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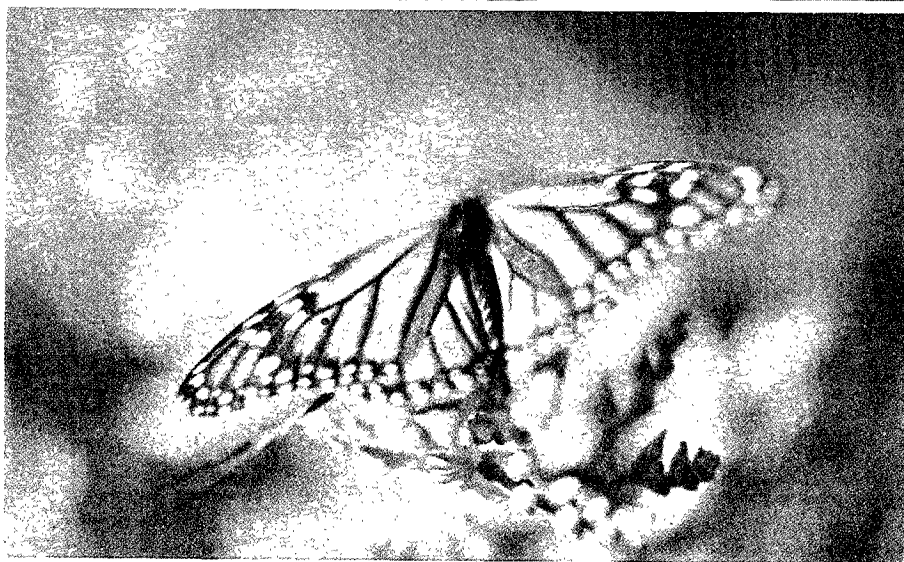
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## New Beginnings

By JEAN WARD

The sunshine speaks to me  
of hope, life, and love,  
of new beginnings  
hidden behind the lead-gray  
skies of yesterday.  
All the old dead leaves  
of past regrets  
and broken promises  
have been swept away  
by the wind.  
And in their place I see  
tiny buds that speak to me  
of God.



## Let's Study God's Word

Andrews University

I appeal to God's people everywhere to turn to God's Word. In these closing, challenging last days we need God's Guidebook as never before. If Christlikeness is God's ideal for His people, we need to search the Jesus Book for the Jesus life and example. We have time for the daily newspaper, secular journals, the TV, the radio, and other time-consuming attractions. We dare not fail daily to search the Word earnestly and prayerfully. If we are too busy to spend time with God's Word every day we are busier than God ever wanted us to be!

You don't really *know how* to study the Bible in an interesting manner? Then listen:

If you are not used to doing independent Bible study you may wonder how to begin. Whole books have been written on how to study the Bible, and you may find it helpful to get one from your Adventist Book Center. However, a few simple suggestions may help you to begin.

Reading a whole book at one sitting or reading the entire Bible a few chapters a day will give you an overview of God's purpose and way of communicating with His people. But fully "to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19), you will need to dig more deeply.

In an excellent chapter on Bible study in the book *Education*, Ellen White recommends: "In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse, and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God has put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own. One passage thus studied until its significance is clear is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained."—*Education*, p. 189.

A complete concordance is an indispensable aid to Bible study because the Scriptures are not organized like modern books with each subject covered in a chapter. Instead, truth shines out in many-splendored beauty as it is reflected through the minds of prophets, poets, and apostles inspired by the Holy Spirit.

In order to search out the riches often locked within a single word, use your concordance to bring together the verses in which this word is used throughout the Bible. Copying these texts in a notebook as you find them will make it easy to go back and grasp the full richness of meaning the Holy Spirit has given that word. Often you find that the Bible itself defines the word, and as you keep that definition in mind during further study, fresh vistas of truth will open to your mind.\*

If you would like to try this method of Bible study for yourself, you will find rich treasures in the word *glory* or *glorify*. The key definition is found in Exodus 33:17-19. (A sentence from *The Desire of Ages*, page 20, is an illuminating commentary: "The glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love.")

\* Preferably such word study should be done in the original languages of the Bible. For those unfamiliar with these languages, helps are available, such as *Young's Analytical Concordance*, *The Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance of the Old Testament*, and *The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament*. It should be remembered that most words have several meanings and that over a period of time meanings may change. In any given instance the context must determine the precise meaning.

With this definition of glory as your frame of reference, read John 17, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Revelation 14:7, and many other texts. The words used symbolically in the prophetic books of the Bible will also yield new meaning when studied this way.

To let the Word speak to you personally, read until you come to a promise or an admonition. Stop and meditate on its meaning, consciously asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the verse you have read.

Whatever method of Bible study we choose, we must guard against merely skimming the surface. This is a special problem for most of us today because we live in an age of communication overkill. A thousand voices clamor for our attention, and our minds have become superficial through reacting to too many stimuli.

The same chapter in *Education* cited above warns that "old and young form the habit of reading hastily and superficially, and the mind loses its power of connected and vigorous thought" (page 189).

If you are not satisfied with what you are receiving from your Bible study ask yourself these questions:

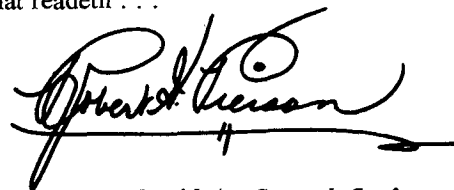
1. Do I pray for the Holy Spirit to teach me as I open the Bible?
2. Do I take enough time to listen?
3. Have I arranged my life so that I have time alone each day uninterrupted by outside distractions? Some earnest Christians are rising at 4:00 A.M. in order to do this.
4. Have I surrendered my will to obey all the Holy Spirit shows me?
5. Are my health habits giving me a clear mind to grasp truth?

If you feel that your mind is not capable of comprehending the deep things of God's Word there is encouragement for you. Through His messenger we are promised, "God can teach you more in one moment by His Holy Spirit than you could learn from the great men of the earth."—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 415.

We are also assured that "from the study of the word of life, students may come forth with minds expanded, elevated, ennobled."—*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 466.

"No other study will so ennoble every thought, feeling, and aspiration as the study of the Scriptures. This Sacred Word is the will of God revealed to men. Here we may learn what God expects of the beings formed in His image. Here we learn how to improve the present life and how to secure the future life. No other book can satisfy the questionings of the mind and the craving of the heart. By obtaining a knowledge of God's word, and giving heed thereto, men may rise from the lowest depths of ignorance and degradation to become the sons of God, the associates of sinless angels."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 24.

"Blessed is he that readeth . . ."



President, General Conference

# This Week

Our cover poem was written by Jean Ward, a Review and Herald proofreader. During springtime the things of nature hold special lessons for us, reminding us of the incredible resurgence of power and life that comes to creature and field alike after days of bleakness.

It is to our great loss that in urban society the voices of the flowers, birds, fields, and trees are only dimly heard amid the clamor of the city. City dwellers try to learn nature's lessons by growing back-yard gardens, taking weekend camping trips, and nurturing house plants, but they

are aware that it is not the same, that the voice is still distant and dim.

The Christian hears God's strong, calm, and loving voice in His creation. Nature is one of His special revelations of Himself to us. Let us hear Him speak.

This week we begin a series by Harold G. Coffin, Ph.D., entitled "Creation: The Evidence From Science" ("The Mystery of Life," p. 4). Dr. Coffin is a research scientist for the Geoscience Research Institute, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Dr. Coffin attended Walla Walla College, graduating in 1947

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Dr. Coffin began his denominational service as an instructor at Canadian Union College in 1947. In 1956 he went to Walla Walla College, where he taught biology and headed the biology department. In 1964 he joined the Geoscience Research Institute as a professor of Paleontology.

Dr. Coffin has contributed to Creation Research Society publications and has authored two books: *Trails Unlimited* and *Creation—Accident or Design?*

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## Scan news briefs from the religious world

### BIBLE IN 23 NEW LANGUAGES

NEW YORK—Scriptures were published in 23 new languages in 1974, bringing the total "Scripture language count" to 1,549, according to the American Bible Society.

Also complete books of the Bible were newly published in 22 languages or dialects ranging from Abua, spoken in Nigeria, to the Tsumkwe dialect of the !xu language of South-West Africa. (The "!" represents a click.) The twenty-third new language was Yapese, a South Pacific language that was used in a translation of the New Testament.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DECLINE

NASHVILLE—Efforts to understand what ails the Sunday school and to restore it to health are under way, as indicated by a "Confrontation Sunday School" consultation held here by the United Methodist Christian Educators Fellowship. It was commonly conceded at the meeting that while Sunday school remains strong in evangelical churches and sects, it is declining in mainline denominations.

Since 1959, United Methodist Sunday school attendance has declined 22.7 per cent. Seventy-seven per cent of all the schools in

the ten-million-member church have less than 100 active persons; only 3.1 per cent have more than 300 members.

### INFLATION PROBLEMS

RICHMOND, Va.—Inflation's inroads into Southern Baptist foreign missions are indicated by the fact that the nation's largest Protestant denomination has had to budget \$3.5 million more for 1975 to support missionaries than it did in 1974. Included in that category are funds for salaries, medical expenses, education of children overseas, travel, rent, and insurance.

### AD RATE INCREASE

PHILADELPHIA—The *Lutheran*, national magazine of the Lutheran church in America and the largest denominational periodical in the U.S., has announced a 20 per cent increase in advertising rates. As of January 1, the cost for a black-and-white page is \$2,160, while the price now charged for a full-color page is \$3,166.

James W. Morentz, advertising manager, said the rates continue to be predicated on a 500,000 circulation base. Current audited circulation of the magazine is 550,000.

## Letters

[Letters submitted for publication in this column cannot be acknowledged or returned. All must carry the writer's name and address. Short letters (less than 250 words) will be given preference. All will be edited to meet space and literary requirements. The views presented do not necessarily represent those of the editors or of the denomination.]

### High-priced Education

Re "Is Christian Education Overpriced?" (Dec. 19).

My wife has gone to work in order that our children might attend SDA schools. We're troubled because we know that the children need her at home on a full-time basis.

Even now, with other financial problems arising, we find Christian education slowly slipping from our grasp.

In fact, most Adventists we know are in the same predicament—working mothers, feeling guilty for leaving home, holding on to a greased financial thread.

The author has painted parents

as the problem in this dilemma and points a finger at them by quoting Jeremiah 13:20, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Pointing fingers won't solve the problems of educational costs, but only add to the burden of guilt and hopelessness most working parents are already experiencing.

We are given the example of the big expensive car, but I don't think the average SDA falls in this category. In fact, a very small percentage of SDA's would purchase a new car or air conditioner rather than send their children to Adventist schools.

Parents are again blamed for demanding super schools; however, if education were brought down to the basics needed to prepare people for a Christian life of service, parents would be the first to offer praise, as our commission is to spread the gos-

pel to the world, in Christian love. Hence, if a student wants a special course, there are many community colleges available for this purpose.

ROBERT BROWNING  
Rutland, Massachusetts

### Worth the Price

I have noticed discussions in the REVIEW concerning the cost of a year's subscription to the REVIEW. For a paper that is so valuable to the SDA Church, I cannot see that the cost is unusual. Especially is this apparent when one compares its cost to that of, for example, *TV Guide* which is \$13.00 for one year. I am sure that many families buy the *TV Guide* and would not consider being without it. The comparative value is not worth discussing.

CLIFFORD L. JAQUA  
Riverside, California

### New Layout Appreciated

The March issue of the REVIEW monthly digest just reached me yesterday. This is to compliment you on the artistic make-up of the REVIEW. It is striking, attractive, and modern.

The favorable features make it more winsome, and hence a more effective tool as a proclaimer of God's truth in these sunset hours of earth's history.

A. V. WALLENKAMPF  
Manila, Philippines

### On Being Single

For those who complain of being single (see article "On Being Single," Oct. 10; Letters, Dec. 26, Jan. 16, Feb. 13), "matchmakers" give them a hand, but leave your mittens off the silent ones!

ALICE MURRY  
Lincoln, Nebraska

# The Mystery of Life

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A monkey jumping on a typewriter  
will never produce a driver's manual.  
Neither can the staggering  
complexity of a living cell be  
the result of chance.

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By HAROLD G. COFFIN

THE MORE SCIENTISTS STUDY living protoplasm, the more complicated it seems to become. The use of the electron microscope and biochemical analysis is opening windows into the living cell that men a few years ago never dreamed of, windows that reveal detail almost beyond description.

It would be easier to study the living cell if we could say what life really is. So far no man has been able to duplicate life (despite news reports) or even to define it clearly.

It is impressive to fly over a great city at night and to see the numberless twinkling house and street lights, the headlights of the cars moving along the city streets and freeways, and to realize the great number of beings that lie below you and the multitude of their activities. If you marvel at what man has been able to accomplish, you will be humbled to realize that if it were possible to enlarge a cell to the size of a city, equal complexity and activity would be evident. Man has built the city, but he has had nothing to do with the development of the cell.

We can compare the individual grains of sand in the bricks of the buildings of the city to the atoms in the living matter of a cell, the bricks themselves to the molecules, the rooms of the buildings to the amino acids, and the buildings to the proteins. Scattered through the city are complexes of factories, power plants, and schools. Throughout the cell are distinct substances involved in the production of energy, in the transmission of inherited characteristics, in the communication requirements of the cell, and in many other activities. Transportation arteries of the city are duplicated by canals and passageways distributed all through the cell. A large city lies mostly on one plane with only major buildings in the city center rising considerably above ground level, but the cell city is built in three dimensions.

What happens when the cell grows and divides? All of these intricate parts cannot be rudely disrupted when the cell splits into two. Each portion has to have a share of the

parts and the living protoplasm to enable it to continue to grow and function. Think of the involved mechanisms necessary to sort out and separate these complex parts!

If a great big metropolis like Chicago should decide to separate into two distinct cities, how long would it take to bring about a separation of the transportation system so that each half of the city would have a complete system of its own? What of the power sources and lines? How about the communications network, the waste and sewage system? Surely it would require years for such a change; and yet the cell is able to do this in a matter of minutes in some cases.

All the complexity of a cell and the organism of which it is a part is regulated and directed by a blueprint of staggering intricacy—a code of complete and detailed instructions. Even if the laws of chance operating on atoms and molecules already present were able to produce simple amino acids or proteins, there is no possibility that chance could put together an exquisite and meaningful series of symbols—the DNA code—which conveys almost limitless meaning to the developing organism as it becomes what it is destined to become. An explosion in a print shop, a monkey jumping on a typewriter, would never produce a driver's manual. Neither can the much more detailed instruction of the DNA code be the result of chance.

Every thinking person must be impressed with the evidence for a Master Designer far greater than man who wrote the code, made and brought together the building blocks, and directed the construction.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Ps. 100:3).

Let us examine some of the larger manifestations of life. Let us take, for instance, the nervous system of man. Much could be said of this system, and especially of the brain, an organ we are only beginning to understand. It is not adequate to call the brain a computer, for its abilities are far superior to those of even the most complex computer. Besides being able to store and recall a tremendous mass of information over a lifetime, the brain can take a fact, compare it with a great amount of relevant information already available, and weigh it against judgment and conscience before coming to a conclusion. And how long do these processes take? Usually only a fraction of a second.

## Brain Surpasses Computer

What computer can analyze the grandeur of a symphony, the loveliness of a sonnet, or the beauty of a sunset? What computer can appreciate the inspiration of quiet meditation or the emotions of a mother's love? As the brain receives information from the senses, it makes appropriate responses based on the total experience, judgment, information, and heredity stored within itself.

In brain surgery it is important for the surgeon to know the functions of the various tissues of the brain. By means of a small electric probe he touches various brain tissues to determine how vital they are in the normal functioning and control of the human mind and body. During certain experimentation Wilder Penfield, a Canadian neurosurgeon, discovered two sites on either side of the head, just forward and above the ears, that appear to be the storage areas for all of life's experiences. As he probed with the electrode, patients under local anesthesia communicated with him and recalled vividly past experiences in their lives, incidents they had forgotten for many years.

In recording these experiences Dr. Penfield declared, "One woman heard the voice of her small son in the yard outside

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her kitchen accompanied by the neighborhood sounds of honking autos, barking dogs, and shouting youngsters. One patient listened to an orchestra in the operating room playing a number that she did not herself know how to sing or play, and that she only vaguely recalled having heard before. Another patient heard the singing of a Christmas song in her church at home in Holland. She seemed to be there in the church and was moved again by the beauty of the occasion, just as she had been on that Christmas Eve years earlier.”<sup>1</sup> It would thus appear that man actually has a recording of his total life experiences, like a tape recorder constantly running. Unfortunately, he is not always able to replay these recordings.

#### Incomprehensible Detail

Almost incomprehensible detail exists in each part of the human body, detail that seems unaccountable by any theory of gradual evolutionary development. Look, for example, at the circulatory system. The average human heart beats 100,800 times a day to move a total of ten tons of blood. This is equal to the weight of 140 people. The energy expended equals that needed to carry 60 people (weighing 150 pounds each) from one floor to the next. In a lifetime, approximately 83 million gallons of blood pass through the average heart. This is enough to fill an average home swimming pool more than 3,000 times. This blood is distributed in the body through miles of veins and arteries and into thousands of miles of capillaries.

Man’s ability to reach the moon has thrilled the world. But the capillary systems of the three men in the space capsule, if combined and placed end to end, would reach three fourths of the distance from earth to moon.

Man, with his intelligence, his ability to conceive and design, has produced many marvels, but none of them come near being the marvel that he himself is. A look into the mirror should be the greatest evidence to any person that the most marvelous, the most complex, the most intricate entity in the world—the human being—must have had a Designer. One is forced to conclude that the law with which every man is familiar, that effort and energy are required to make something worthwhile, has been in vigorous operation for the greatest of all entities—man.

One author has ably expressed his sentiments in these words: “Anyone who can contemplate the eye of a housefly, the mechanics of human finger movement, the camouflage of a moth, or the building of every kind of matter from variations in arrangement of proton and electron, and then maintain that all this design happened without a designer, happened by sheer, blind accident—such a person believes in a miracle far more astounding than any in the Bible. To regard man, with his arts and aspirations, his awareness of himself and of his universe, his emotions and his morals, his

very ability to conceive an idea so grand as that of God, to regard this creature as merely a form of life somewhat higher on the evolutionary ladder than the others, is to create questions more profound than was answered.”<sup>2</sup>

The Holy Scriptures clearly tell us man’s origin. “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them” (Gen. 1:27, 28).

In modern times the concept of spontaneous generation has been rephrased in scientific language and incorporated into mechanistic evolution as a probable method for the origin of life. But mechanistic evolution requires for its survival as a theory an exception to one of the best-known laws of life—life begets life—which any schoolboy knows.

Occasionally the news media announce that scientists have created life in the laboratory. Such claims bring up the question “If man can create life now, is there not a possibility that life might have arisen by chance in the past remote history of the earth?”

Apparently the desire to announce the creation of life is a temptation hard to resist for both news reporters and scientists! The real truth is that scientists have not created life, although they have made real breakthroughs in the study of life.

#### Has Man Created Life?

What must the biologist bring about before he can truly say that he has artificially created life? According to Joshua Lederberg, of Stanford University, life requires at least seven substances:

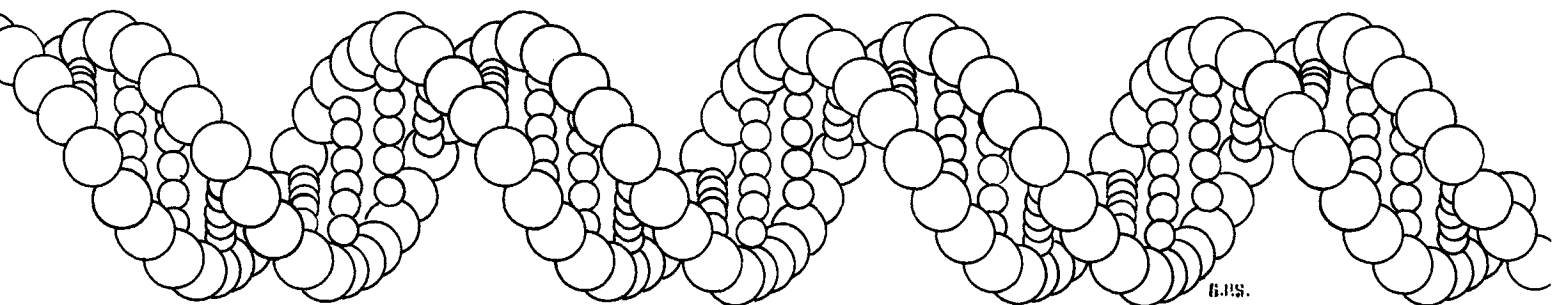
1. Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)
2. Four nitrogenous bases in abundance
3. DNA polymerase
4. Ribotide phosphates
5. RNA polymerase
6. A supply of 20 aminoacyl nucleotides
7. Aminoacyl-RNA polymerase<sup>3</sup>

The following three requirements probably should be added to this list:

8. A membrane
9. Regulatory mechanisms
10. A constant supply of energy

So far scientists have been able to synthesize in the laboratory only the DNA, the first one listed above, but not from scratch. Scientists created neither the DNA molecule they used for the pattern nor the building blocks with which they constructed the new DNA molecule, but they obtained these from viruses and bacteria. If a baby can construct a castle from blocks similar to the castle you just made, you are pleased. But if he could design the structure, cut down the trees, cut out the blocks, paint them, and then build the castle, you would have more than a genius on your hands!

So far man has been able only to copy the already existing



The DNA molecule present in every living cell is extremely complex. It is believed to be the carrier of genetic information. Scientists have been able to synthesize DNA in the laboratory, but only by using the pattern and the building blocks from viruses and bacteria.

castle with building blocks that were already provided. But even this is an incorrect statement. Man has not copied the castle—he has only set up the right conditions, and nature itself has done the copying. DNA polymerase (no. 3 above) did all the work of lining up the building blocks in the right order and joining them together. In other words, the DNA did nothing but provide the pattern.

But this is still not the whole story. Some have assumed that this synthesized DNA is a living entity. In order to be alive, a substance must have (1) a definite structure—there cannot be disorder or chaos. Synthesized DNA meets this requirement. (2) It must have the ability to take in food, give off wastes, repair, replace, grow, and those other features that are lumped together under the term “metabolism.” Synthesized DNA is completely passive; it does not meet this requirement. (3) Living things must have regulatory mechanisms that control the metabolic processes that keep them in balance and guide the living organism into becoming and remaining the kind of organism that it is destined to be. Again, synthesized DNA does not meet this requirement. (4) For a living entity to be more than merely a passing spark that flashes and then dies away, life must have the ability to reproduce another like itself. Synthesized DNA cannot do this either; only the complex and important enzymes can do

this under the correct conditions. You can see that synthesized DNA does not meet three of the four basic requirements of life. Its synthesis is a great accomplishment, but it is not a living substance.<sup>4</sup>

No, man has not produced life. He has only provided the proper conditions for nature to synthesize just one of a considerable list of required substances found in living things. But what if man could eventually produce a simple spark of life? What if thousands of brilliant researchers spending thousands of hours in multimillion-dollar laboratories with equipment of utmost sophistication finally would achieve the dream of man—to produce life? Would this not merely emphasize that it would have been almost impossible for life to have arisen by itself? Life is truly a unique entity. It is a constant miracle in our midst.

Next week we will examine the record of the fossils. We will discover that these remains of living things fail to give evidence of gradual evolutionary development, but instead strongly support a sudden Creation. □

*To be continued*

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## For the Younger Set

### As Determined as Rocks

By ENID SPARKS

VERNON AND KATHY had been struggling for quite a while trying to move a rock out of the way for their flower garden. Dad, who had been painting the back fence, finally came to give them a hand.

“I declare,” he exclaimed, “you two are as determined as this rock! You know

rocks are the most unyielding things in the world.”

Vernon looked up with a grin. “But they are pretty important, too, aren't they?”

“Yes, and very interesting,” answered Dad. Rocks are divided into three groups, each formed differently; one group by the cooling of hot liquids, a second by fossilization, and a third by heat and pressure.”

“Oh, we studied about

fossils,” said Kathy. “They are rocks made by the hardening of plant and animal skeletons.”

“Right,” agreed Dad. “And coal is a rock made by heat and pressure.”

Vernon looked surprised. “Coal is a rock!” he marveled. “I've heard diamonds called rocks.”

Dad nodded. “Yes, jewels are classified as rocks. In Revelation, the city of God is described as having foundations garnished with all manner of precious stones.”

Kathy began to name the stones. “Sapphire, emerald, jasper, topaz, and amethyst.”

“Amethyst is a type of quartz,” Dad went on to explain. “And quartz is used for many things besides jewelry. It can be used in radios, televisions, radar transmitters, lenses in telescopes, and moving picture projectors.”

“My!” Vernon shook his head. “Rocks are important.”

“Important and beautiful,” agreed Dad. “Like marble, for example. It is one of our most beautiful rocks. Often it is colored, but the most expensive is pure white.”

“Grandmother has a marble-top table,” spoke up Kathy. “It is very hard.”

“Yes,” said Dad. “Marble is a hard rock, and there is a soft rock, too. You write with it.”

Kathy and Vernon looked at each other. “We do?”

“Yes, chalk is a very soft limestone and is classified as rock. The middle of the earth is thought to be liquid rock, and underneath our soil is solid rock. Everywhere we walk on this earth we are walking over rock.”

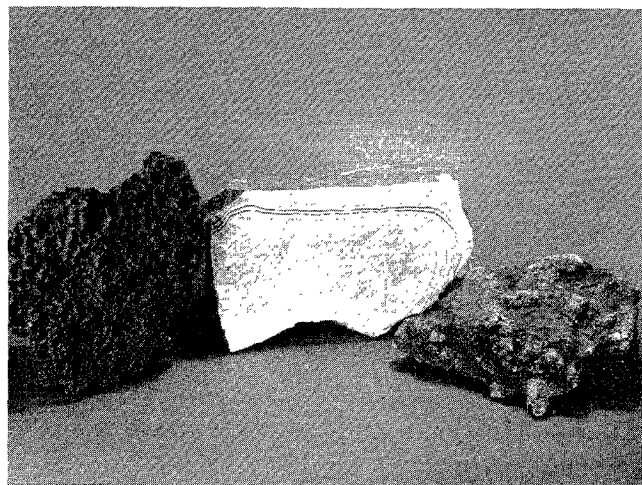
The children were silent for a moment. Then Kathy said, “I know now why the Bible mentions rocks so much.”

Vernon had a faraway light in his eyes as he listened to Kathy. “It must have been a wonderful time to live in the Bible lands when Jesus walked there,” he said.

“Yes, it was,” agreed Dad. “But today is a nice time to live too,” he said as he helped remove the rock that had sparked their interesting conversation.

“And rocks have helped to add to our way of life,” put in Vernon. “From now on I'm going to be thankful every day that we have them.”

“And so will I,” declared Kathy.



Rocks are important, Vernon and Kathy learned one day while they were moving a rock out of the way for a flower garden.



## Allergy

ALLERGY is generally considered to be a condition of exaggerated sensitivity to a substance that usually is harmless to most people when encountered in similar amounts. It may produce an illness that is confined to the individual and is not contagious. In Western countries the incidence of allergy is approximately 10 per cent of the general population.<sup>1</sup> This percentage is steadily increasing.

The body's altered capacity to react to specific stimuli is not harmful to the majority of people. Many of the symptoms resulting from mild allergies are transient and of no clinical importance. Antigens or allergens, the substances that initiate allergic reactions, can be numbered by the hundreds and are chiefly foods, dusts, pollens, and medicines. Allergic reactions may be manifested in such forms as hay fever, bronchial asthma, inflamed itching eyes, gastro-intestinal problems, hives, rashes, sneezing, headaches. These reactions may be mild or they may be severe. They should not be ignored or neglected, hoping they will disappear. Much can be done to prevent them or to give relief to those so afflicted.

Antigens stimulate the body to develop antibodies, which are protein molecules. If this specific antigen enters the body at some later time, the antibody combines with it. This action either may cause allergic manifestations or may provide protection by neutralizing the antigen, if such should be an infective organism. In other words, allergy acts like a protective process, but overdoes mere immunity by going wildly out of control. Allergic diseases thus result from overly enthusiastic immunity machinery. The body goes through the same procedure to eliminate the various substances to which it has developed antibodies, be they harmless or harmful.

Allergens get into the

body in a number of ways. They may be inhaled as dust, pollens, or noxious substances in polluted air. They may come in contact with the skin as cosmetics, may be ingested in food or drink, or may be taken orally (or by injection) as drugs. No one is assured a lifelong freedom from allergies, although there are a number of factors that favor their development. Heredity is an important contribution in that it predisposes to certain allergies. Most persons develop their allergies before 40 years of age, since by that time they have exposed themselves to nearly everything they are going to contact in life.<sup>2</sup>

With the coming of spring, tree pollens become abundant, later followed by grass pollens. Summer and fall bring weed pollens, which probably represent the greatest reservoir of allergens. A single ragweed plant has been found to produce 8 billion pollen grains per square foot of field surface. It has been estimated that if all the ragweed pollen produced in the United States each season were piled together it would form a pyramid as high as a 50-story office building with a base more than 1,000 feet in diameter. Wind-borne pollen

has been found 17,000 feet in the air and 500 miles out at sea.<sup>3</sup>

The commonest cause of hay fever and a frequent cause of bronchial asthma is house dust. Pet lovers frequently have a problem produced by dog and cat hair, as well as by horse dander. Dander of other animals rarely causes trouble. Wool may cause older persons a skin problem, particularly those who have an underlying dermatitis.

Many are allergic to the protein found in egg white. Others, particularly children, are sensitive to cow's milk. More are sensitive to wheat than any other grain or cereal. Almost any vegetable can produce allergic symptoms, but the most common offenders are legumes, potatoes, tomatoes, and celery. Many are sensitive to chocolate. Some cannot tolerate walnuts. Citrus fruits head the list, but strawberries follow close behind as fruits that give rise to allergic manifestations.

### Insects, Medicines

Insects bite and sting with vengeance. Allergy plays a major role in bringing about the discomfort and distress inflicted by mosquitoes, bedbugs, fleas, lice, flies, hornets, bees, and ants. The venom injected by bees, wasps, and certain types of ants may produce serious illness. Bee stings are rarely fatal to man unless he has been sensitized on previous occasions. It has been estimated that some 500 stings at or about the same time are necessary for a lethal dose of the poison.<sup>4</sup>

Many people are allergic to medicines. The protein of horse serum or insulin may be antigenic. Nonprotein medications are not antigenic by themselves, but may become so when they combine with body proteins, resulting in a complex of drug-protein that leads to antibody formation. Allergic drug reactions vary tremendously in that they may mimic other diseases, although they may actually

produce hay fever, asthma, and hives. Every organ and tissue of the body may bear the brunt of a drug reaction.<sup>5</sup>

Allergic reactions may be produced by a hypersensitivity to heat, cold, or light. The patient's history is very important in determining physical allergies. They may be spontaneous or secondary to other allergies. They may be entirely hereditary or an aspect of some systemic disease.

It is highly desirable to determine the substance to which a person is sensitive as a means of avoiding the offending allergen.<sup>6</sup> Avoiding such substances may be all that is needed to keep one symptom-free. This may require that the pet dog or cat be removed from the house, the soft eider-down pillow may have to be replaced by one made of polyester, or the dust-filled upholstery of a favorite sofa may have to be sacrificed. The clue lies in the clinical history.

When elimination of the allergen is not possible, desensitization may become necessary. In any event, when symptoms develop and persist, even though they may be minimal, professional counsel should be sought. Scientific researchers have discovered a number of chemicals proved to be extremely helpful in controlling allergies. The allergic person is not without hope. By carefully avoiding those substances to which he has become sensitized and by faithfully following the directions of the attending physician, comfort and freedom from distressing symptoms for practically all allergy sufferers is assured.

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The allergic person still has hope. Much can be done to prevent allergies or to give relief to those whom they afflict.

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# Building Faith in a Faithless World

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Faith is more than a word;  
it is an experience.

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By KENNETH H. WOOD

MY TEXT IS LUKE 17:5: "The apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith."

How shall we increase our faith? How shall we build faith in a faithless world?

Before answering this question, let me make two points briefly. The first is this:

Some people are afraid of the word *faith*, even disdainful of it. They consider faith as the badge of the cult of anti-reason. They look upon faith as a religious gimmick to enable one to believe the unbelievable, to bridge the gulf between the natural and the supernatural.

Now, it may be that faith at times has been associated with anti-intellectualism and obscurantism; but let us not thereby be deceived into rejecting faith. Let us evaluate faith with the marvelous powers of discrimination that God has given us. The uncritical mind often looks at two words or objects and, if they appear similar, lumps them together as identical. But the dissimilarities between two words or objects often are more significant than the similarities. A simplistic approach—whether in politics, health care, linguistics, biology, religion, or in any other field—seldom is the intelligent approach.

One thing must be clear in our minds as we deal with faith: there is much that we do not know, and much that we can never know, in our relationship with God. God can be understood only as He reveals Himself to us, and even when He expresses Himself clearly, we may not understand perfectly—indeed, it is likely that we shall not—for our powers of perception are limited. In dealing with God, we are like children dealing with an adult, perhaps a parent. Children do not always understand what their parents say, even though the parents may be making perfect sense, and may be expressing themselves clearly. But is the parent-child relationship dependent on perfect communication and understanding? No. It is based on *trust*. Likewise, the truly wise person, the person who knows God and understands what Christianity is all about, does not discard his faith in the face of unanswered questions or in time of trouble. He does not make the mistake of one Christian who when caught in a violent thunderstorm cried out, "O Lord, it's no wonder You have so few friends if this is the way You treat them!" The true believer knows

that the problem is not with the divine Parent, but with him.

This leads me to the second point: Faith has many meanings. In some contexts faith means intellectual assent to a set of beliefs. (James 2:19: "The devils . . . believe, and tremble.") In others it means implicit confidence in God's commands. (Luke 5:5: "Nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.") In still others it means the instrument by which to grasp God's blessings. (Luke 8:48: "Thy faith hath made thee whole.")

In this devotional I shall deal with faith on a different level, as absolute trust in God; for I believe that when faith is understood this way, the other meanings pretty well take care of themselves (see Isa. 26:3, 4).

In the New Testament the Greek word usually translated "faith" is *pistis*. It means faith, trust, or confidence; also faithfulness or reliability. *Pistis* denotes either an attitude of mind or a pattern of conduct, but obviously faithful conduct has its origin in the mind; it is the result of an *attitude* of faith. This is evident in Hebrews 11, where the mighty deeds of the ancient worthies are recounted. *The attitude of faith led to faithful deeds*. Thus Abel offered a sacrifice in harmony with God's will; Noah built an ark, as God instructed him to do; Abraham left his homeland as God commanded, and later placed Isaac, the promised seed, on an altar as a sacrifice, in harmony with divine instructions; Moses repudiated the opulence and power of the royal heathen court in Egypt, and cast his lot with the people of God, in fulfillment of God's plans and will for him.

## Faith as Trust

During his seminary days a young minister had an experience that engraved forever on his mind the importance and value of faith as trust. A group of students were enjoying themselves on the lawn in front of the cafeteria when suddenly several fire engines roared by. Relating the story later, the young minister said: "We looked in the direction in which the engines were going, and saw the smoke billowing up from a building not far away. We rushed to the fire, in typical student fashion.

"When we arrived on the scene, we saw that a rest home was burning from the center of the building. The firemen were rescuing the patients from the windows of the three-story home. Long ladders were extended and firemen were bringing the weaker patients to safety. The stronger patients were climbing down ropes that had been securely fixed in the windows.

"Agonizing screams emanated from the rear of the building, and many rushed there to find four men in great danger, begging someone to rescue them from the flames of the second story window where they were clustered. But all the ladders were being used and there were no more ropes. The fire was spreading; something had to be done quickly to save the men from a horrible death.

"In a few minutes four firemen came with a net, and with one man at each corner, stretched it out beneath the window, braced themselves firmly, and shouted to the men, 'Now jump one at a time and we'll catch you!'

"One after another, three of the men leaped safely onto the net from the window and were transported to a hospital for examination and treatment. They trusted themselves to the net and the strength of the firemen. They had faith.

"But the fourth man looked at the net and the firemen, and in despair and fear, cried, 'No, I can't; I can't; isn't there some other way?'

"The firemen shouted: 'This is the *only* way! Jump! Jump! We'll save you!'

"But the man could not summon the necessary faith. He would not trust the net and his would-be rescuers. An onlooker, overcome by the horror of the situation, impulsively shouted, 'Man, leap out! Leap out! They'll save you!'"

"But the man would not. He turned back into the burning building. Hours later, when the fire was under control and the building was searched, the poor man's charred body was found." He died because he lacked faith. He was not willing to trust.

Ellen G. White offers many definitions of faith, but here is one in line with our use of the word in this devotional: "Faith is trusting God—believing that He loves us, and knows what is for our best good. Thus, instead of our own way, it leads us to choose His way. In place of our ignorance, it accepts His wisdom; in place of our weakness, His strength; in place of our sinfulness, His righteousness."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 259.

Not by chance is the term "the faith of Jesus" connected with the remnant people mentioned in Revelation 14:12. No. These people have trusted God fully. They have been subjected to boycott, ostracism, and threats against their lives. They have been condemned to death for their faith. Yet they have been victorious. They have revealed that they would rather starve than deny their Lord. They would rather die than disobey one of God's commands. They love Jesus with all their mind and heart. They have the "faith of Jesus."

### Jesus' Life of Faith

Now, how did Jesus live the life of faith? Only as we understand this will we understand "the faith of Jesus" and how to build faith in a faithless world.

Jesus revealed the basic secret when He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself" (John 5:19). "I can of mine own self do nothing" (verse 30). At another time He said: "I do nothing of myself" (John 8:28).

In His earthly life Jesus was utterly dependent on His Father, on power outside of Himself. "He endured every trial to which we are subject. And He exercised in His own behalf no power that is not freely offered to us. As man, He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him from God."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 24. "He overcame in human nature, relying upon God for power. This is the privilege of all."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on Matt. 27:50, p. 1108.

"He [Jesus] could not come in the form of an angel; for unless He met man as man, and testified by His connection with God that divine power was not given to Him in a different way to what it will be given to us, He could not be a perfect example for us."—*The SDA Bible Commentary*, Ellen G. White Comments, on Heb. 2:14-18, p. 925. All that Jesus did, He did through absolute dependence on the Father. He knew the Father so well that He could trust Him implicitly; God even revealed His plans for Him day by day (see *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 479).

Now, as Jesus depended on the Father, and lived a life of perfect trust in Him, so we are to live a life of complete dependence on Christ. Said Jesus: "Without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). As branches are entirely dependent on the vine for life, for growth, for fruit bearing, so we are dependent on Christ. We can do nothing without Him. We are dependent on Him for life, for wisdom, for repentance, for victory, for forgiveness, for justification, for righteousness. And, as with Jesus, our lives are to be but the simple unfolding of the divine will. The starting point is surrender. We must make a full surrender. Have you made this surrender?



As a child trustingly clasps the hand of his earthly father, we may clasp God's hand in faith, believing that He will care for us.

Christ endeavored continually to lead His followers into the kind of experience with Him that He had with the Father. As our Example, Jesus built faith, this strong, trusting relationship, in four ways—four ways that are available to us.

1. Study of the Scriptures. Christ's entire ministry revealed that He was a master of the Scriptures. Over and over He quoted from the prophets. In the wilderness of temptation He declared repeatedly, "It is written" (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). We do not need to belabor the point that Jesus was a careful student of the Scriptures. He learned to trust God so fully that even in Gethsemane He could say, "Not my will, but thine, be done."

To build faith in a faithless world, we must follow Christ's example in studying the Word. "Search the scriptures," said Jesus, "for . . . they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

"If you would become acquainted with the Saviour, study the Holy Scriptures."—*God's Amazing Grace*, p. 228. "Faith in Jesus will grow as you become better acquainted with your Redeemer by dwelling upon His spotless life and His infinite love. . . . By daily contemplating His matchless charms, we must grow more and more into His glorious image."—*Ibid.*, p. 284.

We must know Jesus if we are to trust Him.

As we study God's Word, we shall learn to trust Him and believe His promises so completely that we shall claim Heav-

en's gifts by faith—the Holy Spirit, eternal life, forgiveness, victory, faith, et cetera.

Two little girls were counting their pennies. One said, "I have five pennies."

The other said, "Oh, I have ten."

"No," said the first little girl, "I counted yours, and you have five, just the same as I do."

"But," the second child quickly replied, "my father said that when he comes home tonight he will give me five cents, and so I DO have ten cents."

The child trusted her father's word, and she counted the money *by faith* as being already hers. Thus Jesus trusted the Father's word completely. And we must learn to trust Jesus in the same way.

2. Prayer. In the Gospel record of Christ's life we read often expressions such as these: "When he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray" (Matt. 14:23); "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder" (Matt. 26:36); "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Ellen White says: "Daily beset by temptation, constantly opposed by the leaders of the people, Christ knew that He must strengthen His humanity by prayer. In order to be a blessing to men, He must commune with God, pleading for energy, perseverance, and steadfastness. *Thus He showed His disciples where His strength lay.* Without this daily communion with God, no human being can gain power for service."—*Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, p. 323. (Italics supplied.)

Indeed, Christ's life was so filled with prayer that His disciples made the connection between His powerful ministry and His prayer life. On one occasion they said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). If we are to build faith we must follow Christ's urgent counsel: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41). "Take ye heed, watch and pray" (Mark 13:33). "Watch ye therefore, and pray always" (Luke 21:36).

Ellen White declares: "Prayer is a necessity; for it is the life of the soul. Family prayer, public prayer, have their place; but it is secret communion with God that sustains the soul life."—*Education*, p. 258.

3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus was baptized of the Spirit, and so must we be. "Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him" (Matt. 3:16). "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18).

Christ's followers likewise must be baptized of the Spirit. Said Jesus to His disciples: "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8).

"Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who serve Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God. . . . The presence of the Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor or glory of the world could give."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 50, 51.

4. Be involved in ministry. Christ's faith found expression

in works (see Acts 10:38). Day after day He imparted to others the blessings He had received.

When Jesus was criticized for healing the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath, He replied, "My Father *worketh* hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). On another occasion He said, "I *must* work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

"Christ was continually receiving from the Father that He might communicate to us. 'The word which ye hear,' He said, 'is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.' John 14:24. '*The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.*' Matt. 20:28. Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others. His words were given Him fresh from the heavenly courts, words that He might speak in season to the weary and oppressed."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 139.

In the wonderful prayer of Jesus, recorded in John 17, our Lord prayed for us. Earnestly He declared: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18). "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Are we walking in Christ's footsteps? What are our goals? To become famous? To become rich? Or to minister?

### Increase Our Faith

How shall we build faith in a faithless world? By learning to know Jesus personally as our Friend and Saviour and hence to trust Him. This we can do by study of the Scriptures, by prayer, by the baptism of the Spirit, and by ministering to the needs of the world.

I want the "faith of Jesus," don't you? I want the faith of Jesus because the faith of Jesus produces the character of Jesus.

Evangelist John B. Gough tells a story about two little boys, Willie and Johnny, in a London hospital. Their small beds were side by side. Willie had a high fever; Johnny had been run over by a heavy vehicle. Little Willie, the fellow with the fever, was very weak. But Johnny said to him, "Say, Willie, I was in church once and they told me about Jesus. I believe if you ask Jesus, He will help you. They told us to pray to Him and He would always give us what was best for us."

Mistaking his meaning somewhat, Willie inquired, "But if Jesus should come here to the hospital and I was asleep, how could I ask Him?"

"Just hold up your hand, Willie, when you go to sleep," suggested his friend, "and I think He'll see you and bless you."

Willie knew that his arm was too weak to be held up very long, so Johnny took a pillow from his bed and braced it under one of the weak, wasted arms. Willie went to sleep with his arm upraised. In the morning when the nurse came in, the little boy was dead, but his face wore an expression of beautiful peace and happiness. It was the expression of perfect faith and trust in Jesus.

How strong is your faith? Do you want to join me in lifting your hand to Jesus and saying with the disciples, "Lord, increase our faith"? □

# ADVENTURE IN FAITH

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The SDA Church is planning  
a worldwide spiritual and financial  
thrust, in which every member  
is invited to participate.

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By NEAL C. WILSON

YOUR CHURCH IS PLANNING the greatest adventure in its history. In scores of places untouched as yet by the light of the gospel, the church will move forward with an unprecedented heralding of the message. ADVENTURE IN FAITH is a worldwide spiritual and financial thrust of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is not just an offering! It is a vigorous, coordinated spiritual endeavor. In order to make possible this ADVENTURE IN FAITH, many workers of the church around the world will set as a financial goal a contribution equal to an average week's income. This is a practical response to the determination of the church to move forward in faith NOW.

God's people have frequently been faced with "impossible" objectives, but faith, backed up by obedient action, has always resulted in miraculous corporate adventure. The work is to close with no less manifestation of power and evidence of the workings of the Holy Spirit than was seen in Bible times or in the days of the pioneers of the Advent message.

It is proposed that the results of this "adventure" will be reported at the time of the General Conference session in Vienna, July, 1975. Even though during the past year there have been a number of articles, news items, and notices in the REVIEW AND HERALD and other papers, I feel we need to be reminded again of this appeal for total participation in a break-away from the usual and ordinary methods of giving. How much have you heard about ADVENTURE IN FAITH in your church? What preparations have you made for your part in this adventure? Many have only a vague idea of what it is all about.

The basic purpose of the 1975 ADVENTURE IN FAITH is to make it possible to enter new areas with the gospel or begin a new and stronger work in areas previously entered. In some conferences this will include unentered cities, towns,

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counties, or sections of large cities. Other challenges include developing new methods of reaching the masses, as well as significant segments of the population not yet adequately reached.

In talking with our people across North America, I find many who are rich in faith and eager for spiritual adventure. They keep asking about the challenges and opportunities in North America and the world field. They are ready to sacrifice and share, but they want to be sure that the church has a sound investment environment where money and time and talent and life will not merely maintain an organization but yield a return in terms of eternity and a finished work. In other words, they ask, Are we really serious about the unentered areas? Do we have an effective plan to reach the university and college campuses? Is there a holy determination to penetrate the immense cities and population centers and to reach all cultural, ethnic, and language minorities?

To illustrate what can happen when everyone works together with vision and dedication, let me tell you about one of our conferences, *small* in membership, but *big* in faith and territorial size—Wyoming. The ministers of the Wyoming Conference are accustomed to sacrificial giving. For the past several years they have been giving strong leadership to an annual offering, and this has made possible an aggressive evangelistic program. When the challenge of the worldwide ADVENTURE IN FAITH was presented to them they recognized the need for an unusual display of faith and leadership. Before going to their members with this challenge, the president, ministers, teachers, and literature evangelists set the pace with commitments totaling more than \$5,000—an average of just under \$200 per family. The same spirit of sacrifice has been reflected conference-wide as members have responded. One district of 120 members made commitments of more than \$6,000. The total for the conference is more than \$40,000, or an average of \$25 per member. Surely this is an example to the rest of us in North America and the world field.

## Total to Be Reported in Vienna

Do you realize that if all our conferences did as well as Wyoming we would have more than \$12 million as North America's share in the ADVENTURE IN FAITH report at the time of the General Conference session! We believe that on April 26 our people will give by far the largest offering they have ever presented to the Lord at one time. Our savings and gifts, which have been carefully laid aside, should be presented on April 26 and certainly not later than the end of June, so that a total for the world can be reported at the General Conference session in Vienna on July 12, 1975. My wife and I share with the many who have made and will be making the following commitment: "I declare this day the dedication of my life and join with my fellow believers in the commitment of one week's income to help make this ADVENTURE IN FAITH possible."

What will be your response to an ADVENTURE IN FAITH with Jesus Christ? Ellen White tells us that "there are only two places in the universe where we can place our treasures—in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause."—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 35. God's people are called to a work that requires money and consecration. We are told that "in the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands of dollars will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now."—*Ibid.*, p. 40. □

# Begone With Worry

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Worry is a circle  
of inefficient thoughts  
whirling about a point of fear.

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By VIRGINIA HANSEN

"IF YOUR BURDEN IS TOO SMALL to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden." There it was, just the advice I needed that early spring morning. Restless, I had tossed on my bed of worry, then finally slipped out of the bedroom, leaving my husband sleeping peacefully.

"What a fraud I am," I punished myself as I recalled how persistently I had taught my nursing students not to think negatively as they attempted to learn big medical terms with complicated meanings.

"It's simple," I insisted. "You can learn this. Don't try so hard to do it alone. Just relax, write the word ten times, saying it aloud, and let that good brain of yours take over. You'll be amazed at the facts you can assimilate!" I believed it, and it worked for them. Surely I ought to be able to conquer this worry syndrome.

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## Thread of Gold

By MARY TRIM

From open windows aeons distant  
Hangs to earth a thread of gold.  
Eyes that seek the heavenly eyesalve see  
Discerningly the lustrous strand. Their lives expand.  
It glows in food, "I am the Bread of Life";  
Woven into dress, it gleams, "Buy of Me white raiment";  
Sunkissed petals speak, "Consider lilies";  
Challenging to mortals' idol, it resounds,  
"In heaven lay up treasure. Prove Me now."  
Thus pervading everywhere are shining thoughts of Him;  
Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent Alchemist  
Who turns base metals into lasting gold.

As the dawn pinked the sky and tossed color bombs at the cherry blossoms, fences, vineyard, and shed outside my window I couldn't help feeling the sweet presence of a God who sends such beauty to this world. Why? Because He loves us. He is all powerful and able to work for us to the uttermost. He is all pervading, reaching to every remote trouble spot with His boundless resources. Troubles, worries, fade into an insignificant heap of burnable rubble in the face of help such as that.

As if on signal, the birds began to sing, almost as if an unseen hand had thrown back the curtain of night and motioned the down-beat for the opening chorus. Bird songs tell me that God loves His creatures.

He cares about the circumstances of our lives. One minister advised, "Don't live *under* the circumstances, but in Christ live *above* your circumstances, not in your *surroundings*, but in your *surrender* to His will."

Dr. Austin Riggs said, "Worry is a circle of inefficient thoughts whirling about a point of fear." How true! Surely there is an antidote for this sinful poison.

Another, with tongue in cheek, has said, "A neurotic is a person who worries about things that didn't happen in the past, instead of worrying about something that won't happen in the future, the way normal people do."

### Why Waste Energy in Worry?

A worrier is a gloomy person. That I don't wish to be. We have seen the Master at work in our homes. We can all say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him" (2 Tim. 1:12). Paul's experience and ours can serve to remind us that we can depend on our God, so why waste our energy in worry?

If we know God as a warm friend, we can by faith place ourselves in the center of God's will. Then we will become concentric Christians, willing to do all He asks. Perhaps there are too many eccentric Christians, off-beat dabblers in worldly preoccupations.

"All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies their faculties, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls. Through cooperation with Christ they are complete in Him, and in their human weakness they are enabled to do the deeds of Omnipotence."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 827. This statement brings real encouragement to me. By myself, I fail miserably, but if my spiritual batteries are recharged by surrender to God's will I can be victorious.

To have this power over worry, I must have faith. How do I get it? One minister suggests these five steps to gain faith: (1) Admit need. This means placing ourselves in His care by complete surrender. (2) Discover new concepts of God's love. (3) Accept life-changing truths. (4) Make the Spirit of Prophecy personal. (5) Strive to be like Jesus, doing His will because we love Him.

Another minister would add "Exercise" to this list. He claims that the soul, as well as the body, needs exercise. He maintains that when God saves a soul from the pit of sin, our worries disappear as we tell others. God is such an extravagant giver that we are forced to cry out, "Enough, my God, my cup runneth over. . . . Here, neighbor, take some of my blessings!" Believe and be alive and begone with worry! □

## Faith That Prevails

One of the significant sayings of our Saviour is the following: "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8).

In this passage, to what kind of faith is our Saviour referring? The context gives a hint. Jesus poses this question at the close of the parable of the widow and the judge. The widow is pleading for justice, which the unjust judge is unwilling to render. Eventually because of her persistence he relents. He says, "Because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her" (verse 5).

The point of the parable is that God is not like this judge. When His people cry He hears them. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (verse 7).

"I tell you that he will avenge them speedily" (verse 8), said Jesus.

When Jesus returns will He find men with the kind of faith described in this parable. The Greek of this passage reads literally, "Will he find *the* faith in the earth?" That is, will He find the kind of faith that holds on when the answer is seemingly delayed.

A delay is implied in the observation that His elect "cry day and night unto him" (verse 7). It is implied further in the introductory statement to the parable, "He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (verse 1). Men faint or lose heart when their prayers are not immediately answered. In such moments they must hang onto the arm of God, believing that eventually He will intervene. They must trust that He knows best as to when and how to intervene. They must not dictate to Him.

Since under consideration is faith at the Second Advent, the parable seems to apply particularly to the time of test preceding the Advent. At that time it will seem that the wicked are about to prevail and that the righteous are about to be swallowed up. During the heyday of the antichrist it will appear to many that God has forsaken His people and is indeed on the side of the antichrist. The miracles Satan performs and the great "spiritual" power displayed in the antichrist's organization will deceive all but the elect.

It is at this point that the question of the parable becomes particularly relevant: "Will he find the faith in the earth?"

Yes, faith He will find, but, unfortunately, only on the part of a minority. "Many are called, but few are chosen" (Matt. 22:14). Not that God's grace is insufficient. Men simply do not choose it. Nor will all Adventists have "the faith." Ellen White predicts, "Soon God's people will be tested by fiery trials, and the great proportion of those who now appear to be genuine and true will prove to be base metal."—*Testimonies*, vol. 5, p. 136. How tragic!

She says further, "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position and join the ranks of the opposition."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 608.

How can we assure ourselves that we have "the faith"? By paying close heed to the Scriptures. "Antichrist is to perform

his marvelous works in our sight. So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures. By their testimony every statement and every miracle must be tested."—*Ibid.*, p. 593.

When the Son of man cometh, will He find "the faith" in you? In me?  
D. F. N.

## Let Us Always Uplift Jesus

Certain Greeks came to see Jesus. While in His presence they heard Him say, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

The fact that Greeks, not members of the Jewish nation, wanted to see Him, gave the Lord the opportunity to state that His mission was universal and that He had come to attract everyone to Him.

What is amazing about His statement is its revelation of the means He would employ to attract all men to Him. He wouldn't use His superior teachings. He wouldn't use His sublime life. No, not at all. John explains, "This he said, signifying what death he should die" (verse 33). Yes, neither His teachings nor His life, but His death. How amazing!

The apostle Paul tells us what kind of death He suffered, "even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8). The Romans nailed to crosses the worst of criminals. Jesus died on a cross.

The cross stood for something repulsive, something to be rejected. How did it happen that it became transformed into an instrument of attraction? How is it that through the cross our Lord Jesus can draw all men to Him?

Let us go to Calvary. Let us look reverently at Jesus nailed to the cross. Why was He nailed? There is a writing above His head in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin: "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews." Such a claim was sedition to the Romans, and blasphemy to the Jews. But when we look at the face of Jesus, we read only one word, beautiful, wonderful, and written in all the languages and dialects of the world. That word is *love*. This is the secret of the attraction of the cross.

When Christianity spread itself through all the Roman Empire, it confronted Romans, Greeks, and Jews. These ethnic groups despised one another; they hated one another.

But the Christian church, established by people attracted by the love revealed on the cross, was a mixture of Romans, Greeks, and Jews. And they loved one another. "See how those Christians love one another!" was the statement of someone amazed by that love. The love of Jesus had attracted men not only to Jesus but to one another, as well. How wonderful is the love of Jesus!

Not only so. Those early believers uplifted Jesus by the purity and the beauty of their lives. Theirs was a wonderful and permanent testimony about Jesus. They were uplifting Jesus in such a way that He could attract more and more people to Him.

Have we felt the attraction of Jesus? Are we living within the sphere of His attracting power? Do we love our brethren and mankind at large as Jesus loved us? Are we uplifting Him everyday, everywhere?  
G. C.



# A New Kind of Women's Lib

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With this new type of liberation  
we just might change the world.

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By JUNE STRONG

OFTEN WHEN DON leaves for work in the morning I feel a bit guilty that I am free to stay behind and wave him on his way. Though his air-conditioned office offers a big-business kind of excitement—telephones ringing, deadlines to meet, weighty decisions—I wouldn't trade it for the variety of experiences that spangle my own day. His activities are shaped mainly by outside forces. I fashion my own, more or less.

There is, of course, the ever-present housework, kept in proper perspective with the help of our six children. Taught early that work precedes play, the children do not count a bit of waxing or scrubbing after breakfast as any great hardship. During the summer months for about an hour in the morning there's organized bedlam, the upstairs and downstairs vacuum purring persistently above the record player in the boys' bedroom and an argument in the kitchen over who gets to use the broom first.

But suddenly the house is quiet and surprisingly clean. Of course, there are still unnumbered tasks left for mother, but with a bit of juggling she can usually come out with some free time. It's probably what we do with the free time that determines how we feel about ourselves as women.

We have been so brainwashed that one almost feels reluctant to admit satisfaction in the role of housewife and mother. Why aren't we out there making our mark in a non-home profession?

It seems strange that this situation ever arose. Woman was born to soothe a troubled child, to speak to him of Jesus, to make a home where laughter falls like sunshine through the rooms. She's there to light the candles, read poetry, to gentle all the awkwardness of childhood and the aggressiveness of manhood, to introduce her loved ones to beauty in all its varied forms.

And what if she's not there? What if she's downtown clerking in a department store or filing purchase orders? Or suppose she's a surgeon, a lawyer, or an architect? What then?

Some other woman puts the band-aids on small skinned knees, without the healing kiss. Some other woman sets the evening table without the bowl of daisies and the pale-green cloth. Some other woman greets the teen-ager after school without noting the troubled eyes.

When mother does arrive she's weary, longing to drop into

a comfortable chair with a hot drink. She needs time to unwind, but instead she must administer the day's belated mothering and housekeeping, organizing in a dozen different areas. Not surprisingly, at times she tends to become irritable.

There are, of course, exceptions to all this. For financial reasons some women *must* work outside the home. If, after every economy has been exercised, dad's income still won't cover the basic necessities and the church school responsibilities, there is little choice left. Father and the children should then pitch in and give mother as much time as possible to exercise her role in the home. The housekeeping duties should be divided fairly and dispatched speedily.

Then, it must be recognized, there are women born to great things, well qualified to compete in the professions. I would be the last to say no woman should strive to become a doctor, a scientist, or even a business executive, but it might be advisable for a woman of such ambitions to ask herself whether she can meet all the demands of the marriage-motherhood role along with those of her career. Unquestionably, it has been done, but it requires unusual physical, emotional, and spiritual stamina. And vast unselfishness.

However, most of us do not face such dramatic decisions. If we work, it's either to provide the luxuries of life or because we're bored at home. An actress and young mother recently commented that she could think of nothing worse than being an embittered woman opening and closing the refrigerator all day. Does it of necessity follow that, because we do not go off to an office, or restaurant, or hospital daily, we are embittered women? She also implied that besides being bitter, such women were a bit dull. I haven't worked outside the home in nearly 20 years and I didn't like that implication.

I asked myself a sober question. Would I really like to get dressed up every day and turn my back on the problems of our home and five children? Would it give me a lift I hadn't known in years? Honest now.

### I Am a "Home" Woman

I looked out across the fields of our farm home at the gardens I love to tend, then about me in the house at the clutter left behind by a large and busy household, and I knew without much pondering that I was a "home" woman, that I didn't really mind the straightening and vacuuming and meal preparations.

However, there were years when the children were small and I could not yet afford household help that I knew temporary despair. Endless baskets of diapers to fold, small boots to tug on and off, discipline to administer, meals to be cooked with a fussy baby on one hip and two quarrelling toddlers at one's feet. My heart goes out to young mothers, and if they feel trapped occasionally, it's no wonder. But even during the worst of those moments I could not have solved my dilemma by walking away from it. For they needed me, those sad-happy, rollicking, mischievous little people. When a child awoke with a cold in the night, sounding as if he were suffocating, I could rock him through the long hours necessary to calm his terror. Could I have done this if I had had an 8:00 A.M. time card to punch the next morning?

There was daily time for their Sabbath school lesson and memory verse, for stories about when mamma was a little

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girl, and sometimes even a few moments just to be silly together.

There were times when I shed tears and wanted a vacation from it all. I cannot deny that. But those times were far outweighed by the moments of joy and the closeness shared.

For every struggling, weary young mother, I have three comforting reminders: (1) You are shaping your sons and daughters for tomorrow by your loving patience today. It's worth the trouble. (2) All this shall pass, though you may find it hard to believe as you juggle the tasks of your impossible days. (3) Just take one thing at a time. If your 2-year-old spills his milk, don't rage at him while your mind clicks off the six things you might have been doing while cleaning it up. Don't yank him angrily into a clean shirt. Button gently instead and with a kiss say, "Next time mommy's little boy will try hard to be more careful, won't he?" In looking back, I wish most of all I had refused to become harried over the minor mistakes of our children.

I have dwelt on the problems of young mothers at length, because if ever there's a time in a woman's life when she might legitimately hunger for liberation, it's during those years.

What about the rest of us whose children are all in school or even married and gone? It has occurred to me we have a very sober responsibility to our God. What are we doing with the gift of hours beyond making our homes warm and happy havens for our families? As women what are our special capabilities and how do they relate to our God-given assignment as Seventh-day Adventists?

#### **Sensitive to Hurt and Heartache**

I'd like to believe we are sensitive to hurt and heartache as men can never be. Does this mean it's up to us to seek out the discouraged ones at church or in our neighborhood? To invite them to lunch, to pray with them, to study with them some of the beautiful chapters in *Steps to Christ*, to search for a practical solution to their problems, even if it means some sacrifice of time or money on our part?

I'd also like to think our mothering talents don't end with our own children. Could we be of value to our God by befriending some of His teen-agers who perhaps don't always conform to adult standards in appearance or conduct? Could we with love, good humor, and Saturday night lasagna show them a Christ they'd never dared hope existed?

Hospitality may count more effectively toward the saving of others than we realize. When we cook our best dishes and set the table attractively for a backslidden or discouraged family in the church, consistently over a period of time including them in the warmth of our home, it sometimes has more drawing power than a dozen pastoral visits.

Remember, we decided that, of us all, perhaps the young mother has the toughest role. Why couldn't we offer her an afternoon out while we folded the diapers, supervised the naps, and prepared the supper casserole? Or how about providing her tickets to a concert with hubby, while we button the pj's and tell the bedtime stories?

There are hundreds of tasks at which we women excel and, with a bit of planning, these abilities can be used effectively for God. We should consider this carefully before taking a job as a telephone operator so that our sons can drive Hondas and our living rooms sport a color TV. We do need liberating, not from the menial tasks of housekeeping, but from selfishness, indifference, lack of imagination. Let's march on a whole unexplored area of womanhood and exercise our rights of compassion and tenderness. Who knows? We just might change the world. □

## **Especially for Men** By WALTER R. L. SCRAGG

### **The Old-Hat Mathematician**

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH to find that sometime during the past year the authorities had changed the numbers on every road sign in Australia. The distance to my father's home in Young was now 375 instead of 232, from Sydney and Melbourne a horrendous 915, and even to downtown Sydney from the division headquarters at Wahroonga the distance had increased from 13 to 21. And then to see signs here and there on the free-ways of America giving distances in both miles and kilometers!

I could visualize myself at a grocery store armed with a pocket calculator, trying to figure weights in liters and milliliters, grams and kilograms, to find out if I had a real bargain.

I first got the feeling of obsolescence several years ago when they changed pounds, shillings, and pence to dollars and cents—all that fantastically complicated math that I had mastered had achieved zero value overnight.

And math hadn't come easy to me. I arrived in high school hard on the heels of brilliant siblings who had convinced their teachers that the name Scragg was synonymous with facility in algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. Now I disgraced us all by stumbling toward a low-grade pass in basic algebra and geometry.

To have to retire lbs. and ozs., in., ft., and yds., gal., pts., and qts. is surely too much. And what about rods, poles, and perches, acres, bushels, chains, and furlongs? Not to mention gills, stones, and hundred-weights!

All that hard-won knowledge, now useless! Enough to turn you into a revolutionary and to embitter you for life!

But consider the changes in life's dimensions shaped by the cross of Christ. "With deep roots and firm foundations, may you be strong to grasp, with all

God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to know it, though it is beyond knowledge" (Eph. 3:17, 18, N.E.B.).

A family that places Christ in its midst finds no automatic switchover, just as there is nothing automatic about a changeover to the metric system.

Family worship can become a habit, but it becomes that only as we apply the dimensions of salvation to all facets of life and start and end the day with Christ. Daily Bible study and personal prayer are so different from the evening newspaper and the television set that it takes studied effort to convert our time to them. Christian discipline seems a strange language to children first exposed to it and to the parents who use it. Sabbath observance has an alien touch for a life that had largely dedicated itself to sport and pleasure.

And think of all those habits and learned patterns of behavior that must yield to the shape of the Christian life!

Those who know the quirks of the human brain tell us that the best way to make the conversion to the metric system, without its being a continuous stumbling block, is to stop calculating the difference between the old and the new and start accepting and living the new.

Which seems like good advice for the Christian. We must stop calculating the difference between the before and the after, the spirit and the flesh, the world and the church. And we must forsake our nostalgia for the old life as easier, or preferable.

In Jesus Christ, God planned the obsolescence of the old life: "When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world; the old order has gone, and a new order has already begun" (2 Cor. 5:17, N.E.B.). And the new is infinitely better!

# How to Enjoy Heaven

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We must be careful that we do not  
circumscribe or limit heaven  
to what God has thus far  
opened up to us.

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By GERALD WHEELER

HEAVEN? THE DISCIPLES couldn't have cared less. Who wanted to be an immaterial spirit and float around in a world without anything solid to touch, to taste, to smell—a world where everything one had learned to enjoy on earth did not exist?

Then something happened to change their opinion. Christ, who had a physical body, went to heaven.

"Through the visible ascension of Christ all their views and contemplation of Heaven are changed," Ellen G. White commented in the *Spirit of Prophecy*. "Their minds had formerly dwelt upon it as a region of unlimited space, tenanted by spirits without substance. Now Heaven was connected with the thought of Jesus, whom they had loved and revered above all others, with whom they had conversed and journeyed, whom they had handled, even in His resurrected body, who had spoken hope and comfort to their hearts, and who, while the words were upon His lips, had been taken up before their eyes, the tones of His voice coming back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received Him: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world' " (volume 3, p. 262).

The idea of heaven took on a whole new perspective. "Heaven could no longer appear to them as an indefinite, incomprehensible space, filled with intangible spirits," Mrs. White stated. "They now looked upon it as their future home, where mansions were being prepared for them by their loving Redeemer" (*ibid.*).

Jesus—whom the disciples had heard, felt, seen eat, and do

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other physical acts—had gone to heaven. If He could go there, then heaven must also be a physical place. It was worth looking forward to, the disciples concluded, not something one hoped to postpone as long as possible so he could cling a little longer to the pleasures of the present life.

Sometimes one has the feeling that many Seventh-day Adventists are still at the stage of the apostles before the ascension. Heaven is still not an inviting place in the minds of many church members. To them, while heaven is material, it is a region of gardens and vineyards. What if you don't enjoy sticking seeds in the ground and picking flowers? And could even the most ardent gardener face up to an eternity of it with little else to do?

And what shall we wear there? Robes? Undoubtedly such would not satisfy everyone's sartorial fancy. And besides, one wonders whether they would get dirty and hinder our freedom of movement when we do all that gardening.

How many times have we heard that when we arrive in heaven we'll line up in a celestial choir, and our voices—which until then sounded like malfunctioning bullfrogs—will put the greatest opera singer to shame? Commuting between our country homes and our mansions in the New Jerusalem, we can focus our supereyes and study the parts of the flowers along the way. We will earn MV Honors in nature and harp playing from angelic instructors.

Seriously, would such a heaven appeal to every type of person? Not everyone finds himself looking forward to an eternity of gardening or music or nature. With so many exciting things to do in our present world, naturally we don't find the limited variety of things we're told will be in heaven that engrossing.

Why don't we find heaven exciting? Because we have only a partial concept of it.

It is a fundamental principle of the human mind that whenever we find ourselves in an unfamiliar situation we seek out and concentrate on those aspects we have had experience with before. A good teacher begins with what his students already know and then leads them into increasingly new material. And when we meet strangers or make new acquaintances we try to discover our common interests.

## Communication Through Symbols

As God attempted to reveal heaven—a world quite different from the sin-marred one we live in—He had to begin with what humanity knew. The prophets came from a pastoral culture of farming and gardening and simple technology. For them to understand anything of what God was showing them in vision, he had to concentrate on the things with which they were familiar. What He did not reveal we will not know until we get there. We must never assume that heaven consists only of the few aspects the ancient prophets saw.

Another thing we must remember is that God often communicated with man through symbolism. We know, for example, that no strange beasts have conquered and ruled the world as Daniel described.

Probably the reason God has told us so little about heaven is that we have had a difficult enough time grappling with what He has shown us. Recounting her first vision of heaven, Ellen G. White mentioned "two long golden rods on which

hung silver wires, and on the wires were glorious grapes.' ” —*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 65. Some of her readers thought that she was saying that grapes in heaven grew from metal. She had to explain that she had depicted it only as it appeared to her.

In her visions Ellen White was shown what she could comprehend as a creature of her time and of a largely rural culture. A prophet living today would probably be shown other aspects of heaven. But they would still present us with only a tiny fraction of all that heaven is or contains. We must always be careful not to circumscribe and limit heaven to what God has thus far opened up to us.

Yet, even though we don't know all about what heaven is going to be like, we can discover what we will be like in heaven.

“The youth should be learners for the next world. Perseverance in the acquisition of knowledge, controlled by the fear and love of God, will give them an increased power for good in this life, and those who have made the most of their privileges to reach the highest attainments here, will take these valuable acquisitions with them into the future life. They have sought and obtained that which is imperishable. The capability to appreciate the glories that ‘eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,’ will be proportionate to the attainments reached in the cultivation of the faculties in this life.”—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 49.

“We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do,” Mrs. White stated. “The Lord measures with exactness every possibility for service. The unused capabilities are as much brought into account as are those that are improved. For all that we might become through the right use of our talents God holds us responsible. We shall be judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to

glorify God. Even if we do not lose our souls, we shall realize in eternity the result of our unused talents. For all the knowledge and ability that we might have gained and did not, there will be an eternal loss.”—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 363.

God has a different goal for each of our lives. But every one of us has God-given abilities, talents, interests, that we never employ. The Lord has higher ambitions for each of us than we realize. If we don't take advantage of them the ones we shortchange the most are ourselves. And the loss is eternal.

Probably all of us, for example, hope that we will have more musical ability in heaven than we do now. But if we refuse to develop the ability we already possess we can't expect to arrive in heaven with more talent than we failed to take advantage of here. We will always be from then on a little less than we could have been. Any deficiency we let slide by in the earthly school, we will never be able fully to make up in the heavenly classroom.

Every now and then we read about some retired person enrolling in college. A waste of effort and money? No. Up to the day we die we can and should be improving ourselves. The next life grows upon and is a continuation of the present one.

If we are alert and vitally interested in God's present earth we will be that much more receptive and appreciative of the joys of the new one. The poise and culture we develop in this life we will add to in the next. But on the other hand, what we deprive ourselves of in our present existence, we will regret forever.

We don't know all that awaits us in heaven and the restored earth. No matter how much we may stretch our imaginations, heaven's grandeur and greatness will surprise us. But what we will be like when we get there—that is something we can influence before Christ returns. The joy we will experience in heaven increases or decreases by the way we live now. □

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## We Need Daniels Today By ART WELKLIN

Daniel lived in the darkest period of ancient Judah's history, the age when the nation fell by the weight of its own iniquity. He also lived in the darkest period of ancient Babylon's history, the age when that proud nation fell by the weight of its own iniquity.

Daniel stood in the world as one of God's own, through whom the light of heaven shone in the darkness of his day.

We live today in an age that corresponds to that of both Jerusalem and Babylon. Today God calls His people out of Babylon, that they “be not partakers of her sins,” and “receive not of her plagues.”

We stand as the professed people of God, through whom the light must shine in the darkness of the world.

Refusing the king's menu, Daniel and his three associates asked that they might have a vegetarian diet and water to drink instead of the richly prepared and highly seasoned dainties of the king's table for food and his wine for drink. This action of those young men was an expression of a fixed principle, derived from a knowledge of the effects that the king's provision would have.

Daniel “purposed in his heart” that he would not defile himself with those things. He refused that food and drink because he knew the defiling effect on the users.

When I was in my teens electricity was in its infancy. Since our home had not been wired for electric lights, we used oil lamps for illumination. I remember it was quite a task to keep the lamp chimneys from becoming clouded with soot. Since with a dirty chimney the light coming through

would be greatly reduced, mother kept the lamp chimneys shining. With a smoky chimney the light on the inside, though bright, would not shine through clearly.

Believers in Christ are the mediums through which the light of God, by His Holy Spirit, must shine to the world. There is nothing wrong with the Light. The defect is in the medium through which the light must shine. Anything that benumbs the nerves or clogs the blood, befogs the system and bedims the light of God, just as a smoky lamp chimney bedims the light of the lamp.

Daniel refused to defile himself, that the light of God might shine undimmed and unhindered by the medium through which that light needed to shine in the darkness that surrounded him. What happened to him is an example for us and is written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.

No one had any difficulty in seeing the light where Daniel and his companions were. It shone clearly. The moral integrity they had acquired through the Word and Spirit of God shed its clear, distinct rays in every situation in which they were found.

This type of shining is what is needed today in the darkness of the Babylon that surrounds us.

Today we stand as the professed people of God, through whom the Light must shine in the darkness of the world. Let us remove anything that benumbs the nerves, clogs the blood, and befogs the system; let us stand firm so that the light of God may shine brightly through us.

## Singapore Workers Enjoy "Bonus Years"

By R. E. FINNEY, JR.

THE MOSLEM CALL to prayer starts the day for many of us here in Singapore. It comes at around 5:30 and at first invariably wakes one unless the air conditioner is noisy enough to drown it out. But since it comes five times a day one gets to the place where he may not hear it even if he is awake. There are other early-morning sounds that a person ordinarily does not hear in a city of 2 million people. One of them is the crowing of sleepless roosters, who can be heard even earlier than the call to prayer, but they too cease to be heard after a time. They are even kept by apartment dwellers, and I have seen them fluttering down from several stories' height, in the early morning.

By 6:30 in the morning the city is going strong, and the distant roar of traffic can be heard if one is outdoors. Hawkers are on the streets. The bread man toots his little bulb-operated horn as he cycles along. Others may rap on a hollow bamboo or a hardwood block. Each has a cry peculiar to his wares. One of these we call "the Fuller brush man." He pushes a cart loaded with an enormous supply of brushes, mops, baskets, plastic pans, and other household items. And as he toils up the hill into our compound area he cries "W-a-a-a," a mournful sound to our Western ears. Some of these men have become affluent enough to have motorized carts.

By these and many other signs, we know we are living in a land vastly different from the land we used to call home. Singapore has grown familiar to us, and comfortably so.

But a day not only begins; it continues. A good many

days I teach at Southeast Asia Union College, which requires assigning and correcting papers, keeping records, lecturing, and hearing recitations from the students. It has fallen to my lot to teach homiletics, journalism, the sanctuary, life and teachings of Christ, public evangelism, pastoral care, and speech. Please do not ask whether I feel competent in all of these fields. But I will say that it is an educational process to do this sort of thing.

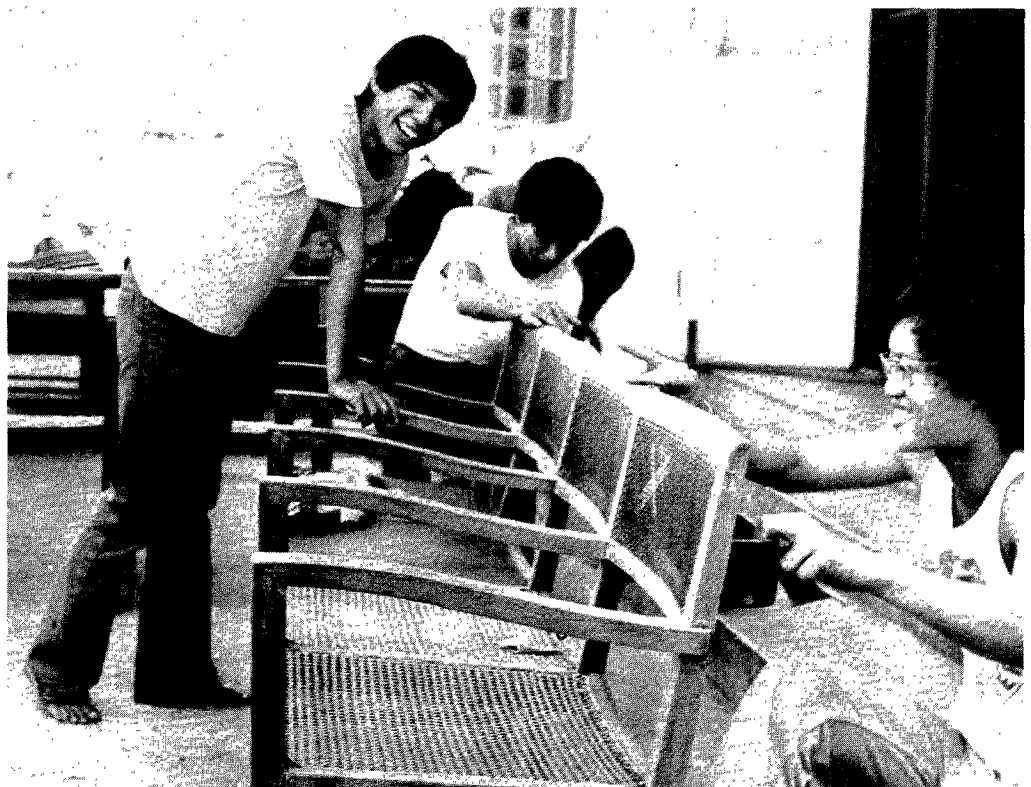
My students interest me intensely. The largest percentage are Chinese. Others include Kadazans and Ibans (from Borneo), Thais, Vietnamese, Indians, and Americans. Even American teachers have found their way into some classes.

When class is over I have other things to do. Since I am the pastor of a church of more than 500 members (on the books of the church—but approximately 300 are in residence at any one time), it is not hard to keep busy. Generally speaking, there are at least two sermons, and often three, to get ready during a week. Prayer meeting, an evangelistic meeting on Friday night, and a Sabbath morning sermon all have to be studied for and gotten in shape. Fortunately for me, we have a good number of visiting ministers from various parts of the world, and I welcome visiting speakers as a relief to me and very likely to the congregation. I have not reached the rarefied atmosphere of the pastor who thinks no one but he should ever occupy the pulpit on Sabbath morning.

Then there is visiting to do, and I say with embarrassment that I do far too little. We generally have an intern, a part-time student, and a part-time Bible instructor on

our staff. But all together we cannot compass what is needed in the visiting area of our ministry. In addition to our church members who need to be called on, there are approximately 2,500 Voice of Prophecy students in our section of the city. There are approximately 8,000 in Singapore, but we have four churches in the city, so we confine ourselves, or try to, to our area. (I wonder how many pastors in America have more than 2,000 such students in their area.)

In addition, there is our Missionary Volunteer Society and its need for direction and cooperation. And this brings me to a most pleasant thought—that of our unusually fine group of national youth. This is the growing sector of our church. Most of the people we baptize—about 95 per cent—are between the ages of 15 and 20. They have a lot to learn and are eager to be taught. This has made our prayer meetings interesting, for they are mostly instruc-



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**New apartment complexes built near the Balestier Road church present the challenge of telling these high-rise dwellers about Jesus.**

tional in nature. Once I conducted a series about the Protestant Reformation and the Reformers. After devoting four or five meetings to this, I thought I should change topics, but the young folk asked to have the series extended.

It has been my great privilege to baptize some of these young people. It should be remembered that in most instances they have no Christian background and come out of Buddhist or Hindu backgrounds.

What a joy it is now to see some of these young people in our college and secondary school getting a Christian education. Others have found places in our work at the hospital, the publishing house, or in secretarial work in our headquarters offices.

In June, 1974, the Senior Missionary Volunteers conducted a Voice of Youth Crusade for the people in the immediate neighborhood of

the church. Within the past two years more than 2,000 families have moved into new high-rise apartment buildings on two sides of the church, almost within a stone's throw. We feel a heavy obligation to reach them with the gospel.

Although I helped with the organization of this crusade, I was not in Singapore while it was held. Mrs. Finney and I went on vacation about that time. Technically, as SOS workers (SOS stands for "Sustentation Overseas Service," not "Save our ship"! ) we are entitled to take all the vacation time we want to, but in actuality we find it difficult to get away as much as the policy for full-time workers allows.

We arrived in Singapore in October of 1969 as full-time employees, but with no previous mission experience. The work I was called to do was what I am doing now. At the end of the first two years, or

## RETIRED PROFESSIONALS BECOME VOLUNTEERS

SOS stands for "Sustentation Overseas Service"—retired denominational workers of experience who are willing and able to give one or two years of volunteer service overseas. They live from their retirement income, so are self-supporting. E. L. Longway, an SOS worker in Hong Kong, maintains that SOS stands for "sink or swim." He and some of the others pay their own round-trip fare, but live in furnished housing provided by the field.

Elder and Mrs. Carl W. Goransson are teaching at Indonesia Union College. A. Simorangkir, college president, wrote soon after the Goranssons had arrived: "Both of them teach Bible and several classes of English. In addition to this, Elder Goransson teaches tumbling. There are 30 students enrolled in the tumbling class."

Few retired persons are required to teach tumbling, but Bible teachers, physicians, builders, business workers, dentists, evangelists, college teachers, and other retired Adventists are in demand for special assignment.

DUANE S. JOHNSON

*Associate Secretary, General Conference*

about then, I suggested to the proper persons that after our furlough—at the end of the third year—I would be willing to go on sustentation, if I was wanted in the same kind of work. The suggestion was agreed upon, and so we came back from furlough as SOS workers.

We believe this is an excellent plan. The organization out here has been exceedingly kind to us and a pleasure to belong to. I do not pretend to be able to carry as heavy a load as I once did, but I enjoy being busy, if being busy has a purpose and can contribute to our work. This is not a mark of superiority on my part. This is what I want to do. Sometimes I get too busy and the pressure mounts, but that is what life is like, and it is far better than being bored or occupied with meaningless activity.

I have been asked whether I get homesick, and my answer is an unqualified Yes. I wonder whether anyone ever leaves his homeland and never feels a longing to be back. Especially I miss the rolling beauty and limpid lakes of Wisconsin, where we spent 12 years before coming here. And yet I know that things are not what they were back home, and there is much that is good here. It is easy to believe that missionaries of long-term service grow to

feel that the mission field is their home, where they most want to be.

Not all of our time has been confined to working in Singapore. During our second year we were asked to conduct Weeks of Prayer in four of our schools on the island of Borneo, Sunny Hill and Ayer Manis in Sarawak, and Tamparuli and Goshen in Sabah. In these four schools there is a total of around 1,000 young people, many of them not Seventh-day Adventists. The four weeks were strenuous, with speaking up to three times a day, one baptism in a beautiful stream near Ayer Manis School, and counseling with students and faculty.

Last year another bonus was given us when we were called to conduct a Week of Prayer at Indonesia Union College, not far from Bandung. This was our first visit to Indonesia.

There may be those reading this who are in somewhat the same position we were about six years ago. Perhaps you have been asked to give thought to serving in one of the church's overseas divisions. Whether you should answer such a suggestion affirmatively is not for me to say. But I can say that for my wife and me these have been bonus years. We would not hesitate to make the same choice again.



# SOS Workers Accept Brazil Relief Assignment

By BRUNO STEINWEG

OUR Sustentation Overseas Service assignment to Northeast Brazil College while two of its teachers are taking advanced work at Andrews University is proving a satisfying experience. Tucked away in the hill country 100 miles to the southwest of Recife, this is an ideal place for study. The school prepares ministerial workers for both the East Brazil and the North Brazil unions. Arthur Dassow and Paulo Marquart, respectively, are giving wise leadership in the development of the institution.

Of the 425 students on all levels, 74 are in the theological department. From 27 in 1972 the number of theological students almost tripled in two years. The students, many of them married, have come with a purpose and are a real challenge in the classroom. In the district surrounding the school the theological students have been given assignments to help care for three churches and ten groups. In 1973 there were 57 baptisms as a result of

*Bruno Steinweg is an SOS worker at Northeast Brazil College.*

their work. This past year during Lent they conducted ten simultaneous short crusades called Calvaries. Of the 2,000 who attended, 213 requested Bible studies and 17 were baptized. God is blessing Elias Gomez in organizing the theological department and this mini-mission.

The school is situated on a 268-acre tract of very hilly land. Earl Witzel, who came here ten years ago, has built up the farm, dairy, poultry, and gardening. Besides supplying the school dining room, the farm last year raised 65 acres of ensilage corn for the dairy, along with 637 tons of sugar cane as a cash crop. The farm provides work for 40 to 45 students.

Like many other schools, Northeast Brazil College suffers from growing pains. Presently the walls are rising on temporary classrooms for the theological department beneath the platform of a much-needed larger auditorium. Long-range plans include enlarging the dining room and kitchen facilities and constructing a music building and a permanent home for the theological department.

During the midyear vacation my wife and I made a visit to Belém at the mouth of the Amazon, where we had been the Leo Halliwells' first overseas helpers. When, after 11 years, we left Belém in 1947 to go to the Spanish side of the continent, the membership of the North Brazil Union was 998. Now there are more than 27,000 members!

Upon returning to Brazil by way of Manaus, we had occasion to visit the Amazonas Agricultural School. We saw the students at work clearing jungle, running the tractor, and tying up tomato plants under plastic shelters to produce an unheard-of yield. We saw the primitive dormitory conditions, three tiers of hammocks in the girls' "dorm," and the boys fitted into the roof space above the church.

We are sure there are many other institutions and projects scattered around the globe that have found their place on a list of special needs at General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C. We firmly believe there will be those who will forgo a trip to Europe at the time of the General Conference session in Vienna so that they can have the satisfaction of working some place where they are needed. A letter to the General Conference secretariat will bring a list of these projects from which to make a choice.

## RHODESIA

### Solusi Youth Hold Weekend Meetings

Tshabanda, a Seventh-day Adventist primary (elementary) school 24 miles down the road from Solusi College in Rhodesia, was the site of weekend meetings recently. Some of the students at Solusi had been eager to get out as a group and share their faith. To prepare them for this, classes were conducted on how to witness effectively, how to give Bible studies, what the gospel really is, and how to share the church's health message.

The young people (29 Solusi students and Carol Ramsay, a student missionary from PUC) decided to use Tshabanda as their base for a weekend. The local pastor and school headmaster were in favor. The area chief had promised, as a gesture of goodwill, to "command" all his people to attend the series of meetings.

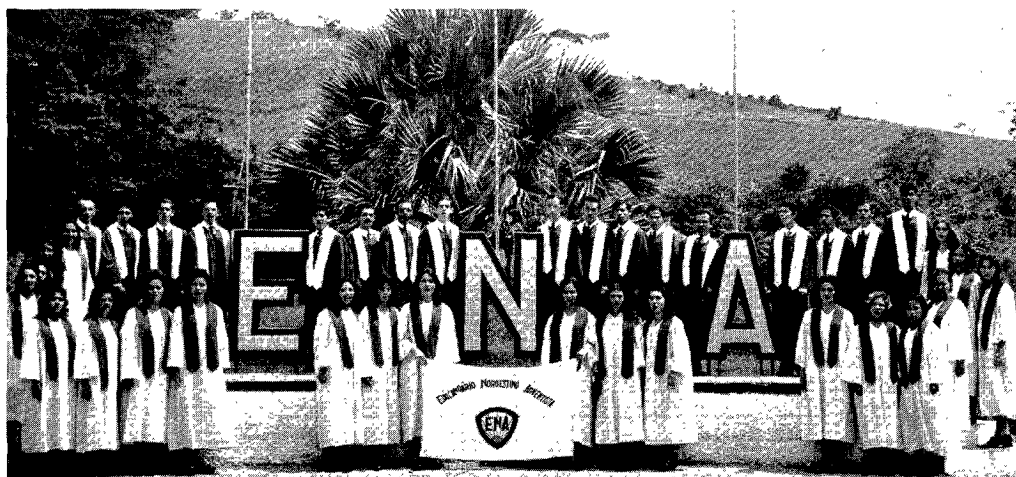
Some of the boys got out of class early on Thursday and left to pitch the tent. At 4:30 P.M., when the rest of the group arrived, the tent was already up. Camp was set up in the classrooms at Tshabanda.

Advertising had been entrusted to the local church members and the elementary school children. They did their job well. By 6:30, when the generator was cranked up, the tent was already one-third full. By 7:30 the tent was bulging; by 7:45 all seating outside the tent was taken.

In no time Message and Wallace, the two choristers, had the small children singing. Soon the adults were singing too.

That evening, as on each succeeding evening, the first item on the program was a health talk relevant to the needs of the people. Next came an evangelistic talk with slides.

On Friday, after breakfast and worship, the students divided into five troupes. The previous evening the students had asked community leaders for names of those who needed help in any way. They settled on five projects



Members of the concert choir at Northeast Brazil College come from 15 of the 22 states of Brazil.

that ranged from general spring-cleaning to building a latrine. Each group set out in a different direction to tackle one of the projects. All the groups were to be back at noon.

The sun was hot, and since it was harvest season, a few of the groups helped to harvest maize. All the students arrived back at the school with stalks of sugar cane or the remains thereof, the cane being an expression of thanks by the local people for the help received.

There was a great deal of discussion during the noon meal; each student was certain *his* group had worked the hardest.

That afternoon the students went back visiting and giving Bible studies where contacts had been made. In the evening the tent overflowed.

On Sabbath, members of

nearby churches came to fill the tent during the morning. A health message was integrated with the sermon. (Solusi offers a minor in health education along with its theology program). Sabbath afternoon was spent visiting and giving Bible studies. In the evening the tent overflowed.

Sunday's activities were similar to Friday's. In the evening, once again, the tent overflowed.

On Monday the students returned to Solusi College. A month later, a student visited Tshabanda and on his return to Solusi reported that some former Adventists had returned to church and other local residents were in a baptismal class as a result of the weekend of meetings the students had held there.

IAN HARTLEY  
Dean, Solusi College



Solusi students did more than just preach to Tshabanda residents; they divided into small groups and helped them with their duties.



#### GLENDALE CHURCH SPONSORS DAY CAMP

The Vallejo Drive church in Glendale, California, held its fourth day camp this past summer. Summer Day Camp is a program begun by W. E. Jamerson, who had a burden for small children with parents who work. Jackie Eliazo, above, a day camper for two years, has learned how to pitch her own tent.

In the camp's first year of operation, it averaged 20 to 30 children a day, a figure that has grown this year to an average of 60. Record attendance for one day was 101, including staff and counselors.

The day camp is staffed primarily by youth of the Vallejo Drive church. Their salary for work in the camp is in the form of scholarships to the academy or college they attend.

Some 20 per cent of the children who attend are from non-Adventist homes. The camp's main emphasis is to bring these children to Christ and to strengthen the faith of those who are being brought up in the church. The day camp follows up its program of spiritual emphasis by channeling these children into various other church-sponsored activities.

Many parents have been amazed at the change Day Camp has made in their children, who have come home singing songs they learned at camp, and insisting on saying grace in homes where it has not been said. Day Camp not only affects the lives of the children for good but also extends its witness to their parents and their homes.

## MEXICO

### Growth Necessitates Forming of Four New Organizations

In a single month four new organizations came into being as a fruitage of the remarkable growth in the Mexican Union during the past four years. Three missions were raised to conference status, and a new mission was carved out of existing missions.

Four years ago the Mexican Union membership was 47,266. At the end of 1974 the figure was 72,807, but this figure is already out of date, since new members are being added week by week.

The Mexican Union leads the seven unions in the Inter-American Division in baptisms, with a 1974 total of 9,803. The union has set for itself a faith goal of 12,000 new members in 1975. It leads the division both in its Sabbath school enrollment—more than 100,000—and in its number of branch Sabbath schools—more than 2,000.

The South Mexican Conference is the most active in the union in soul winning. Last year 4,023 persons, an average of one to every 6.5 members, were baptized. Like most of the Mexican fields, the South Conference has a laymen's club that holds monthly meetings in the different congregations to study the art of effective soul winning. One district pastor in this conference baptized 513 persons in 1974; eight baptized more than 200 each; and two baptized more than 150 each. In the entire conference only five major crusades were conducted during 1974. Most of the new members came in through small crusades and Bible studies given in the homes by church members. At their first conference session, held early in January, the 850 congregations of the South Mexican Conference pledged to win 6,000 new church members during 1975.

The Southeast Mexican Conference also held its first session in January. Of its 460 congregations, 75 are organized churches. During the past four years tithe has doubled, 8,478 persons were bap-

tized, and 24 new churches were built. This conference ranks second in the Mexican Union in baptisms, with 2,332 in 1974. Its workers have set a goal of 3,000 baptisms for 1975.

The Central Mexican Conference was the first to achieve conference status this past December. Its territory, including 12 states and 12 districts, embraces 13 million people living on the central plateau in the heart of the country.

The new West Mexican Mission, with headquarters in Guadalajara, the second city of Mexico, was carved from territories belonging to four existing missions.

The progress in Mexico is an example of what is happening throughout the Inter-American Division. During the past four years approximately 190,000 new members have been baptized in Inter-America. Membership at the close of 1974 was more than 405,000.

The rapid expansion of the work presents three major challenges. First, there are not enough church buildings to take care of all the members. According to laws in certain territories, all religious meetings must be held in church buildings that are deeded to the government. This law is being activated, and notice has been published that homes being used for religious meetings will be confiscated. This makes it imperative that new churches be built as quickly as possible.

Second, there are not enough workers to care for all of the new congregations. Some unions are trying to solve this problem by sponsoring more young men to study the ministerial course at their respective union colleges.

Third, many new church schools are needed. And for this, accredited teachers are a must. Between 70 and 90 per cent of those baptized in the division are young people. They need to be in Christian schools to assure the future growth and stability of the work.

B. L. ARCHBOLD  
President  
Inter-American Division



### SOUTH AUSTRALIA PASTORS ORDAINED

T. R. Potts, right, reads the official charge to Bruce Burling, second from left, during Pastor Burling's ordination ceremony in the Trinity Gardens church, South Australia, on December 21.

Other participants in the ceremony, pictured behind them, are S. M. Uttley, Trans-Commonwealth Union Conference president; W. A. Townend, South Australian Conference president; and S. Wood, Stirling church pastor.

Pastor Burling worked in the North New South Wales Conference before transferring to Murray Bridge in South Australia, from which center he serves the three churches in his district.

M. M. STEWART  
Communication Director  
South Australian Conference



### FOUR ORDAINED IN ALASKA

Two Alaska pastors were ordained on September 21 in the Anchorage church. They are Reed Qualley, center left, Fairbanks pastor, and Bernie Willis, center right, of Gambell, director of the Department of Village Programs.

Joining them are two fellow workers who were ordained earlier in the year, Dennis Evans, left, and Glenn Gingery.

E. R. Walde, North Pacific Union Conference president, preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge. Arnold Naude, newly elected departmental secretary, offered the ordination prayer. Fred Beavon, Alaska Mission president, gave the official welcome to the newly ordained pastors.

FRED BEAVON

## Far Eastern

● Newspapers and television have given a boost to the stop-smoking programs of the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, reports R. W. Burchard, administrator. In a recent editorial devoted to the hospital's programs, the *Hong-kong Standard* reasoned that the Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking "has worked internationally so there is no reason why it should fail in Hong Kong." In addition to the editorial, the *Standard* ran a feature story, some of the Chinese papers carried articles on the stop-smoking programs, and Staff Physician S. R. Kettner was interviewed on a television program.

● Church members in North Sumatra purchased almost 500 Spirit of Prophecy books during a four-week Spirit of Prophecy promotional trip to that part of the West Indonesia Union Mission by Indonesia Publishing House staff members.

● Delegates, guests, and personnel from the East Visayan Mission met January 29 to February 1 in Tacloban City, Philippines, for a Target '80 Seminar. Lectures during the session gave more light on the objectives of Target '80 and on making every church member an effective worker for God. Troadio L. Pangan, mission secretary-treasurer, was ordained to the gospel ministry during the seminar's Sabbath afternoon service.

## Inter-American

● Hundreds of members from all parts of the island of Guadeloupe gathered recently at the mission's youth camp for the inauguration ceremonies. B. L. Archbold, Inter-American Division president, was the main speaker for this happy event, and he also cut the ribbon officially opening the camp. All but \$100,000 of the total cost of \$800,000 for this modern, fully equipped camp was donated by the French Government.

● The Adventist medical-

dental clinic in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, creates good public relations for the church through its contacts with the hundreds of patients who pass through its doors each month. Two Adventist women dentists work full time in the recently remodeled clinic, and an Adventist physician works there part time. A small branch clinic has been opened in another area of the city. An Adventist dentist works full time in this clinic, but as yet there is no physician there, although facilities have been provided for one. These clinics are two of the six sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Venezuela.

● A Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was conducted in Medellín, Colombia, February 3 to 8 in connection with a union-wide temperance institute.

● Carlos Aeschlimann, Central American Union president, is holding an evangelistic campaign in Panama City, Panama, with the help of ministers and approximately 40 schoolteachers. On February 23, 71 persons were baptized as the first fruits of the campaign.

## Northern Europe-West Africa

● The Finland Publishing House is printing the five volumes of the Conflict of the Ages Series in the Finnish language.

● The Swedish and Danish publishing houses have just completed the 10-volume set of *The Bible Story*, and their major effort will be to sponsor a strong selling program for these books.

● Iceland Publishing House is producing *The Great Controversy* and has also launched the sale of an undated magazine.

● According to J. T. Knopper, Northern Europe-West Africa Division publishing director, Netherlands Publishing House is in the process of producing the complete 10-volume set of *The Bible*

*Story*. The project will be completed in April or May. They are also publishing the complete five-volume set of the Conflict of the Ages Series in Dutch. This year *The Acts of the Apostles* and *The Great Controversy* will be ready.

## North American

### Atlantic Union

● Mr. and Mrs. David McConnachie, of Jay, Maine, opened a health-food store in Farmington, Maine, more than a year ago. Since then many people have purchased foods, cookbooks, and other merchandise, and have attended cooking classes and other features of the center. In addition, many have learned of Christ through conversations and free literature.

● Founders Hall at Atlantic Union College is being renovated. The first floor is nearly completed, with offices for the religion department staff, a student spiritual life center, and a large classroom. Square nails used in the original construction are being saved to use as gifts to those who make new contributions of \$25 or more to the project.

● A new elementary school is being constructed in Dexter-ville, New York. It includes a kitchen, library, principal's office, medical room, and three classrooms. Removable partitions will make it possible to convert the classrooms into an assembly room that will seat 300.

### Central Union

● Seven missionary-minded Lincoln, Nebraska, families recently returned from giving volunteer service at the College of the Pacific, Navojoa, Mexico. Marilyn Schwartz was the leader of the group. Travel to and from Navojoa was by motor home and station wagon. The men, employees of the Schwartz Construction Company, donated their labor while their wives cooked, laundered, and helped in other ways.

● The Downs, Kansas, company has purchased three lots

for a new church building. This is a new organization, largely the result of the work and practice of Dr. and Mrs. Burton Cox. The company will be organized into a church soon.

● The membership of the Kansas Conference on December 31 was 4,074, a net increase of 141 for the year, according to S. S. Will, conference president. The projection for 1975 is 4,200.

● As part of the Outreach '75 program of the College View church in Lincoln, Nebraska, Glenn Davenport is teaching a Bible study Sabbath school class. The class presently has a membership of 15 with six people preparing for baptism.

### Columbia Union

● Literature evangelist award winners for 1974 include: Ohio Conference, Doug Banfield for top sales, \$23,024; Potomac Conference, Stella Humphrey for the largest number of baptisms, and Pete Wolosuk for the highest in deliveries, \$28,438; Pennsylvania Conference, Shadrach Samuel for the highest sales, \$31,742, and Charles Knarr for the most baptisms. Mrs. Humphrey and Mr. Knarr were elected Literature Evangelist of the Year for their respective conferences.

● A floating seminar for ministers of the Chesapeake, Mountain View, and Potomac conferences was held recently in Staunton, Virginia. The floating seminars are conducted throughout the North American Division by the Academy of Adventist Ministers and sponsored by the General Conference.

● Steve Gifford is the new director of ministry and evangelism for the Mountain View Conference.

● Thirty-three ministerial workers from the Pennsylvania Conference attended a special extension school held at Blue Mountain Academy, Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

● Consecration services have been held for the newly purchased and remodeled church in Blossburg, Pennsylvania.



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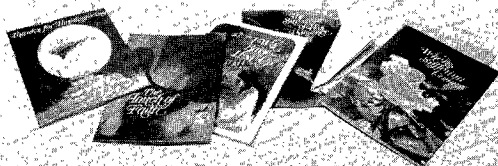
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### Lake Union

● Approximately 100 guests attended central Wisconsin's youth rally February 15 at River Pines Community Health Center, Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The weekend activities featured a discussion of the concept of sanctification and righteousness by faith conducted by Don Noble and Jerry Montelious, staff members at River Pines.

● Lake Region Conference workers gathered in Chicago, Illinois, from January 26 to 29 for their annual workers' meeting. President J. R. Wagner and other conference officers used this occasion to give the workers special recognition for outstanding accomplishments during the year.

● Shiloh Academy in Chicago, Illinois, is now offering a course in computer science. The school obtained a teletypewriter from a Chicago company, and it is connected to Andrews University's master computer by way of telephone.

### North Pacific Union

● Elwood Boyd has joined the staff of Walla Walla General Hospital in Washington as an assistant chaplain. Previously he was pastor of the Sandpoint, Idaho, church.

● A native of Enumclaw, Washington, is the new assistant manager of the Adventist Book Center in the Washington Conference. He is Perry Mundy, a 1969 graduate of Walla Walla College.

● Mike McBride is the new associate pastor of the Puyallup-Orting District in the Washington Conference. He is a recent Master of Divinity graduate of Andrews University.

● The Spanish congregation in Walla Walla, Washington, has purchased a church building, their first permanent facility for worship.

● W. J. Clemons has transferred from Rapid City, South Dakota, to be pastor of the Goldendale, Washington, church.

● Rapidly nearing completion on a paid-for-as-it-is-built program is a new church in Oregon City, Oregon. The church is being constructed by volunteer labor on a seven-acre tract near the corner of the Oregon Conference camp grounds in Gladstone.

● Evangelism is being emphasized in the North Pacific Union Conference, with both pastors and conference officials participating. A major series of meetings is being held during March and April in Renton, Washington, by James Chase, Washington Conference president.

### Northern Union

● S. J. Joannou, formerly a missionary to Africa, is the new pastor in Bismarck, North Dakota.

● Through the efforts of Richard Haas, pastor of the Dodge Center, Minnesota, church, area clergymen are encouraging the reading of *The Great Escape*, a book published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association encouraging people to escape from drugs.

● Gerald Retzer has been appointed full-time Iowa Conference evangelist and is conducting his first series of meetings in Oskaloosa.

### Pacific Union

● Ralph Reedy and Adam Stramel are sharing field assignments as associates in the Arizona Conference publishing department, where Jack Henderson is director.

● Evangelist Bill Hoffman of the Voice of Prophecy; Samuel Remick, pastor; and laymen of Lynwood, California, church saw their efforts rewarded with 80 baptisms.

● Bakersfield Southside church members have launched into a small literature program for the entire congregation. Enthusiasm for the project is encouraged by James Jones, Jr., pastor, and Juanita Banks, Central California's leading black literature evangelist.

● Reports from the chap-



lain's office of Glendale Adventist Hospital Medical Center show that 32 people were baptized through their department in 1974. Edward Bryan is head chaplain.

- Latest of the 14 foreign language churches of the Pacific Union is an Arabic group meeting in North Hollywood, California.

- Arthur J. Ferch is the first Avondale College-Pacific Union College exchange faculty member. He replaces for a two-year term Neils-Erick Andreassen, professor of religion.

- Reaping series by the Clifton Walter-Bernie Paulson team in Paradise, California, resulted in 37 baptisms. Forty were baptized in Bakersfield, where Dick Rentfro worked with area pastors.

- Members of the church family in Lakeside, California, have moved into their fellowship hall for worship until their new sanctuary is constructed.

#### Southern Union

- Baptisms in the Florida Conference totaled 234 for the first two months of 1975. Five evangelistic crusades conducted during February resulted in the following number of additions to the church: Rainey Hooper, Fort Myers, 34; Harmon Brownlow, Naples, 19; Ken Cemer, Altamonte Springs, 16; Dale Brusett, Sarasota, 50; Arthur Swinson, Port Charlotte, 19.

- Sales by literature evangelists took a decided turn for the better during February. While still running behind last year's achievement union-wide, several conferences registered significant gains, including Kentucky-Tennessee, 31 per cent; Florida, 21 per cent; and South Atlantic, 17 per cent. Although falling slightly behind for February, Alabama-Mississippi has an 11 per cent increase for the first two months combined.

- Approximately 1,000 teenagers and young adults attended the Senior Youth Witness Training Seminar held March 5 to 8 in Atlanta,

Georgia. Emphasis was on one-to-one evangelism.

- Roger L. Irven, a literature evangelist in Crestwood, Kentucky, had sales totaling \$9,112.31 through March 6, an average of more than \$1,000 per week.

#### Southwestern Union

- Texico Conference literature evangelists report \$116,745 in sales, 10,076 pieces of literature given away, 413 Bible studies given, 1,237 correspondence courses, and 12 baptisms for 1974.

- The Oklahoma Conference attained 114 per cent of its Ingathering goal, with a total of \$139,322. Texico Conference members raised more than \$100,000 for Ingathering, which represents more than \$28 per person.

#### Loma Linda University

- Hundreds of Loma Linda University alumni attended conventions sponsored by the schools of medicine, dentistry, and health during March.

- Chairman of the department of pediatrics, Robert F. Chinnock, died at Loma Linda University Medical Center following an apparent heart attack. Dr. Chinnock, in addition to his university duties, was very active in the Diabetes Association of Southern California and each summer since 1958 was the director of a summer camp for children with diabetes.

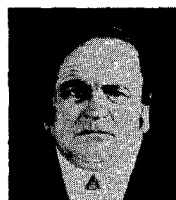
- Newly organized Students for International Medical Service is a body of medical students, affiliated with other schools of Loma Linda University, who have as a common objective an interest in missions.

- "Commitment and the Christian Physician" was the theme of the weekend retreat April 4 and 5 sponsored by the Student American Medical Association.

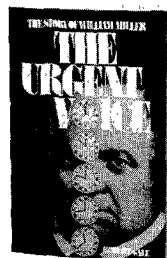
- A post-Master's degree in education is now available on the La Sierra campus of LLU in both educational administration and counselor education.



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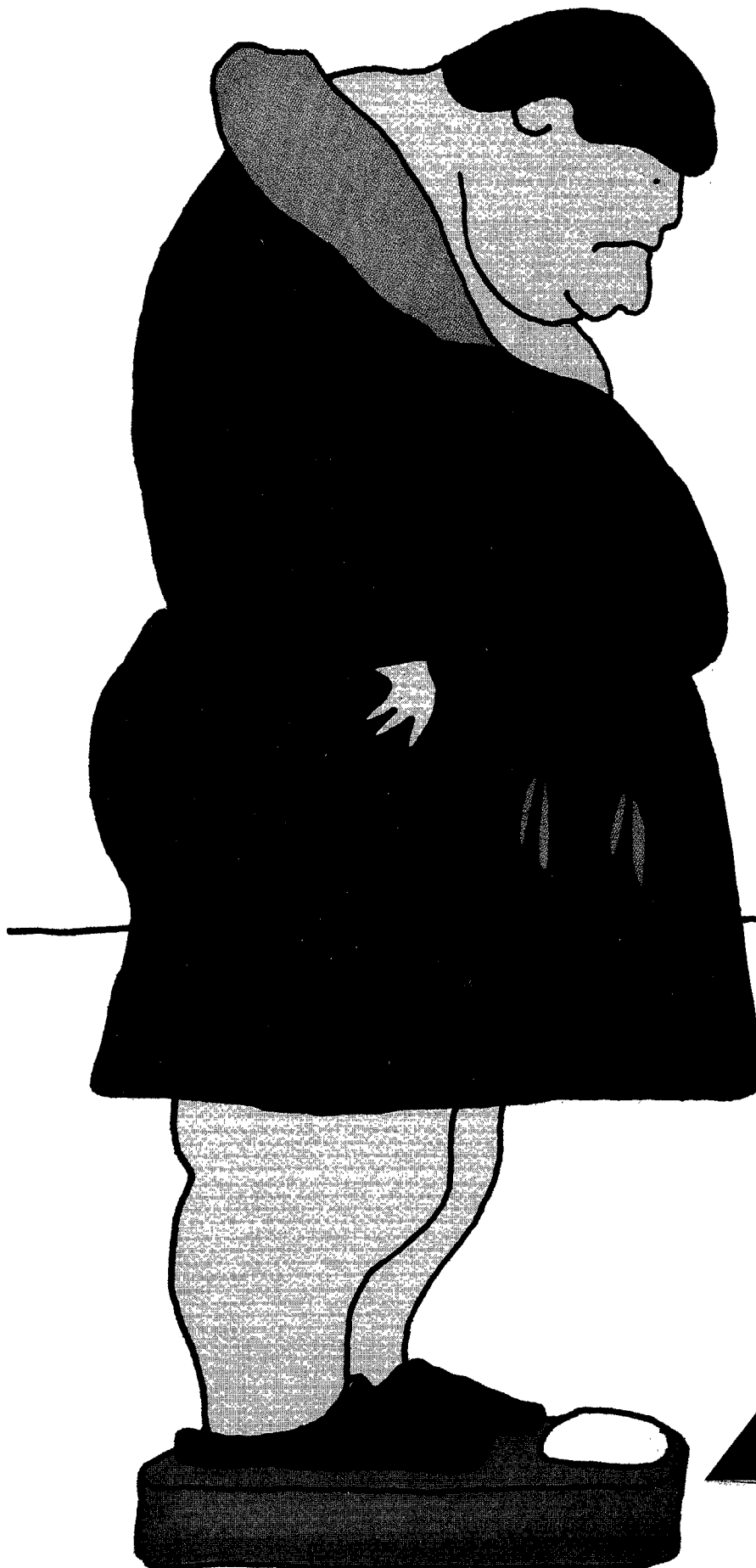


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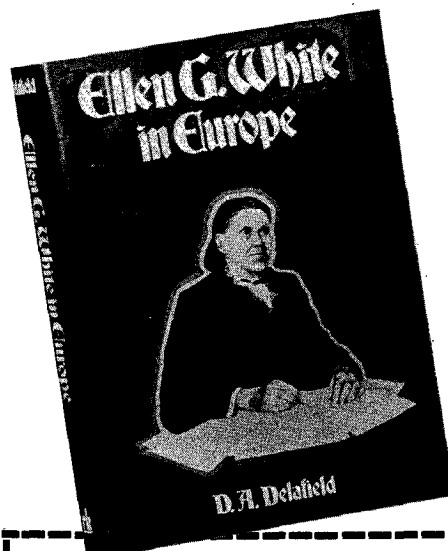
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## To New Posts

### FROM HOME BASE TO FRONT LINE

**Lewis O. Anderson, Jr.** (AU '69), to serve as Bible teacher, Korean Union College, Seoul, Korea, and **Mary Saba (Swayze) Anderson** (UC), and three children, of Allen Park, Michigan, left Los Angeles, California, February 9, 1975.

**Marilyn Colleen Fellows** (WWC '70), to serve as lab technician, Nairobi Clinic, Nairobi, Kenya, of Salem, Oregon, left Miami, Florida, February 13, 1975.

**Alden Wesley Follett** (PUC '71), returning as teacher, Bugema Adventist College, Kampala, Uganda, and **Margaret Ramona (Edwards) Follett** (PUC), left New York City, February 11, 1975.

**Neander C. Harder** (U. of Pe-  
tropolis '61), returning as pro-  
fessor, Brazil College, São Paulo,  
Brazil, and **Lieselotte (Kimling) Harder**, and daughter, left Los Angeles, California, February 4, 1975.

**Charlotte Lee McKinnon** (To-  
peka Kaw Area Vo-Tech School '73), to serve as accountant, Trans-Africa Division office, Salisbury, Rhodesia, of Topeka, Kansas, left Miami, Florida, January 27, 1975.

**Craig Harris Newborn** (PUC '70), to serve as teacher, Kama-  
gambo Secondary School, Kisii,  
Kenya, and **Janis Lauren (Stephens) Newborn**, and two chil-  
dren, of San Diego, California,  
left Washington, D.C., Febru-  
ary 24, 1975.

**Esther Mae Oldham** (LLU '68),  
returning, to serve as director of  
nursing service, Saigon Advent-  
ist Hospital, Vietnam, left Los  
Angeles, California, February 11,  
1975.

**Lois Rachel Wilson**, returning,  
to serve as director, School of  
Nursing, Seoul Adventist Hospi-  
tal, Korea, left Los Angeles, Cal-  
ifornia, February 18, 1975.

### ADVENTIST VOLUNTEER SERVICE CORPS, SUSTENTA- TION OVERSEAS SERVICE, RELIEF/SPECIAL SERVICE

**Warren Fordham Hann** (PUC '74) (AVSC), to serve as prac-  
tical engineer, Sarawak Mission,  
East Malaysia, of Porterville,  
California, left San Francisco,  
California, February 11, 1975.

**Henry Frank Howes** (U. of  
Maine '32), (SOS), to serve as  
engineer, Guatemala Mission,  
Guatemala City, and **Rosamond (Lewis) Howes**, of Fayville, Mas-  
sachusetts, crossed the border  
at Laredo, Texas, October 29,  
1974.

**Ruth Carolina McEachern** (Win-  
nipeg Gen. Hosp. Sch. of Nurs. '31) (R/SS), to serve as a nurse, Penang Adventist Hospital, Malaysia, of Winnipeg, Mani-  
toba, left Los Angeles, Califor-  
nia, February 15, 1975.

**William Fred Noel** (AVSC), to  
serve as English-language  
teacher, Seoul English Language  
Center, Seoul, Korea, of Madi-  
son, Alabama, left Los Angeles,  
California, January 21, 1975.

**Lloyd Pratt** (R/SS), to serve as  
relief physician, Malamulo Hos-  
pital, Malawi, Africa, of Sacra-  
mento, California, left San  
Francisco, California, February  
13, 1975.

**H. Glenn Stevens** (R/SS), to  
serve as physician/internist, Sai-  
gon Adventist Hospital, South  
Vietnam, and **Joycelyn Stevens**,  
of Loma Linda, California, left  
Los Angeles, California, Febru-  
ary 2, 1975.

### STUDENT MISSIONARIES

**Lolita Kay Nick** (SUC), of  
Phoenix, Arizona, to serve in  
secretarial and teaching, Savanna-  
la-mar High School, Jamaica,  
W.I., left Miami, Florida, Janu-  
ary 2, 1975.

**Stephen W. Treible** (LLU), to  
serve as medical student, Clinica  
Monte Bello, South Mexican  
Conference, Chiapas, Mexico, of  
Granada Hills, California, left  
Los Angeles, California, Febru-  
ary 19, 1975.

## Deaths

**BROWN**, Stanley Dowdell—b.  
Nov. 4, 1906; d. Nov. 27, 1974, Chat-  
tanooga, Tenn. After graduating from  
Washington Missionary College in  
1926, he earned four undergraduate  
and graduate degrees. He served as a  
pastor in the West Pennsylvania Con-  
ference, and as a Sabbath school and  
MV director. In 1932 he married Dor-  
othy Jane Russell. He served on the  
staff of Southern Missionary College  
from 1935 until his death, for a time  
chairman of the English department  
and as librarian. Survivors include his  
wife; two daughters, Sarah Torres and  
Julie DeBres; and a son, David.

**HERSHEY**, Helen Evelyn—b. April  
15, 1918, Defiance, Ohio; d. Jan. 15,  
1975, Loma Linda, Calif. Survivors  
include her husband, Ronald A.,  
associate professor of physical ther-  
apy at Loma Linda University; a son,  
Ronald A. II; a daughter, Robin R.;  
and one grandson.

**SWINYAR**, Theodore C.—b. Feb.  
25, 1917, Detroit, Mich.; d. Jan. 7,  
1975, Collegedale, Tenn. He gradu-  
ated from Adelphian Academy, Holly,  
Michigan, and from Columbia Union  
College, Washington, D.C. In 1952  
he graduated from the Loma Linda  
School of Medicine. In 1960 he went  
to Southern Missionary College as a  
physician. Survivors include his wife,  
Shirley Stockton Swinyar; a daughter,  
Audrey Ruth; two sons, Gary, music  
teacher at Laurelwood Academy, and  
Daniel, of Collegedale; and a brother,  
Joshua, principal of Adelphian Academy.

**TACHICI**, Ioan—b. July 17, 1894,  
Tamboesti, Romania; d. Dec. 1, 1974,  
Bucharest, Romania. He began col-  
porteur in 1924, and from 1927 to  
1931 was a colporteur leader. For two  
years he was departmental secre-  
tary, and then until 1945 he was a  
minister, being ordained in 1936.  
From 1945 to 1958 he was field secre-  
tary of the Romanian Union, with two  
brief intervals as president of the  
Bucharest Conference. From 1958 to  
1965 he was secretary of the Roman-  
ian Union. In 1965 he became acting  
president of the Romanian Union,  
and from 1966 until his death he was  
president of the Romanian Union.  
Survivors include his wife, Maria,  
and a son, Adrian-Emil.

## Coming

### April

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(Alternates with Andrews Uni-  
versity Offering)  
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### May

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3 Church Lay Activities Offering  
10 Disaster and Famine Relief Offering  
17 Spirit of Prophecy Day  
24 North American Missions Offering/  
Home Foreign Challenge

### June

7 Bible Correspondence School  
Emphasis  
7 Church Lay Activities Offering  
14 Inner-City Offering  
28 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering  
(Euro-Africa Division)

# The Back Page

## Harris Pine Mills Growth Report

Since 1951 the total income of Harris Pine Mills has reached \$379,654,421, without a single unprofitable year. The net profit after gifts during that time totals \$15,682,534. Gifts to church entities total \$6,015,454. To keep the company strong in a highly competitive industry, the balance of profits was needed for plant expansion and improvements.

An all-time record of \$42,920,419 in sales was recorded in 1974.

Twenty-three years ago Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harris, of Milton, Oregon, donated their unfinished-furniture enterprise to the Seventh-day Adventist Church with the hope that the investment would grow and become a mighty means of advancing the work of God.

Probably the most meaningful contribution of Harris Pine Mills is in providing industries for secondary schools and colleges through the operation of 25 assembly plants. By shipping component parts to these assembly plants, the Harris Pine system combines mass production, student labor, and proximity to markets as a winning combination. In 1974, 2,767 students earned a total of \$2,367,592. Since the inception of this plan in 1955,

students have earned a total of \$17,964,639.

At a recent meeting of the board, Robert H. Pierson, board chairman, expressed appreciation to C. J. Nagele, president, the officers, and employees of Harris Pine Mills for their roles in this story.

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## N.A. Ingathering Report—10

The total amount of Ingathering raised during the 1975 campaign is \$8,191,169.54, or \$16.64 per member in the North American Division, a gain of \$12,632.41 over last year's total of \$8,178,537.13.

Fifteen conferences reached the Silver Vanguard mark (\$25 per member): Newfoundland, \$37.45; New Jersey, \$31.86; Pennsylvania, \$30.09; New York, \$29.14; Texico, \$29.06; Oklahoma, \$28.44; Illinois, \$27.97; Chesapeake, \$27.66; Arkansas-Louisiana, \$27.62; Greater New York, \$26.61; Southern New England, \$26.23; Iowa, \$25.91; Kansas, \$25.35; Alabama-Mississippi, \$25.27; and Northern New England, \$25.01.

The three unions in the million-dollar category have the following totals; Pacific, \$1,325,969.19; Columbia, \$1,298,281.53; and Southern, \$1,224,161.24. Six unions,

Atlantic, Canadian, Central, Northern, Southern, Southwestern, and 37 conferences exceeded their final totals of last year.

Unions reporting the largest gains over last year's total are Canadian, \$38,127.34; Southwestern, \$31,742.91; and Southern, \$19,237.99. Highest conference gains were reported by Arkansas-Louisiana, \$17,869.22; Ontario, \$17,515.33; British Columbia, \$10,848.00; and Northeastern, \$10,000.00. C. C. WEIS

## Addis Ababa Hospital Stays Open

The Empress Zauditu Memorial Adventist Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, will continue to operate as a Seventh-day Adventist mission hospital, according to word just received at General Conference headquarters. Calls for new personnel that had been held up, pending a decision on the future of the hospital, are being reactivated.

Because of labor union problems, the closure of the hospital was a distinct possibility despite the efforts of General Conference, Afro-Mideast Division, and Ethiopian Union officers to avoid this. (See REVIEW, Feb. 20, back page.)

A telex message from E. W. Pedersen and C. E. Schmidt, division president and treasurer, respectively, states that the government has ordered labor union activities at the hospital to cease and that the new denominational working policy has been accepted and guaranteed by the Minister of Health. Bekele Heye, union president, has had opportunity to explain the reasons behind the denominational stand on labor unions and has prepared newspaper articles to further explain the church's position.

W. DUNCAN EVA

## In Brief

**Sales record:** The Polish Publishing House reports breaking all sales and production records during 1974. Sales have increased by 800 per cent since 1957, with last year's \$60,000 setting a record

year for literature sales. Five books, totaling some 2,000 pages and 59,000 copies, were published last year.

**Spanish youth congress:** The first youth congress for Spanish-speaking youth in Illinois was held at the Central Spanish church in Chicago, March 21 and 22. Eight hundred young people and their families heard guest speakers Leo Ranzolin, General Conference associate youth director, and Richard Barron, Lake Union Conference youth director. The program featured a series of discussions on music, sex education, witnessing, and the home.

**Died:** Wesley I. Amundsen, 83, on March 27 in Takoma Park, Maryland. Elder Amundsen served in the Inter-American Division for ten years and was executive secretary of the Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries for 16 years.

## American Airlines Discrimination

In the United States it is illegal for an employer to discriminate against an employee for keeping the Sabbath or for refusing on religious grounds to join or support a labor union unless the employer can prove that it would cause undue hardship to his business.

It is the policy of American Airlines not to discriminate against any employee because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. In keeping with this policy, American Airlines, in cooperation with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Government agency charged with enforcing the law, is endeavoring to obtain information concerning possible

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