remark so carelessly made as she realized I was ashamed of the fellow and not jealous. She was more concerned with righting a wrong than with face-saving before someone who admired her-certainly a rare and Christlike quality.

#### Too Young to Appreciate

Like most adolescents, I had a zeal for my non-Adventist friends. I decided to organize our MV group and present a special program for these friends. I used my own allowance to have invitations printed, but in my youthful ignorance, I failed to clear the exact date with the proper authorities. The young pastor I had chosen as a speaker was scheduled elsewhere. The conference president saved the day. He said, "If a young high school girl has decorated a church, printed announcements, and invited her friends, I will go myself and speak." He drove many miles to present that program at our small church. I was too young then to appreciate the sacrifice he made, but years have taught me that only the indwelling Christ prevented him and others from uttering one word of reprimand for the problem I had created.

I was looking out of the window at work one day when I saw the wife of the pastor of our large college church step out of her car with an armload of carefully ironed, ruffled curtains. She walked up the steps to a humble upstairs apartment. Upon inquiry of those working with me, I learned that the woman in the house was crippled with arthritis, and when she had apologized for her soiled curtains, the visiting pastor's wife took them home and laundered them herself. This was before the days of drip-dry fabrics. She could have called in the Dorcas ladies or the deaconesses, but if she had, I would not be recalling the incident. for I was deeply impressed that this immaculate woman had put her religion into action.

#### Unobtrusive Christianity

I am sure all of us have met people who have exhibited Christlikeness in words and deeds. The real Christian does this unobtrusively. He may never know in this life the far-reaching consequences of a word spoken in season. During my years of young motherhood, I fell into the time-consuming, destructive habit of listening to daytime serials. One Sabbath the pastor referred to such programs, commenting, "More than one home has been wrecked by those miserable things!" As I took stock of the influence to my own mind as I filled it with these fanciful diabolical plots, I decided he was right and I acted accordingly. This comment, slipped into a sermon so many years ago, still applies to today's counterpart in the television serials I have been occasionally forced to observe in another's home. How thankful I am to live in an area where a completely religious station comes over my radio all day long! What a difference it makes when we surround ourselves with the best possible influences. There is so much we must counteract, for evil seems almost inescapable. "By beholding we become changed"-one way or the other.

As I stood with a pastor's wife leaning on a rail, watching a ship disappear into the blue, I was fretting and fussing about many trivial matters. She uttered one short Christlike sentence—"The thing is, not to sin." This was more than twenty years before the word "thing" was used as it is nowadays.

Every year on the first of May, I recall the Christlike forgiveness shown me by an understanding dean at college. She had ordered me to appear in her office immediately. It was the school picnic day and I had not gone to the picnic. My boy friend, a close

girl friend, and I had slipped off into a place called "The Garden of Eden." Spring was in the air and the girl had taken snapshots of us and then had gone back to the dorm. Somehow, the hours slipped by. Eventually we also returned, but an informer (not my girl friend) had gotten to the dean. I can still hear her questions. "Did the girl stay the whole time?"

"No," I meekly answered.

"Did you come back for lunch?"

"No," I said sheepishly.

"What did you do for lunch?" she pursued.

"We didn't eat," I confessed with embarrassment.

Then I could see a tiny smile of amusement in her face but she continued. "If you wanted to spend the day with Mr. Woods, why didn't you go to the picnic?"

"Because I can't swim and I can't skate and I was afraid he wouldn't continue to like me if he found out."

I was surprised at my confession, but I had been taught to tell the truth, ridiculous as it sounded. The dean was so overwhelmed by my honesty that she hugged me and tried to cover the tears in her eyes. Since my boy friend, who was interrogated separately, also gave direct honest answers, we were reprimanded for this offense, but not expelled as we could have been. This kind forgiveness had a greater impact than any punishment could possibly have had.

Once we begin looking for Christlike qualities, they appear in unexpected places. We were sitting on the front steps of the house into which we had just moved, feeling lonely. The woman in the next house drove into her driveway and, seeing us there, came over. She had a basket of laundry and she explained that she had been visiting a friend in the hospital and that another patient in the room had no family, so she was doing her laundry. I have since learned that this is just a way of life for this person. Her every act is far beyond the call of duty.

The neighbor on the other side, just a girl in her twenties, possesses a similar spirit. One summer as we were leaving for my husband's summer school, she set her alarm and got up early just to bid us good-by. On another occasion she brought us lemonade just before we drove off for the summer. She would not consider any of her good deeds as unusual and would hardly recognize the Spirit that prompts her, but someday she will.

At one of my husband's summer math institutes, I received a whole new glimpse of the Saviour. As I became acquainted with the teachers and their wives, all of different church affiliations. I saw unbelievable manifestations of deep spiritual experiences. Two of these girls were ministers' daughters and knew how to create warmth in spite of the fact that all were strangers to one another on arrival. Lasting friendships were made as a result of the Christian spirit pervading a non-Christian institution. At the beginning of the six weeks only a half dozen people said the blessing. At the end, all-100 participants-at least reverently bowed their heads. Yet not one word was spoken on the subject. Annual Christmas notes have further revealed glimpses of Him who is Saviour to the sincere in all faiths as letters reveal disappointments and sorrows borne with true Christian spirit.

#### Uncompromising Attitude Admired

My husband's first teaching job in public school was under a principal of higher Christian standards than he had previously encountered anywhere. This principal was promoted to higher and higher positions and now has organized his own educational advisory counseling service, which is sought by educators far and near. He has even been asked to render service

to the President of the United States. Even the so-called "worldly" officials recognize and admire a young, uncompromising, moral, Christlike man who can refuse a drink without offending.

Hardly a day passes that I do not see Him reflected in the most humble of His creatures. Every Sabbath a young girl slips into church all by herself. She was in my primary Sabbath school class some years ago. Her grandparents were attending at the time, and she absorbed much for her tender years. She continues to come even though they no longer attend. Last year she was selected as "Miss Sixteen" of Springfield, Massachusetts, a good-sized city. The judges chose her unanimously over many other contestants. She is attractive but not excessively beautiful. I believe those judges caught a glimpse of Him in that wholesome, unspoiled child. She received much publicity for this honor. but still she quietly slips in and out of church scarcely noticed or encouraged by anyone.

The young mother of four who lives nearby is new in the faith. She wears a courageous smile and speaks only of hope and praise, despite her hus-

#### Who Cares?

By ETHEL R. PAGE

KAREN HUMMED a happy little tune as she searched through her closet and chest of drawers for various items she was packing in a box. There was the coat she had outgrown. She selected a jumper and two blouses, a fluffy sweater, a pair of shoes, and two pairs of socks. Oh yes, there must be a scarf and gloves too. Then, as a last touch she added a hair ribbon and a small purse.

As she arranged them all in the box, she was thinking of the little girl who would receive them and hoped she would be pleased with the gift. How I would like to be there and give the box to her myself, she thought. But since I cannot do that, I will write a note and put it in the coat pocket.

The box was securely wrapped and tied, with a label marked, "Girl—age 9 years." Karen took it to the church and laid it on the boxes and packages of clothing that were to be sent overseas for hungry, ragged children. How happy she felt to be able to help even a little bit.

Weeks passed and the gift box was forgotten. Then one day there was a letter in the mailbox addressed to Karen. It bore a Korean stamp and postmark. She was so excited she could hardly read: "I send thanks for beautiful clothes. It make me much happy. I like you be my friend.

Please to write letter someday. Your friend, Tammo Kim."

"Oh, Mother!" cried Karen. "I have a friend away on the other side of the world! Isn't it wonderful?"

"Yes," agreed Mother, "even though people are so far away from us, they are our neighbors and can be as good friends as if they were in our own town. You must write a nice letter to Tammo."

"Oh I will. And I want to send her another box soon. She may need food too. Our pastor said many people over there do."

"Well, you have heard about CARE service to foreign countries. We could send a package of food through that organization."

"That is just what I would like to do. But right now I am going to my room and begin a letter to Tammo."

Soon Karen's friends knew about Tammo. They wanted to know if they could help somebody too. Karen told them the church would be sending more boxes next month and they could send theirs then.

So, in time, they were receiving letters from faraway friends. What fun it was to show pictures and letters to one another. They began to hold regular meetings to see and talk about them.

That's how the Care Club began. Who else cares? Do you?

band's poor health and serious employment problems. Another young friend who takes me shopping shows unbelievable childlike faith that lifts me for days. One morning she apologized for being late. I said, "It doesn't matter, but I do worry about accidents." She said, "Oh, we always pray before we get into our car." Her car practically runs on prayer as does every other area of her life.

#### A New Insight

It was Friday night when a young miniskirted girl called me on the telephone. While I do not condone her attire, I received a whole new insight into her character as we talked that evening. I learned that she was still concerned over a most delinquent young man and was giving money and time to salvage something of him and the pathetic family he had created. The other church members, including myself, had long since written him off as hopeless. Her call reminded me that only the Saviour can see the heart and what a lot of surprises there will be in the final reckoning!

Our church is blessed with a group normally called Golden-Agers. I call them "Golden Angels." Their close walk with Him is revealed in service of all kinds, from Ingathering, despite health handicaps and inclement weather, to endless counting of coins and bookkeeping. I watch them struggle to climb church steps, read Bibles and hymnals with magnifying glass, and tune up hearing aids in order to catch every word. They talk of hope and cheer through pain and loneliness. Greatest of all, they remain eloquently silent while we who are younger flounder as we learn lessons they already know.

How do we know the lovely Jesus? We know Him by beholding His image in others, but in order to see, we must "look for the beautiful." Truly, there are many "saints" outside the fold and, oh, so many "sinners" within. Sometimes we wonder whether there is enough sand in the world for the Saviour to write down the many sins. The old adage still holds-so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us. When Christ asked the disciples, "Have you been with Me so long and not known the Father?" the fault was with the beholders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could honestly say, "Have you been so long with me and not seen the Saviour?" Certainly we must strive to reflect Him, and while human heroes cannot be our complete example, we can gain much strength as we search and recognize the good in one another. "The things of earth will grow strangely dim" as we catch a glimpse of Him.

# Let's Talk About Health

By RALPH F. WADDELL, M.D.

#### **Backache**

BACKACHE is probably man's most universal ailment, with more people complaining of it than any other symptom. Low backache has been called "the human crossroads" where the body and mind meet and minor variations lay the groundwork for major discomforts and disabilities.<sup>1</sup>

Since the back is composed of many structures, including bone, muscle, fascia, ligaments, spinal cord, and meninges, backache may result from trauma or inflammation to one or more of its many types of tissue. On the other hand, it may also be caused by a systemic condition such as the flu or any febrile disease, or by an abnormal condition of some adjacent organ.

The most frequent cause of back pain is actually a misuse of the back resulting from a lack of sufficient and proper exercise. It is recognized that demonstrated disease may be a factor, such as in protrusion of intervertebral disks, arthritis affecting the spine, tumors, kidney disease, and the passage of a ureteral stone. Diseases affecting the lungs, larger blood vessels, liver, bowel, and pancreas may also be manifested by back pain. Older men frequently complain of low back pain because of a prostate problem.<sup>2</sup>

The causes we will discuss in this column are those that can be prevented by a proper use of the back, be it in work or play. Middle-aged and elderly men and women aren't the only sufferers from backache. Athletes not infrequently are seized with agonizing, low back pain. Youngsters on the playgrounds, young men on the golf course, and mothers stooping over to change babies' diapers may be turned into temporary cripples by knifelike pain that seems to pierce the lower back.

The basis for much of mankind's back pain lies in poor muscle tone, not only the muscles of the lower back but also of the abdomen and the gluteal or buttock areas as well. These muscles help support the spine and pelvis. If they are weak, an accident can easily hurt the back and quickly convert a happy, carefree person into a tortured victim. Obesity and poor posture aggravate the potential by tilting the pelvis forward and thus placing added strain on the vertebra's supporting structures.

Severe or continuing back pain may be indicative of a problem that should receive professional attention. However, most instances of this common ailment could be prevented by following a few simple rules related to a person's work, rest, and play

1. Stand straight with feet parallel, about six inches apart. Hold head high

with chest out, abdomen and back as flat as possible, and abdominal and hip muscles comfortably firm.

2. Sit back in the chair so that hips touch the back of the chair and the feet rest flat on the floor. Sit straight and tall with chest out and neck in line with upper back. Any forward movement as in writing should be by using the hips as a hinge and keeping the body straight.

3. Sleep on a firm bed. Sagging springs should be replaced or reinforced by placing plywood board between the springs and mattress. Avoid overstuffed chairs and soft sofas. Select straight chairs whenever possible.

4. Lean to lift in line of gravity. Squat down with a straight back and lift with the legs.

5. Avoid sudden, erratic motions involving the back before "warming up." Never attempt a strenuous movement while off balance or while in a twisting or turning position.

6. High heels place a strain on the lower back and are frequently the

cause of nagging pain.

Those having weak backs will generally find benefit in doing simple postural exercises twice daily. While standing with head up contract muscles of the abdomen and buttocks—hold for five minutes. While sitting down, clasp arms behind the back, bringing shoulder blades together, raise head and bend forward. Sit erect and pull hands backward and downward.

#### **Simple Postural Exercises**

"Those who are feeble and indolent should not yield to their inclination to be inactive . . . , but should practice exercising out of doors in walking or working in the garden." Inspiration further emphasizes the value of walking as an ideal exercise. "Walking, in all cases where it is possible, is the best remedy for diseased bodies, because in this exercise all the organs of the body are brought into use. . . . There is no exercise that can take the place of walking." <sup>3</sup>

Backache may be a signal indicating the body's need for exercise and better living habits, while it may also be a reminder of more serious trouble. Live right, exercise sensibly, and prevent much of mankind's most annoying disability. If in spite of earnest efforts the problem continues, do not let it go. Seek counsel and help from a qualified clinician without delay. The answer to the backache problem may be summarized as "keep fit and be fit."

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# From the Editors

#### **Dauntless Doctor Brown**

The London Sunday Express, one of the world's largest newspapers with a circulation of four and a half million, asked recently: "Is Dr. Gertrude M. Brown, 94, Britain's oldest working physician?"

The article told how Dr. Brown is medical officer of Crieff (Scotland) Nursing Home and Medical Institute and, according to Provost James Rae of Crieff, "Crieff's most remarkable citizen."

"Soon she hopes to fulfill a long-time dream by adding a new medical wing to the institute. Dr. Brown founded the institute, first at Edinburgh in 1942 and then at Crieff in 1949, eventually handing it over to the Seventh-day Adventists, a medical-missionary group of which she is a member."

The news story was written with a pen dipped in wonderment. But to know her full story stretches the elastic of belief—and it is all so true.

We met Dr. Brown two years ago after inching our way to her home through a blinding snowstorm. (Scotland, incidentally, is beautiful beyond words whether it be in crisp winter or in bonny summer.) For years we had been hearing about this unusual woman; with all that was heard it was hard to keep thinking that we were hearing about only one woman.

A bright fire burned in her study, a warm drink had already been prepared for the travelers, and in a few moments an onlooker would have thought that we had been personal friends for years. While we listened we could not brush back the astonishment—this woman did not look a day over 55.

Our visit was to be limited to only two hours because friends were to take us to Perth for the night. How quickly our conversation lilted over such names as J. N. Loughborough, Daniel and Lauretta Kress, John Harvey Kellogg, and others. E. J. Waggoner and W. A. Spicer officiated at her baptism.

#### Relationship With John H. Kellogg

Her relationship to Dr. Kellogg became probably the most eventful experience in her life. His concepts were so revolutionary and yet sensible that she found herself motivated to stretch every nerve and muscle in improving her own medical skills, first as a nurse and then as a physician. At a critical time in her young life, after much hard work, Dr. Brown became seriously ill. Conventional methods for recovery proved futile, but a chance meeting brought Dr. Kellogg (with whom she had worked at Gland, Switzerland) to her London bedside.

Fortunately, one of Dr. Kellogg's students from Battle Creek was establishing a small sanitarium in Ireland, and Dr. Kellogg urged her to get there before she died. He knew that she could be helped but only after a radical change of medical care was adopted. Four months later, to the surprise of about everyone else, Dr. Brown was a well woman.

From that time on, Dr. Gertie has been a committed teacher of those unique principles that Seventh-day Adventists understood long before the medical world in general saw their true value. Her marriage to Edwin (Ted) Brown, who also eventually attained his medical degree, only enlarged her field of service.

So much could be said. The typewriter is eager to go on.

Dr. Brown's autobiography, *I Have Lived* (The Stanborough Press, an affiliate of the Review and Herald Publishing Association), is a good place to start for those who really want to see how far a person can go in life in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

But even her book is not able to convey adequately her keen humor, her rugged and diamond-hard sense of place and destiny as led by the Lord, her direct, unvarnished graciousness. She knows what she has believed, and she is able to say it simply and profoundly.

Perhaps this is the reason that many, many, young and old, have been sent to Crieff by surgeons throughout England—to learn how to die. The Adventist philosophy of life has given Dr. Brown not only a happy meaning to her own life but also a message and manner that others have come to praise. They have watched their loved ones, stricken by terminal diseases, face death cheerfully and with hope.

Dr. Gertrude Brown has given all of us a truly life-size example of indomitable will and witness. Her life has become a living testimony to the words of Joseph Parker: "God holds the key of all unknown and I am glad." H. E. D.

## Angels on Vacation?

An overseas reader perusing our July 12, 1973, issue noted that on page eight there was a story of angel deliverance from highway accident, but on the last page of this same issue was the story of three conference workers killed in a plane crash en route to the camp-meeting site. Were the angels on duty in the first instance, he inquired, but on vacation in the second?

He continued, "Recently you reported a tragic accident to two missionaries on furlough. The wife was killed and the husband received multiple fractures.

"Last week a friend of mine lost his 19-year-old daughter when a car turned in front of her motorcycle. The members of this family are active Seventh-day Adventists.

"How can such tragedies coincide with the theology of your correspondent, Jeanette Snorrason, author of 'Angels of the Lord?' and presumably of your paper?"

Situations such as these in which divine intervention occurs in certain circumstances but apparently not in others have been the cause of great perplexity to many Christians. We cannot guarantee a totally satisfactory answer but believe that certain areas that will throw light on the situation may be profitably explored.

Situations such as described above are not new. They have existed since the inception of sin. Why did not God prevent the murder of Abel and yet spare Noah? Why did He rescue Daniel from the lions and yet did not prevent thousands of Christians from being torn to pieces by wild beasts, to the amusement of spectators?

Let us note the following interesting circumstance: "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. . . . And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison" (Acts 12:1-4). There follows the story of Peter's remarkable deliverance from prison. Why did God intervene in the case of Peter but

not in the case of James? Some years later God did not prevent Peter from being crucified, but miraculously delivered John, who was cast into a caldron of boiling oil.

In modern times, why does God not prevent missionaries' being cut down by disease, firearms, accident, some shortly after reaching their field of service? The Advent Movement can ill afford their loss and, as a result, the work is crippled.

The choice to permit such a situation to obtain was made long ago, when it was decided not to destroy Satan at the time of his expulsion from heaven. For the ultimate good of the universe, it was seen that it would be best to allow Satan to reveal his true nature: "For the good of the entire universe through ceaseless ages Satan must more fully develop his principles, that his charges against the divine government might be seen in their true light by all created beings, that the justice and mercy of God and the immutability of His law might forever be placed beyond all question." —The Great Controversy, p. 499.

As a result of allowing Satan to demonstrate the principles of his character and rule, the universe will be eternally secure against future transgression. "The history of this terrible experiment of rebellion was to be a perpetual safeguard to all holy intelligences, to prevent them from being deceived as to the nature of transgression, to save them from committing sin and suffering its punishment."—Ibid.

#### The Controversy Fairly Waged

For Satan fully to reveal himself after man fell he needed to be allowed access to the human race, including the followers of God. The controversy would need to be waged fairly so that Satan could not charge God with unfairness. In the case of Job, Satan said to God, "Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face" (Job 1:10, 11).

As in the case of Job, a delicate balance exists with all of God's children. There are times when God can intervene and foil Satan's efforts to annoy and destroy; there are times when, in the light of the great controversy, He cannot without prejudicing the case. The precise circumstances involved man can never know. To him it may appear that God's

protective acts are arbitrarily extended, even capriciously, when, if the curtain could be drawn aside, it would be seen that great issues are involved.

What is our part then? Simply to take a fatalistic attitude and to submit to circumstances completely beyond our control? No. First we should note that instances of angel interventions and interpositions are more frequent than most people recognize. In our story of angel intervention in the July 12 issue the following was quoted, "From what dangers, seen and unseen, we have been preserved through the interposition of the angels, we shall never know, until in the light of eternity we see the providences of God. Then we shall know that the whole family of heaven was interested in the family here below, and that messengers from the throne of God attended our steps from day to day."—The Desire of Ages, p. 240.

Second, by our prayers, by our attitudes, we can alter circumstances. The following statement should be carefully pondered: "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 525.

In other words, prayer, properly offered with the petitioner fulfilling the elements for answered prayer, will enable God to do things for us that otherwise He could not do. However, we are not implying that such prayers will override all the evil that Satan may plan against us. In spite of our surrender, because of the issues involved that are known only to God and, in part, to Satan, God will not always be able to prevent the tragedy.

The Christian's part, then, is to be constantly surrendered, to remove all possible stumbling blocks that might prevent divine intervention, at the same time to realize that not in all cases, even with the Christian's fulfilling his part, will God be able miraculously to intervene.

Third, even if tragedy cannot be prevented, God is present to work good out of the tragedy. "Suffering is inflicted by Satan, and is overruled by God for purposes of mercy."—
The Desire of Ages, p. 471. If tragedy comes, the knowledge first of all that because of the issues involved in the great controversy God could not prevent the sorrow, and second, that He is with us in our sorrow and is overruling for purposes of mercy, should buoy us up. No, the angels have not gone on vacation.

D. F. N.

#### Letters

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larly in education. Indeed, this new spiritual zeal might conceivably be the longawaited dawn for the Adventist message in Uruguay.

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#### The Best Christmas

As I read "Memories From the Little House" [Nov. 22], I couldn't help thinking of my own experience with the Bobst family. While I was stationed in Germany with the Army I had the privilege to enjoy their warmth and Christian joy. I also know that they treated other soldiers much as they did me

My last Christmas in Germany was made extra bright and joyful because they included me in their holiday plans. They gave me a small gift and the best Christmas I ever had while in the service. It saddened me to read of their son's death, but I know that they will continue to share their love with others.

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#### **Priorities at Annual Council**

I attended some of the meetings of the recent Annual Council, and I have read the reports published thus far in the Review. I am encouraged as I see church leaders grappling with some of the major issues confronting the church today. I believe that I see God leading to a solution. On the other hand, I am discouraged to think that some of our highest elected leaders, men who traveled great distances to attend this council, spent time dealing with trivia.

As recorded in the November 29 Review, it was voted that Bible correspondence

school interests should be included in the church-interest file. Was this really the greatest problem that our church faced at that moment? Is it necessary that a council involving world leaders discuss the local church-interest file?

Some of the greatest problems the church faces today involve objectives. On the highest levels, our church must give continuing study to its objectives. We need to look at the basic philosophy under which SDA programs and institutions operate. Every moment our leaders spend in doing this is well spent.

Once we define our basic philosophy and objectives, we ought to leave details to others. The lower levels of administration and our institutions determine their mission in terms of philosophy and objectives of the church. The details ought then to be left to those assigned to carry out the specific mission.

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# Plan Ahead-The Secret of Sabbathkeeping

SABBATH WAS OVER, but as the strains of the worship hymn died away, I sat in my chair and thought. Somehow I wasn't happy about the way I had kept this holy day. I had invited visiting missionaries to a vegetarian dinner, had attended Sabbath school and church, and had even given the mission reading, but the afternoon hours had been almost wasted.

Then, as clearly as if a voice had spoken, the words came to my mind,

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"You must plan ahead carefully. The Sabbath is God's seal, and unless you observe it differently from what you did today, you will never be sealed or be ready to meet Jesus." I looked around for the speaker, but knew the words had not been audible.

A doctor's telephone is always ringing, and how could I help it when it kept ringing on Friday afternoon when I was hurrying to get so many things done before sunset? And my neighbor had brought in her screaming baby, who really was only frightened and in need of a Band-Aid. But she had wanted

to stay and talk awhile! I realized that the answer lay in careful planning. The housecleaning should have all been done on Thursday and the baking finished by Friday noon.

But really, was all that baking really necessary? I remembered some instruction about having some special treat on Sabbath, but to have less heavy food and less variety than on other days (Child Guidance, p. 532). I wondered whether the two student ministers had found the pecan pie too heavy a dessert after eating potatoes, roast with gravy, cabbage salad, beets,



peas, and fresh bread. Even I, always eager to read the REVIEW, had gone to sleep over the latest copy!

Mrs. Brown had come to borrow a book and stayed to chat awhile. I'm sure that we both tried to watch our conversation, but had it all been really Sabbath talk? I realized that I should not have been sitting at home all Sabbath afternoon.

There may be others who, in spite of all that has been said, wonder sometimes what they can do on Sabbath afternoons. First, we must plan ahead so as not to be too weary to keep the day properly (Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 354). When weather permits it is well for two or three families to take lunch baskets and eat outside in the beauties of nature. The simplest food will taste good and the serving will be little trouble. A nature walk is a must on Sabbath for children as well as adults. Sabbath is a day when the family should be together as much as possible (Child Guidance, pp. 533-536).

After a nature walk the children will

By WALTER SCRAGG

#### New Year Survival Guide

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ABOUT THE TIME you considered your list of New Year's resolutions you helped launch the attack that crumbled them.

It ought to work, though. Here you are, free moral agent, born again in Christ, reinforced by culture, education, environment. When you speak, when you resolve, it ought to mean something.

But this time, as with the time before, it didn't. Your very determination, the fierceness of resolve, created a tension that could only break with your defeat. Don't put all the blame on Satan, or on your wife, or on the children. You'll have to come at it some other way if you want a bright, Christlike 1974.

I don't know how we got into this New Year's resolutions thing. Certainly there's nothing of it in Bible thinking. Or is there?

A song of spring brought Israel its new year:

"My beloved spake, and said unto me,

Rise up, my love, my fair one, And come away.

For, lo, the winter is past, The rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; The time of the singing of birds is come." Canticles 2:10-12

enjoy going with their parents to visit some shut-ins. The sweet little songs they have learned in Sabbath school will be appreciated by these older folks and will prove a good experience to the children.

Of course you will want to study the next week's lesson with the children as well as to study the adult lesson for yourself (Education, pp. 251, 252).

#### **Numerous Opportunities**

Did you notice who was absent from the morning service? A short visit from you with a bulletin and a Sabbath school paper will show that they are missed and may bring them back another week. Are there backslidden members? A brief loving call with a word of prayer and a church bulletin will show them that they are remembered. Are there older folks who live alone? These people often cook little and would relish a loaf of your homemade bread or part of your vegetarian roast.

Do you know the spiritual condition

God certainly knew when to begin His calendar. Not when the cold of winter numbs nature; nor when the fierce heat of summer saps her juices. But in the spring when the heart can lift with the freshening grass, and hope open as the first buds on trees and shrubs.

Yet, even then, it was with the reminder that the renewal of nature meant also renewal of spirit. For hard on the track of the new year came Passover, and after the centuries, Calvary.

Can you see the significance? All the strivings, yearnings, and determinations could not set Israel free, but the delivering hand of God could free the people.

All our resolves, written, spoken, sworn to, will not change us, but the delivering hand of God will. God wants us to learn dependence rather determination. Redemption than rather than resolve.

Perhaps it is well that only the erudite and watchful will mark the coming of Passover and will know the exact date that might celebrate Calvary.

For does it really matter whether we count January 1 or April 1? Is not a new year the daily privilege of the children of God? May we not say, every day, "The winter is past and gone, and all the season of snows and sins"?

This is survival-every day a beginning again, a recreation of life at the hand of the Lord who sacrificed His life on Calvary.

With this guide you may survive as a Christian and with you, your marriage, your home.

New day, new year, new creature. Make today a happy New Year's Day. And tomorrow. And tomorrow.

of each of your neighbors? You will be welcome and appreciated as you bring a word of cheer and a health magazine or a paper for the children. And as you speak of the love of Jesus you may be surprised to learn that they are actually looking for more light. Are there poor people in the vicinity who have scarcely enough to eat or proper clothing? You could take them some food and tell them of the Dorcas Welfare service, and even offer to take them there when it is open.

Are there older folks in nursing homes who would appreciate a visit? Many of these feel lonely and a word of prayer will be so welcome. Sometimes just to have someone to listen is a joy to them. As memories fail and minds become clouded these dear ones need to be ever reminded of God's love and the joys that await in the land where no one grows old. You might even want to borrow a child or two sometime if you have none of your own to take with you when you visit these homes.

When children are old enough to read they will enjoy a nature hunt. Make a list for each child with ten objects or more. Last year's bird's nest, bark from an oak tree, a brown stone, an insect, leaf from a maple tree, et cetera. Then with a brown paper bag they are off. Be sure to be waiting for them when they return and to examine each specimen carefully.

Sabbath worship, both Friday evening and sunset Sabbath night, can be special events for the children. Our family often "capped verses." Someone would repeat a verse, then the next player needed to think of a verse that began with the letter that the last word had started with. In this way the children learned many precious promises. Of course, the children will want to choose the songs, and when old enough, will want to read the Bible for

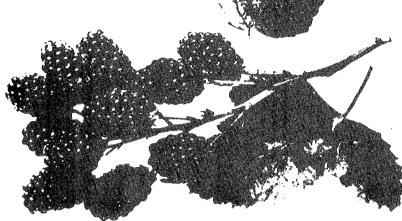
Sometimes when there are several children a story can be acted out while it is narrated by an older person. Stories such as Jericho's falling walls. the animals going by two's into the ark, and the man let down through the roof for Jesus to heal are favorites.

As adults we have been thrilled to study the Bible with the Testimonies and to find many truths there that we had not known. Bible study has taken on new and exciting dimensions.

We are counseled that a curse will rest on those who are careless in Sabbathkeeping, and that the plagues will fall upon them (Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 532). Let us each determine to study how we can keep this holy day properly so that its blessings will bind families together in loving trust under the unfailing care of the Lord of the Sab-



By CLYDE BUSHNELL



#### Scene I-Answering the Call

Then the master said to his followers, "I'd like you to go out and pick blackberries today. They are ripe now and scattered throughout this vast estate. We dare wait no longer. Go today and bring back as many as you can, for I'm planning a feast in the near future." And without discussion, the master went back to his house, leaving his servants.

Now these servants were not slaves. They had asked to work for him; no one had forced them. The master had looked at some rather questioningly, but had accepted them, one and all, upon the expression of their desire to serve him.

Seldom had he made a request so directly. As he disappeared from view, they fell to talking among themselves; some gesticulated excitedly and the looks on their faces might have been interpreted to mean some dissatisfaction with the master's request. They had all been very happy in the master's service as long as he hadn't asked them to do anything in particular.

So the master's command came as a surprise; many of them had made other plans for the immediate future. Said one, "I sure don't feel like picking blackberries today. I got up with a headache, my back hurts, and I've got a dentist's appointment at three o'clock. I really don't mind picking berries, but I've got to be in the right mood and not have anything else that is pressing. He will just have to count me out." And with that she started for home at a rate that made one ponder the seriousness of her back ailment.

Another said, "Not me. You don't catch me picking black-berries for anybody's feast. I didn't join the master to pick berries. I've got better things to do than that. What does he think! He's not going to make a fool of me." Grabbing his golf bag, he joined a friend who was another of the master's servants, and they headed for the new golf course by the beach

One married couple discussed the request as they walked toward home. Said she, "Honey, I think we ought to do it.

Clyde Bushnell, Ph.D., teaches on the faculty of Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee.

The master has been so considerate of us. He has given us a place to live in; we have good health and a fine family. I feel grateful to him. Anyhow, I understand we're all invited to the banquet. Let's go and help."

But the man held back. He was handsome, with a commanding appearance. From the proud look on his face it was evident that there would be a struggle before he would concede. With a sneer he flung the words at his wife: "Go blackberry picking! Me go blackberry picking! You know very well the only ones who would do that are those who aren't able to do anything else. Let them pick his berries. I wouldn't mind buying some for the master's feast or helping to pick out the Blackberry Queen, something more in line with our position, but to go out and pick them myself—I just can't without losing face. The facts are that I don't want to, and I don't plan to."

In a little while they left home, she with her pan heading for the open field where a few others were already on their way, and he off to a club dinner to listen to a university professor discuss civic responsibility in an affluent society.

A number of servants who had lingered in the patio where the master had made his request, gathered around a vociferous chap who was proclaiming, "It's just plain dangerous. Remember how Daniel Boone's daughter was captured by Indians when she was out blackberry picking?" The laughter of the crowd drowned out the rest of his argument, but he, undaunted, came up with another. This one hit the mark: "No telling how many snakes are in the tall grass around those berry patches, to say nothing of the mosquitoes, briers, and chiggers. I'll tell you one thing, I'm not interested." And a third of the people followed him as he stalked out.

Others attempted to persuade friends to go with them. Though most didn't say it bluntly, the consensus was that time could be spent more profitably. One said: "If you think I spent all those years preparing for my profession just so I could go out berry picking you've got another think coming. My time is precious. Too precious!"

"Too precious to dedicate it to the master's work?" someone asked.

"I do dedicate it to the master's work. If you could see my

books and total up all the accounts, you'd know that I do enough work for charity to buy a dozen boxcars full of black-berries every year."

And as the crowd melted, the vast majority to go about business as usual, no one saw the sad look on the master's face as he watched from his upstairs window, nor noted how he winced when he heard the discontented voices.

#### Scene II-Working in the Patch

A colorful group they were—big ones, little ones, old and young, strong and weak, men and women of all nationalities, all dressed in their characteristic way. Perhaps the only thing they had in common was their presence in the patch. Some with hats to shield them from the sun, some with long sleeves, some with short. Some had large buckets, others brought only a small bowl. Still others had nothing to hold their berries in but their hands.

Some mothers had two or three children who devoted their time to running, shouting, and shoving each other into the briers. Such mothers had no time for anything but looking after their offspring. They wanted to pick, but it was hard for them to do anything other than take care of their children. They looked a bit worried as they saw the accomplishments of others.

Although the pickers hadn't been out very long, it was amazing to see the difference in the amount of berries they had in their containers. Some pickers were obviously experienced, knowing just how to do it. They seemed to have made some preparation beforehand; most of them wore long sleeves and had dusted their arms and legs with a sulphur so the chiggers wouldn't bother them. Furthermore, they seemed to know just where to go for the berries and picked them by the handfuls. Their containers filled up in a hurry. Others would struggle over a single berry. Said the experienced: "Don't force them to come loose. They aren't sweet if they're picked too soon. When they're ready, they don't need much persuading."

To some who were holding back because of the thorns that lacerated their hands and arms, the patch appeared tremendously forbidding and unyielding, but as they watched their comrades carefully working their way down among the thorns and coming up with buckets overflowing with luscious berries, it gave them courage to do the same, and soon they too had become expert. When they would be seized by barbs from all sides, they learned to find their way out through patience and earnest effort, saying that they wouldn't let this discourage them. It was in those places where the briers seemed the cruelest that the choicest berries often were found.

When the storm clouds gathered, many returned home. Those who waited out the shower were pestered by mosquitoes that came in droves after the rain, but they weathered them too, and the stifling heat that followed. Down under the foliage where they had taken refuge they found an abundance of berries they might never have seen had they not been forced to find a hiding place.

Said one as they waited for the rain to stop falling, "I never realized how close to home this berry patch is. Why, I've gone for miles hunting for berries, and here they have been by the thousands just across the fence from my house."

Said another, "I had just about decided not to come berry picking because my husband wouldn't come. But now I'm glad that I did. I've discovered that I can do it and have success. I hope my husband will be interested in coming along next time."

And another added: "I was just going to spend a couple of hours out here at the most, but I hadn't realized how interesting it would be. I'm sure my wife will come next time. She's timid about things in the country because she's a city girl. She listened to the chap who was talking about snakes and chiggers and briers. I notice he isn't here. He really talked a lot of people out of a good thing."

"I'm coming back here again," declared a girl in a berrystained dress. "I'm going back to where I was picking when the rain began. I know where the berries are and how to get them. And you know something? I found out that I can do a better job when I kneel so I can see up under the foliage."

#### Scene III-Going Home

What joy there was that evening as the berry pickers wended their way home recounting the adventures of the day. "I reached right into a hornet's nest before I saw it, and they came charging out, hundreds of them. I just stood there like the master told us to and not one of them stung me." A happy-faced girl was talking. "He really saved me from being hurt and I'm going to thank him tonight."

The way back to town seemed short, for everyone had something to tell about his experiences that day. One boy, his face and arms giving ample evidence that the mosquitoes had found him a particularly sweet target, was running from one person to another showing his pail of berries. "It was the most fun I've ever had."

"What about those knots on your head?" someone asked him playfully.

"What knots?"

"Those mosquito bites. You must have a hundred."

"I was trying so hard to fill my can, I guess I didn't feel 'em... and it's full too. Look!" And he was off to show somebody else, his face radiant.

Soon they found themselves back at the courtyard from which the master had sent them forth that morning. Some were already there and the master had come to commend them on their success.

The master seemed so understanding. You could tell that he knew the task was easier in some places than it was in others, and that what really pleased him was whether you had honestly done your best.

To the mothers with the little children he was especially kind, for they looked sad when everyone else was bringing in their berries. To them he said, putting his hand on one little head, "These are the sweetest berries of all. Don't be sad. You have surely done your part." And it seemed to those tired mothers that heaven had already begun.

When the happy-faced little boy came up with his berries and showed them joyfully to the master, the master's face shone with particular radiance, and in a voice full of feeling he said to the lad, "I see your hands are scratched and you have some sore places on your head. God bless you, my child; a long time ago when I was gathering berries, I got into a particularly hard patch. I have marks on my hands even yet." And he held the little boy tightly as though their experiences had somehow bound them together. It was a wonderful time, and everyone was happy and satisfied.

And then, in the evening light, the master raised his hand and all was quiet. "My father has an especially delightful estate on the river to which you are invited. We plan to have the banquet there. You will like the place. Not many people have been there yet, but everyone who has, thinks it's wonderfully beautiful."

And with that he sent us all rejoicing on our way.

# Breakthroughs in Africa and Mideast Cheer Committee

By D. W. HUNTER

A MASAI CHIEF of Tanzania was recently baptized. Sudan has opened its doors to Adventist workers. Uganda has approved the registration of the Adventist Church in spite of serious objections. In the first nine months of the year East Africa has baptized 6,514. These breakthroughs were reported by union presidents at the Afro-Mideast Division committee meeting held in Beirut, Lebanon, November 6-12.

The Masai are a nomadic people who have resisted Christianity and who have many habits and customs that are contrary to Christian living. Chief Sikau has been studying with Adventist pastors for five years. He decided to put away all his wives except the first, who has also been baptized. This family has agreed to settle in one place permanently and along with several other families develop a model village. The government is highly pleased with this development and is cooperating wholeheartedly.

Baptized on the same day was another Masai who came 200 miles from the south. He has asked for a worker to come and help him convert interested people of his village.

The Wahi tribe is little known. The first contact was made with them just over a year ago. No one seems to know their origin and background. The language they speak has many clicking sounds similar to the Xhosa language of South Africa. The government has made little progress in helping these pygmylike people. When the district commissioner saw the 92 Wahi in an Adventist baptismal class and heard them sing and repeat Bible texts, he declared, "You Adventists have something we government officials do not have."

Early in 1973, 12 denominations were banned in Uganda. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was discussed along with many others. Adventists had no representative, nor were they permitted to present an appeal. However, the Lord sent His angels to speak through the council ministers. A Catholic archbishop pleaded for freedom of worship. A government minister gave a

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personal testimony of his knowledge of Seventh-day Adventists and his association with them. The head of the educational system praised Adventist schools. Unfortunately, the action of the government recognizing the Seventh-day Adventist Church was misrepresented to many village chiefs. After one chief closed an Adventist church and the villagers scoffed at the church leaders, a woman member said, "I am grateful to the Lord that there is a tree in front of my little house. If my church closed, that tree will be my church until Jesus comes."

In the East African Union the tithe gain has been more than 75 per cent for the first nine months of 1973. During this same period 25 churches have been dedicated, 97 evangelistic



# OAKWOOD NURSING STUDENTS DEDICATED FOR SERVICE

The Oakwood College department of nursing held its first dedication service for 42 students of the Associate Science degree on October 27.

Guest speaker for this historic event of the college was Enid V. Blaylock, associate professor of educational psychology at California State University in Long Beach. Dr. Blaylock has authored many publications in the field of nursing and education.

Students who complete the twoyear nursing program receive the Associate in Science degree and are eligible to take the State Board examination for registered nurse licensure. MORRIS BROWN series have been conducted, and 20,651 have made decisions for Christ.

The Sudan has been a closed country for many years. Repeated attempts have been made to place workers in this country. A recent graduate of Middle East College by the name of Ret Chol was stationed in Ethiopia to work with the Sudanese refugees on the border. When reconciliation was effected many refugees returned, and Mr. Chol went back with them. He was appointed to a committee to form a new constitution for the Sudan and was instrumental in writing a religious freedom clause into the constitution that was adopted. As a result, this placed him in prominence as a champion of religious liberty and constitutional development. He was interviewed on television, contacted by the news media, and consulted by government leaders.

#### Vision of the Massihia

Leaving Sudan and settling in Ethiopia were 4,000 Moslems who called themselves Massihias. Their leader, Mahedi, had visions and dreams and wrote a number of books. He wrote, "The greatest prophet was Christ the Massihia who was born in flesh and died for others. He was resurrected and ascended and he will be the last prophet. He will be coming as judge in glory. Those who want to be saved when he comes must get rid of smoking, drinking, and other harmful and unclean things. Such can go with Him to heaven."

Mahedi's followers are called the people of Massihia, or Jesus. They are also called Adventists because of their belief in the second advent of Jesus. They have been contacted by Seventhday Adventist workers. Studies have been held with these 4,000. An additional 20,000 are still in the Sudan. Both areas are now open, and the groups from both countries are pleading for evangelists to prepare them for baptism into the Adventist Church.

The Afro-Mideast Division year-end committee was conducted in an atmosphere of tension and turmoil in diplomatic and political circles. The spirit of the leadership transcended the problems of geography and war. The courage of both field and office representatives is great. New areas have been entered, breakthroughs are being made, and baptisms are increasing. The budget adopted was the largest in division history. Approximately \$85,000 was allocated to direct evangelism. Great days are ahead for this division.

# Life Is Full of Variety for Dentist in Thailand

By JANE ALLEN

Being an overseas missionary dentist means more than simply running a dental clinic for Clark Lamberton, stationed in Chiangmai, Thailand's second-largest city.

He also volunteers for the Thai Government's medical-aid program, cures opium addicts, teaches at the University of Chiangmai, and helps young people get an education.

Dr. Lamberton, who has been in Thailand for 16 years, was one of the first to volunteer for the Thai Government's free medical-aid program for the hill-tribe people. Teams of volunteers regularly go by helicopter into the northern hills of the country and give free medical and dental services. Dr. Lamberton goes on these missions about six times a year.

Dr. Lamberton worked five years at the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital before being assigned to Chiangmai in 1962. When he arrived, he found only five dentists in the city. Today there are approximately 30, which is largely due to the establishment of a dental school in 1969 at the University of Chiangmai. In addition to running a busy dental practice, Dr. Lamberton teaches orthodontia at the dental school.

Though not directly involved in the government's program against opium addiction, Dr. Lamberton became involved in this type of effort when some Meos from the mountain area wanted to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, they were opium addicts, and could not be accepted into

Jane Allen, who lives in Singapore, is an editorial assistant in the Far Eastern Division office. church membership until they overcame their addiction.

So Dr. Lamberton started treating them. In the past three years some 300 people have come to him for help in overcoming their addiction.

The missionary dentist believes that opium addiction will soon be a thing of the past among the hill-tribe people, for most of the addicts are aged, and the young do not use the drug. Also, the government, eager to eradicate the problem, is providing such substitute crops as beans, peas, potatoes, corn, and sesame. Once the principal crop of the Meos, the amount of opium grown in Northern Thailand has decreased significantly in the past few years.

The story of Dr. Lamberton's adopted Meo son, David, is an example of some of the problems of drug addiction in this Southeast Asian country.

David's mother died when he was just an infant, leaving him and three older brothers to be raised by their father and an old aunt. Whenever the baby cried, his aunt or father gave him opium. Although this quieted him, his little body was slowly becoming addicted to the powerful drug.

By the time he was three months old he was an addict. His father took him to Dr. Lamberton's clinic, seeking help. Not only did he want to see his son cured of drug addiction, he also wanted Dr. and Mrs. Lamberton to take David and raise him in their Christian home. That was nine years ago. Today David is legally adopted, a strong young boy free from the addiction of his infancy.

Another one of Dr. Lamberton's extracurricular activities is helping

young people from the hill tribes obtain an education. The schools in the mountains offer education only through the fourth grade, and for those young people who are Seventh-day Adventists there is the problem of Saturday classes and paying respect to Buddha in the classroom. Right now 18 young people from the hill tribes are boarding at the local church and in homes of Seventh-day Adventists in order to attend school in Chiangmai where they do not face these problems.

Yes, for Dr. Clark Lamberton being an overseas missionary dentist in northern Thailand means more than simply running a dental clinic. It means extending a free helping hand to those who need medical and dental help. It means helping educate nationals to serve their own people. It means opening his home to an infant opium addict and taking him as his own son.



Dr. Lamberton scrubs down before treating patients at the hill-tribe dental clinic.



Most children have just one dad. David Lamberton has two. His father, left, took him to Dr. and Mrs. Clark Lamberton, right, when he was an opium addict at three months of age. The Lambertons cured him of his drug addiction and adopted him as their son.



"It won't hurt much," Dr. Lamberton tells a Meo girl with a toothache.

# Many Baptized Following Easter Week Crusades

Easter week provided opportunity for a successful evangelistic program by Adventists in the East Brazil Union.

Many workers capitalized on this program, and there were a number of baptisms. Pastor Siqueira of the Maceió District in June baptized 64 people as a direct result of the Easter week program. He traveled more than 3,000 kilometers, visiting and helping lay members get decisions from interested persons.

The following summary shows the work accomplished in the union and the victories gained for the glory of the Lord:

Evangelistic preaching centers during Easter week Preaching centers led by youth 230 Brethren who collaborated with preaching teams 7.088 Average number of non-Adventists attending 71,832 Average number of Adventists at-24,247 tending Persons who will continue in Bible classes Meetings held for children along with other meetings Bible studies conducted at end of four 18.950 nights

Juberto Hilário and his wife chose the city of Aldeia Velha, in the State of Río, in which to hold a series of meetings. There were no Adventists in that area. They rented a meeting place, but their audience was so large that they had to hold their meetings in the open air.

The Hilários met José Martins, who 35 years earlier had bought a copy of the book *Our Day in the Light* of *Proph-*

ecy. After reading it, he felt greatly impressed by its contents, and searched for the people who held the truth revealed in the book. He joined an evangelical church and became a presbyter, but after attending the Hilários' meetings was the first one to request baptism into the Adventist Church.

A family of eight who attended the meetings also were baptized.

Brother Arthur worked in Eden with the help of his sons, Wellington and Salatiel, and the Dalton family, who donated a piano for their program, "Inquiry Into Religious Opinion." They used material prepared by the conference and later distributed Voice of Prophecy lessons among interested persons. Many have been baptized.

Assad Bechara
Youth Director
East Brazil Union

**FINLAND** 

#### Literature Worth \$100,000 Sold Before Year's End

In just nine months and three weeks, Mrs. Anna-Liisa Helevaara, a literature evangelist in Finland, has delivered books worth \$108,148. Her orders for that period of time totaled \$116,702. This is the first time in the history of Adventist literature evangelism that this total has been reached in such a short time

Mrs. Helevaara, the mother of two children, does house-to-house work in both urban and rural areas. During the nearly four years she has been in the literature field, she has sold more than 4,300 sets of *The Bible Story*—more than 43,000 separate volumes.

When asked the secret of her success, Mrs. Helevaara answers, "It is

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Laymen who attended a congress prior to the Easter Week evangelistic crusades in East Brazil were able to practice lay evangelism techniques and perfect their speaking skills.

God who has given me success. He wants to show the world what He can do through a low and unpretentious messenger whom He has chosen."

Mrs. Helevaara gives the money she earns every Thursday for mission work in her own conference. Her motto is, "God's errands are urgent; it is later than we believe."

Unto Hongisto
Publishing Secretary, Finland Union



"It is God who has given me success," says Mrs. Anna-Liisa Helevaara, record-setting literature evangelist in the Finland Union.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

#### SDA Hospital in Manila Dedicates New Facilities

The renovated operating suite of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital in the Philippines was dedicated for service July 19 by the offering of dedicatory prayers by M. G. Jereos and G. E. Bullock, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the North Philippine Union Mission.

The operating suite, on the third floor of the main hospital building, includes two large operating rooms and two smaller ones.

A month later, on August 14, the new pediatric unit and conference room on the fourth floor were dedicated. The occasion marked the completion of Phase III of the hospital renovation-expansion program.

After the dedicatory service the traditional ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs. G. E. Bullock, assisted by Dr. Mercy Lynn Jereos Seralde, head of the pediatrics department.

The new pediatric unit has three private and three semi-private rooms that are fully air conditioned, three wards, and four isolation rooms, giving a total capacity of 30 youth beds and cribs.

EMMELINE AMY ARRIOLA-FLORES

Editor, News and Views

# Why does a priest kiss his robe twice a day?

"The eyes of the church held this habit in such honor that it counseled me to kiss it with respect every time I put it on or took it off."

I Was a Catholic Priest exposes the training and mission of a young priest. Follow him to a Trappist monastery— "Each Friday morning in remembrance of the scourging of Christ we had to undergo lashing of the back and shoulders." As a missionary to Malaysia during its civil war-Of a Chinese Christian he says, "One of his sons, who was on the English side, the Communists executed. Another son, who was on the Communist side, the English executed." Through the trauma of leaving the priesthood-"The separation tore me apart. I was certain that it was God's will that I leave. But how hard it was to leave those I loved!" Ernest Delaporte's story is one of memorable courage and dedication. Even more, I Was a Catholic Priest is an intimate insight into the Roman Church.

ALSO NEW IS **A Heart of Flesh.** Rebecca Cohen was born into an atmosphere of broken dreams, frustration, and anger. Women had to obey and work or else they were beaten. Her father's heavy boot hit her on the head and knocked her unconscious because she had not done what he commanded. Her brothers hitched her to the plow and made her

work like an animal. As a young woman in Philadelphia, Rebecca became a street woman. A Heart of Flesh will be remembered, not for what Rebecca Cohen did, but for what Jesus Christ did in her life.

I Was a Catholic Priest and Heart of Flesh now on sale at your Adventist Book Center or ABC Mailing Service, 2621 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. In Canada: 201 16th Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1J9. Add 30 cents for shipping for first copy and 10 cents each additional copy. Also include tax if applicable.



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These laymen were part of a group of 150 who visited 8,000 homes over a five-month period, studying Voice of Prophecy lessons with Teresina residents and leaving literature.

NORTH BRAZIL

# 1,100 Graduate From Voice of Prophecy Course

In September 1,100 students of the Voice of Prophecy received diplomas in the largest graduation in the history of the North Brazil Union. To date 150 have been baptized in Teresina, capital city of Piauí. Roberto Conrado Filho, evangelist of the Voz da Profecia; and L. C. Engel, director of communication for the North Coast Mission, worked with 150 laymen and a quartet to bring about this program.

Preparations began the first of April with the laymen visiting 8,000 homes. During the five months of visitation prior to the graduation more than 22,000 visits were made and more than 45,000 pieces of literature were left in the homes.

Areas were carefully mapped out so that each team received a maximum of 120 houses. This has made easier the follow-up work of establishing 43 branch Sabbath schools, with 500 persons attending. Literature evangelists were given the addresses of the 1,100 graduates and have had good success in sales. Current plans are to return once again to the same homes with the new course in Portuguese based on *The Great Controversy*.

L. C. ENGEL
Communication Director
North Coast Mission

**PHILIPPINES** 

#### Solomon Islander Chosen Outstanding Student

Allan Paul, Philippine Union College overseas student from the Solomon Islands, was chosen with two others as the most outstanding overseas students in the Philippines by the Philippine International Friend-

ship Organization. There are 25,000 foreign students in the country. Allan was chosen from among 20 semi-finalists.

He was given a trophy and a plaque by the Honorable Jose Aspiras, tourism secretary of the Republic of the Philippines. This is the first time a PUC student has received this honor. Sponsors of PUC's Overseas Association are Dr. Amador Gensolin, college dentist, and Dr. Leonore Gensolin, language professor.

S. G. MIRAFLORES Editor, Philippine Publishing House



#### FIRST-AID CLASS IS TAUGHT AT YOUTH CAMP IN ZAMBIA

A Red Cross first-aid class was conducted at the youth camp held in the South Zambia Field recently. The lecturer was A. Bristow, director of the Zambia Union. Twenty-two young people received not only the Red Cross certificate but also the Junior First-Aid honor. The conducting of this class in Zambia is a first in Missionary Volunteer history.

J. Sitwala, youth director of the Zambia Union, also spoke to the young people at the camp.

DESMOND B. HILLS

Departmental Secretary

Trans-Africa Division

**CALIFORNIA** 

#### LLU Scientists to Study Alcohol's Effect on Babies

A \$114,000 grant has been awarded to researchers in the Loma Linda University School of Health to study the relationship between infant birth defects and deaths and alcoholic mothers.

"We hope to answer questions as to whether prematurity rates, the rates of stillbirths and abortions, neonatal mortality figures, and number of congenital defects are higher among drinking mothers than among non-drinking mothers," says Jan W. Kuzma, chief investigator of the project.

Even though alcohol is considered to be one of the most abused drugs in the nation, he says, its effect on pregnancy outcome has been the subject of very little research.

Chairman of the department of biostatistics and epidemiology, Dr. Kuzma says he hopes to find the answers to these questions in three years—the life of the grant.

The grant was awarded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Washington, D.C.

JERRE K. IVERSEN
Communication Officer

**MICHIGAN** 

# AU to Direct Food Services at Nearby General Hospital

A contract management agreement has been announced whereby Andrews University will direct the operation of food services at Berrien General Hospital, near Berrien Springs, Michigan. The university food services department and department of home economics also will provide a consulting service to the hospital dietary department in all aspects of food service business, including the areas of management, finance, purchasing, and medical dietetics.

According to Clinton A. Wall, director of AU food services, the agreement calls for Andrews to provide consulting services and to employ a director and an assistant director of food services for the hospital. The assistant director will be in charge of patient care.

Heading up the hospital food services program at present will be Mrs. Doris Collins, who has been AU's assistant director of food services. Her assistant will be Mrs. Anna Hiebert, a recent dietetics graduate of Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California, and a former student at AU.

DAVID H. BAUER
Director of Public Relations

# Country's Airports Allow Sale of SDA Literature

An exciting new challenge for the publishing work opened in Colombia, South America, after Benjamin Riffel, sales manager of El Centinela (Spanish equivalent of Signs of the Times), had the opportunity to interview the head of Aeronautica Civil, the organization in charge of all airports in Colombia. As a result of this visit, Elder Riffel obtained permission to sell El Centinela in any airport in the country.

Following up this lead, Elder Riffel visited airports in Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Cali, Pereira, and Medellín. In each airport he interviewed the manager and received permission to sell the magazine in that airport. Now Adventist literature evangelists are distributing El Centinela in each of these places to those who travel the airways of Colombia.

In the airports of each of the four most important cities of the nation—Bogotá, Cali, Medellín, and Barranquilla—Adventist representatives are selling an average of 50 magazines daily. In the smaller airports the average is a little lower.

DARAYL D. LARSEN
Lay Activities Director
Pacific Colombia Mission

#### WASHINGTON

# Thoughts While in Council With Hospital Leaders

Several months ago the General Conference asked me to assist the Health Department in an institute for hospital administrators. Many of our members have entertained the idea that our medical institutions have to some degree lost the concept of their real objective, namely that of healing the whole man. I, too, had perhaps questioned the value of these institutions as a positive, reliant force for the implementation of the gospel commission of our Lord as given in Matthew 24:14.

I was not with the men very long, however, before I discovered that I was entirely mistaken. I found that the leaders of these institutions, struggling under the odds of government and insurance regulations, were all eager to be a part of the Advent Movement and to introduce men and women to Christ. But they are carrying great burdens and hardly know how to move. They yearn for understanding involvement of church leadership in their problems. They want counsel in resolving their perplexities and meeting their challenges.

Upon the hearts of these leaders rests heavily the burden of fulfilling the objectives of these institutions. They recognize that the only way their institutions can fulfill their unique role in the mission of the church is to have dedicated, committed Christians filling the administrative and staff positions that chart the course of the institutions.

These leaders have made a personal appeal to church officials to help them recruit Seventh-day Adventist physicians, nurses, department heads, and other needed personnel to staff these institutions.

There is no work that presents a greater opportunity to our people to witness for the Lord. When people are in pain and beset with worry, doubt, and apprehension, they are most susceptible to the kindness, Christian concern, and touch of loving care that the Christian philosophy teaches.

We sometimes glamourize the appeal for service in faraway lands, when right at our doorstep there are tremendous mission fields in our institutions. I do not wish in any way to minimize the commitment of overseas service, but we must not lose sight of a challenge equally great nearer home.

Hearts long for a word of courage, comfort, and hope as they face surgery, incurable cancer, heart attacks, and other physical and mental problems. Where is there a greater missionary opportunity than in these institutions, where crisis is the order of every day's activities? Where are the dedicated workers to help our leaders fulfill the purposes of these God-inspired institutions?

Ellen White felt this concern also when she wrote: "The Lord has brought us into possession of our health institutions that we may learn to bring to the sick, in the most attractive way, truths of heavenly origin. We must never lose sight of the fact that these institutions are instrumentalities in the hands of God for bringing the light of truth to those who are in darkness."—Medical Ministry, p. 194.

We need balanced, committed, talented Christians in every branch of service in our medical institutions. Some of our nurses would rather work in non-Seventh-day Adventist institutions because at times they can get Sabbath privileges more readily. (Most workers in our own institutions desire to have Sabbaths free, while in other institutions workers usually prefer Sundays free.) But let us remember that we are operating these institutions with an added dimension and that this is missionary work of the highest order. We may be called upon to make some personal sacrifices for the salvation of souls, and we should stand ready to do just that. It is all part of God's plan for the operation of Christian health-care centers.

WILLIS J. HACKETT Vice-President, General Conference



Stuart Ware, right, and his family, left, were hosts to four student missionaries, center, who stopped to visit overnight but changed their minds and stayed two months to help out with Welsh church activities.

#### **ENGLAND**

#### Californians Go East, Help Out at Welsh Gate

Four young Americans left their California homes last summer and made their separate ways to Great Britain for a vacation. One of them, Barry Casey, had agreed to spend part of his time doing some student missionary work but was unsure how this would work out. By chance (later seen to have been the leading of the Lord) they met at the home of Stuart R. Ware in Wales for a brief stopover before continuing their sightseeing. It was two months later that they left!

Earlier, in March, a young British man had begun a Gate program. Frank Keef was able to keep it going and was getting a good number of young people coming regularly, but by summer he was looking around for help. About this time the Californians came, and when they heard of the need for help they forgot about their vacation plans and became student missionaries. Each week they helped Frank in his program, climaxing the week's activities with a concert. Many young people from the local mining and steel area came to Ebbw Vale and were touched by the warmth and sincerity of the Californians' witness.

Plans are under way for the local church to sponsor another group from California next summer to help out with a full youth-to-youth program. By that time local church members hope to have completed a new church and community center.

STUART R. WARE Pastor, Welsh Mission

# NEWS NOTES

FROM THE WORLD DIVISIONS

#### Euro-Africa

- ▶ During the third quarter of 1973, 25 persons were received into church fellowship in the German Swiss Conference, making a total membership of 2,290. With the 1,722 in the French Swiss Conference this makes more than 4,000 members in the Swiss Union
- ▶ Meetings in Zurich and Bern, Switzerland, begun by Andrew Fearing of the General Conference Ministerial Association, are now being continued by Harald Knott, Swiss Union president. This former evangelist has 35 adults in Zurich and 14 in Bern in special Bible classes preparing for baptism. Werner Bodenmann, church pastor in Bern, is assisting in that city.
- ▶ The secondary school at Phoenix, Mauritius, organized a Friday afternoon off-hours Bible class that is attended by several of the older non-Adventist pupils. One of the teachers also has a Bible class on Sabbath afternoons for about 25 teen-age boys, who ask keen questions about the truths proclaimed by the church.
- ▶ In the government examinations set and marked by the University of Cambridge, 55 per cent of the candidates from the Phoenix secondary school in Mauritius passed in the six required subjects. Another 36 per cent succeeded in four or five and gained a General Certificate of Education award. These results compare very favorably with the national average, and give the school a good standing academically.
- ▶ During the autumn-winter season in the German Democratic Republic, a total of 103 pastors, including conference presidents, conducted evangelistic campaigns in 125 churches, making a total of about 1,350 religious meetings. In this country all public evangelistic meetings are held in the local Seventhday Adventist churches, and interested listeners receive a personal invitation from their friends to attend.

EDWARD E. WHITE, Correspondent

#### Far Eastern

▶ Steps to Christ is a very popular book in the public and school libraries of Hong Kong. Young people of the Pioneer Memorial Church MV Society placed four copies in Hong Kong's largest public library as well as in other libraries. Checking six months later, they found the books had been checked out very often, and at the time of their visit all the copies were on loan. When

they visited one school, the librarian thanked the young Adventists for the book, and asked that they might have more copies for the benefit of their students.

- ▶ B. D. Gulfan of the East Visayan Mission, Central Philippines, decided to hold evangelistic meetings in the same spot where once stood a Seventh-day Adventist church. The church was built several years ago in the village of Borongan, but the ministerial intern who helped raise a group of believers there was called to another position. Without leadership, the church slowly died, and the building was left deserted and finally demolished. Pastor Gulfan determined to rebuild the church. After two baptisms, 28 people are now members of the Borongan church.
- ▶ Nine persons were baptized October 27 at a ceremony that climaxed a Voice of Youth Crusade held by B. E. Jacobs, division youth director, in Menado, Indonesia.
- ▶ A hundred local church and mission stewardship secretaries and trust services directors attended a seminar November 6 and 7 in Davao City, Philippines. Ben de la Cruz, an optometrist in the Southern Mindanao Mission, and his wife gave their property, valued at 150,000 pesos, to the church during the seminar. Present at the simple ceremony were A. C. McKee and C. A. Williams, of the General Conference and Far Eastern Division, respectively.

D. A. Roth, Correspondent

#### Inter-American

- ▶ Thirty inmates of the Florencia Cáqueta jail in Colombia have been awarded their diplomas after having completed the Voice of Prophecy Bible course with the help of Arturo González. Several are preparing for baptism.
- ▶ Approximately 40 persons were baptized in the Reach Out for Life crusade conducted by D. George King of the Bamboo church in Jamaica. On the final day of the crusade, more than 50 Pathfinders, led by a Brigade band, marched down the streets of Bamboo with placards in hand, peacefully demonstrating against the intemperate and unhealthful habits of society.
- ▶ In the Netherlands Antilles the following films on temperance have been shown on both the Curaçao and Aruba TV channels as part of the mission's temperance program: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt, Verdict at 1:32, One in 20,000, and A Crutch for All Seasons.
- ▶ Joseph C. Johannes, medical director of the Antillean Adventist Hospital in Curaçao, has been holding free clinics in the mission territory. In cooperation with Israel Leito, mission temperance secretary, he also presented on TV a series of talks on temperance.
- ▶ In Port of Spain, Trinidad, a successful temperance program was presented recently with a display of eye-

catching posters and pamphlets on alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana. Smoking Sam was also featured.

▶ Theo. Grep, pastor in the Curaçao Mission, conducted one of the most successful evangelistic efforts in the history of the mission. After a three-week series of meetings, 45 persons were baptized.

L. MARCEL ABEL, Correspondent

#### Southern Asia

- ▶ The Nepal Health Education Welfare Service of Seventh-day Adventists was registered August 31 in Dhulikhel, with permission granted to work in the district where the Scheer Memorial Hospital is located. Adventists are assured that similar permission will be given for the operation of branches in other parts of the kingdom.
- ▶ Dr. and Mrs. Maynard F. Aaby and Mr. and Mrs. Yeoman arrived in Dacca, Bangladesh, October 9 to establish the Dacca Dental Clinic, the second of its kind to be started in Southern Asia. The Bangladesh department of health and department of relief granted duty-free clearance to the dental equipment. All the equipment for this clinic has been donated for the work in Bangladesh by Dr. and Mrs. Aaby. The house that will be occupied by the dental clinic is in a prominent location of the city and was recently redecorated by the government.
- ► Student missionaries Dorothy Crumley and Karrin Kirkman arrived in Bangladesh from Walla Walla College on September 11 to spend a year nursing at Gopalganj Hospital.
- ▶ The Southern Asia Division office, Voice of Prophecy office, and Oriental Watchman Publishing House, all situated on the Salisbury Park Estate in Poona, held an open day for the public on September 9. Sensing that perhaps many in the quickly growing surrounding community knew little about activities taking place on the estate, the church lay activities group proposed the idea. Hundreds came and stayed to see temperance and Voice of Prophecy films and to enjoy gospel music performed by the VOP broadcasting group. Christian education, lay activities, welfare, ministerial, and publication displays attracted the visitors. Many enrolled in Voice of Prophecy courses and were invited to attend church and Sabbath school,
- ▶ A school of medical technology is scheduled to open at the Karachi Hospital in March, 1974.
- ▶ Nicodim Guria is the only Adventist in Chotauli village, Bihar. He conducted a Voice of Youth effort using the Gift Bible Plan. As a result, eight persons are now keeping the Sabbath and are waiting for J. N. Topno to go there and conduct reaping meetings.
- ▶ Dr. B. Y. Stockhausen joined the staff of the Simla Sanitarium and Hospital on October 18.
  - A. J. JOHANSON, Correspondent

### North American

#### Atlantic Union

- ▶ Literature evangelists of the New York Conference have just completed a Big Eleven Week. More than 1,200 pieces of literature were distributed, 240 were enrolled in Bible correspondence courses, prayer was offered in 216 homes, 24 Bible studies were given, and one person was baptized. Total sales amounted to nearly \$13,000.
- ▶ This is the second year that a minor in computer science has been offered at Atlantic Union College. A two-year program leading to an Associate in Science degree in business computer programming will begin during the 1973-1974 school year and will include courses in computer science, as well as accounting, economics, and business.
- ▶ Riverview Memorial School in Norridgewock, Maine, opened the doors of its new school in September. Fifty-two pupils went into the new classrooms.
- ▶ During the past year, Foxboro, Massachusetts, church members have been visiting prisoners. Five prisoners have been baptized by George Draper, church pastor.
- Mrs. Pansy Currie, Dorcas leader of the South Lancaster Village church, reports that the South Lancaster Community Services Center has helped 1,468 persons with 9,640 articles of clothing, 544 pieces of furniture, 103 food boxes, 400 papers and books, and 106 toys, plus the food and toys given at Thanksgiving and Christmas in 1972. EMMA KIRK, Correspondent

#### Central Union

- ▶ The names of nine Central Union college students will appear in the next edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They are James Brauer, Colorado; Barbara Chapman, Missouri; Helen Dick, Kansas; Debra Gray, Nebraska; Bruce Hasenauer, Colorado; Russel Thomas, Nebraska; Lynne Thornberry, Missouri; Barbara Voss, Nebraska; Ryan Wells, Oklahoma.
- ▶ On Sabbath, November 24, the new Chapel Oaks church in Kansas City, Kansas, was officially opened. S. S. Will, conference president, was the speaker at the eleven o'clock hour. The structure is composed of the sanctuary, rooms for adult classes, the educational wing for the Sabbath school divisions and the youth chapel, and there is a gymnasium with kitchen facilities attached. Norman L. Doss is the pastor of this new church.
- ▶ Recently ground was broken for a new church in Gladstone, Missouri, where members have met in rented quarters since their organization in 1969.
- ▶ The Kingsville, Missouri, church celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary on Sabbath, October 27. More than 100 guests, many from out of State, attended the day's activities. Ed Hobbs,

- 87, who has been a member of the Kingsville church for more than 70 years, also was present. R. H. Nightingale, president of the Central Union, spoke at the morning worship service.
- ▶ Mrs. W. H. Anderson, 86, after 35 years in mission service now lives in Kansas, where she studies the Bible in her home on Sabbath afternoons with approximately 18 people. So far two from the study group have been baptized.

CLARA ANDERSON, Correspondent

#### Columbia Union

- ► A Metro Education Planning Council has been set up to study education needs for the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., corridor.
- ▶ Nearly four fifths of the churches in the Chesapeake Conference are engaged in building either new schools or new church buildings.
- ► Chesapeake Conference members recently gave more than \$10,000 in one day for the Highland View Academy scholarship fund.
- ▶ Thirteen persons were baptized recently following evangelistic meetings held at the Big Bible Center, Chester, Pennsylvania. Speaker for the meetings was H. A. Cartwright, newly appointed pastor of the Chester-Wilmington district.
- ▶ Offerings taken during the camp meeting in the Allegheny West Conference have aided in providing appropriations for major church-building projects at Cincinnati Shiloh, Akron Bethel, and Delaware Victory; a new school building in Germantown, Ohio; schools in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; renovation for 16 churches; dormitory construction at Pine Forge Academy, Pennsylvania; and five new tents for public evangelistic meetings.
- ▶ A new church with 14 charter members was organized recently in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. Participating were Richard Fearing and Dale Beaulieu of the Mountain View Conference.
- ▶ Some 3,000 fairgoers stopped at the Medina, Ohio, church exhibit at the Medina County Fair and received vegetarian food samples and health and devotional literature. Interest evidenced at the fair led to the scheduling of food and nutrition classes. Mrs. Ralph Ahnberg, director of Medina's Community Services Center, and Mrs. Evan Miller, director of the Akron, Ohio, Community Services Center, led in the community witness programs.
- ▶ Della May Hedrick, of Maumee, Ohio, has just celebrated her onehundredth birthday. She is a member of the Toledo First church.
- ▶ Washington Adventist Hospital recently held open house for its new \$12.5 million wing. United States Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr., participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CHARLES L. BEELER, Correspondent

#### Lake Union

- ▶ Members of the Czechoslovakian, Polish, and Yugoslavian North churches in Chicago gathered November 10 to witness the baptism of four people.
- ▶ Thirteen persons were baptized after MISSION '73 meetings in Decatur, Illinois, by Stanley Cottrell.
- ▶ The wooden medical corridor at Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital, erected in 1942 under the direction of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, was torn down in October. The area will be paved next spring to expand present parking facilities.
- ▶ The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan, has granted \$32,000 toward construction of the Lansing Community Services Center. Watson M. Buckman, Michigan Conference lay activities secretary, had written the foundation, requesting \$25,000 to match funds given by the Ransom Fidelity Fund, the former Olds Foundation. An additional \$75,000 had been covered by the Lansing church, leaving \$32,000 to complete the financing. The Kresge Foundation sent \$7,000 more than was requested, making the total of their grant \$32,000.
- ▶ Roy Wightman, coordinator for the "Heartbeat" risk detection program at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, appeared November 25 on the TV program "Sunday in Chicago." More than 4,000 members of the general public have been tested for heart risk factors at programs coordinated by the health education department at the hospital in the past two years.
- ▶ Eighty students are enrolled in a first-year bilingual education class being conducted at the Spanish Chicagoland Better Living Center by a major Chicago university.
- ▶ On September 23, 48 members of the Bloomington, Indiana, church walked 15 miles from Bloomington to Timber Ridge Camp. The occasion was a walkathon to raise funds for a new church school. In all, 603 miles were walked and \$1,260 was raised.
- ▶ Twenty-five children, five adults, and one German Shepherd dog (whose sponsorship netted more than \$5.00) walked a cumulative 300 miles in a recent Sunday morning walk-a-thon to raise funds for Camp Sagola in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Nearly \$900 was raised.
- ▶ Doyle Harp, principal of the Green Bay, Wisconsin, church school, recently had the opportunity to present Adventist beliefs to 31 Presbyterians at Grace Presbyterian church as part of a seminar sponsored by the Presbyterian and First United Methodist churches.

GORDON ENGEN, Correspondent

#### North Pacific Union

▶ After 14 years as Magic Valley Dorcas Federation president, Esther O'Dell has asked to be relieved of her duties.

Although stepping down as Federation president, she still plans to be active in her local society in Twin Falls, Idaho.

- ▶ S. D. Bietz and D. G. Albertsen, Idaho Conference treasurer and departmental secretary, respectively, recently met with a class in "Religion in Idaho" at Boise State College. They were asked to present the doctrinal teachings of the church, church policy, and history of the church in Idaho.
- ▶ Continued losses by the countyowned-and-operated Toole County Hospital in Shelby, Montana, forced county officials to seek help. After considerable discussion and negotiations, the Montana Conference took over the management of the institution on July 1, and is showing gains, according to a quarterly statement issued by the hospital.
- ▶ Howard D. Burbank recently became director of trust services and secretary of the Western Washington Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. He was previously sales manager for the Stanborough Press in England, and has traveled widely throughout Europe in the promotion of Adventist literature. CECIL COFFEY, Correspondent

#### Southern Union

- ▶ The Jackson, Tennessee, church was recently selected to be on the annual Altrusa Club tour of homes in Jackson. Hundreds of people viewed the sanctuary and met with members. This new church was dedicated January 5.
- ▶ Joel Dortch, Adventist Book Center manager in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, reports recent weekend sales of more than \$2,800 in Lexington and Manchester, Kentucky, and \$2,300 in Covington and Pewee Valley, Kentucky. The sales resulted from bookmobile visits to these communities.
- ▶ Delphia Lawrence, Daytona Beach pastor's wife, recently conducted a five-night nutrition and cooking school.
- "Revelation Generation," Florida's new TV series, is currently being televised on Orlando television station WDBO, channel 6. The half-hour program will be shown weekly through January 6.
- ▶ More than 20 baptisms have resulted from meetings held in Mobile, Alabama, by Roland Cemer, Walter Marshall, and Clark Acker. In another part of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference, seven were baptized as a result of meetings by W. H. Patsel and Lewis Brand in Scottsboro, Alabama.
- ▶ Orlando Junior Academy, a kindergarten-through-ninth-grade school in the Florida Conference, is in the process of remodeling existing structures and adding 6,700 square feet of new classroom space. The new wing being added will be divided into five classrooms by the use of demountable partitions and will provide for a flexible program in educa-

OSCAR L. HEINRICH, Correspondent

# **Bulletin Board**

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#### PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

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Unbottled Poison, by Ruth Jaeger Buntain (32 pages, \$.30). Hate, frustration, and anger are poisons that kill people as surely as arsenic. Conversely cheerfulness, self-control, unselfishness, and gratitude have a marvelous life-giving effect on the human body. In this booklet, the problems of destructive emotions are examined and a solution is presented.

Surely God Led, by J. M. Howell (128 pages, \$1.95). John M. Howell and his wife were pioneer missionaries to South America. From the high plains of Peru to Lima and Chile they worked to establish schools and colleges among the Indians. This book presents early SDA mission work as it really happened in the words of the man who helped begin it.

Psychic Roulette, by George E. Vandeman (176 pages, cloth binding \$4.95, paper binding \$2.75). An exposé of the growing psychic cult of today. This book published under the Nelson imprint, printed at the Pacific Press.

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Religious Liberty Offering	January 26
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Spring Missions Offering	March 9
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Sabbath School Visitors' Day	March 16
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Offering (Local Conference)	March 30
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(Afro-Mideast Division)	March 30
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#### **Bus Accident Kills 21 Youth**

A chartered bus accident in Brazil's state of Santa Catarina took the lives of 21 Seventh-day Adventist youth and left 14 others hospitalized in critical condition. The youth were from São Paulo's Central church and were returning on Sunday from Granada da Serra in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where a union-wide youth congress had been held on Sabbath, December 22. Details of the accident remain sketchy, but apparently the bus collided with another vehicle on a bridge near the city of Lagos.

F. C. Webster

#### **Record Set for Religious Printing**

The largest single order ever written for religious books was made possible by the unprecedented response of Adventists to the new plan for mass distribution of Ellen G. White books announced in the June 14 issue of the Review. The original order included Steps to Christ, 2.3 million; The Great Controversy, 350,000; and The Desire of Ages, 350,000.

However, this first order is already in short supply and United Publishers will soon issue new printing orders for Steps to Christ, 1 million; The Great Controversy, 350,000; and The Desire of Ages, 250,000. We could wish Ellen White were now with us to witness the distribution of these inspired books like the leaves of autumn. ARTHUR L. WHITE

#### Ethiopia Doubles Membership

As of October 27, 1973, 2,000 persons had been baptized in the Western Ethiopian Mission. Membership in this mission of 8,000 members four years ago was under 4,000.

There are only two ordained ministers in this mission. They are so busy baptizing new members in the rivers of Ethiopia each Sabbath that they are unable to hold evangelistic campaigns. These converts are brought in by laymen, one of whom has already seen more than 110 persons baptized.

Walter M. Ost

#### SPA Begins Move to New Factory

Professional equipment movers have arrived at Southern Publishing Association to begin moving factory equipment to the new location on Elm Hill Pike in Nashville, Tennessee. The move, which is expected to take more than two months, began in the bindery. Employees worked side by side with movers in disassembling and loading heavy machinery.

Considerable finishing work remains to be done on the chapel and office wings of the new building, but all departments are expected to be completely operational in plenty of time for the official grand opening, scheduled for March 12, 1974.

#### Classes Win New Church Members

During the first six months of 1973, the Inter-American Division reports 13,459 persons baptized through Sabbath school evangelism, using classes as evangelistic units.

Classes are formed on the basis of residence of class members, who hold branch Sabbath schools, Vacation Bible Schools, and other related programs in nearby territory. Each class sets its goal for persons to win.

HOWARD F. RAMPTON

#### Biennial Workshop for Educators

More than 55 field personnel attended the biennial workshop for superintendents, secretaries, and supervisors of education of the North American Division held at Andrews University, November 25-29.

On the third day, 80 were in attendance when Harold R. Armstrong, president of the School Management Institute, presented his "Teaching Performance Evaluation." Public-school administrators in two local school districts joined the Adventist educators in studying areas of mutual concern.

Two telelectures on the legal aspects of discipline for administrators and discipline guidelines for the supervisor, together with career education, the role of the superintendent and offices of education, emerging administrative patterns, human potential, employment policies, the theory of Adventist educational administration, learning disabilities, value clarification, interaction analysis, school evaluation, and inservice education were topics and discussions that met varying needs.

C. L. Jaqua and Millie U. Youngberg planned and directed the workshop.

T. S. GERATY

#### Reading Institute Raises \$1 Million

Two years of consistent effort, strong leadership, and dependence on God's will culminated recently in the obtaining of \$1 million in voluntary support for the construction of new facilities at the Reading Institute of Rehabilitation in Pennsylvania. LeMar Heydt, prominent church layman, and Jack Schleenbaker, administrator, were leaders in the fundraising drive.

The new hospital is to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1974.

Donald G. Reynolds

#### N.A. Ingathering Report-6

The total amount of Ingathering raised through the sixth week of the 1974 campaign ending December 22, 1973, is \$6,942,326.98. This is a per capita of \$14.59 per member in the North American Division.

The total amount raised for the same period last year was \$6,635,100.22. The amount so far this year is a gain of \$307,226.76.

The amount raised this week is \$699,242.87.

All unions and 52 conferences showed gains over last year's achievement.

C. C. Weis