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*“To us a Child of hope is born;
To us a Son is given.”*

THIS WEEK

Our cover quotation is taken from the Christmas carol "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born," number 100 in *The Church Hymnal*. We thought we would share the words of this carol with our readers because it so aptly portrays how the Child, born in the manger, one day soon will rule His entire creation in peace.

"To us a Child of hope is born; To us a Son is given; Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heaven, Him all the hosts of heaven. His name shall be the Prince of peace, Forevermore adored, The Wonderful, the Counselor, The great and mighty Lord! The great and mighty Lord! His power increasing still shall spread, His reign no end shall know; Justice shall

guard His throne above, And peace abound below, And peace abound below."

We especially like the Harry Anderson painting, of modern children gathered about the manger, chosen for this cover because it illustrates that Jesus was given to all people, both young and old, in all generations of earth's history.

Along with our Gift Issue, which portrays Christ's life from birth through death and second coming, the ADVENTIST REVIEW staff prepared a slide program whose script is the text of the Gift Issue. In a recent Monday-morning chapel period we showed the program for Review and Herald employees. Their response has been overwhelmingly

positive. Two employees wrote us short notes:

"The slide presentation of the life of Christ is most beautiful. I could hardly contain my tears."—Raymond Keitt, bindery worker.

"How much I appreciated the presentation of the sweetest story ever told!"—Dorothy Hill, periodical mailing worker.

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Saw is wrong!

I was admiring the painting by Harry Anderson on pages 8 and 9 of the Gift Issue—Joseph supervising Jesus as he builds a pigeon house and Mary being so pleased.

Then it struck me—unbelievable! The saw that Jesus is using is falsely constructed. The twisted cord used to add tension to the blade belongs on the top. The top bar in the picture belongs in the middle of the saw as a fulcrum. I have used and serviced this type of saw many times.

ALFRED L. CHRISTENSEN
Avon Park, Florida

▶ You are correct. Actually what research the editors have been able to do suggests that the type of saw portrayed in the picture on page 9 in the Gift Issue is probably medieval. Probably the kind of saw Jesus would have used was single-handed and cut when pulled toward the carpenter, as do many saws used in the Orient today.

Unions

"Unions" (Letters, Nov. 8) asked why an Adventist would remain on a union job. I can 2 (1370)

answer only for my situation.

When I entered electronics school four years ago I was not an Adventist. While in school I met and married an Adventist student. I came to love the Lord and was baptized a few months after our marriage.

When we finished electronics school we had several offers from nonunion companies, but all would have required working on Sabbath. Instead, we accepted a job with a large company in a "right to work" State.

We are remaining on this job despite some harassment from some union members because we are the only Adventist family in the county where we live and work. We believe God has directed us here and given us a work to do.

JACK BRADLEY
Anamosa, Iowa

Race relations

"An Important Ruling" (editorial, Nov. 15) appalled me.

Although the editor disavowed Principal Aleck Lee Bledsoe's interpretation of the Bible, is it not possible that by citing this particular ruling (which still might be overturned by a higher court), he tacitly gave comfort to Adventists whose views are similar to those of Principal Bledsoe?

At a time when some of our educators, ministers, administrators, and lay members are desperately striving to improve race relations, the intended thrust of the editorial for autonomy of our

schools could be misunderstood as favoring racism.

ROY E. STONE
Dayton, Ohio

I must take exception to the editorial "An Important Ruling" (Nov. 15). To give either tacit or implied approval to racism is totally out of harmony with the Christian ethic.

The decision made by the school mentioned in this article and by the court should not be applauded by God's people as a victory for either civil or religious liberty, but defeat.

R. E. BROWN, SR.
New Orleans, Louisiana

▶ The editorial expressed disapproval of the principal's interpretation of Scripture; it expressed approval of the right of a private school to establish its own rules and conduct its program in harmony with the beliefs of its sponsors.

Thoughts on giving

Re "We Have the Key" (Nov. 22).

I have heard church members say, "I would give, but I don't have enough money. If I had as much money as so-and-so I would give." They miss the whole point of the Lord's instruction to give. We can't afford not to give!

I know from personal experience that a person can't outgive the Lord. The more I give, the more I have to give.

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Senses versus the Word

Magic. Mystery. Illusion. The words are intriguing, and the phenomena connected with them capture the attention of most human beings, this editor included. Thus when I read the following story in the complimentary newspaper placed under my door in a Moncton, New Brunswick, motel, I was interested immediately. The story read, in part:

"Southeast New Brunswick offers one of the world's most amazing events—free of charge.

"At Magnetic Hill, just off the Trans-Canada Highway at Mountain Road exit to Moncton, you can watch while cars appear to run uphill without power, and then try for yourself, in your own car, and see if you can discover the secret of New Brunswick's widely-written-about Magnetic Hill.

"Over the years more than half a dozen books have been written about the 'powers' of the hill, and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles have been printed in almost every language existing.

"You may believe you know the real secret of Magnetic Hill, or you may, like thousands before you, prefer to go away wondering just how it happens.

"But one thing is certain, you'll talk about your experience at Magnetic Hill, Moncton, for a long time after your visit."

A picture of the hill, with cars testing it, accompanied the newspaper story, and carried the following caption: "One of the most talked-about places in Canada, Magnetic Hill, has, for generations, amazed and bewildered visitors from all over the world. Can cars really run uphill without power, or is it all an illusion?"

When I asked the clerk at the motel desk, "How far away is Magnetic Hill?" she replied, "About one hundred yards up the road." So, as my wife and I drove away from the motel, en route to camp meeting appointments in Nova Scotia, we stopped first at Magnetic Hill to see whether we would be "amazed and bewildered" as other visitors from all over the world had been.

It was early in the morning; hence, no other cars were around. In harmony with the instructions on a sign lettered in both English and French, we drove to the bottom of the hill and shifted into neutral. Immediately our car moved backward up the hill, gaining momentum so rapidly that I nearly lost control of it. At the top of the hill, I stopped the car, and my wife and I looked at each other "amazed and bewildered." Fascinated, we again drove to the bottom of the hill, and repeated the experience. Once more we were "amazed and bewildered." It was a strange feeling indeed to coast uphill backward.

Did we actually coast uphill? No. The arrangement of

the topography—the field at the "bottom" of the hill, the embankments along the road, the surrounding hills—made us feel that we were coasting uphill. But the illusion certainly was impressive. If we had had to rely only on our sight to decide what was happening to us, we would have declared without reservation that we were coasting uphill. Fortunately, having an understanding of the law of gravity prevented us from making a false judgment based on sense perception.

Inevitably, as we left Magnetic Hill and continued our journey eastward, we discussed the danger of relying exclusively on one's senses not only in physical matters but in spiritual. We discussed the question Ellen G. White asks in *The Great Controversy*: "Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they . . . cling to the Bible, and the Bible only?"—Page 625. Mrs. White raises this question in the context of Satan's end-time effort to deceive the world by impersonating Christ. "In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: 'Christ has come!'"—*Ibid.*, p. 624.

Millions will be deceived

Millions—even billions—of people will be "amazed and bewildered" by Satan's "second-coming" spectacular. Having failed to obtain objective knowledge from God's Word, they will accept the evidence of their senses, and be deceived. "Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise."—*Ibid.*, p. 625.

They also will recognize the truth about two other satanic last-day phenomena—spiritualistic representations designed to persuade people that the soul is immortal, and miracles designed to convince people that Sunday is the Sabbath. Tragically, multitudes will be deceived. "So closely will the counterfeit resemble the true that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures."—*Ibid.*, p. 593.

Our experience with Canada's Magnetic Hill was intriguing, even entertaining. We were not deceived by the fact that our senses played tricks on us, but we were startled.

In the coming crisis, however, the results to those who yield to the evidence of their senses, against the objective evidence and counsel of God's Word, will be tragic, not amusing. Even now, "events of vital importance are taking place around us; we are on Satan's enchanted ground."—*Ibid.*, p. 601. Our only safety lies in knowing God's Word and trusting it implicitly. K. H. W.

To us a Child of hope is born

Light shines amid the silver Christmas trees, cascading from brightly decorated shop windows. Even in the poorer streets at Christmas time occasional candles gleam amid the pervasive blight—pale remembrances of that light that long ago flooded the plains of Bethlehem and now shines forever in the hearts of Christians.

Darkness engulfed the Eastern fields that supreme night long ago. And darkness filled men's hearts in beleaguered Palestine, where beneath the Roman eagles,



At Christmas time the song of the angels can still be heard, assuring life and hope to a fearful world.

By RUSSELL H. ARGENT

oppressed by tax gatherers and tormented by the invader, hope withered in the hearts of the Israelites.

The Roman Empire, sustained by slave labor and founded on brutal power, contributed law and order to the ancient world. The globe lay prostrate beneath the burnished spears of the iron kingdom. Humanity and personal concern were as dead as the flower of young manhood lying in the bloody sand of the Colosseum.

Occasionally the career of a half-crazed fanatic who claimed to be the Messiah shot like a comet across the night sky, seeming to leave behind it a denser darkness than before.

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Isaiah had written, "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (chap. 60:2). So it now seemed. Steely-eyed merchants haggled for wealth, traitors vied to make their peace with Rome, detached scholars delved into esoteric studies, while the feared and distrusted Herod, drunk with power and sated with lust, careened toward his ignoble end.

Yet the One who at Creation said, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3), reminded the world of a more powerful realm of peace and permanence than Rome could ever know, built on an unshakeable foundation of unselfish love. Once more light shone forth in the darkness. Again, as at Creation, "the sons of God" shouted for joy. Melodic strains echoed across the fields of Palestine, reminding God's people that neither earthly power nor supernatural might can frustrate His purposes.

Simple rustics, who believed in the promises given to Israel, were informed of the Messiah's birth. "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11). Hurriedly the shepherds trod the cobbled streets of Bethlehem to find their Saviour, a joy glowing in their hearts unknown to worldly sycophant or sensual courtier.

They found the Messiah cradled in straw, amid the lowing oxen and the bleating sheep—His presence unheeded by the hurrying throng intent on urgent business. The brightest and best of the sons of the morning had rejoiced to do His bidding. Seraphim and cherubim had veiled their faces before Him. Yet the Majesty of heaven laid aside the power and the glory, choosing the path of the suffering servant, to identify Himself forever with mankind, knowing that the Father one day would turn His face from a lonely skull-shaped hill where darkness surrounded Him as a patient sufferer on a Roman cross. He did so with the awareness that dawn would break again across the earth, that light would penetrate the gloomy tomb, while a shattered Roman seal on a ponderous stone would witness that death could not hold its prey.

No wonder the children of darkness did not understand. They had expected a crown and a scepter to be the Messiah's emblems, not a manger and a cross. The ways of God, however, are not the ways of men and women. "For God says, 'I will destroy all human plans of salvation no matter how wise they seem to be, and ignore the best ideas of men, even the most brilliant of them.'" So what about these wise men, these scholars, these

brilliant debaters of this world's great affairs? God has made them all look foolish, and shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense" (1 Cor. 1:19, 20, T.L.B.).

Yet many might have known. They could have been aware of the prophecy of the 70 weeks of Daniel 9:24. Through studying the Scriptures they might have learned that "the time is fulfilled." They could have read the words of Micah, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (chap. 5:2). Yet like today, busy with many things, eyes riveted on the kaleidoscopic pattern of the daily scene, the multitude failed to recognize the signs of the times.

Streams of light from the City of God at the Second Coming

Christmas reminds Christians of a fulfilled promise and the birth of a Saviour, pointing forward to His second return, when once more light will stream from the open gates of the City of God as thousands upon thousands and tens of thousands escort the Lord of glory on His royal progress to His usurped realm.

This Christmas, across the battlements of a sin-ridden planet, the song of the angels can still be heard, assuring life and hope to a fearful world. "Let not your heart be troubled," the Saviour said; "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

However much of disappointment, care, and weariness this year has brought, the light that shone across the fields of Palestine brightens the darkness in our lives. At Christmas time, even though it may not be celebrated on the exact birth date of Christ, joy fills the hearts of Christians in the same way that it did the hearts of the shepherds of Bethlehem as we contemplate the glad tidings of the birth of the Messiah. With hearts aflame with love for Him, we join in proclaiming the glad tidings of the Saviour, who became man and shared in the joys and sorrows of human existence, who ministers for His people in the heavenly sanctuary, and who will return soon to claim His lost inheritance. It is good to remember the words of Ellen White: "Those whose lives have been hidden with Christ, those who on this earth have fought the good fight of faith, will shine forth with the Redeemer's glory in the kingdom of God."—*Testimonies*, vol. 9, p. 287. □

Prove me now

The author did not see how she could pay her tithe, but when she stepped out in faith the windows of heaven were opened and an unexpected blessing was poured out.

By MURIEL PHILGENCE

Having cashed my paycheck, I walked home slowly, wondering what to do for my family for Christmas. There was barely enough in my check to cover necessities, certainly nothing to spend for Christmas.

Finally turning the key, I reluctantly entered the door, wishing there was some way to escape the unpaid bills staring at me from the table where I had left them the night before. I knew they had to be paid, but some would have to wait.

Having received my last notice, I would have to pay the telephone bill. If I didn't my telephone would be disconnected. Neither could I postpone the Consolidated Edison bill, for I could not risk having my electricity cut off. What about the other small bills, some of which I had been postponing for three months? Because I had three hungry mouths to feed, I certainly had to pay my food bill.

To buy new clothes was out of the question; the children would have to wear what they had, and that went for me, too. Then the thought came to my mind, perhaps this month I could keep the tithe. God would understand. He is such a wonderful God.

Muriel Philgence writes from Bronx, New York.

Soul music

By FANNIE L. HOUCK

*Sharing God's love with another
Tunes our heart to heaven's key,
And winning souls for Jesus
Gives the heart its melody.*

At that moment a horrible feeling came over me. How could I feel obliged to pay the companies whom I owe, but be unfaithful to God? Could I afford to have my blessings from Him cut off?

Why don't I try God for myself? I mused. "Prove me now," He said, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). What? Not room enough? The verse presented me with a new and exciting prospect. I set aside my tithe.

Christmas came. There was no tree; there were no lights, no toys. But we had food. I explained to the children that we should be grateful for what we had, reminding them that hundreds were homeless and cold on this supposedly joyous day. I was happy when they accepted my explanation. That was blessing number one. Many more were to follow.

When the Sabbath came, I felt a special happiness. I could refresh my mind and soul and forget until Monday morning about the cares of the week. Though poor, I was strong and healthy; so were my three children. Doubtless there were many who because of poor health had not enjoyed Christmas.

The promise proved true

I began to search for something to place in the offering. Happily I was able to find some coins. Somehow the quarters I placed in the children's hands that morning seemed to have an extra shine.

The promise of Malachi is that the blessings given to those who faithfully pay their tithe will be so great that there will not be room enough to receive them. This proved to be true. By Sunday night I had received \$96 that various members of the church slipped into my hands for the children. That amounted to a little more than four times the amount of the tithe I had paid. Since then I have been receiving clothing and other needed items from people who for no apparent reason seemed prompted to share with us. The peak of the overflow came when a friend of mine was asked by a friend of hers whether she knew of anyone who could use some boys' clothes that still seemed too good to throw out. My friend accepted them on my behalf.

Another friend called, offering some clothes for my youngest son. My daughter eyed me. Noticing the "How about me?" look on her face, I said, "Don't worry, sweetheart, yours will come." Two days later a kind sister brought over a box of practically new things for her. The friend who had brought the boys' clothes called back telling me that she had more. I was amazed. Our closets were full, but the blessings kept coming.

By then I had received another paycheck. Bills stared at me again, but this time I smiled back gratefully. A twinge of remorse came over me for earlier having entertained doubts. Breathing a prayerful sigh, I sank into the chair feeling much as the psalmist must have felt when he said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Ps. 34:8). □

“Disaster on rails: a growing worry”

“Confusion, collision, and death
without a moment’s warning
will occur on the great lines of travel.”

By PAUL GORDON

Beneath a dramatic photo of derailed and burning tank cars the April 23, 1979, issue of *U.S. News and World Report* carried an article titled “Disaster on Rails: A Growing Worry.” According to statistics included in the story, “there were 1,034 rail mishaps involving hazardous cargo [gases and chemicals] last year—20 percent

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INSPIRED GEMS



Favorite Bible texts
and Spirit of Prophecy quotations
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● “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength” (Isa. 26:3, 4).

● “When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man’s best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit.”—*Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 382.

more than in 1977. Such accidents in the first nine months of 1978 forced the evacuation of nearly 20,000 people.”

One of the worst rail disasters of 1978 occurred “April 8, when 27 cars of a 116-car freight train derailed near Crestview in the Florida Panhandle.” Nearly 5,000 persons were evacuated from the area because three cars carrying anhydrous ammonia had exploded. In addition, “toxic fumes leaked from cars filled with chlorine and carbon tetrachloride.”

An average of 80 million tons of hazardous gases and chemicals is transported around the United States by railroad each year. Accidents and fires that result from derailments are a cause of growing concern to Americans, particularly those who live near railroad tracks.

In 1890 Ellen White made this interesting forecast: “Fires will break out unexpectedly. . . . Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment’s warning will occur on the great lines of travel.”—*The Signs of the Times*, April 21, 1890.

I think of these words every time I read a headline telling of sudden death by rail, automobile, or plane. Accidents on the great lines of travel in any recent year injured more persons in the United States than have been wounded on battlefields during the nation’s history. Who but God could have foreseen this in the 1880’s?

Probably concerned about the increasing dangers of travel as well as the political restrictions that would come, Ellen White predicted in 1900 that “we have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord’s messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now.”—*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 22.

In the next decade or so after this prediction was made, travelers were free to journey without passport or restraint into every part of the world. Today, however, large areas of the world are to a greater or lesser degree closed to missionary endeavor. In some places missionaries are denied entry into countries formerly entered with ease. The way is being hedged up on the right and on the left.

The picture is not entirely bleak, of course. Some countries that have been closed to our work are now being opened. We need to continue to pray that God will make it possible for us to reach the entire world.

God promises that “there is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour, Christ as the Sin Bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done.”—*Ibid.*, pp. 20, 21.

Also, we need to remember in prayer those who are forced to use the increasingly dangerous lines of travel in order to carry the three angels’ messages to every corner of earth. □

A word portrait

Our General Conference president, with wide-ranging interests and total dedication to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is truly a “man for all seasons.”

QUESTION: What kind of person is Elder Neal Wilson? I'd like to know things about him that would interest a young person. Do you know him well enough to write a thumbnail sketch?

ANSWER: Yes, I do know him well enough to do so. Because so many young readers have made this request, I'll take my courage in my teeth and venture into the peril-fraught waters of describing a living leader.

First of all, he's the kind of man who can be known to persons of all ages as “Neal” without his losing one whit of authority, leadership, or dignity. He has self-confidence—fortunately, since a leader who doesn't possess this quality isn't worth his salt. But he doesn't have the kind of towering ego that makes disagreeing with him a hazardous undertaking. In spite of the fact that I've had some brisk disagreements with him through these many years, our friendship is still intact. No matter what the provocation, no matter how long the hours of debate may continue in council sessions, no matter what flagrant discourtesy he may encounter, Elder Wilson never seems to become heated or strident.

Physically, he has the lean, spare build of a greyhound, though he is no mean trencherman at mealtime. However, he can go an entire day (and possibly longer, though I don't know for sure) without food with no diminishing of energy or mental power if a tight schedule demands this. His body seems to adjust itself to whatever instruction he gives it. His health is unsurpassed, a blessing that sometimes brings a feeling of near envy to those of us less fortunate in this area. For instance, once when he saw me taking an aspirin and commented on this, I asked him what he took for headaches. Taken aback, he replied in surprise, “I've never had a headache.”

Moreover, he can and does function at top efficiency

on five hours' sleep a night, though I have heard him say that it is “nice” to have six hours. Throughout our years of acquaintance I have never seen him look or act sleepy, no matter how late the hour. I wish I knew his secret.

He is fond of athletic activities and has achieved in several such areas—so much so, that in his younger days it is possible he could have acquitted himself well in open competition. When he was a missionary in Egypt he was locally famous for scaling the outside of one of the Giza pyramids in record time. You'd have to see those pyramids to appreciate the full scope of that accomplishment. Although in the distance the pyramids appear to be perfectly smooth, the rough blocks of which they are made are so large and uneven that climbing one is not a project I would want to undertake.

Elder Wilson's ability to remember names is nothing short of incredible. Not only does he know the names of hundreds of denominational workers, he knows the names of their wives, almost never forgetting anyone who has been introduced to him, no matter how briefly. As if this weren't enough, if he hears the names of his friends' and co-workers' children he will ever afterward inquire about them by name. At this point in time he seems to be going on to the names of his friends' grandchildren, as well. (I've thought of testing him on the name of my departed cat whom I loved so dearly, but that would be going a bit too far, don't you think?)

He prefers the roses

Elder Wilson regards the universe as friendly. He does not suspect plottings and conspiracies behind every tree, though he is not blind to the foibles of human nature. He knows that thorns usually accompany roses. He simply prefers to dwell on the roses. He is totally incapable of performing a deliberately unkind act. He also contradicts the commonly held belief that administrators never read or study. Not relying on others for information, he researches doctrinal and organizational material for himself, seeming always to be reading any number of books simultaneously.

His relationship with young people is direct, easy, and comfortable. He is the kind of person you would enjoy having along on a sail, a picnic, or a camping trip, and you can be sure that he would do his part of the work, and probably more. The trip would be more fun for his having been a part of it. Corollary to that, if you were in a group that became lost, or suffered some other traumatic experience, I am certain that your group would automatically turn to him for leadership, not because he would thrust himself forward, but simply because he generates an atmosphere of certainty and confidence.

His family life is close and warm. That's remarkable in itself, considering that throughout his lifetime he's been in perpetual motion, away from home almost constantly, as he has represented the church in so many different areas. Elinor Wilson, herself slim and tall, is a peerless homemaker. She elevates this calling to real professional status, although she also is an elementary-

school teacher, at the present time taking a much-needed rest from teaching.

Daughter Shirley Wilson Anderson is an executive nurse, the wife of a young physician, John. Son Ted Wilson is director of Metro Ministries in New York City, his wife being the former Nancy Vollmer, a physical therapist. Ted and Nancy have the distinction of owning the first Wilson grandchild, tiny Emilie. I am sure that the relationship between the president of the General Conference and this captivating small person will be as deep and warm as are the other familial ties, although I can predict that the conversations between the two of them will be carried forward in the typically mature Wilson style. No baby talk for those two. Last, but not

least, there's another family member, answering to the name of "Pepper"—a tiny silver poodle who, when addressed by N.C.W. in a firm tone of voice, obeys, but with that saucy insouciance achieved only by a poodle.

Having read over what I've written, I realize that I've said nothing negative. But I am not an iconoclast; I too prefer roses to thorns. I will say, however, that if you should ask Elder Wilson to give you some information on, say, India he might give you a bit more than you'd expected, at a somewhat greater length than you'd anticipated.

Our General Conference president is totally dedicated to God and to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He's truly a "man for all seasons." □

RESPONSE FROM READERS

Thoughts about Santa

In years gone by various articles have appeared in the REVIEW that have questioned teaching children to believe in Santa Claus. At this Christmas season, may I share my convictions in this regard?

Inspiration says that "the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Gen. 8:21). Children have the talent of imagination, but unless it is guided aright it can lead in later life to their turning to escape mechanisms to avoid the realities of life, even to schizophrenia, and to a confused set of values. Little children may be too young to make value judgments, but not too young to form a foundation on which to build future value judgments.

"In the education of children and youth, fairy tales, myths, and fictitious stories are now given a large place. . . . When the children ask the meaning of stories so contrary to the teaching of their parents, the answer is that the stories are not true; but this does not do away with the evil results of their use. The ideas presented in these books mislead the children. They impart false views of life and beget and foster a desire for the unreal. The widespread use of such books at this time is

one of the cunning devices of Satan. . . . Never should books containing a perversion of truth be placed before children or youth."—*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 308.

How much worse than their reading these stories is our telling them to them!

For every truth Satan has a counterfeiter: fairies for angels, elves to do the things God's children should be taught to do (but why bother if the elves do them?), and Santa Claus for Jesus. Only it's easier to accept Santa because, in spite of threats to the contrary, he seems to reward even those who are not good. On the other hand, there are times when, for the poor child who has been ever so good, he does *not* come. Doesn't this present a confused set of values?

For years I have worked in the children's divisions of the Sabbath school. Especially at Christmas, I like to emphasize the story of the Baby of Bethlehem. In doing so I always ask, "What is the very nicest and best thing we know about Christmas?" There is one standard answer: "Santa Claus." The children also know about Rudolph and other thrilling make-believe tales, but few know the relationship between the wonderful birth of God's dear

Son and Genesis 3:15 or Calvary.

Some will say, Children cannot understand these deeper things. They don't understand symbolism. Don't talk to children about death and sad things. Don't call them Jesus' lambs; they might think they are animals.

I respond, Can children understand Santa? Can they understand his coming down the chimney, and Rudolph's lighted nose and his flying through the air at the head of the reindeer? Can children understand the little red hen making bread, the three bears keeping house, or an endless number of other such stories?

Perhaps children cannot understand symbolism or deeper truths. But we need to put them in our instruction anyway. With object lessons and nature lessons many things can be made clear. Doing so will help build a firm foundation. As children ponder these things, the Holy Spirit will flash the meaning into their minds.

"Christ had truths to present which the people were unprepared to accept or even to understand. . . . Afterward, . . . they recalled the words of the divine Teacher. To minds that were open to the Holy Spirit, the significance of the Saviour's teaching unfolded more and more. Mysteries grew clear, and that which had been hard to grasp became evident."—*Christ's Object lessons*, p. 21.

How can we help children

use their imagination properly?

"In the Bible a boundless field is opened for the imagination."—*Child Guidance*, p. 507.

"They [the youth] would all pronounce it the most interesting book they ever perused, if their imagination had not become perverted by exciting stories of a fictitious character."—*Testimonies*, vol. 2, p. 411.

"One of the first sounds that should attract their [our children's] attention is the name of Jesus. . . . Their minds should be filled with stories of the life of the Lord, and their imaginations encouraged in picturing the glories of the world to come."—*Child Guidance*, p. 488.

"If in their tender years"—too young to make value judgments—"the minds of children are filled with pleasant images of truth, of purity and goodness, a taste will be formed for that which is pure and elevated, and their imagination will not become easily corrupted or defiled."—*Ibid.*, p. 116.

Doubtless we, their parents and teachers, have some share in the responsibility for the approximately 50 percent of our children who leave the church. In the light of the seriousness and soon climax of the great controversy, should not we more carefully consider what we say about Santa and put our emphasis on teaching our children about Jesus?

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O Jerusalem

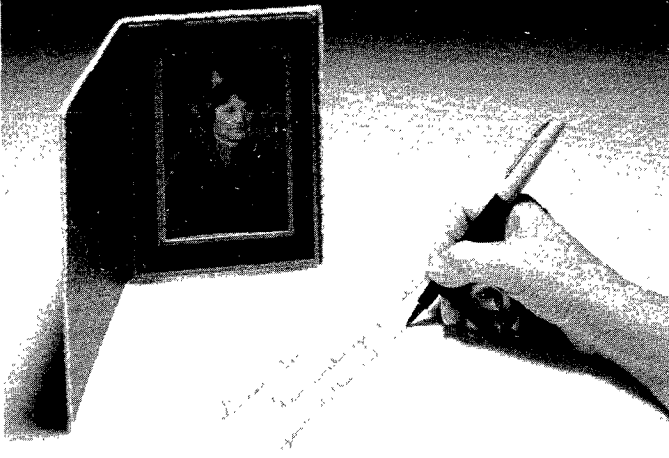
By HELEN BOND

*Just a group of shepherds, humble, poor, untrained
To any great profession, nothing worldly gained;
Gathered on the hillside under starry light,
Speaking hopes that held them through the long
dark night,
Hopes of soon salvation, hopes of One to come,
Promised in the Scriptures they had studied from.*

*Oh, they knew the promise, knew the time was nigh,
Trusted God to hear their longing, pleading cry
As they prayed for freedom, and that His design
Be fulfilled in their day through a King divine.*

*Just a group of shepherds, ready, waiting there,
The only ones to welcome those angels in the air.
Their hearts alone were opened to the good news
when it came.*

Just a group of shepherds. O Jerusalem, for shame!



Maternal memo on marriage

Her son having asked advice, a mother feels free to share her views as to how a person can know when he is ready for marriage.

By A MOTHER

Dear Son:

Two weeks ago you asked your father and me for counsel on your future with Lisa. You seem to have come to that point where your relationship should either terminate or advance toward marriage. So, as you say, you have launched a "feasibility study." You don't want to leave her dangling, as she has decisions to make soon regarding various job options. I am happy to note your consideration in this respect.

We had a good time talking that night. Your father and I both appreciate your openness and maturity, as evidenced by the insightful questions you asked.

Having been reviewing in my mind some of the important factors for young people to consider at a time like this, I decided perhaps it would be helpful to write and share them with you. I wax this bold only because you did ask for advice. I know that you are searching for any way that God can guide you to make the right decision. But you are free, of course, to sort, sift, and discard anything here that isn't helpful.

Let me assure you that our prayers join yours. Ever since you were a little boy, long before you began to

think or pray about marriage, I asked the Lord to prepare a suitable partner for you and to help me train you to be worthy of her. And how thankful we are that you are searching for God's will in this—and that you have a healthy fear of making a wrong decision. We are also thankful for your stated conviction that marriage is still "for better or for worse," not to be dissolved just because trouble comes. Many of your peers do not hold this view anymore; many of *our* peers don't. So it is reassuring to us to know that you and Lisa share this value.

Let me remind you, too, that God will lead you, if you submit your will to Him. Psalm 32:8 (R.S.V.) assures us, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." The context reminds us that first we must confess any sin. Total submission to God's will is the key to being led by God, as it is easy to rationalize until our will appears to be God's will.

Following are some of the considerations you and Lisa might want to discuss together:

Are there any little habits that annoy either of you, or do you each want only to make the other happy? If there are such annoyances, will the irritation wear badly or can you talk about them and forget them?

Do your temperaments, personalities, and emotional stability complement each other? This is better than being just alike, though your values, interests, and goals should be similar. Within this framework, can each of you still preserve your individuality?

Can you see some differences between you? If so, can you talk them out freely, openly, and come to an understanding concerning them? If you don't see any differences, then you have trouble ahead; if you can't communicate satisfactorily you are in trouble already.

Is your love strong enough to last perhaps 50 years or more, day in and day out? perhaps through a handicapping accident? or a problem child? or loss of a job? or a separation forced by war? How about extreme poverty? Or—don't laugh—sudden wealth?

There are several factors you have already looked at; they are important too. You do agree on your deepest values, on your plans for a family size and life style, on your complete trust of each other. You have tested your feelings for each other through some separation, and they have not evaporated.

Similar backgrounds

Your backgrounds are similar in many ways. Your educational levels will be similar when you both have finished school, and your vocational skills and plans mesh very well.

You certainly do not need to fear that Lisa loves you for what you have rather than what you are, since she has known you only as a struggling student. And it is unlikely that she is merely in love with love, since you said her parents told her they wanted her never to feel any pressure to marry just because she is finishing her edu-

cation. With that kind of support, plus her fine capabilities and intelligence, she doesn't need to escape into marriage.

You have also asked, Would I want her to be the mother of my children? and the prospect looks good there, too. She should ask herself the corresponding question.

Your friendship has unfolded gradually, and this is a good sign, as true love encircles the whole personality. It takes time to know a person that well. It was based first on mutual interests rather than physical attraction—that's another good sign. Nor has it been a self-centered togetherness, but you have enjoyed sharing it with others—in visits with family and friends, in hospital ministry, and in work and study contacts.

Perhaps the remaining questions primarily have to do with your own preparedness, Son. We have talked already about financial preparedness. Are you ready to accept the other leadership responsibilities of a home? Remember, Paul's concept of headship in the home is equated with Christ's love for the church. Are you prepared to humble yourself, as Christ did to wash the feet of His disciples, to die for your wife, if necessary?

Sometimes to live for her may be harder. Are you prepared to take out the garbage regularly—cheerfully? to submit to her viewpoint occasionally, without stubbornness (see Eph. 5:21 before you quote verse 22)? to keep your things picked up so you're not a burden to her? These qualities, of course, can be easily checked out if you have any doubts. There are a number of people who have lived with you for several years, now, who could give fairly objective opinions.

And are you prepared to be the priest of the family; to gather your wife—and later, your children—together for family worship every morning and evening? to have something worthwhile prepared? to lead your family spiritually by the winning power of your own Christian experience? Do you still faithfully make time daily for your private devotions? If so, you have a good foundation.

The responsibilities are heavy. The problems may be too, at times. But so will the joys, if you lay a solid foundation with wise decisions now. And God will guide you, just as fully as you let Him—both in deciding and in preparing. You are both encircled with our love and prayers.

Mother

FOR THE YOUNGER SET

The peacock-blue car

By AUDREY LOGAN

If there was one color Elder Keith hated for a car it was peacock blue. "Ugh," he said, "what a color!"

Since he had received a call to be a missionary far away from home Elder Keith had been very busy. Before he left he had to sell his furniture, pack boxes, and buy clothes and a car.

"You'll need a good one; the roads are rough out there," the mission board director told him.

Elder Keith ordered a nice shiny white vehicle. "Such a clean color," he commented to his wife. But it was no use. When he went to pick up the car he was told that white ones were not available. It was the peacock-blue car or nothing.

"I guess it will have to do," he sighed as he climbed into the vivid-blue monster.

But he found out that the peacock-blue car was the best thing that had happened to him. A civil war was going on while the Keith family were serving as missionaries. Soldiers were stationed everywhere. Sometimes there were 20 military checkpoints for every one hundred miles. The soldiers searched every car for weapons. It took hours to travel even short distances.

But God looked after His missionaries in this dangerous place. Whenever Elder Keith arrived at a checkpoint the soldiers recognized the peacock-blue car. They couldn't help it! It was the only car that color in the whole country. The men knew that Elder Keith was a Christian, that he carried no guns, and gave them interesting magazines called *Signs of the Times*. Sometimes he gave them a few



eggs that his hens had laid.

"Come on, Seven Days, we know you," the officer in charge would shout with a grin when he saw the peacock car approach. (Seven Days was the nickname the soldiers used for Seventh-day Adventists.) And our missionary would drive his car right up from the end of the line. No waiting, searching, no problems.

"You know," Elder Keith told me, "that frightful blue car probably saved my life. It was a blessing in disguise. While I was in it I knew there was little chance of my being shot at. The soldiers recognized the Seven Days' blue car."

What a good thing it is that God doesn't always give us what we want, that He gives us what is best.

Give your guilt away*

You and I have a problem that is universal. It makes people miserable in Toronto, as well as in Tokyo. It eats away at the heart of men and women in the Swiss Alps as well as on the edge of the Sahara. It involves the epidemic of guilt that envelops our world.

We are constantly caught between groups that hold standards or ideals that differ from ours. Our consciences clash constantly with the desires of our carnal natures, often burying us under mountains of guilt. An infinite list of tiny guilts, such as not turning the lights off in the house or not stopping to pick up a tin can along the street, pesters some of us no end. In fact, some people feel miserable because they can't think of anything specific to feel guilty about. Such emotions leave us feeling as lost and confused as if we were an empty corked bottle bobbing along in the middle of the ocean.

Not all guilt is to be condemned, however. We need to recognize that there are two kinds of guilt—the abnormal kind and the normal kind. On the one hand, abnormal guilt is destructive rather than constructive, for its poison can drive people to mental derangement and even suicide. On the other hand, normal guilt is helpful and healthy if we relate to it properly, for it can spur us to better habits and attitudes.

Abnormal guilt can sometimes cause physical disorders. A 24-year-old pilot's arm became paralyzed the day after he flew on a bombing mission. The physicians could actually stick pins in the arm without his feeling them. During his childhood he had hit his sister in a fit of anger, causing an impairment in her hearing. Somehow the bombing attack reactivated the pilot's buried sense of guilt, which manifested itself by paralyzing the arm he had used to strike his sister.

Recognizing abnormal guilt

Abnormal guilt exaggerates normal guilt way out of proportion and often results from our inability to forgive ourselves or to believe in or accept the forgiveness of others. Once we recognize abnormal guilt for what it is, however, we can put it into its proper perspective and begin to deal with it in the same way that we would with normal guilt.

Nearly all thinking people, whether they accept God or not, agree that the universe operates under dependable natural laws. We as human beings function under these laws, which God—who knows what is best for us to do and not to do—made for us. These laws reach into every phase of our being—physical, mental, social, and spirit-

ual—and the way we relate to them determines whether or not we are healthy and whole.

If these laws were arbitrary rules that we could harmlessly break, it would be rather exciting to try to get away with something. But instead, they help us discover how to get the most out of life. When we break them we injure ourselves and usually others, as well. Actually we cannot break divine laws. Instead we break ourselves on them.

Therefore, it's good for us to feel guilty if we lie, cheat, steal, slander others, or do those things that are contrary to the laws of life and health. Guilt is a mental pain that, like physical pain, warns us that something is wrong—that if we keep on doing the "something," we'll hurt ourselves badly.

When people today recognize that they are guilty of breaking God's laws, how do they find the forgiveness that Christ longs to give?

David's prayer of repentance

When King David wanted his neighbor's wife, Bathsheba, for himself, he had her husband, an army man, placed in the most dangerous sector when his unit went into battle. As David had hoped, Uriah was killed. Then David took Bathsheba for his wife. Because the Lord could not allow such a terrible example, He sent the prophet Nathan to point out David's sin. Recognizing his wrong, David prayed a beautiful prayer of repentance: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Ps. 51:1-4).

In verse 7 of this psalm, David expressed his faith in God's willingness and ability to forgive: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." And his final plea demonstrates just how God will answer such prayers. "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (verse 10). David gave his guilt away and found God's pardon.

Every plea for forgiveness should contain the two elements evidenced in David's prayer. First, we need cleansing from sin. Second, we need to accept a new and right spirit that will help us in the future to follow God's expressed will.

If we are feeling guilty about the past and are ashamed to face up to our weaknesses and sins, we can come humbly before God, open the Bible to Psalm 51, and read aloud the first ten verses. Then we can say to God, "This is the way I feel. Please do create in me—right now—a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me."

The same gracious God who answered David's prayer in spite of the enormity of the monarch's crime is more than willing to forgive us today, no matter what we've done. It's the only way that we can give our guilt away.

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Ministry and laity join hands at IAD festivals

By TULIO HAYLOCK

The first Festival of the Laity ever held in Inter-America lasted nearly one month and brought some 20,000 persons together at four places. Planned as an incentive for soul winning and as an inspiration for more soul winning in the future, it certainly achieved its goal.

Jointly sponsored by the lay activities department and the Ministerial Association of the Inter-American Division, this festival featured lay members. Ministers took second place, while the laymen stood in the limelight. Because the laymen have been winning most of the converts, it was only appropriate that they get most of the credit. The program was planned by Sergio Moctezuma, lay activities director, and Carlos Aeschlimann, Ministerial secretary, mostly for the laymen's benefit. In his opening address B. L. Archbold, division president, stated: "We have married the ministry and the laity, and this is their honeymoon."

Haiti, Guatemala, Colombia, and Barbados hosted the four sessions of the festival and received a great blessing as thousands of members from nearby churches attended the meetings. Just to hear 5,000 voices singing the theme song ("Maranatha, Maranatha, Christ Is Coming Again") to the accompaniment of piano, organ, saxophone, or marimba was a thrill.

On Wednesday night, August 8, the Seventh-day Adventist auditorium in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, filled to capacity. A large shed built in

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front of the auditorium to accommodate the overflow crowd was filled also, and hundreds milled around the auditorium searching for a vantage point. Delegates representing Haiti, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, and other French-speaking areas of Inter-America marched up the aisle waving their flags. The keynote address by Elder Archbold struck a responsive chord as the audience interrupted with loud amens. Cyril Miller, president of the Texas Conference, a special guest, said he had to pinch himself to see whether this was real.

All-day meetings included devotionals, seminars, workshops, and reports molded together with special music by singing groups and brass bands. It was encouraging to see so many people attending every meeting not wanting to miss anything, although the temperature inside must have hovered near 100° F.

Blind man's report

One of the highlights was a soul-winning report by a blind Haitian layman (see box). Speaking in native Creole, he held the audience spellbound as one amen after another shook the auditorium. Afterwards many felt inspired to say, "If a blind man can do so much, I should be able to do more with two good eyes and God's help."

G. E. Knowles, Lay Activities director of the General Conference, and W. C. Scales, associate Ministerial secretary of the General Conference, gave valuable instruction on how to witness. C. D. Henri, vice-president of the General Conference, stirred the delegates with a challenging message on Sabbath morning, which was also broadcast over a local radio station.

On Sabbath afternoon delegates fanned out over Port-

au-Prince to distribute *La Sentinelle* ("The Sentinel") as part of their workshop assignment. When asked by Humberto Rasi, Pacific Press Publishing Association foreign-language editor, how many systematically distribute this magazine every week, almost every hand in the auditorium went up.

As the program drew to its close, thousands of voices chanted "Dix mille" ("Ten thousand"), signifying their approval and commitment to winning ten thousand people during 1979. Then a candlelight ceremony, with the dean of the lay preachers in the Franco-Haitian Union passing the torch of evangelism to a younger generation, closed the festival.

Guatemala

Guatemala received the delegates for the next festival with blue skies, green mountains, red roses, and a spring climate. The welcome mats extended from the airport to the hotel to the auditorium and beyond. On the western frontier bordering Mexico, the immigration officials could well have thought that an invasion had begun when nearly 1,000 Mexican delegates crossed the border. The Mexican and Central American unions joined forces to celebrate this Festival of the Laity, and thousands of members from Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama streamed into Guatemala City.

On Wednesday afternoon Neal C. Wilson, president of the General Conference, and Elder Archbold arrived with their wives and were quickly caught up in a swirl of activities. Guatemalan tourist officials welcomed them, radio and newspaper reporters interviewed them, and nearly a thousand members greeted them as they stepped outside of the airport terminal building. The date coincided with a Guatemalan holiday, and after laying a wreath at one of the national monuments, Elder Wilson and those accompanying him were escorted by the police to his hotel.

That Wednesday night, August 15, another Festival of the Laity began with marimba music, a flurry of flags, and members in colorful costumes marching down the aisle. It really looked and sounded like a festival.

The Minister of Finance, Hugo Tulio Búcaro, representing the president of Guatemala, delivered a welcoming address that made everyone feel at home. Another stirring message by Elder Archbold set the pace for the festival and awoke members to their soul-winning responsibilities.

During the day the meetings were held in the auditorium of the Adventist secondary school, but because it was impossible for everyone to find a seat there, it was necessary to return every night to a large gymnasium, located in the courtyard of a well-known Catholic church.

During the free time on Friday afternoon the first Adventist-owned shortwave radio station was inaugurated at the Central American Union office. Elders Wilson, Archbold, and James Chase, Department of Communication director of the General Conference, spoke to a group of well-wishers, among whom were H. M. S. Richards, Sr., L. E. Tucker, national radio and television personalities, and government dignitaries.

Sacrifices made

One of the highlights of the festival was the report from the Nicaragua Mission of the sacrifices made by the laymen and ministers during the recent political revolution. Juan Aguilar, the only Nicaraguan layman who was able to attend the festival, reported on the difficult conditions under which he worked to win people to God's kingdom. It was because of laymen like him that the mission reported having reached its goal for 1979 by the end of May.

Sabbath was another long and happy day, with thrilling experiences of evangelistic advances. In the afternoon a special appeal was made to help finance the work in Nicaragua during the next few

months, because the income of that mission has been reduced practically to nothing. Members there are out of work and have no financial income to support the mission in the wake of the revolution.

With renewed evangelistic zeal, everyone repeated "Veinticinco mil" ("Twenty-five thousand"), as the soul-winning goal for the two unions during 1979. Then a candlelighting service sealed that commitment as the festival ended.

The coliseum in Cali, Co-

lombia, with a capacity of 15,000 people, was more than adequate for the Festival of the Laity that began there August 22. Laymen from Colombia, Venezuela, the Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic told their stories of God's miraculous working.

One of the highlights of this festival was the beautiful music, sung and played by half a dozen singing groups, a brass band, and several musicians. For the opening meeting Tavito Vasquez, a Do-

minican layman, left the audience speechless with a saxophone solo.

On the opening night the mayor of the city welcomed the delegates and wished everyone a pleasant stay, offering the traditional hospitality of the Colombian people. G. R. Thompson, vice-president of the General Conference, was the guest speaker in Cali and Barbados. In Barbados, the next stop, an unwelcome experience awaited the festival. On Wednesday, August 29, when the program was to

begin, Hurricane David came sweeping by, barely missing Barbados but devastating the nearby island of Dominica. Because air travel had been suspended that day, it was not possible for the participants or delegates to arrive on time, thereby postponing the opening of the festival until Thursday afternoon. Some of the delegates did not arrive until Thursday evening, and those from Dominica were unable to attend at all.

With a shortened schedule, it was necessary to pack every

Blind man leads the way

When sighted members at the Festival of the Laity in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, heard a blind lay preacher tell his soul-winning experiences, they felt challenged to do a greater work for the Lord.

Mecene Cherilus has been an Adventist for 26 years, but until he became blind in an accident about two years ago, he had not been very active in the missionary program of the church.

Faced with the tragedy of blindness, he asked himself, "How can I do the missionary work that I have neglected to do for so long?" He decided to hold an evangelistic campaign with the help of a friend. Since he had no meeting place, he began on a busy street corner. Shoppers and people hurrying to and from work were attracted by the singing, and he soon had an audience. His friend read the texts, and he did the preaching, day after day, for five weeks. By that time he had five persons ready for baptism to present to the pastor.

He chose a site near the Francois Duvalier airport in Port-au-Prince for his next evangelistic series. Again passers-by were attracted to this blind man who so fluently explained the Scriptures that a friend read for him. Soon a branch Sabbath school was organized on the site, which will soon be organized into a company. Fourteen persons were baptized as a result of Mr. Cherilus' endeavors in this area, and others are being prepared for baptism.

When Evangelism Explosion 1979 was launched, Mr. Cherilus was excited about participating, and again wondered what he could do. He thought of the parable of the great supper where the master bids the servant to "go out into the highways" and bring people in, "so that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23). He began an evangelistic campaign on the lawn in front of the Peniel church, of which he is a member. Again a young friend read the Scripture passages for him while he preached.

How he can preach! He is at ease with any subject, the mark of the beast, the Sabbath, or the state of the dead. Three converts have been baptized thus far from this latest campaign, and 30 are in the baptismal class.

Mecene Cherilus' report at the Festival of the Laity was a marvelous one. He began speaking carefully in

French, but desiring to go faster, he switched to the patois dialect. Dozens of laymen said to him afterward, "if you, being blind, can do successful evangelism, with two good eyes and God's help I should be able to do it too."

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Soul-winning echoes

Lay members on the march for Jesus Christ, reporting from the Caribbean and West Indies unions, told inspiring stories during each session of the Festival of the Laity in Barbados.

Selwyn Williams, the lay activities leader of the Siparia Seventh-day Adventist church in Trinidad (South Caribbean Conference), told a story that began with the distribution of *The Sentinel* missionary magazine.

When the church laid plans for evangelism in 1979, members decided to witness in every home within the radius of the church. The territory was conveniently divided for effective visitation, and more than 2,000 homes were visited and 8,000 copies of *The Sentinel* were distributed.

In almost every home the people received *The Sentinel* gladly. But in one particular home the journal was refused. However, the visiting Adventist persisted and finally left the magazine with the man of the house. The man tore the magazine up and threw out the fragments. His wife was not there at the time, but she found a fragment of the magazine and read it. She was so impressed with the small bit that she read that she wanted to find a complete copy of the magazine.

By inquiring, she learned that it was a Seventh-day Adventist who distributed the magazine. A member later visited her and gave her a copy and invited her to attend the campaign the church was conducting. She attended, and was among those who accepted the truths presented. At the end of the crusade, 43 persons were baptized, including the woman whose interest began with the reading of only a fragment of *The Sentinel*.

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Inter-American Division

minute of the program to make up for lost time. That being the case, many times it became necessary to curtail some activities in order to give priority to others. However, pulling the coattails of some speakers sometimes proved futile. They had too much to tell.

Reports of the laymen often brought laughter and tears to the audience, sometimes together, and thunderous amens. Some laymen had had such thrilling soul-winning experiences that they had given up their regular jobs to dedicate more time to spreading the gospel. Their reports led others to decide to do likewise. Such dedication can only bring more people into the kingdom.

In each festival city, newspapers published reports of the meetings, sometimes quite extensively and on the front page, and radio and television reporters interviewed some of the participants. With so many laymen coming from so many places, each festival became the largest gathering of Adventists ever held at that particular place.

Only heaven will know the impact on the hearts of those attending, and the future impact of souls being brought into the church as a result. The laymen of Inter-America are putting forth every effort to finish the work in this generation.

TEXAS

Language school enrolls 195

An English-language school for Spanish-speaking people of Mexico and Texas opened in Brownsville, Texas, on August 30. The school, situated on the border between Mexico and the United States, is called "The Brownsville Institute of English SDA." It is becoming known as "Biesda" to the 195 students enrolled there.

This venture in faith is under the direction of Dan Serns, a recent graduate of Pacific Union College, assisted by Jeff Brown, of Orlando, Florida, a graduate of

Andrews University; Danny Rayan, of Glendale, California, a senior pre dental student at PUC; and Bill Serns, of Fresno, California, a liberal-arts graduate of Fresno State University. Brown and Rayan are student missionaries; Bill Serns is a member of the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps.

From its beginning the project has received strong support from the Texas Conference officers, committee, and constituency. According to Cyril Miller, conference president, "The plan of operation will be very similar to our successful schools in Korea, Japan, Indonesia, and Zaire." Tuition is charged, and six levels of instruction will be given. According to Dan Serns, "Each level takes two months. At the end of one year all students should be able to speak conversational English."

WARREN SKILTON
*Communication Director
Texas Conference*

PHILIPPINES

First local TV program seen

A milestone in denominational broadcasting in the Philippines was reached when the first locally produced TV program was seen on IBC channel 13, October 21, at 4:00 P.M.

Through the initiative of M. G. Townend, Far Eastern Division communication director, and C. A. Galang, outgoing North Philippine Union Mission communication director, \$25,000 was appropriated by the Far Eastern Division for a 13-week series of TV broadcasts entitled Good News—A Program for Better Living. The production of the weekly telecasts and scripts was done by A. C. Regoso, Jr., newly appointed TV broadcaster. The program is hosted by Pastors Galang and Regoso.

The first telecast emphasized children, in connection

with the International Year of the Child. A simulated kindergarten Sabbath school class was featured, with the PUC Little Singers, conducted by Minerva A. Penaranda, providing the music.

The second telecast, on October 28, put the church's health work in the limelight, with J. T. Imperio, North Philippine Union Mission director, Flor Conopio, Philippine Publishing House editor, and Dr. and Mrs. A. Osorio, former missionaries to Bangladesh, as participants. The role of the medical ministry in helping to alleviate the health needs of the community was discussed. The Crusading Voices provided the musical numbers.

A food demonstration was the main feature of the program on nutrition, in which Rhodie H. Imperio, Manila Sanitarium dietician, took charge, with the assistance of Nanette Magpayo, North Philippine Union Mission associate health director. This was aired November 4, with the Crusading Voices again providing music.

With this breakthrough in TV broadcasting, a wider and greater impact in bringing the message of salvation is anticipated. This TV series will last through December.

BAYANI AGNAZATA
*Education Supervisor
Central Luzon Mission*

NORTH AMERICA

Loss-control managers meet

Fifty-four members representing 38 denominational organizations in 20 States and three Canadian provinces attended the first annual meeting of the Adventist Loss Control Association (ALCA) at Glacier View Ranch in Colorado. Organized earlier this year, ALCA is a professional association for loss-control managers working within Seventh-day Adventist institutions. The annual meeting is designed to provide professional educational programs and spiritual development for the ALCA members.



Dan Serns, left, director of The Brownsville Institute of English SDA, and the mayor of Brownsville, Texas, Reuben Edelstein, attended the opening exercises of the Adventist Church's newest language school.

This year's featured speaker was Russ Phillips, of Phillips and Associates, Rochester, New York. Mr. Phillips guided the group through a study of the Life Safety Code, a nationally recognized set of standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association. The code addresses itself to building requirements that have a direct influence on safety to life and property.

Other presentations included the development of a basic security program, by Lamarr C. Edwards, Loma Linda University Medical Center, and president of ALCA; effective communication techniques, by Bob L. Collins, General Conference Risk Management Services

(GCRMS); and potential areas of liability facing the various types of organizations within the church, by Walter Comm, Loma Linda University. Darryl E. White, GCRMS, explored the relationship between basic Christian principles and loss-control objectives.

Loss control, as a part of basic stewardship, is an area of increasing concern to the denomination. A new awareness of the urgency of protecting the lives of those in church programs and church-owned properties has led to the appointment of loss-control personnel in many denominational agencies.

JAY E. PRALL
General Conference
Risk Management Services

COLORADO

Boulder church marks centennial

On September 28 and 29 the Boulder, Colorado, church, oldest in the Rocky Mountain area, celebrated its one-hundredth anniversary. The weekend began with a nostalgic vesper service Friday evening and continued the next morning with a Sabbath school featuring many early members and an Old Timers' Choir singing a medley of early advent hymns. Theodore Carcich, a former president of the Central Union Conference, in which Boulder is located, spoke on "Walking With God 100 Years." H. M. S. Richards,

Sr., who grew to manhood and began working for the church in the Boulder area, brought inspiring messages. Del Delker and Jim Teel added their talents, as did many former pastors and present members, to make the event memorable. A historical pageant the evening after the Sabbath completed the celebration.

Adventism in Colorado arose out of the search for gold and health. The first-known Adventist in Colorado was a young girl who arrived in the gold rush, married a miner named Shaw, and lived in Golden. In 1872 James and Ellen White journeyed to Colorado in search of health. They found a retreat in the mountains above Boulder, where they were to come annually for the next eight years. James White that same year held the first series of Adventist meetings in Colorado in Golden, making his headquarters at the home of the Shaws. Mrs. Shaw's husband became an Adventist, and their son John Luis later served as General Conference treasurer for many years.

Another Adventist sister was Amy Dartt, from Wisconsin, who settled in Boulder and was active in distributing tracts and lending books, thus creating an interest that M. E. Cornell and J. O. Corliss followed up with tent meetings. Ellen White came down from her mountain retreat and spoke at these meetings. In a letter to her son Edson and daughter-in-law Emma, dated August 5, 1879, she stated: "The church at Boulder was organized last Sabbath. Twenty-seven united with the church. About ten more it is expected will unite. We had hard labor in Boulder. I spoke twice under the tent and three times to our people especially."—Letter 23.

The members of the Boulder church celebrated their centennial with thankful hearts for past victories, and have rededicated themselves to spreading the good news of Jesus' love everywhere.

EVERETT DICK
Union College
Lincoln, Nebraska



Brazilian youth participate in task force

More than 30 Brazilian young people from the university worked one month in the Amazonian and Northeast areas as task-force volunteers in a program called PRISMA, which stands for Rondon project of SDA youth. (PRISMA is written on their T-shirts.) Claudio Belz, South Brazil Union youth director, and Jose Maria Barbosa, East São Paulo Conference youth director and founder of the project, directed it.

One theology student pastored a church, and others helped in evangelism in one of the mobile clinics of the Amazon. A student of

architecture worked at the agriculture school near Manaus, helping to develop the institution's blueprint. Other university youth worked in Amazon launches and clinics.

The project has been so successful that it is now under the direction of the South American Division. As one young man says about it, "This was a great challenge for us as young people and opened the horizons of the missionary opportunities in our own country."

LEO RANZOLIN
Associate Youth Director
General Conference

Swiss vacation camps promote Ingathering

By HARALD KNOTT

Already this year six Vacation Ingathering Weeks have been organized for church members within the territory of the Swiss Union, a union that until recently had been confronted with the question of how to win more of its members to Ingathering as a form of missionary work. Many members otherwise faithful to their duties toward the community never went from door to door to visit non-Adventist people in their homes, or took part in any other evangelistic endeavor, such as Ingathering.

Knowing how much the Swiss like to ramble through their mountains and valleys, union leaders planned to combine hiking weeks with Ingathering in certain villages and towns in scenic areas. In various areas of the Alps they rented a mountain hut for a week and invited members to "camp." Many members who had never before Ingathered, especially those from the larger cities, such as Zurich and Basel, accepted the invitation and enthusiastically participated in all activities.

The daily program allowed enough time for people to do Ingathering work in pairs and to spend long evening hours together. The group lived as a big family, eating meals together, studying the Bible, praying, and sharing their testimonies. This experience of fellowship was especially encouraging to those who were Ingathering for the first time. And to further encourage the beginners, they were teamed up with veteran Ingatherers to go soliciting.

During these weeks, Swiss Union leaders also emphasized the necessity of finding people with whom to speak about Jesus Christ. Members did well along this line, for thanks to their efforts, the

Harald Knott is Swiss Union Conference president.

Adventist message was able to reach several remote valleys where seldom a visitor from the city is to be seen.

The financial aspect of these activities has proved to be positive. In one of these camps, located in the Grisons, a picturesque Catholic district, Ingatherers collected 14,000 Swiss francs (US\$9,032).

Many of the camp participants were sorry to have to leave after only one week. For the union officers this was a good sign: their most important goal had been reached. Nearly all the church members who had never before taken part in Ingathering told them, "You really have won us over to this type of work. We like it now and we are going to do it in our own city, with our home church! And next year when you organize another Vacation Ingathering camp, we shall come again!"



Swaziland Pathfinders parade

Two thousand persons crowded the stadium at Manzani, Swaziland, to see Pathfinders on parade and demonstrating their skills. This was a good year for Pathfinding in the Southern Union, culminating in three fairs during August and September.

Under the leadership of D. M. Malotle, union youth director, significant growth in membership has been attained and Pathfinding skills have been greatly improved.

P. J. SALHANY
REVIEW Correspondent

OREGON

Van picks up Life & Health Special order

With the objective in mind of making a unique impact on Ingathering contacts during this fall's campaign, the Oregon Conference ordered 216,000 copies of the *Life & Health* Cancer Prevention Special issue from the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

The conference van picked these up at the Review loading dock on October 18, 1979. However, on the way back to Oregon the van crew was intercepted with orders to leave 36,000 copies in Lincoln, Nebraska, 20,000 for use there and 16,000 for use in Colorado. That means that more than 250,000 copies will be used by these conferences during this year's Ingathering program.

O. A. Gerst, lay member of the Laurelwood, Oregon, church, did much to interest these conferences in using the *Life & Health* special. After experimenting with the distribution of the Cancer Preven-

tion Special to 300 professional people and neighbors in his community, Mr. Gerst enthuses: "For 35 years I've gone Ingathering because I considered it to be my duty, but this year it will be entirely different. I'm looking forward to it because I'll be sharing something that I've discovered people to be intensely interested in and that they greatly appreciate receiving."

MARYLAND

Hospital leaders discuss Sabbath

How to make the Sabbath a special day for Washington Adventist Hospital (WAH), Takoma Park, Maryland, was one topic discussed October 2 when about 35 pastors of Adventist churches in the Washington, D.C., area met for a spiritual-emphasis luncheon at the hospital.

The meeting was an outgrowth of a new WAH board of trustees spiritual-emphasis committee formed recently by Executive Director Herbert Z. Shiroma.

Since his arrival in February of this year, one of Dr. Shiroma's top priorities has been to engender a positive spiritual emphasis within the hospital.

"We formed the committee to give us some direction on how to create a spiritual atmosphere in the hospital. We felt we could benefit from the outlook, perspective, and expertise of church leaders, medical staff, and other groups represented on the committee," says Dr. Shiroma.

It was this committee that brought the pastors together to solicit community support and suggestions for making WAH a hospital with a strong spiritual atmosphere.

Kenneth Mittleider, president of the Potomac Conference and chairman of the spiritual-emphasis committee; Wallace Coe, president of the Columbia Union Conference; and Dr. Shiroma spoke with the group. Also present was Samuel DeShay, General Conference Health

director, who commended the hospital for its formation of the committee, and W. A. Thompson, of the WAH board of directors.

Closed-circuit television broadcasts of Sabbath school and church services from nearby Columbia Union College and Sligo church will be provided in the near future. In addition, a gift of a bookmark reproduction of one of the stained-glass panels in WAH's lobby, depicting the

Father's restoring love, soon will be presented to each patient on Sabbath morning, along with a special greeting from Dr. Shiroma.

Hospital administration believes that Christian hospitals have a greater purpose than merely to relieve physical pain, said Elder Mittleider. Patients need to have an opportunity to learn a life style of preventive medicine, and they need to be exposed to Christian employees who can

give a practical demonstration of how to obtain physical, mental, and spiritual health for a lifetime, he said.

The response to the meeting was enthusiastic. Not only did guests offer numerous suggestions, which will be further studied by administration, but many expressed appreciation for the concept of this new type of meeting and indicated an interest in attending additional meetings in the future.



International Auditing Seminar is conducted

The first international seminar on auditing of the General Conference Auditing Service was held at General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C., October 2 through 5, preliminary to the Annual Council meetings of the General Conference. The purpose of the seminar, dealing with the techniques and practices of the auditing program of the church worldwide, was to foster professionalism and uniformity in the accounting and reporting functions of the church's financial operations.

The three-and-one-half-day series was conducted by David Dennis, General Conference Auditing Service director. Two associate directors, Raymond Caldwell and Lloyd Strickland, served as secretaries. Representatives were present from each of the nine world divisions outside North America. The following delegates were in attendance: R. E. Green, Far Eastern Division; Albert Jordan, Euro-Africa Division; T. J. Karkkainen, Northern Europe-West Africa Division; E. A. Korff, Trans-Africa Division; S. H. Macfarlane, Australasia Division; F. N. Pottle,

Afro-Mideast Division; D. E. Robinson, Southern Asia Division; T. G. Sample, Inter-American Division; and P. J. Sanchez, South American Division.

Several actions were voted to strengthen the auditing program in the divisions represented. It was voted to apply generally accepted principles of accounting in financial reporting, except where there may be a conflict with denominational policy. For greater independence it was voted to reorganize the auditing work, as has been done in North America since 1977, under the direction of the division with the auditing and treasury work separated. The new *Auditors' Manual* was presented as a guide to uniformity in the auditor's work.

It was emphasized that the auditor is to report on the fairness of financial statement presentation and the results of the operations, rather than to become involved with the administration of the organization. To ensure this independence, he should not serve as a member of any committee for which he subsequently may be involved in the examination of the accounts.

Religious Newsbriefs

from Religious News Service

• **Salvation Army celebrates Hundredth Anniversary:** The booming evangelistic guns of *War Cry*, the official newspaper of the Salvation Army, are booming louder than ever as the worldwide social-welfare organization celebrates the hundredth anniversary of its first publication. *War Cry's* first edition appeared on December 17, 1879, and sold 17,000 copies. Today its circulation is 208,000 for its British edition alone—and 45 other editions are published overseas.

• **Scottish missionary's departure marked:** The 150th anniversary of the departure overseas of the first Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) missionary was commemorated by a special service on Sunday, October 14, at Moulin church in Perthshire County. It was on that date in 1829 that Alexander Duff, who came from Moulin, sailed for India to begin a missionary tradition that has been maintained to this day by the Church of Scotland.

• **One in two Canadians never goes to church:** Half of Canada's people have no vital connection with any church, says a church demographer. Dennis Oliver asserts that recent research indicates that the percentage of Canada's population with no religious affiliation is much larger than the 6 percent reported in the 1971 census.

• **Rise in giving to mainline churches is offset:** An 11 percent rise in per capita giving to ten major Protestant denominations last year was converted to a small net loss by inflation and slumping membership, according to a National Council of Churches study. A 9 percent inflation rate gobbled up most of the gain, and the loss of 580,716 members from a 1977 aggregate membership of 25,474,133 left the denominations with a .5 percent net loss, said the council's compilation of 1978 church data.

Afro-Mideast

- The Government education officer of Morogoro, provincial capital for eastern Tanzania, was one of the invited guests who watched 100 children graduate from the Vacation Bible School held in August at the Morogoro camp meeting. Another Vacation Bible School has been held in Tabora, central Tanzania, in honor of the International Year of the Child. The growth of this children's outreach program, only recently introduced in Tanzania, will be watched with interest.
- Shahir Qussous reports that from July to September, 216 persons graduated from the Arabic health course being directed from Amman, Jordan.
- Under the leadership of Derek Beardsell, president, the Tanzania Union committee met at headquarters in Arusha, October 1-4. One of the actions taken was to print 250,000 sets of the five "Africa in the Bible" tracts in Kiswahili.

Australasian

- The Victorian Conference, working out plans to pioneer Greek evangelism in Melbourne, is employing Dinos Mastromihalidis, who after working in Greece for nine years will come to Australia under independent transfer. Melbourne has the third-largest Greek-speaking city population in the world—108,000. Only Athens (with 3 million) and Salonika, in north Greece (with 800,000), have more Greek-speaking residents than Melbourne.
- Heartbeat, a coronary-risk assessment program, is now conducted at the Sydney Adventist Hospital the first week of each month. Nearly 120 people participate in a two-hour period. D. E. Bain, division director of health education, reports that the high attendance has been achieved by placing paid advertisements in the *North Shore Times*.

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- The weekly health message *Healthwise*, prepared by Allan R. Magie and released through the division communication department, is receiving a warm welcome in many newspapers throughout Australia and the South Pacific. L. N. Hawkes, in Papua New Guinea, has received word from the editor of *Post Courier*, the daily with the largest circulation in Papua New Guinea, that they are most interested in *Healthwise* as a regular daily column.
- Warren Judd, Adventist Radio-Television Productions producer, left November 21 for a visit to Egypt, Jordan, and Israel, to begin work on TV spot advertisements. Accompanying him are Peter Roennfeldt, Graham Bradford, Geoff Youlden, Garry Williams, Ray Kent, and John Carter. The group filmed 70 television commercials in three weeks.

Far Eastern

- There are 423 literature evangelists in Central Luzon Mission. Larry Feir, publishing director, has three associate directors and 28 assistant directors working with him in leading this army of publishing workers in the Greater Manila area. Three full-time publishing-department chaplains are also working under Pastor Feir's direction. During the first seven months of this year 427 persons were baptized as a result of the chaplains' program.
- The six Adventist hospital chaplains in Thailand met at Bangkok Adventist Hospital, September 12-16, for their fifth annual workshop.
- Mae Sariang and Ban Mai Pattana churches were recently organized as the fifteenth and sixteenth official churches of the Thailand Mission. Mae Sariang church had 80 charter members, and Ban Mai Pattana had 45 charter members.
- A. D. Garner, a dentist at the Adventist Medical Center in Guam, has been appointed an associate medical director (dentistry) of the Far Eastern

Division, replacing J. R. Wahlen, who was granted permanent return to the U.S.A. Dr. Garner will continue to be based on Guam.

Northern Europe-West Africa

- Ruskaleiri is a camp held for university and other senior youth every autumn at the youth camp in the Finland Union. This year, October 5-7, 130 participated in discussions relating to Adventism and psychology. Leo Hirvonen, professor of physiology at Oulu University, and his psychiatrist wife, Helena Hirvonen, led the weekend camp, while Ritva Lehti, a rehabilitation-center psychologist, and Onni Halminen, lecturer in psychology at Oulu, made presentations. A wide range of topics have been treated in depth since the meeting was established as an annual event five years ago. These include Marxism and Christianity, sex, the health message, and the Christian and the arts.
- The British Union lay activities department, working in liaison with the youth department, conducted its first summer holiday camp for Adventist youth with mental handicaps. The small camp, including approximately 25 youngsters and staff helpers, was conducted at the Aberdaron campsite in North Wales in July. Plans are well under way for a 1980 camp, to be held in the second week of July, when a higher enrollment is anticipated.

Southern Asia

- The Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Pakistan recently celebrated its twenty-eighth anniversary with a special staff function. S. M. Pervaiz, chief pharmacist, has served the hospital since its inception.
- A press conference was held at the Karachi Adventist Hospital on October 28 to promote the Five-Day Plan to

Stop Smoking. This function resulted in some excellent newspaper coverage in the city dailies the next day.

- The new dentist at the Karachi Hospital's dental clinic is S. Rouse, formerly with the U.S. Navy.
- Dr. and Mrs. Q. Nicola have returned to Pakistan. They served in the dental clinics in Rawalpindi and Karachi some years ago, and more recently at Monument Valley in Utah. Dr. Nicola will operate a mobile dental clinic in the Punjab during his vacation.

North American

Atlantic Union

- One week after the opening of the Canaan, Connecticut, one-room church school, the *Lakeville Journal*, northwestern Connecticut's weekly newspaper, sent Reporter Joyce Mirable to interview and photograph the unusual educational center. Miss Mirable spent approximately two hours interviewing the teacher, Michael Sullivan, and photographing Canaan's three students. A feature article was the result. Mr. Sullivan and the public-relations secretary of the Canaan church, Penny White, later were guest speakers at the local business leaders' club.
- Literature evangelists' activities in the New York Conference include sales totaling \$312,169; 4,462 Spirit of Prophecy books sold; 47,920 pieces of free missionary literature distributed; 10,283 persons enrolled in Voice of Prophecy correspondence courses; and 15 baptisms resulting from literature evangelists' contacts to date this year.
- Eight persons were baptized into the Perrysburg, New York, church at the close of evangelistic meetings by L. J. Tessier, pastor. Seven more persons were baptized as a result of the Focus on Life evangelistic crusade by George Dudney in the Rochester, New York, area.

Central Union

- A one-day PREACH Seminar was held in St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored by *Ministry* magazine. Presentations were made by professors from Andrews University and a doctor from St. Louis University and Firmin Desloge Hospital. There was time for Christian fellowship during the vegetarian meal.
- The Enterprise Pioneers Pathfinder Club won first place for the float they entered in the Kountry Klatter, an annual town celebration in Enterprise, Kansas. The float depicted pioneers with a log cabin. Club members were dressed in full uniform.
- Thirty-two converts joined the church as a result of meetings held in Casper, Wyoming, by Ron Halvorsen, Central Union evangelist, assisted by the pastor, J. C. Baker.
- Members of the Piedmont Park church in Lincoln, Nebraska, joined the three members of the Seward church in giving out literature in the community. This is the beginning of preparing Seward for evangelism.

Columbia Union

- The Hamlet church in Cincinnati, Ohio, recently held an open house for its new church center. One hundred nonmembers swelled the attendance to more than 300 for the day's activities.
- Lynn Martell, Columbia Union Conference evangelist, conducted a prophecy seminar in the Roanoke, Virginia, church, where 33 persons were baptized. Cliff Haffner, pastor, and Harold Toms, his associate, are continuing to study with persons interested in Adventism.
- Washington Adventist Hospital's booth at the Montgomery County Fair in Gaithersburg, Maryland, attracted thousands. With the theme "Reaching, Caring, Sharing, and Teaching," the booth emphasized the various roles the hospital plays in the community. Free tests and

demonstrations were conducted.

- Mike Ortel, pastor of the Rockaway-Morristown district in New Jersey, has been asked to assume the position of conference health and temperance director in addition to his pastoral duties. Elder Ortel has been working on his Master's degree in public health from the Loma Linda University extension program.
- Youth sponsored by the Spencerville, Maryland, church held a three-week tent campaign in Burtonsville, coordinated by Dave Miller, youth pastor.

Lake Union

- The Spanish church in East Chicago, Indiana, was dedicated on September 8.
- A report from the Michigan Conference indicates that many people are being baptized as a result of evangelistic campaigns: 35 in the Cadillac and Tawas City area, six in Marshall, 15 in Wilson. In one area a non-Adventist pastor and six of his church members are attending a Daniel Seminar sponsored by the Adventist church.
- John Hayward, Illinois Conference president, reports a third-quarter baptism total of 390, the second highest in Illinois Conference history.
- The John Sowers family, members of the Terre Haute, Indiana, church, delivered 75 small loaves of homemade bread to households in Bowling Green, Indiana. Accompanying the bread were empty grocery bags and a letter explaining the Sowers' desire to help unfortunate people in the area. The Sowers returned to visit the same homes a week later and collected more than 800 articles of clothing; 282 cans and packages of food; potatoes, onions, and apples; and \$55.55.
- Members of the Maywood church in the Chicago area recently opened a new church building, with a seating capacity of 350, which they had purchased from another congregation.

North Pacific Union

- While her husband, Bob, supervises church construction projects in the Alaska Mission, Helen Wade accompanies him and carries on her work as a literature evangelist. Her travels take her to some of the most remote villages in the northland. The middle-aged grandmother of seven has lived in Alaska for 23 years. She and her husband have become well known throughout the State.
- Nearly 200,000 copies of the cancer-prevention issue of *Life & Health* are being distributed in Oregon as a part of the annual Ingathering campaign. Another 17,000 copies are being used in the Washington and Upper Columbia conferences.
- After replacing a leaking roof, members of the Scappoose, Oregon, church, under the direction of their pastor, Stephen Bukojemsky, continued making improvements on the church property. They recarpeted the sanctuary and classrooms, repainted the interior, and blacktopped the parking lot.
- Fifteen students are enrolled in the new computer science major being offered for the first time this year at Walla Walla College. James Klein has joined the faculty as the instructor.
- Four new churches are under construction in the Upper Columbia Conference: Republic, Selah, and Colville, Washington; and Post Falls, Idaho. The Selah church was formerly the Lower Naches congregation in the Yakima area.

Southern Union

- Youth ministries seminars were conducted in Atlanta, Albany, and Chattanooga during October to give special training to youth and Pathfinder leaders. Approximately 30 churches were represented.
- Six Community Services Federation meetings were held in Florida during October, with more than 1,200

members in attendance, reports S. L. Dombrosky, Florida Conference Community Services director. Six persons were in attendance who had been baptized as a result of becoming acquainted with the church at a health-screening program.

- A PREACH Seminar was held in Lexington, Kentucky, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, October 22. Twenty ministers from other denominations attended as guests. Harold Coffin and Robert Johnston, of Andrews University, and Barry Wecker, of Manchester, Kentucky, were guest lecturers.
- The Columbia, South Carolina, church is a miracle church. Under Pastor Paul Anderson's direction most of the funds were gathered, building plans agreed upon, and the church built in less than a year. The church, officially opened for worship November 24, will be debt-free in a few months.

Southwestern Union

- Four hundred and sixty acres of land 80 miles southeast of Oklahoma City have been purchased for the development of a Church Growth Center for the Oklahoma Conference. On November 15 the conference executive committee approved the master plan and schematic drawings for the lodge and auditorium complex. It is expected that construction will begin before the end of the year.
- Approximately 75 men and women attended the vegetarian cooking class sponsored by the Mountain Home, Arkansas, church the last week of October. Carol Rusco and Emily Bendler conducted the classes, assisted by more than 20 men and women each evening.
- The Texico Conference closed on the sale of 40 acres of land from the Sandia View Academy farm for \$1,213,500. This will pay off all but \$150,000 of the academy debt. The conference committee has plans for paying off the balance.

To New Posts

Worker transfers within union conferences are not listed here. Such transfers ordinarily are included in News Notes.

EURO-AFRICA DIVISION

Regular Missionary Service

Gillian Bru, of Mauritius, to serve as secretary, Trans-Africa Division office, Rhodesia, left July 1, 1979.

Yvon Missud (and Roberta and family), of France, returning to serve as president, New Caledonia Mission, left February 21, 1979.

Ulrich Ottshofski, of Germany, returning to serve as pastor, Central African Empire, left July 4, 1979.

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

William C. Byrd, pastor, St. Petersburg, Florida, church in the South Atlantic Conference; formerly pastor, San Antonio, Texas, church, Southwest Region Conference.

Herman Davis, pastor, Clearwater, Mt. Calvary, Town and Country churches, Tampa, Florida, in the South Atlantic Conference; formerly pastor, Lake Region Conference.

Keith Dennis, pastor, Daughter of Zion church, Delray Beach, Florida, in the South Atlantic Conference; formerly pastor, Hartford, Connecticut, church, Northeastern Conference.

Trevor Fraser, pastor, West Palm Beach, Florida, Ephesus church in the South Atlantic Conference; formerly pastor, Concourse church, Bronx, New York, in the Greater New York Conference.

Shirley Goodridge, superintendent of education and communication director, Alabama-Mississippi Conference; formerly supervisor of education, Michigan Conference.

Fred E. Hauck, director of personnel, New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts; formerly academic dean, Columbia Union College.

Gary R. Hill, assistant director of personnel, New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts; formerly teacher at Edgewood School, Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Homer Holiman, area direc-

tor of southern Appalachian area for the Christian Record Braille Foundation; formerly Southwestern area director.

Norma Johnston, director of nursing, New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts; formerly from Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Ben Trout, to Carolina Conference office in trust services department; formerly pastor, Estes Park, Colorado, church in the Central Union Conference.

Regular Missionary Service

Ray A. Ammon, to serve as publishing director, Southeast Asia Union, Singapore, and **Harriett L. (Hall) Ammon** and three children, of Sandy, Oregon, left Los Angeles, August 10, 1979.

Robert Aldrich Baker (Pac. U. '54), returning to serve as optometrist, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Tamuning, Guam, and **Edna M. (Wilson) Baker** left San Francisco, October 10, 1979.

Dennis Mark Dickerson (UC '75), to serve as mathematics-science teacher, Konola Academy, Monrovia, Liberia, **Katherine Janice (Murray) Dickerson**, and one child, of Lincoln, Nebraska, left New York City, October 30, 1979.

Merlin David Ekvall (LLU '75), returning to serve as dentist, Taiwan Adventist Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, **Jean Ann (Hardinge) Ekvall** (LLU '75), and one child left Los Angeles, October 27, 1979.

Ernest Welton Estey (LLU LSC '50), returning to serve as medical technologist, Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, and **Eleanor Jean (Lorenz) Estey** left Chicago, October 22, 1979.

Stephen Dean Fisher (U. of So. Calif. '71), returning to serve as dentist, Saipan Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Saipan, Mariana Islands, **Karyl Elizabeth (Jones) Fisher** (LLU '67), and two children left Los Angeles, October 18, 1979.

Robert Burns Grady (AU '61), returning to serve as Sabbath school department director, Far Eastern Division, Singapore, **Carrol Jo Anne (McBroom) Grady**, and one child left San Francisco, September 9, 1979.

Stanley George Hagen (UC '65), returning to serve as de-

partmental secretary, South American Division, Brasilia, Brazil, **DeLara Vivian (Haas) Hagen** (UC '66), and three children left Miami, October 25, 1979.

Patricia Arlene (Webber) Kim (Calif. St. U., Chico '79), to serve as director of nursing school, West Indies College, Mandeville, Jamaica, and four children, of Yuba City, California, left Miami, October 31, 1979.

Wilhelm Kuerzinger, Jr., returning to serve as dental laboratory technician, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Tamuning, Guam, **Rita Louise (Marsh) Kuerzinger**, and one child left Los Angeles, October 1, 1979.

Gary Erwin Lewis (PUC '79), to serve as head, industrial arts department, Bolivia Training School, Cochabamba, Bolivia, and **Toni Frances (Barron) Lewis** (PUC '79), of Angwin, California, left Miami, October 23, 1979.

Lloyd David Martin (LLU '72), to serve as physician, Bella Vista Hospital, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, **Sharla Vonne (Moore) Martin** (LLU '71), and two children, of Wartburg, Tennessee, left Miami, October 16, 1979.

Theodore Wayne Mohr, returning to serve as press manager, Venezuela Vocational Academy, Valencia, Venezuela, **Anna June (Hoff) Mohr**, and three children left Miami, October 25, 1979.

Velyo Richard Vinglas (AUC '60), returning to serve as secretary-treasurer, South-East Africa Union, Blantyre, Malawi, **Martha Edith (Johnson) Vinglas** (AUC '61), and two children left New York City, October 1, 1979.

Richard James White (Ind. U. '75), to serve as music teacher, Colombia-Venezuela Union College, Medellin, Colombia, **Shirlee Jean (Harrell) White**, and one child, of Cleburne, Texas, left Miami, October 23, 1979.

Leland Yialelis (AU '72), to serve as president, Greek Mission, Keramikou, Athens, Greece, **Esther (Requenez) Yialelis** (U. of Ariz. '79), and one daughter of Flagstaff, Arizona, left Washington, D.C., October 10, 1979.

James Hudson Zachary, Jr.

(AU '67), returning to serve as Ministerial secretary, Far Eastern Division, Singapore, and **Norma Jeane (Rowe) Zachary** (W. Mich. U. '67), left New York City, September 25, 1979.

Ordinations

Tshimanga Kadiadia, on August 4, at the Lulengele Mission church in the Kasai, Zaire.

Kabasele Kalamba, on August 4, at the Lulengele Mission church in the Kasai, Zaire.

M. L. (Mickey) Meyer, pastor, Brewster, Washington, church.

Mulamba Mukulu, on August 4, at the Lulengele Mission church in the Kasai, Zaire.

Tshitata Mulumba, on August 4, at the Lulengele Mission church in the Kasai, Zaire.

Deaths

HENRY, Nellie M.—b. Sept. 13, 1888, Brookville, Ind.; d. Oct. 15, 1979, Loma Linda, Calif. After working at the White Memorial Hospital for a short time, she and her late husband, Louin Henry, moved to Loma Linda in 1923, where she worked at the diet kitchen of the old sanitarium until 1958. Survivors include two sisters, Helen Goeckel and Susana Spears; and a brother, Byford Goeckel.

MILLER, Ruth G.—b. Sept. 21, 1897, South Lancaster, Mass.; d. Oct. 24, 1979, Takoma Park, Md. Ruth was the oldest of four children of Elder and Mrs. F. C. Gilbert, who were well-known in the denomination in the 1890's. In her first position she served as secretary to Elder N. Z. Town, head of the General Conference Publishing Department. Later she was called to the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, as stenographer to Francis D. Nichol and Alonzo Baker. Following this she went to China to serve as secretary in the Far Eastern Division. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Harris; and a sister, Miriam Tymeson.

SURDAM, Esther R.—b. Aug. 7, 1907, Kansas City, Mo.; d. Aug. 8, 1979, at Walla Walla, Wash. She taught first at San Pasqual Elementary School, Escondido, California, then at San Diego Academy. She also taught for seven years at San Bernardino Junior Academy; ten years at Gentry, Arkansas; three years at Union College; and five years at Grandview, Washington; Pendleton, Oregon; and Troy, Idaho. Survivors include her husband, Earl.

WILCOX, Beatrice S.—b. Oct. 28, 1914, White County, Ga.; d. Oct. 27, 1979, Silver Spring, Md. She was employed at Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Maryland, at the time of her passing. Survivors include her husband, Caswell; children, Robert Lewis, Juanita Fay Faust, and Mary Ellen Spencer; father, Dilmus Waldrip; four brothers, Arthur, Lee, Marvin, and Raymond; two sisters, Mildred Reed and Pearl Wilson; and six grandchildren.

Teacher given leave to prepare doctrinal paper

Some administrative decisions of the church are of interest to the membership at large. When there is a possibility that these decisions may be misinterpreted or misunderstood, it is desirable, and necessary to the unity of the church, that an informational statement be issued. A recent decision by one of the educational institutions of the church impacts on two world divisions and seems to require such a statement.

The board of trustees of Pacific Union College, after consulting with representatives of the General Conference and the Australasian Division, has voted to give Desmond Ford, a visiting professor from the Australasian Division, a leave of absence with salary to provide

him an opportunity to devote his full time to continued research and preparation of a documented statement on the topic of the sanctuary and related issues. This board action was the result of a public presentation by Dr. Ford on the subject of the investigative judgment in a meeting of the Association of Adventist Forums held on the campus of Pacific Union College, October 27, 1979, in which he took issue with basic theological positions held by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During this leave-of-absence Dr. Ford will be located in the Washington, D.C., area, where the resources of the General Conference Archives, the Ellen G. White Estate, and the Biblical Research Institute will be available to him. Provision will be made for Dr. Ford to consult in Washington with other theologians of the church. In

harmony with the provisions of the *Church Manual*, Dr. Ford's documented statement will be reviewed by Biblical scholars and administrative leaders of the church in the summer of 1980.

C. O. FRANZ

North America Ingathering report—3

Ingathering funds raised this third week amounted to \$727,485, bringing the total raised through December 1 to \$4,508,104.

"We're watching for Bible study interests again this year as we visit homes throughout Texas," says Larry Engel, Texas Conference lay activities director. "There are many out there who need our love and help!"

One of the people was Nellie Keller, who had been

looking for Christians who worship on the seventh day. "I've been trying to find your church for a long time," she said when Roy Edgar, lay activities leader of the Fort Worth, Texas, church, gave her an Ingathering pamphlet. "For many years I've been convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath, but the pastor of a church I've been attending told me there was no such church nearby."

Joe Ray baptized Nellie Keller several months after Mr. Edgar made the initial Ingathering contact.

DON CHRISTMAN

SM transfers to Beirut

Having spent three months in Tehran, Iran, Student Missionary DeWitt Goulbourne, of Pacific Union College, was transferred recently to Beirut, Lebanon, to finish out his term of service. DeWitt worked in Iran as a field accountant and made a strong contribution during the difficult days there.

In a letter written November 12 he said, "Nobody can say that the life of a student missionary is without event, without danger; but I know that I would never trade this experience for anything."

The dedication to the Lord reflected in his letter is appreciated. This same spirit was evident also in a telephone conversation with DeWitt's mother in Los Angeles. She mentioned she had talked to DeWitt in Tehran by telephone on Thanksgiving Day. She said that he wanted, and she agreed, to have the church try to find a place in the Middle East where he could give six more months of student missionary service. He did not want to return to the United States early. So the additional assignment has been arranged.

This year the 12 SDA colleges in North America have sent 186 student missionaries into 31 countries. The students are doing a variety of jobs, and the General Conference is receiving excellent reports about their service.

CHARLES D. MARTIN

Enrollment at North American colleges is 549 more than last year

Enrollment at SDA colleges and universities in North America at the end of the third week of the 1979-1980 school year was as listed in the chart below.

Figures in the first six columns are "head counts" and include both full-time and part-time students and both on-campus students and students enrolled under some kind of extension program or in the year-abroad program. The seventh and eighth columns (F.T.E.) represent the "full-time equivalents" of all the part-time and full-time students in each school. This year there is a gain of 549 in total enrollment over last year. The increase in F.T.E. is greater than the increase

in head counts, indicating that a higher percentage of students are taking a full load this year. This is the reverse of the situation a year ago, when there was a loss in undergraduate and F.T.E. enrollments over the previous year, even with a total increase of 108.

The Andrews University graduate category includes seminary and Graduate School students; the Loma Linda University graduate category represents those pursuing post-baccalaureate degrees in dentistry, medicine, education, health, and in the Graduate School. For Loma Linda University, 2,480 are involved in programs based at La Sierra.

DONALD E. LEE

	Undergraduate and Unclassified		Graduate and Graduate Professional		Total		F.T.E.	
	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978
Andrews University	2,087	2,027	896	897	2,983	2,924	2,529	2,483
Atlantic Union College	662	697	....	....	662	697	546	575
Canadian Union College	209	187	....	....	209	187	189	165
Columbia Union College	956	865	....	....	956	865	726	644
Kettering College of Medical Arts	365	399	....	....	365	399	273	291
Loma Linda University	3,217	3,160	2,061	1,967	5,278	5,127	4,451	4,333
Oakwood College	1,288	1,256	....	....	1,288	1,256	1,202	1,130
Pacific Union College	2,108	2,164	19	28	2,127	2,192	1,950	1,977
Southern Missionary College	2,030	1,834	....	....	2,030	1,834	1,684	1,542
Southwestern Adventist College	731	717	....	....	731	717	634	635
Union College	885	909	....	....	885	909	754	740
Walla Walla College	1,988	1,844	22	24	2,010	1,868	1,800	1,656
TOTAL	16,526	16,059	2,998	2,916	19,524	18,975	16,738	16,171

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