

Misplaced Emphasis

By R. CURTIS BARGER, Associate Secretary General Conference Sabbath School Department

In spite of the protestations of Christian orthodoxy against the pagan origin of much in the Christmas tradition, and against the contemporary perversion of the so-called "Christmas spirit" in catering to crass commercialization, Christmas is here, and probably here to stay. Each of us must deal with it. Inspired counsel tells us that we should not ignore it, but use the institution of Christmas to do good and to advance the cause of God.

Seventh-day Adventist Christians are not so apt to be carried away by the investment of time, money, and energy in the more pagan accouterments of the Christmas festival, or to engage in trying to "make a killing" from the Christmas spirit in a commercial way. It is far more likely that we shall be guilty of misplaced emphasis in giving.

The practice of exchanging presents among members of the family and close friends no doubt has ample justification if the gifts are useful and needed, and if the exchange is not entered into because of a mutual feeling of social obligation. But we must all be aware of the fact that gift-giving at holiday time can very easily issue from wrong or misplaced emphasis. The economic level of Adventist families in favored America has risen to the point where gifts of necessary things often do not seem to be appropriate. For the man, woman, or child who "has everything" the choice turns more and more to the frilly, trivial, or

glamorous, but nonetheless expensive, objects that may please and pamper, but serve no real need or useful purpose.

Surely the debt of gratitude we owe to God for the immeasurable gift of His Son to the human race, and the sense of obligation we must feel to the lost people of the world in our generation, knowing what we know, would help us to see where the emphasis in giving ought to be. These considerations ought to enable us in good conscience to cross off our Christmas lists those items that we know the recipients of our gifts do not need and would not purchase for themselves. Then our minds should turn to the areas of opportunity, responsibility, and need where dollars we might have spent for needless things can contribute so much to the eternal salvation and happiness of members of the human family for whom Christ died.

The holiday season does seem to unstop the springs of human kindness in the hearts of the world. The spirit of unselfish giving is certainly heavenborn. But let us make sure that ours is truly *Christian* Christmas giving, with emphasis, as we have been counseled by inspiration, on sharing our larger beneficence with those in needy mission lands.

According to recommendations of the Sabbath School Department, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the fourth quarter of 1965 will be taken on Sabbath, December 18. This will help all of us to put the first emphasis where it belongs, on God's saving work in the earth. It will make sure that before we exchange holiday greetings and gifts with one another, we pause to consider carefully and prayerfully the gift we should make to advance the cause of Him who came as the meek and lowly One to present to a lost world the love-gift of the ages. Our giving this holiday season will be appropriate and blessed of heaven if we give in the light of that matchless gift.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

As we come to the close of the fourth quarter of 1965, there is a feeling of joyous anticipation throughout the Australasian Division. They rejoice knowing that the Solomon Islands have been apportioned the 13th Sabbath overflow offering at the end of this year.

During the past weeks from Sabbath to Sabbath, we have heard of the great needs of the island people of the South Pacific. Our hearts have been thrilled at the way the Lord has answered prayer, and made glad in learning that in some areas one in five is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church or Sabbath School. In spite of encouraging progress in the Solomon Islands, there still exists in many places, witchcraft, extremes of devil possession, and superstition.

In order to combat the darkness of heathenism on the island of Malaita, the Australasian Division has voted to erect a 60-bed hospital, as these people are in dire need of help. This year the 13th Sabbath falls on Christmas Day. While some conferences plan to take up the offering a week earlier, this sea-



arious case arrives at Mt. Michael hospital, New Guinea.

son is, indeed, an appropriate time to give a special gift to the Lord for this much-needed building, and for the thriving Betikania missionary school on the island of Guadacanal where many Americans shed their blood in the name of freedom. The deteriorating quonset huts which have served as dormitories must be replaced and enlarged to make room for a growing student body.

Mrs. White has described the Yuletide Season in beautiful and simple language.

The holiday season is fast approaching with its interchange of gifts, and old and young are intenty studying what they can bestow upon heir friends as a token of affectionate renembrance. It is pleas-ant to receive a gft, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten and seems to bind us to them a little closer... It is right to bestow upon one another

It is right to be to upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forger God, our best friend. --Adventist Home, p. 478. (Italics supplied.)

In all our Christmas giving may we put God at the op of the list-not at the bottom. Let us help meet the challenge of the needy people living in the Solomon Island, and give them a happy Christmas by making these projects a reality. The blessing we will receive will far suffice for any sacrifice that we make.

> HENRY W PETERSON, Secretary Sabbath School Department Atlantic Union Conference

Space Age Advances Nutrition Program of Church

Growing interest in Loma Linda Foods' vegetable protein products is being shown by the World Health Organization, the Government's astronaut scientists, and more and more Americans who are becoming vegetarians, according to Loma Linda Foods' general manager, C. P. Miles.

The World Health Organization has sought the technical aid of the International Nutrition Research Foundation in establishing a million-dollar facsimile of Loma Linda Foods' soy milk plant in Indonesia, and at present WHO is aiding in the installation of a similar plant in Formosa.

NASA (National Aeronautic and Space Administration) officials have also contacted Loma Linda Foods' research laboratories to aid in preparing by freeze drying and other methods, various Loma Linda products for the use of astronauts in space travel.

Although the last Gallop Poll indicated that there were three million vegetarians in the United States, it is evident that this number has been growing along with the general increase in population — if the sales figures of Loma Linda Foods is any indication. Treasurer's reports indicate that the company's sales thermometer continues to rise steadily, with sales of some products (such as soy milk, for example) showing an increase of many thousands of dollars over each preceding year.

"We are pleased," says Pacific Union Conference Treasurer W. J. Blacker, "to see excellent financial showing of Loma Linda Foods. . . . This indicates that every employee is a diligent worker; and although we don't often come in contact with those who carry on the day-by-day activities in the factory, we appreciate the service that is being rendered by each individual, no matter in what capacity. We wish to thank this group for their important contribution to the total work of the church.'

"As we look forward in 1966 to celebrating Loma Linda Foods' sixtieth anniversary," Manager Miles says, "we are thankful for the evidence of the Lord's definite blessing upon our denominationally-owned and operated plant. We are proud of the many fine foods our staff has been able to perfect over the years and are looking forward to introducing a number of new ones in the near future. Now ready for the market is our new Instant Breakfast Cup and Carob-flavored Sovagen (soy milk), and other vegetable protein foods are scheduled to be released at an early date."

The growing demand for Loma Linda vegetable protein products has created a real need for workers at the plant in Riverside, and the company is looking far and wide for career men who would like to dedicate their lives to the field of nutrition. The company offers on-the-job training for those who wish to apply for general factory work, and other openings are also available in specialized lines. Church members who wish to apply for em-

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Conference	Goal 1966	Last Year To Date	This Year To Date	This Week	Per Cent of Goal	Per Capita
Bermuda	10,000.00					
Greater New York	100,000.00	47,658.18	47,890.04	12,748.18	47.89	10.24
New York	75,000.00	26,715.68	33,880.69	11,563.35	45.17	8.21
Northeastern	88,000.00	63,120.83	77,652.24	22,346.24	88.24	8.41
Northern New England	50,000.00	25,296.70	25,630.85	3,290.12	51.26	9.26
Southern New England	118,000.00	56,611.07	55,881.01	7,495.49	47.36	9.15
Union	441,000.00	219,402.46	240,934.83	57,443.38	54.63	8.66

Victory Churches	(40)
Greater New York	(4)
New York	(4)
Northeastern	(23)
Northern New England	(6)
Southern New England	(3)

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> F. W. EDWARDY Public Relations Director

Press-Room Expansion

The Pacific Press Publishing Association has taken another giant step toward expanded production.

A new \$325,000 Miehle four-color offset press went into full production in the month of October at the publishing house's headquarters, Mountain View, California.

The new press is expected to double the speed of production, turning out up to 6,500 sheets an hour. It will take over printing most full-color books having a production run of more than ten thousand copies such as the tenvolume Bible Story series and Your

Bible and You, both by Arthur S. Maxwell, Golden Treasury of Bible Stories by Arthur W. Spalding, and the Desire of Ages by Ellen G. White. The press will print religious, health, and children's books, textbooks, and pamphlets.

Two two-color offset presses will continue printing less-widely circulated books, periodicals, and religious and health pamphlets. The two-color presses have been in operation since the publishing house switched from letterpress to offset printing about 1955.

Three smaller offset presses turn out general advertising, magazine and book covers, and record album sleeves for Chapel Records, a division of Pacific Press.

The advantage of a four-color press over the two-color process is that it eliminates running colored pages twice through the press in order to produce four-color books. With the new press, four-color production is possible in just one press run. Red, blue, yellow, and black are the colors combined on the press to turn out fullcolor work.

The Pacific Press, the West-coast publisher of Seventh-day Adventist literature, was organized in 1875 at the urging of Mrs. Ellen G. White.

H. M. S. Richards Honored

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John Osborn, Southeastern California Conference president and representative of 75 church groups, presents Voice of Prophecy speaker, H. M. S. Richards, a plaque honoring his 35 continuous years of broadcasting the gospel story of Christ. A similar presentation was later made by Cree Sandefur, Southern California Conference president and representative of 86 churches in the Los Angeles area.

The "35 times" gifts in honor of Elder Richards' 35 years of radiobroadcasting are still coming in through the churches. All gifts turned in before December 31, 1965, will be counted in the 1965 offering.





"Listen," Now a Monthly

During its eighteen years of life Listen has been known for surprises. Now comes another—it is doubling its frequency.

In other words, *Listen* is now a monthly, beginning with the January, 1966, issue—twelve colorful issues a year.

During the year 1965 *Listen* has been publishing the *Listen* News, a twice-per-month newspaper. Will this be continued?

Indeed! The newspaper is becoming a part of *Listen* itself, incorporated as a vital and regular feature in the magazine, yet retaining the quality of a newspaper. As it has all during 1965, *Listen* News will combine with its current news coverage, its teen-age features, its inspiration to help smokers and drinkers, its rib-tickling cartoons, its latest pictures and reports from the world of science and medicine.

Listen with the Listen News was \$3.50 a year. The new Listen price, on the monthly basis, will be only \$3.00 to the public, and to Seventh-day Adventists, the unbelievable price of only \$1.50 for twelve issues.

> Francis A. Soper Editor

Bermuda

V. E. KELSTROM, Superintendent Telephone 1-1220 Box 370, Hamilton, Bermuda

They Share Their Faith

Mrs. Joan Page was won to Christ and accepted the third angel's message five years ago. Since then, she has won seventeen others. Her most recent converts are Mr. and Mrs. Jeoffrey Fox.

About a year ago, Mrs. Page brought some literature to the Fox home. Mrs. Fox had been reading Revelation. She was deeply concerned about the prophecies of Revelation and even frightened by the beast coming up out of the sea, as depicted in Revelation, chapter 13.

Mrs. Page answered her many questions and Bible studies followed. At first, Mr. Fox was quite opposed and prejudiced. He argued that the Seventh-day Adventists write their own Bible, a deceptive error that the enemies of truth have, to some extent, succeeded in spreading here in Bermuda. He soon lost this argument, however, when Mrs. Page took his own Bible and compared it with her Bible and proved to him that they were identical. She then proceeded to teach him the truth from his own Bible. He was soon convinced. After several weeks of Bible studies, Mr. and Mrs. Fox began to attend the St. George's church. Although they received strong opposition from their parents, they were baptized and united with God's remnant church.



Jeoffrey Fox and Mrs. Joan Page

Jeoffrey Fox is now one of the most active laymen in Bermuda. He systematically visits and leaves literature in over one hundred homes every week. He is giving Bible studies in several homes. He always has a pocket full of tracts to give to people he meets at work and in other places. Last quarter, Mr. Fox gave away almost three thousand pieces of truth-filled literature.

> V. E. KELSTROM, President Bermuda Mission

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Make wills and legacies payable to the Greater New York Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

An Indestructible Christmas Gift

Located in the largest city of the western hemisphere is Greater New York Academy, a school dedicated to the task of educating Seventh-day Adventist young people of high school age. With a staff of ten teachers and an enrollment of ninety-three students, the academy is now in its fourth month of the school year.

It seems that all the alumni of the academy I have met radiate a spirit seldom duplicated elsewhere. They impress me as being proud of their Alma Mater. This speaks well, indeed, for the contribution the academy has made to the lives of youth in past years.

It is said that in the United States of America the amount of money spent annually per student in public education ranges from about \$175 in the poorer areas to \$1,000 in the more exclusive. One cannot deny that the availability of sufficient financial resources contributes to the superior education of students. This is also true in Seventh-day Adventist education. More qualified teachers, better facilities, and a more thorough preparation of the student for his life work can be in a large degree the result of the accessibility of funds.

Greater New York Academy, along with most other educational institutions, public and private, has many needs. An upgraded library, improved science laboratory equipment, facilities for electronics and auto mechanics classes, new desks for the religion room, some modern teaching aids, and general improvement of the school plant are some of the immediate needs.

In the regular church offering on December 25, you will have the opportunity, and, we trust, the privilege of presenting a Christmas gift to the academy. As you give on this day, think of the youth in the springtide of life. Think of them, not in terms of statistics or as numbers in a complicated computer, but rather as younger members of God's family growing up in a world vastly different from the one in which many of us lived as youth. Many of the young people of Greater New York Academy attending now and in the future might very well serve in positions of leadership in the Seventhday Adventist Church of tomorrow if we respond today. Should you feel impressed to be especially generous at this time, you may be sure that you are having a vital part in the Master's service.

> RUDOLPH KNAUFT, Principal Greater New York Academy

Spanish Union Goes Third Mile

The Spanish Union Square church in Manhattan has gone the third mile in Ingathering. Their goal was \$2,850. They raised \$3,420. This is \$170 beyond their super goal. The remarkable part is that they did it by Mystery Sabbath, November 20, the very day when the Ingathering campaign officially started.

Pastor and Mrs. Wilfredo Lacayo, their church officers, and loyal members have manifested a fine spirit of devotion, consecration, and zeal in the Lord's work. This is the second straight year that they have raised their Ingathering goal by Mystery Sabbath. At the same time they were carrying on evangelism, and the youth in the church are working for souls in their Operation Fireside program.

In the foyer of their church is displayed one of the most colorful and interesting goal charts I have ever seen. This is explained more fully in the pictures accompanying this article.

Truly Ingathering does bring "enlightenment, enlargement, and enrichment." Because of the missionary contacts, literature given, money collected, souls will be saved in the kingdom both here in the homeland and in lands afar. May God bless all of our members as they work faithfully to make this the best campaign ever.

H. E. VOORHEES

Lay Activities Secretary

Book and Health Food Display

The Greater New York Book and Bible House will have an additional book and health food display in the reading room, main floor of the New York Center, 227 West 46th Street beginning December 6 through December 23. Hours will be from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. Holiday prices and specials galore.

> CLYDE H. BEST, Manager Book and Bible House

Light With Darkness All Around

In the ten-year history of the Adventist Home two historic dates, connected with light and darkness, stand out.

On March 3, 1963, the Board of Directors held its meeting at the Home. Members were: A. B. Heiser, chairman; Joseph Harrop, G. Eric Jones, E. S. Oliver, F. K. Erlecke, H. S. Mendez, Gordon Brannan, M.D., H. A. Munson, Mrs. Carrie Carbone, C. W. Praeger, and S. Wildfeir.

These board members always took their responsibilities seriously. They were always ready to take actions which would provide the necessary comforts of life for fifty residents and fifteen employees, with their wives and children. They knew they were accountable for the safety of property worth a half million dollars. They had to see that the Home had all the needs that one could see on the surface, plus a reserve adequate to meet an emergency.



Left: Pastor Lacayo explains the Spanish Union Square Ingathering goal chart. Members start the Ingathering journey from Egypt. When they raise \$5.00, their name is written at the Red Sea (Mar Rojo); \$10.00, at the desert; \$15.00, at Sinai; \$20.00, at Mt. Nebo; and when they raise \$25.00, their name is written in Jerusalem. Those who raise \$100.00 have their names inscribed at the Sanctuary. Four members have raised more than \$100.00, and their names are inscribed in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary. Right: Two "Ingathering Champions" of the Spanish Union Square church. Mariana Rodriguez (left) raised ten goals (\$250). Josephina Ramos (right) raised thirteen goals (\$325). They are standing in front of the goal chart.

ELDERLY PEOPLE NEED:

1. Fellowship-

Congenial association with those of similar age, interests, and way of life.

2. Security-

A Home backed by reliable people; a financially sound organization.

3. Physical Care-

Comfortable public and private rooms, nourishing food, Christian regreation, physical therapy in the form of hobbies and healthful pursuits.

4. Spiritual Atmosphere-

A quiet, spiritual atmosphere, among those of like faith and beliefs.

5. A Sense of Belonging-

Where residents feel they are a part of the Home, that they are wanted and needed, where they make themselves useful, where they have been accepted as Very Important People.

These needs are supplied at the Adventist Home.

ADVENTIST HOME, INC., LIVINGSTON, NEW YORK 12541

One item on the agenda was: "Generator for Emergency Lights and Power." The superintendent of the Adventist Home painted a word picture of what happens to people and property when there is a power failure that shuts off heat and lights over a period of a day or two during the often below-zero weather of winter.

The board members were quick to see the problem, and as quick to take action to solve it. They voted to purchase and install a stand-by electrical



generator capable of handling the electrical load of lights and power. In a few months this action was executed. The generator was installed and tested. The bill was paid.

The second historic date was November 9, 1965. On that day a massive power failure plunged parts of eight states, and upwards of 30 million people, into powerless darkness.

The time, at the Adventist Home, was five-thirty in the afternoon. The residents were gathering for the evening meal. Suddenly the whole institution was plunged into total blackness. Each one stopped in his tracks. Questions flew thick and fast. What has happened? What shall we do? Do they have lamps? How long will it last?

All questions were answered after a blackout of about one minute! The lights flickered, came on dimly, then burst into full brilliance! Motors began to hum. Furnaces furnished heat. Refrigerators chilled food. Each one breathed a sigh of relief and went about his duties again. But most did not know the reason for the **quick** return of lights.

When the lights and power failed, Glen Dryer, the head of our maintenance department, raced to the garage where the generator is kept. In a matter of seconds he had the big generator whirring. And, while an area of thousands of square miles was paralyzed by lack of lights and power, the affairs of the Adventist Home went on as usual. We were truly a light set on a hill.

The blessing of lights during this emergency was due to the foresight and wise action of a fine group of board members. They deserve a vote of thanks for their interest in the Adventist Home and its people, and their contribution of time and money to make the Home a heaven of rest for our senior church members.

> Howard A. Munson, Supt. Adventist Home, Inc.



Pre-Inventory Clearance

Someone—your pastor, your Sabbath school teacher, your parents, or your children—around year's end is going to tell you it is time to take inventory—inventory of your possessions, your opportunities, or your spiritual condition. The businessman takes in-



ventory on January 1 and so should we. This is good. Let us all do it, and make necessary adjustments for the new year.

There is another thing the businessman does toward the end of the year, and it is well for us to follow his example in this also. He has a big clearance sale to get off his shelves many items he doesn't want to carry over into the new year. Then he makes sure he gets all his bills paid before the year ends so he won't show more profit than is right and pay too much tax.

It is well for all of us as church members to do likewise. We can clear away all remaining selfishness, envy, criticism, and evil thoughts and actions from our lives so that New Year's Day will find us free from an accumulation of these and other petty sins. We may have debts to the landlord, the bank, the mechanic, or the grocer. It will be fine for us to get all of these paid up by the end of the year if possible.

But more important than these are debts we may have to the church and to the Lord. These should by all means have first attention. Tithe, church school and academy bills, commitment payments, camp-meeting pledges —let us make sure these are all paid by the last Sabbath of the year. If there is a special gift you have been thinking about making to the Lord's work, we urge you to do it now.

> R. C. MILLS Secretary-Treasurer

Layman of the Week

The medical profession is a busy, demanding occupation both for the practitioner and his family. But Dr. and Mrs. Roger Cook of the Dexterville, New York, church feel that be-



Dr. and Mrs. Roger Cook of the Dexterville, New York, church happily prepare for another Bible study.

New York Conference				
1966				
Church Officers' Institute				
(2:00 - 5:00 p.m.)				
January 8	Albany Church, 1110 Western Avenue			
January 16	Union Springs Academy Gymnasium			
January 22	Elmira Church, 813 Maple Avenue			
January 23	Canton Church, 52 Court Street			
January 29	Buffalo Church, 406 Norwood Avenue			

All church officers, church board members, leaders, and assistants in every department are invited to attend. The New York Conference office staff will be present to give you information and material to assist you in your church duties.

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ing so busy they have no time for soul winning is being too busy, so they make time for it. Besides giving time to as many church activities as possible, they also give Bible studies.

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The past summer they took a little vacation, camping out in one of New York's scenic spots, but they took their religion with them. Each evening they called their children in from play for worship. Neighboring campers began to ask questions and of course Dr. and Mrs. Cook were very willing and able to answer them. Coincidentally, or was it providentially, one of the neighboring camper families lived not too many miles from the Cooks and they became good friends.

When Sabbath School Visitors Day came on October 9, the Cooks invited their new-found friends and the friends came. Then the Cooks responded to a similar invitation to the church of their friends and were invited to tell everyone present about the Adventist beliefs followed by an interesting question-and-answer period.

- Currently, Dr. and Mrs. Cook are giving Bible studies to their vacationfound friends each week and some definite decisions and steps have already been taken. It pays to take a vacation—and to take your religion with you.

> H. J. HARRIS, Director Lay Activities

Korean Orphan Choir Visits Jamestown

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The Jamestown church was selected to host the Korean Orphan Choir on its recent Sunday trip to the city. The Ministerial Association and several church groups co-operated in the project providing, preparing, and serving two meals to the choir.

The mayor and his wife and one of the city councilmen, along with local ministers were on hand to welcome the children as they arrived. Several made welcoming speeches which were interpreted to the orphans. Then all ate lunch in the beautiful gymnasium of the church.

During the afternoon concert at the largest auditorium in the city, Adventists were highly praised for opening their church to the community. An estimated three thousand persons were in attendance.

For the evening meal the choir, the mayor, and community officials returned to the Adventist church. Many of the community folk toured the church and school for the first time and were happily surprised to find such a beautiful structure dedicated to the Lord's service. Leaders of other churches in the area expressed sincere thanks to the Adventists for their help in entertaining the Korean Orphan Choir.

R. L. VAUGHN, Pastor

Any Old Yarn Around?

What may seem useless and inconsequential to you may be of real value to others. An appeal has come to us for yarn, any color and any amount. This will be used by the patients at one of our leprosariums in Africa. In their spare time they make bandages and blankets and other necessary items for themselves and others. Your contribution would help them to help themselves which is a wonderful therapy in itself.

Anyone having any yarn may send it to:

Mrs. Myron Boss 16569 Ridge Road Holley, New York 14470

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Are You Facing the Draft?

Young men who are facing the draft need not be faustrated. After registering at the local board nearest your home, you will sooner or later receive your questionnaire. There are a number of leaflets especially prepared for you to inform, guide, and answer every normal question.

These leaflets are in the possession of your minister, church servicemen's secretary, and Missionary Volunteer leader for 1966.

There is a unique leaflet especially prepared to help you fill out Form SSS 150, a special government questionnaire for conscientious objectors. Be sure you have one of these leaflets when you fill out the form.

The special form for conscientious objectors contains five series of questions. Series I is very important for it is the registrant's claim for exception from combatant service and training. There are two paragraphs in Series I. Paragraph A reads as follows:

I am, by reason of my religious training and belief, conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form, I, therefore, claim exemption from combatant training and service in the Armed Forces.

This is the paragraph to be signed by all noncombatant registrants.

Paragraph B is to be crossed out unless, of course, the registrant is an outright conscientious objector. Under each of these paragraphs there is a blank space for the signature of the registrant making the claim. It is expressly stated that the registrant must sign his name to one of these claims, but must not sign his name to both of them. Moreover, he is required to strike out the statement which he does not sign.

With reference to this claim for exemption it should be understood by all Seventh-day Adventist registrants that the traditional and historic position of this denomination will be fully met by a claim for exemption from combatant service only. Consequently, the signature of the Seventh-day Adventist registrant, claiming exemption, should be after the first paragraph above, not after the second. If any make claim for exemption from noncombatant service, they should do so on their own conviction, because the denomination has not taken and does not take that position.

Please observe that the registrant is not asking for total exemption from the services, but only from combatant training and service.

There are two leaflets for pastors and church servicemen's secretaries and MV leaders:

- (1) NSO-O General Instructions for Pastors and Other Workers
- (2) NSO-8—Duties of Church Servicemen's Secretary

There are fourteen leaflets for young men facing the draft:

- NSO 1-a Questions and Answers for Those Facing the Draft
 - 1-b To Those Who Have Marching Orders
 - 1-c Military Regulations and Procedures to Secure Noncombatant Assignment
 - 2 Filling Out the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors
 - 3 Seventh-day Adventists and Civil Government
 - 4 Why Seventh-day Adventists are Noncombatants
 - 5 Why Seventh-day Adventists Observe the Bible Sabbath
 - 6 Summary of Seventh-day Adventist Belief, Teachings, and Practice
 - 7 Sabbath Rulings in the U.S. Selective Service, Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy
 - 9 Seventh-day Adventist Servicemen's Church Directory

- 10 From Civil to Military Life, Calamity or Opportunity?
- 11 They Were the Bravest
- A Religious Convictions of Seventh-day Adventist Personnel (sheet)
- A-1 Religious Convictions of Seventh-day Adventist Personnel (leaflet)

Other literature, including the Servicemen's Kit (at a cost divided among church, conference and union), is given to each draftee upon induction.

From the Servicemen's Literature Offering and contributions, our church papers, quarterlies, and newsletters are mailed to each serviceman, also the names and places of centers and conventions.

If you are an isolated member, and have questions or need any of the above leaflets, please write to:

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News Notes

◆ The Health and Welfare Department of the Mt. Zion, New Haven, Connecticut, church, has sent 176 pounds of dry beans, valued at \$64.04, and 75 pairs of shoes to Mississippi.

◆ On Sabbath afternoon, October 30, 1965, the Hempstead Temple held a religious liberty-temperance symposium. A large audience was in attendance.

Participants included Mae Walden, Eugene Estes, and William Pearson. They explored the fields of temperance and religion in the schools and in business, and a question-and-answer period concluded the program.

God has blessed them in the temperance program this year. They have worked closely with the home missionary department distributing temperance literature, and enrolling prospective members in Bible schools.

◆ Ebenezer Foster, a member of the Mt. Zion, New Haven, Connecticut, church, was instrumental in securing \$675.00 worth of medical supplies, including rubber gloves, rolls of tape and bandages from the Seamless Rubber Company of New Haven to send to the mission field in Africa.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE CHURCH SCHOOLS



The church schools in Northern New England are off to a good start again this year. The conference has eleven schools with twentyone teachers and nearly three hundred energetic pupils. Pictured above are: (1.) Grades 1-4 in West Lebanon, New Hampshire, where John Cuva is teaching. (2.) Anna Barker who teaches grades 5 and 6 in Pine Tree Memorial School in Freeport, Maine. (3.) Grades 9 and 10 in Estabrook Intermediate School, West Lebanon, New Hampshire, with Edwin Hill as teacher. (4.) St. Johnsbury, Vermont, school where Arthur Schumacher is teaching. (5.) Grades 7 and 8 in Pine Tree Memorial where Edmond Cassano is teaching. (6.) Grades 1 and 2 from Pine Tree Memorial with Carole Myers as teacher.

Southern New England

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Seventh-day Adventists and Christmas

Many years ago in commenting on Christmas and our relationship to it, the servant of the Lord, Ellen G. White, wrote:

The holiday season is fast approaching with its interchange of gifts, and old and young are intently studying what they can bestow upon their friends as a token of affectionate remembrance. It is pleasant to receive a gift, however small, from those we love. It is an assurance that we are not forgotten, and seems to bind us to them a little closer. . . . It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best friend.— Adventist Home, pp. 478-79. (Italics supplied.)

Again we are told:

Brethren and sisters, while you are devising gifts for one another, I would remind you of our heavenly Friend, lest you should be unmindful of His claims. Will He not be pleased if we show that we have not forgotten Him?—*Ibid.* p. 480.

We know that December 25 is not the birthday of Christ. In His wisdom God has withheld from us the exact date of the birth of His Son in order to prevent idolatry. However, we can rightfully enter into the spirit of the season if we do it to the glory of God.

Thousands of dollars will be worse than thrown away upon the coming Christmas and New Year's in needless indulgences. But it is our privilege to depart from the customs and practices of this degenerate age; and instead of expending means merely for the gratification of the appetite or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing, we may make the coming holidays an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.

Christ should be the supreme object.... --Ibid.

On December 25 we are receiving in all of our churches in New England a special gift for Christ to be dedicated to the cause of our youth. This gift will be used to erect a building at Pioneer Valley Academy to be used for the present as an auditorium and recreation building. We have already written to you of this great need, and will not have to elaborate further on it. Our appeal to you now is to make Christ your supreme object this Christ-

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mas. As you decide how much your gift should be, remember the life of self-denial and sacrifice that marked the path our Saviour trod for you. Give according to your ability. In so doing, Christmas will then be a real blessing to your souls.

We must have \$35,000 in order to erect this building and stay within our budget. Your special gift dedicated to this purpose on this Christmas will not only bring honor to Christ, but will also be a boost to the cause of Christian education in behalf of our New England young people.

Merle L. Mills

Sharing at Thanksgiving

"Thanksgiving is a time for action." This was demonstrated by the co-operation of the Dorcas Society and the Pathfinders of the New England Sanitarium church in Stoneham, Massachusetts.

During the Thanksgiving season, thirty-five large baskets of food were delivered to the surrounding areas of Melrose, Medford, and Billerica. Mrs. Sidney Williams, Dorcas leader, was in charge of the project. She and her helpers prepared the baskets and the Pathfinders helped in the delivery of them.

In the Spirit of Prophecy we are admonished to search out the needs of the poor and needy.

Your good wishes we will thank you for, but the poor cannot keep comfortable on good wishes alone. They must have tangible proofs of your kindness in food and clothing.—*Testimonies*, V. 151.

> VIRGINIA LEONARD Press Secretary

Worcester Youth Wins Contest

Linda Hemenway of the Worcester church received first prize in the Junior Division of the third annual national egg cooking contest in Chicago, sponsored by the Poultry and Egg National Board. Her winning entry was for mock Italian meatballs, and those who tasted them found it hard to believe that there was no meat in them. She competed against a field of seventy contestants from all parts of the country who had won state championships. Her prize was a \$1,000 government savings bond.



Linda Hemenway

Linda, an active member of the young people's society of the Worcester church, took advantage of the opportunity to witness for her faith, as well as for a vegetarian diet, at the time she won the state contest and the national cook-off.

Pioneer Valley Academy

Plan now to attend the vesper hour Christmas music program at 3:30 p.m. in the girls' chapel, December 18. Be sure to attend the band concert which will be held the same evening in the cafeteria.

The vesper hour program will be presented by LeRoy Peterson and the choir. Lyle Hamel, band director, is in charge of the Saturday night program.



Pictured are a few of the Pathfinders from the Sanitarium church who helped in the delivery of food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving time: (left to right) Dennis Stevens, Ronnie Pelton, James Haak, Bruce Moore, and Ted Moore.



OBITUARIES

COON-Naomi C. Coon, wife of Lester Orville Coon, passed to her rest after a protracted illness at Greenville, Tennesee, October 17, 1965. She was born near Ithaca, New York, April 17, 1903. She stood faithfully beside her husband for thirty-nine years in the ministry.

She leaves to mourn their temporary loss her husband, five daughters, and two sons, two sisters, twenty-five grandchil-dren, and scores of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in Greenville, Tennessee, on Wednesday, October 20, and later on Sabbath, October 23, in the Community church at Lincklaen, New York. She rests in the Lincklaen Center Cemetery for the call of the Life-giver in a little while.

HAROLD E. METCALF

RAMSEY-Kathryn Ramsey was born in a suburb of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on November 3, 1873. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Bozler of Coeymans, New York. She was married to George V. Ramsey, and to this union was born, on October 27, 1903, one daughter, Ruth, who survives, living at Utica, New York. Mrs. Ramsey spent several years in the colporteur work.

She began attending the Seventh-day Adventist church about 1906, and was baptized a second time in 1919, having followed the Adventist faith for nearly sixty years.

She passed to her final rest on October 24, 1965, at Canajoharie, New York, at the age of ninety-one years and eleven months. Besides her daughter, Ruth, she leaves two nieces and one nephew.

Memorial services were held at Fort Plain, New York, on October 27, with words of comfort spoken by the writer. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Coeymans, New York, where she is awaiting the loving call of the Redeemer at the resurrection of the faithful.

LEONARD VENDEN

MILLS-George Chester Mills, Sr., was born May 8, 1896, in the town of Brookfield, New York, and passed away October 19, 1965, at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Utica, New York, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Mills was a retired dairy farmer. In 1926 he married Leonora Link. The couple lived near Mapledale for nearly twenty-five years before moving to Florida in 1950. They returned to Bridge-

water about three years ago. Mr. Mills was baptized into the Utica church on May 30, 1942, by August An-derson. His church membership was with the Central church in Orlando, Florida, at the time of his passing.

Besides his wife Leonora, he leaves a son, George C. Jr., of Jamestown, New York; two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Mens-hausen of Portland, Maine, and Mrs. Marian Thomas of Middle Grove, New

York; and seven grandchildren. Services were held at the Wilcox Fu-neral Home, West Winfield, with words of comfort spoken by the writer. Our

brother was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery near Mapledale, New York, where he awaits the call of the Life-giver on the soon-coming resurrection morning. LEONARD VENDEN

CLARK-Elizabeth Caldwell Clark was born in Mount Vernon, New York, on July 18, 1890, and passed away in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on November 10, 1965. She was baptized twenty-nine years ago by L. B. Schick and was a member of the Pittsfield church until her death.

She is survived by a son, Morton J. of Dalton, Massachusetts; two grandchil-dren; a sister, Mrs. Josephine Dickerson of Miami, Florida; and a brother, David Caldwell of Miami, Florida.

Funeral services were conducted at the Dery Funeral Home in Pittsfield, and burial was in the Pittsfield Cemetery where she awaits the call of her Lord.

LEO POIRIER

PLACE-Timothy E. Place was born in Otego, New York, on June 24, 1877. He was the son of Morgan and Gertrude Place. He died at his home in Otego, on September 12, 1965, following an illness of several years duration.

In 1903, he was united in marriage to

Mary Conway, a union that was to con-

Mr. Place was baptized on July 15, 1916, and joined the Otego church. His membership remained there until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Mrs. James Hogan of Oneonta, New York; Mrs. Dania Bartle of Oxford, New York; and Mrs. Stanley White of W. One-onta, New York. Also surviving him are a brother, Elmer Place, of Tampa, Flor-ida; eight grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; several nieces; and a nephew.

The funeral service was conducted in the church by the writer. Mr. Place was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery, Otego, New York.

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Atlantic Union College News

✓ The Student Association presented its annual Christmas supper club on Sunday night, December 12, in the college cafeteria Ruth Millard, social secretary of the SA organized the program.

The theme of the program was "Ye Twelve Dayes of Christmasse," and the setting was Victorian England. The cafeteria was decorated as an old English manor might have been during the Christmas season. One of the features of the decorations was a large Christmas tree with popcorn, cranberry strings, and other old-fashioned decorations.

The menu was planned by Ruth Millard and George Cummings, food service director for the college, and included plum pudding, sweet potatoes, a mock turkey for each table, beets, jello salad, dinner rolls, and lime sherbet. The food was served family style—the food placed on each table in large serving bowls.

The program followed the 19th century Christmas theme. Madrigal singers walked from table to table caroling the students; Vinson Bushnell, a doctoral candidate at Harvard University, provided a harpsichord which Mrs. Bushnell played; and Dr. W. R. A. Madgwick read a selection from Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

The Madrigal singers were: Patricia Brown, William Fagal, David Green, Joyce Hanscom, Judy Myers, Elvin



Rossen, and Robert and Gail Young. William Fagal directed the group.

Students responsible for various phases of the program were: Jocelyn Fay, decorations; Daisy Eaton, table settings; Ruth Morgan, program; and Yvonne Lester and Charlotte Bolden, waitresses.

During the month of November students from the nursing division visited Greater Boston Academy, Greater New York Academy, Pioneer Valley Academy, South Lancaster Academy, and Union Springs Academy. Programs were presented at each of the schools to create interest in nursing as a profession, and to help the prospective nursing students to understand the advantages of AUC's associate in science degree program. Students who participated in the program were: Sheila Clemons, Lenwood Garven, Roberta Sprague, Sheryl Walin, Linda Wheaton, Margaret Goodness, Dorothy Hunt, Cheryl Kinney, Bonnie Randall, Patricia Tapper, Bonnie Close, Brenda Greenman, Sharon Myers, Marie Rupracht, Nancy-Jane Cook, Linda Mills, Carolyn Pettingill, Jean Wells, James Evans, Cynthia Weaver, Nancy Wormhood, and Lillian Price. Leola Gerrans, Marilyn Turner, Julia McConnell, and Alma Tracy from the Division of Nursing, and H. D. Kinsey from the Public Relations Department accompanied the groups to the academies.

A recent visitor to the campus was Dr. John O. Waller, chairman of the English Department of Andrews University. On the evening of November 21 he made two presentations of his paper "A Contextual Study of Mrs. White's Statements About Literature"; first to the English majors and then to a faculty study group. The second presentation was followed by a discussion of the paper. The paper was originally read at the English Department section of the Quadrennial Session held last summer at La Sierra College.

Dr. Waller also presented a chapel talk to the student body on November 22.

✓ A vocal solo entitled "Expectation" composed by Dr. Margarita Merriman, professor of music at AUC, was premiered at the joint convention of the Massachusetts Music Teachers Association and the Rhode Island Music Teachers Association held in Boston on November 7. Gail Young, a senior music major, sang the selection accompanied by the composer at the piano.

 \checkmark Dr. Herbert E. Douglass, academic dean, presented the graduation address for the Gardner State Hospital School of Nursing on November 17. On December 18 he will present the commencement address at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital's graduation exercises.

Weddings

McKeen - Cross

Martha McKeen and Henry Cross were united in marriage on November 4, 1965, at the home of long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Asgeirsson of Reading, Massachusetts. George W. Muller, chaplain at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, officiated at the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross will continue to reside in South Lancaster.

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Lamberson - McCumber

Gail N. Lamberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Lamberson of Salamanca, New York, and Thomas R. McCumber, son of Mrs. Esther Baker of Albany, New York, and Kenneth E. McCumber of Castleton, New York, were united in marriage August 22, 1965, in the Salamanca church. Russell L. Vaughn of the Jamestown, New York, church performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. McCumber are residing at 181/2 Armstrong Street, Salamanca, New York.

Sunset Table Eastern Standard Time

	Dec.17	Dec.24	Dec.31
Bangor, Me.	3:55	3:59	4:04
Portland, Me.	4:05	4:08	4:13
Boston, Mass.	4:13	4:15	4:21
So. Lancaster, Mass.	4:15	4:18	4:23
Pittsfield, Mass.	4:22	4:24	4:30
Hartford, Conn.	4:21	4:24	4:29
New York, N.Y.	4:30	4:32	4:37
Utica, N.Y.	4:27	4:30	4:35
Syracuse, N.Y.	4:31	4:33	4:39
Rochester, N.Y.	4:37	4:40	4:45
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:42	4:45	4:50

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