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What Ellen White Said About

Individuality and the Family

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The holy pair were to have no interest independent of each other; and yet each had an individuality in thinking and acting.

—ELLEN WHITE, *Testimonies*, III, 484

When we hear jokes or see magazine cartoons about a hen-pecked husband and a domineering wife, we smile or laugh. But when we occasionally see a real live pair, we respond with pained concern. We are sorry for the brow-beaten husband and resent his battle-axe of a wife. We feel that it is not quite right for her to squelch her husband's individuality, and we wish that he would not allow his individuality to be squelched.

We are not so concerned about a more frequent situation—the demanding husband and the overly submissive wife who lives in her own “little world,” her individuality submerged in that of her husband. But long before the Women's Lib Movement of the 1960's, Ellen White was concerned. She felt that “the wife and mother should not sacrifice her strength and allow her powers to lie dormant, leaning wholly upon her husband. Her individuality cannot be merged in his” (*Adventist Home*, p. 231). “She should remember that her marriage does not destroy her individuality” (*Ibid.*, p. 351). To a pair of newlyweds Mrs. White counselled, “Neither of you is to lose his or her individuality in the other. God is the owner of your individuality. Of Him you are to ask: What is right? What is wrong? How may I best fulfill the purpose of my creation?” (*Testimonies*, VII, 45).

In a day when all too often children were to be seen and not heard, Ellen White was also concerned that children's individuality not be squelched (*Ibid.*, III, 132). The individuality of a child, she wrote, must not be merged in that of the teacher (*Ibid.*, III, 134). Parents and teachers were to be careful not to destroy the individuality

of the young people in their charge (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, p. 57). “Those who weaken or destroy individuality,” she wrote, “assume a responsibility that can result only in evil” (*Education*, p. 288). Not only were parents and teachers to avoid weakening or destroying individuality, they were counselled to preserve and develop it. Defining individuality as “power to think and do,” Mrs. White wrote that “it is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought” (*Ibid.*, p. 17).

It is understandable why individuality was prized so highly by Ellen White. When the band of believers was a little flock and their cause an object of derision, a strong sense of individuality was a necessity in an Adventist. Without it, he would have had difficulty maintaining his faith and way of life in a hostile society.

But individuality is more important than just a requirement for survival. It lies at the heart of the Biblical teachings about man and his relationship to God. Every human being is created in the image of God. As such he has power to comprehend, power to feel, power to plan, and power to act. He has “a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do” (*Ibid.*, p. 17). One cannot be a Christian without maintaining his individuality, for being a Christian is an act of the will. It is a continuous series of decisions to let Christ have His way in the life. One who outwardly adopts Christian beliefs and practices merely as an unconscious response to pressures from relatives and friends is what John



Each member of the Hernandez family pictured on this page maintains his individuality. Denbigh likes to work with wood. Ruby likes to sew. Karl likes to read. Karen likes to play the piano. And Kathleen just likes to play. But maintaining their individuality doesn't keep them from working together, playing together, and worshipping together. They are individuals, but they are a family. And they are part of a larger family—the Atlantic Union College Seventh-day Adventist church. Denbigh is one of the elders there. Ruby is Investment Secretary for the children's division of the Sabbath school and assistant leader in Cradle Roll I. Karl and Karen attend Browning Elementary, a church school operated by several sister churches of the Southern New England Conference.



Milton calls "a heretic in the truth."¹ One is not a safe candidate for heaven unless as an individual he has rejected evil and chosen the good.

If God had not valued individuality in man so highly, He would have made us all alike, and alike mindlessly conforming to His will. But God created us so that "every individual has a life distinct from all others, and an experience differing essentially from theirs. God desires that our praise shall ascend to Him, marked by our own individuality" (*Desire of Ages*, p. 347).

To the Christian, therefore, individuality is important. But so is unity and harmony within the family and within the community of believers. "Each one has an individuality of his own, which he is not to sink in that of any other man. Yet each is to work in harmony with his brethren" (*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 275-76). The value of our individuality to God can be measured by nothing less than the sacrifice on Calvary. But Calvary also shows how much God desires that all creation be restored to unity.

How can one maintain his individuality and not disturb the harmony of the group? How can the child develop his individuality and honor his father and mother? How could Adam and Eve maintain an "individuality in thinking and acting" and yet "have no interest independent of each other"?

Unity can be maintained in the family as well as the individuality of its members if each member strives not so much to assert his own individuality as to preserve that of the others. "Let no one feel," wrote Ellen White, "that it is his place to mold others to his individual mind or opinions" (*Counsels on Health*, pp. 243-44). To a husband she counselled, "Do not exert your strong will power to compel your wife to do as you wish. Remember that she has a will and that she may wish to have her way as much as you wish to have yours" (*Testimonies*, VII, 48). If fathers, mothers, and children make a conscious effort not to do violence to the individuality of anyone else in the family, then the other members of the family will have no cause to mar the harmony of the family through unnecessary assertion of their own individuality.

There is also a need for the members of the family to be willing to forgo their own individual inclinations that are not matters of conscience when by so doing they can help the others in the family. "Do not try to compel each other to do as you wish," wrote Ellen White. "Be kind in speech and gentle in action, giving up your own wishes" (*Ibid.*, VII, 47).

Over 50 passages in the writings of Ellen White are either in support of maintaining one's individuality or against squelching another's. Here is the one passage calling for brethren to forgo it. The passage is a long one but well worth our careful

attention, for it places the other passages in perspective:

Why are many of us so weak and inefficient? It is because we look to self, studying our own temperaments and wondering how we can make a place for ourselves, our individuality, and our peculiarities, in the place of studying Christ and His character.

Brethren who could work together in harmony if they would learn of Christ, forgetting that they are Americans or Europeans, Germans or Frenchmen, Swedes, Danes, or Norwegians, seem to feel that if they should blend with those of other nationalities, something of that which is peculiar to their own country and nation would be lost and something else would take its place.

My brethren, let us put all this aside. We have no right to keep our minds stayed on ourselves, our preferences, and our fancies. We are not to seek to maintain a peculiar identity of our own, a personality, an individuality, which will separate us from our fellow laborers (*Ibid.*, IX, 187).

The principle delineated in this passage can be applied to the family. We are not to maintain the kind of individuality that will separate us from the rest of the family and keep the family from accomplishing what it should as a group. For example, if all the members of a family are forever asserting their individuality, there will be no time when they can gather for family worship. At the appointed time, one may want to work on a bird feeder. Another may want to sew. Another may want to practice the piano. Another may want to read. Another may be in the mood for anything but worship. Not as a tyrant, but as a wise leader, someone in the family, if not the father, needs to suggest an appropriate time for worship, and the others need to forgo their individual inclinations and meet the appointment for the sake of the family and for their own sakes.

The conflict between individuality and family unity is only apparent. They are reconciled in Christ. Through Him we can maintain our individuality. Through Him we can develop families characterized by harmony and love. Ellen White makes it very clear in the following passage:

To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a superhuman effort to overcome difficulties—though there will be much of this to do—but union with Christ.

Picture a large circle, from the edge of which are many lines all running to the center. The nearer these lines approach the center, the nearer they are to one another.

Thus it is in the Christian life. The closer we come to Christ, the nearer we shall be to one another (*Adventist Home*, p. 179).

As we near the 200th birthday of the United States of America, one of the many things Americans will not cheer about, according to the current issue of *Changing Times*, is the decline of the influence of the family. Throughout the nation today, "children pick up their values and codes of conduct from television and peer groups instead of from parents and grandparents."² In 1958, John Dos Passos wrote that "the mass production methods of

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General News . . .

It Did Happen

A tall, handsome, twenty-year-old young man refused a cocktail offered him by a beautiful young hostess. Mockingly she said, "You wouldn't spoil my party, would you, by refusing to drink with me?" "I'm afraid I would," he replied. "I thought you loved me," she pouted. "I do—too much to drink with you or any other woman." "But, darling, I'm not asking you to get drunk, I only want you to be sociable."

The evening wore on, there were more drinks before the late supper in the lovely dining room where again glasses clinked merrily. One young fellow rose unsteadily from his chair, raised his glass, and mumbled, "Ladies and gentlemen, I give you our hostess and her private bar." He sat down amid cheers and a roar of laughter. Only the glass of the twenty-year-old boy remained untouched.

The hostess went up to him and said, "Why are you so opposed to liquor? You must have a reason. Tell me."

"A year ago my mother was having a house remodeled. I begged her to have a private bar installed. She refused. After much argument pro and con, she said, 'Son, you and I are going on a trip and when we return, if you still want your bar, I shall say no more.' Two days later on my nineteenth birthday, we went out for a long drive and stopped in front of a tall gray building. We were admitted through two heavy doors only after mother gave her name. Then we followed an attendant down a long hallway and stopped before a cell. Behind the bars was a man who cried out, 'Catherine, my dear, what does this mean?' Mother spoke tremulously, 'I have brought our son to see you, dear. Son, this is your father.'

"'Why did you bring him here, Catherine?' 'It seemed the time to let him know, dear. I wanted him to hear from your own lips what put you behind bars,' she replied.

"'It was drink that broke up our home, my boy. When you were but a

baby of four, I committed a crime that brought me here and broke your mother's heart. I had built a private bar in our basement.' With trembling voice, I asked my father, 'How long must you stay here?'

"Sobbing in utter hopelessness, he replied, 'For as long as I shall live.'

"I wish I had never seen my father behind the bars, but mother spoke softly, 'I would have continued to spare you, son, had I dared, but I was afraid for myself and for you. You were so insistent and I could not bear another bar in my home, another bar crushing my heart, taking from me the happiness you bring.'

"My story is finished. I know it sounds melodramatic, my friends. I've told it only in the hope that you might understand why I'm sure only sorrow can come from drink.

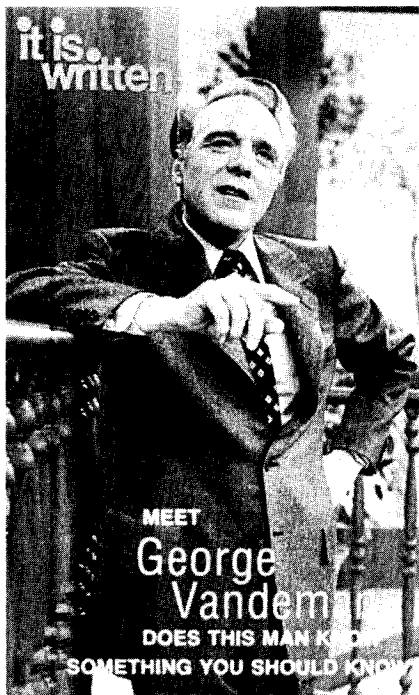
"Perhaps you no longer will care for my companionship since you know I am the son of a man behind bars for life. But of one thing I am justly proud—I am also the son of the finest mother in the world, and for her as for myself, I am through with drinking forever."

The old adage is still true today, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure. *Listen* is a journal which tells it like it is and can serve as that ounce of prevention in your home as well as all the other homes on your street. During the current *Listen* crusade, you can secure a yearly subscription for only \$3.50. Kindly process your *Listen* order through your church lay activity secretary. If you are unable to attend church regularly, then mail your *Listen* subscriptions directly to Pacific Press, 1350 Villa Street, Mountain View, California 94042.

A. R. MAZAT, Manager
 Periodical Department

It Is Written Telecast Promotion

In the Atlantic Union, response to the *It Is Written* telecast is already climbing as a result of new telecast programs on subjects never before



aired. But results from the telecast could be doubled if local church members would begin a program of telecast promotion as suggested by George Vandeman, telecast speaker.

Letters coming in to *It Is Written* indicate a strong interest on the part of those who watch. "I look forward every Sunday to watching you on TV. My husband and I live four blocks from the church you are from so I am going to go there and if they are anything like you that's for me." (Nevada)

"We are a fairly young couple but don't go to church because we want to study the Bible ourselves. Maybe someday we will join a church, but how can we know which church is right if they are all different? We listen to your program every Sunday and you have cleared up so many questions." (Michigan)

What miracles could the Holy Spirit perform if only more such searching souls were made aware of the truth-filled message of *It Is Written*. "The personal invitation of our church members to their friends, neighbors, or community members, is the single most effective means of increasing the soul-winning power of *It Is Written*," according to Vandeman. And the steps are easy.

It Is Written has made available through the local conference offices exciting, four-color advertising leaflets which can be hand delivered on a

Sabbath afternoon or mailed to friends, patrons of your business, members of a club to which you belong, or placed in waiting rooms or other prominent places.

Though there is nothing new about the concept of using the telephone to increase the audience of a television or radio broadcast, there is still no surer way of reaping the maximum benefits from a program such as *It Is Written*. Just a few quick, cheerful phone calls in your community prior to the telecast can mean a dozen new viewers for each caller and later souls for the kingdom. For added effectiveness, check for program titles with the pastor or the local TV Guide. Don't be afraid to let them know that you personally enjoy the telecast and that you just had to let them know it was on.

A new method of telecast promotion is now available from *It Is Written* in the form of a three-foot color poster with space for local telecast information provided at the bottom. These posters will help reinforce the advertising done via the telephone, or through the use of the leaflets. The posters are representative of the telecast, dignified enough for use in the church narthex and yet could be used well in public buildings, store fronts, and other appropriate places. The posters are now being made available to conference lay activities leaders, but may also be ordered at 25 cents each from *It Is Written*, Box 0, Thousand Oaks, California 91360.

This year promises to be the best in the history of *It Is Written*, now one of the major evangelistic outreaches of the Seventh-day Adventist church. But just how great it is depends on the support and promotion of local church members in the Atlantic Union. Determine now to do your part.

MICHAEL D. FELLOWS
Public Relations Director

A Plan to Reclaim Youth

A little over two years ago the staff of *Insight*, the church youth magazine, and the Youth Department met to discuss a growing concern for youth disillusioned with the church. It was realized that dealing with former-member youth is a special ministry requiring much love and care. Thus Operation Come Back was brought into existence.

Operation Come Back was officially launched last year. Since then it has

been met with increasing support and enthusiasm, with a number of former members reclaimed.

The plan is simple and is designed to keep church youth active in witnessing to former-member youth through the aid of *Insight* magazine. With the aid of the pastor, the Youth Council compiles a list of names of former-member youth who will be sent a one-year subscription of *Insight*. A special Operation Come Back subscription price of \$11.25 is charged in most unions on a one-third basis by the individual church, the local conference, and the union conference.

After such a young person has received one or two issues of *Insight*, church youth then visit him, using *Insight* articles as discussion prompters. From there the potential is unlimited! Church love and acceptance, along with involvement with church youth, can do much to win back former members.

Every church needs to be concerned with its former members—especially the youth. If you have not heard about this plan in your church and desire more information, contact your local conference youth director or write:

Insight
6856 Eastern Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

Insight can be a powerful witnessing tool in the hands of our youth. MV Week of Prayer, March 6-13, is a good time to launch Operation Come Back in a special outreach to reclaim former youth church members.

JOHN HANCOCK
World Youth Director

Did You Know Charles E. Weniger?

A biography of Dr. Charles E. Weniger is being prepared for publication. If you were a student or fellow teacher of his, or were otherwise acquainted with him, and would like to share your memories and impressions of him, please write to Richard H. Utt, Book Editor, Pacific Press, Mountain View, California 94042. Your letter will be deeply appreciated.

S.D.A. Educators' Meeting

Seventh-day Adventist Educators, who will be in attendance at the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Convention in Atlantic City, April 24-28, are invited to participate in the S.D.A. section, on Monday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m. Place of the meeting will be indicated in the convention bulletin. Please send suggestions or agenda items to Clarence Dunbein, Principal, Sligo Elementary School, Takoma Park, Maryland 20012. He will be serving as chairman of this meeting.

CHARLES B. HIRSCH
Department of Education

Faith for Today Seeks True Stories

Faith for Today is seeking true-life experiences to base its "Westbrook Hospital" episodes upon. In order to further its impact and strengthen its credibility, FFT hopes to draw from actual incidents related to our own hospitals and medical institutions.

Assistant Director of Programming Gary Haynes is contacting hospital chaplains and medical personnel who might have stories to share. Says Haynes, "We are looking for medically related experiences that have challenged spiritual growth and inspired a closer relationship to Christ. Our writers will condense situations, compress time, and change names and locations to protect confidentiality; but we are convinced there is nothing like the testimony of reality."

Faith for Today is also appealing to lay people who know of true stories that might be tied to a medical format.

"I believe many of these spiritual experiences could become part of an episode for 'Westbrook Hospital,'" says Haynes. "I would be pleased to receive information by letter or cassette, or even by telephone."

Script ideas, plots, and outlines should be sent to: Gary Haynes, Faith for Today Program Department, P.O. Box 320, Newbury Park, California 91320.

SHARON FAIOLA
Public Relations Assistant

Smocked Dresses Paid Church School Expenses, Now Helping VOP Ministry

Sending a child to church school often requires parents to sacrifice, but when one parent is not an Adventist there are additional problems. Mrs. Wilma Cowan of Glendale, Oregon, relates her experience when she was "young in the truth" and her only daughter was ready for school.

"I wanted to do the Lord's will," she says, "but my unconverted husband felt he could not bear the shame of having his child in church school." Finally, he said the girl could attend as long as he didn't have to pay the expenses. "When we obey the Lord, He will make a way," was Mrs. Cowan's response.

"After several weeks of not knowing where the money would come from," she continues, "a strange lady knocked on my door and asked whether I would be interested in earning some money."

The work offered was smocking little dresses for an exclusive shop for children's clothes, and although Mrs. Cowan had done very little fancy work and felt she was not very good at hand work, she dared not say No after asking the Lord to help her. "There was no apparent reason why the woman who knocked on my door should have thought I would want to do this work. My husband worked for the government, and we lived in a nice enough home.

"The Lord not only sent me work, but he gave me the ability to learn quickly. I was able to keep my daughter in church school that way year after year; and while I worked for the owner of the children's clothing shop, the business prospered."

Mrs. Cowan never owed the school a penny, and her husband was very much impressed. Today, he is a faithful Adventist also.

Later, Mrs. Cowan was a dean of girls and taught French until she retired. Arthritis is a problem for her now, but she has taken up her needle again and is preparing smocked dresses for The Voice of Prophecy's Showcase Gift Shop in Glendale, California. Proceeds from the shop benefit the VOP radiobroadcast and Bible school ministry.

Helping her with the current project is Hazel Verhaeghe, who was formerly a Catholic but became an Adventist be-

cause a Methodist acquaintance sent her the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence course.

ELDYN KARR
Associate Director
Public Relations

New "These Times" Assistant Editor



Elder Ralph Blodgett, former pastor in the Oregon Conference, is now the assistant editor of *These Times*, missionary journal published by Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, Tennessee. Ralph

earned his master's degree in Systematic Theology from Andrews University in 1970, and in addition to pastoral work in Michigan, Indiana, Washington, and Oregon, he has written numerous articles for the *Review*, *Ministry*, *Liberty*, *Focus*, *Insight*, and *These Times*. Wife Judy has taught English and German in both public and church schools and is presently working on her Master of Education degree from the University of Portland. Daughters Debbie 9, and Tammy 6, attend the Madison Elementary church school. The Blodgetts are a welcome addition to the SPA family.

Faith for Today Program Director Appointed



Don Dick, Ph.D., has recently been appointed Director of Faith's Program Department. He has been an active member of Faith for Today's Lay Advisory Board and Chairman of the Communication Department of Southern Missionary College (Collegedale, Tennessee) for the last seven years.

His new position places him in charge of program production. His various responsibilities include: soliciting and selecting scripts; hiring directors and production crews; casting actors; planning all aspects of pre-

production; overseeing the actual filming; and guiding and approving of the final post-production stages.

Dr. Dick takes the place of Roy Naden who is now speaker for the "Come Alive" telecast.

SHARON FAIOLA
Public Relations Assistant

Andrews University Business Administration Program Growing

A graduate from Andrews University's master of business administration (MBA) program is almost assured a position in today's job market, according to Dr. Gordon Madgwick, dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Of the 100 graduates from the program so far, nearly all have been placed.

Though applications this year have been carefully reviewed, over 50 students have been admitted, the largest number ever. Nearly half of these are from outside North America. If past patterns are any guide, these overseas students—even those whose first language is not English—have an excellent chance of success in the program, Dr. Madgwick said.

One indication of the quality of the department is that eight undergraduate business majors passed the rugged Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exams this year.

Dr. Robert Firth, chairman of the department, said that AU's MBA program offers several marked advantages over similar programs of large universities. Among these are:

1. Small classes. The typical class size of 12-15 permits much interchange between professor and student, a quality of relationship enhanced by a Christian setting.

2. Enriching assignments. Teachers can spend more time evaluating student work. This permits a quality of assignment not possible in other schools. The case method is a prominent teaching technique. Students learn communication skills, how to analyze and solve problems, where to obtain raw data needed in research and decision-making, and how to work on committees. They emerge confident in their ability to do their own work, Dr. Firth said.

3. The program is uniquely tailored to meet denominational needs, although graduates are fully qualified to serve in public corporations.

Computer training is available as part of the program. A terminal to AU's large computer facility is located in the business department.

The department is a member of the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business and follows the curriculum standards set by the assembly, the nation's official accrediting body for business schools.

Normally, four quarters are required to complete the 44 credits required for the MBA degree. Required core courses are managerial economics, quantitative methods, theory of organization and administration, human relations, financial management, marketing management, and research and writing. In addition, students may add an emphasis in management, accounting, personnel, and information science.

Each year the department awards a \$2,000 Weniger scholarship and several lesser grants. Student employment opportunities are available in the AU business office or elsewhere on campus.

The department has five full-time professors and, for specified classes, other instructors from the AU business office and local CPA firms. "The members of the business faculty are not merely theoreticians; they're 'hands-on' men with practical experience," Dr. Madgwick said.

With specialties in management are Dr. Firth, Dr. Harold Phillips, and Dr. Wilson Trickett. Phillips and Firth have co-authored a book now being considered for publication entitled, "Cases in Denominational Administration: A Management Casebook for Decision Making." Phillips has had experience as credit manager and assistant administrator at two Florida hospitals, as internal auditor for a Florida county school system, and as a consultant to denominational hospi-

NOTICE

Do you have friends or loved ones in Hawaii who should be approached regarding their soul salvation? Are they former members, former interests, relatives, or friends who should have the opportunity of making their decision for Christ? Please contact Kailua Seventh-day Adventist Church, P.O. Box 850, Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

tals. Trickett has extensive experience in real estate and insurance.

Specialists in accounting include Dr. C. Torben Thomsen and Arthur Klein. Thomsen has passed all exams for the CPA and CMA, and has written problems which have appeared in the CPA exam. He is now on leave of absence to advise the Tanzanian government on new accounting standards. Klein is an expert in tax law and the securities market. He has been an overseas accountant and treasurer. Also with accounting experience is Firth, who has served as an Academy accountant and treasurer. In economics is Frederick Harder, who has almost completed his Ph.D. at the University of California in Los Angeles. Among those teaching in the support areas is Dr. Larry McNitt, associate professor of mathematics and a specialist in computer use in business information science. Several books and articles in professional journals have been published by members of the department faculty.

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assembly-line industry have caused a society made up of individuals grouped in families to give way to a society made up of individuals grouped in factories and office buildings, for whom family life has been relegated to the leisure hours.³ Now in 1976, the leisure hours for most families have been relegated to television.

This is a time for the members of Adventist families to maintain their individuality and not be sucked into societal structures that detract from the goals of the Christian family and the church. It is also time for members of Adventist families to forgo their individuality for the sake of the family and the church. It is time to modify our individual inclinations so we can grow up together in Christ Jesus. It is time to forget our nonessential personal goals that keep us from the work the church was established to accomplish.

¹ *Areopagitica*, in *Complete Poems and Major Prose*, ed. Merritt Y. Hughes (New York: Odyssey Press, 1957), p. 739.

² "Big Changes You'll See in the Next Ten Years," *Changing Times*, January 1976, p. 7.

³ "A Question of Elbow Room," *Essays on Individuality*, ed. Felix Morley (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1958), p. 22.

"Listen" Magazine Promotion Director Named



Leon M. Cornforth has been named *Listen* promotion director, according to W. J. Blacker, Pacific Press general manager. Cornforth, 47, joins the periodical department as an associate manager after having served the past two years as inner-city lay activities secretary for the Arizona Conference.

A graduate of Walla Walla College, Elder Cornforth has been in denominational employment some 27 years with 18 of those years in the lay activities field. Mrs. Cornforth is the former Betty Henderson. Cheryl, 20, is a Walla Walla College senior while LeAnn, 15, will complete her sophomore year at Mountain View Union Academy.

Cornforth replaces Ray Hixson who accepted a church pastorate in the Northern California Conference.

Evangelism—With Literature

In this age of rapid communication by electronic means—this hour when it is possible for one person to speak to the entire human family at one time—the press remains the most effective and enduring means for transmitting messages to the mind of man. During 1975 printing facilities for producing the *Washington Post* were damaged. Printed communication was instantly cut off—1,765,441 readers were suddenly left without that source of current news and views considered vital to their lives. Radio and television attempted to fill the information gap, but discovered it to be only remotely possible. Within hours *Washington Post* producers found temporary ways to restore circulation of the United States capitol's leading messages in print. A vital link was restored.

Founders of once-popular churches would refuse to be identified with churches bearing their names today. God has turned away from popular churches which deny His law. Humanity languishes for clerical voices strong and brave enough to preach truth. It is stated that the Methodist Church

lost 200,000 members in 1974. Reason? In time of crisis people do not respond to weak doctrine. People want truth—in print.

An American Express ad entitled, "How to Prepare—Keep This Emergency List Near Your Phone," lists 19 possible emergency headings. It begins with the doctor; number 6, the plumber; number 13, the gas station; and number 17, third from the bottom of the list, is the clergy. Pulpit power and influence have lost great force. Thus Christianity as such has lost its power, has failed! As a result, it is reported that 30,000 churches in the United States have closed their doors. The power has been turned off. To fill this vacuum, heathen religions with their messages in print, carried by zealots, have become active, building scores of houses for false worship in a once predominantly Christian land.

Seventh-day Adventists are the last great champions of truth on earth. Our greatest hour has come. We thank God for committed Seventh-day Adventist clergymen who stand tall, who bravely preach truth with tact borne of divine love. The work of the literature evangelist is, in heaven's sight, "fully equal to that of the minister," for "the living (pulpit) preacher and the silent messenger (presented by literature evangelists from door to door) are both required for the accomplishment of the great work before us." *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1880 (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 8).

"Both workers have light, and both are to shine in their respective spheres of influence." *Letter 186*, 1903 (*Ibid.*, p. 45).

We are instructed to meet people "where they are. They will seldom seek us of their own accord. Not alone from the pulpit are the hearts of men touched by divine truth. *Desire of Ages*, p. 152 (1898), *Colporteur Ministry*, p. 39.

It is time that we station (pulpit) "ministers and canvassers capable of arresting the attention of the multitudes. . . . Present truth . . . will be accepted by not a few, and carried by them to their own homes in all parts of the earth." *Review and Herald*, January 25, 1906 (*Ibid.*, p. 40).

Let each publishing leader and literature evangelist tactfully, effectively, and seriously join hands with pulpit pastors in the church's greatest crusade

for souls. Ever bear in mind that you are "God's evangelists." *Ibid.*, p. 39.

We thank God for our publishing houses. They are God's "appointed centers, and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized." *Testimonies*, VII, 144. You are in the correct work. God ordained the canvassing work as a principle means of distributing heaven's story to man on a person-to-person basis. It is a home-to-home, family-to-family pastoral work.

"Evangelism—With Literature" is and will ever remain the most effective means of gospel influence by the Seventh-day Adventist church in its world-wide mission.

LITERATURE EMPHASIS YEAR is 1976. It is time to turn on the light of life in every home on earth. Let's do it in 1976!

BRUCE M. WICKWIRE

First Person to Complete "Today's Life" Study Series



Marie Arguelles, ninety-four-year-old Newbury Park, California, resident, was the first to complete the "Today's Life" study series offered by Faith for Today. In recognition of this, Pastor and Mrs. Fagal recently presented her with a completion certificate. Mrs. Arguelles enrolled in the series because she "wanted to understand the prophecies better." "Today's Life" is Faith's reading course in the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. The complete set contains nine colorful magazines with twenty-seven article/lessons and appropriate quiz mailers.

Atlantic Union College

Atlantic Union College Alumni Homecoming Weekend

Once again it is time for graduates, former students, and friends of Atlantic Union College to begin planning to spend their weekend of April 16-18, 1976, in South Lancaster, Massachusetts. The executive committee of the Alumni Association this year is very enthusiastic about the plans for the upcoming weekend. We have a lot in store for our guests.

Friday, April 16

Elder Dale Kongorski will be presenting the message at 7:00 p.m. as the first gathering of alumni for the weekend begins. Elder Kongorski, class of '69, has recently been appointed Youth Director of the New York Conference located in Syracuse. This service will be under the direction of David Knott, class of '51, who is presently in the English Department of Atlantic Union College.

Sabbath, April 17

Sabbath school will begin at 9:40 a.m. with Pablo Cruz, class of '68, as superintendent. Pablo is presently teaching in the Harvard, Massachusetts, school system.

The worship service will be under the direction of Elder Francis Bush, class of '34, who is Associate Director for Trust Services in the Southern New England Conference. We feel very privileged that Elder Ron Halverson has accepted our invitation to speak to the alumni for the Sabbath sermon. Elder Halverson, class of '61, has led a very intriguing life, as depicted in his book *From Gangs to God*. He is now pastor of the Southwestern Union College church in Keene, Texas.

Sunday, April 18

This will prove to be a full day and one that we will long remember. For an early start the honor classes will meet at 8:30 a.m. The college has planned several tours around the campus for those who may not have had a chance to learn about all the changes which have taken place. For all the ath-

letes Donald Siver, class of '52, will be organizing the annual softball game.

The highlight of the entire weekend will prove to be the opening and dedication of Founder's Hall at 11:00 a.m. You will surely want to be present for this long-awaited grand ceremony. Many prayers, dollars, hours of work, and dedication have gone into the restoration of the denomination's oldest functioning educational building.

The annual Homecoming Banquet will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the college cafeteria after the business meeting in Preston Hall Recreation Room at 12:00 noon. At that time the alumni will be welcomed by Mrs. Ruth Redding Brand, class of '65, president of the Alumni Association. Ruth is living in Lancaster with her husband, Robert, and two children. Debbie Ware, class of '74, and secretary of the Alumni Association, will give a brief report. She is secretary to L. E. Smart, Director of Education in the Atlantic Union Conference. Taly Dorn, class of '67, will give an account of the financial situation of the Association as treasurer. Taly is Director of Student Finance at the college. Dr. Dale McCune, president of Atlantic Union College, will be giving a progress report of the college.

The after-dinner program is under the direction of Eugene Christoph, class of '52, who is a teacher in the Worcester school system. We will be favored with an address from Elder W. J. Hackett, currently a vice-president in the General Conference, Washington, D.C.

We look forward to seeing each graduate and friend on April 16.

DEBBIE WARE
Executive Secretary

Energy Conservation Committee Appointed

An ad hoc five-member committee has been commissioned by the college officers to identify ways in which the college might cut down and monitor its campus energy consumption. According to Donald Cantrell, college



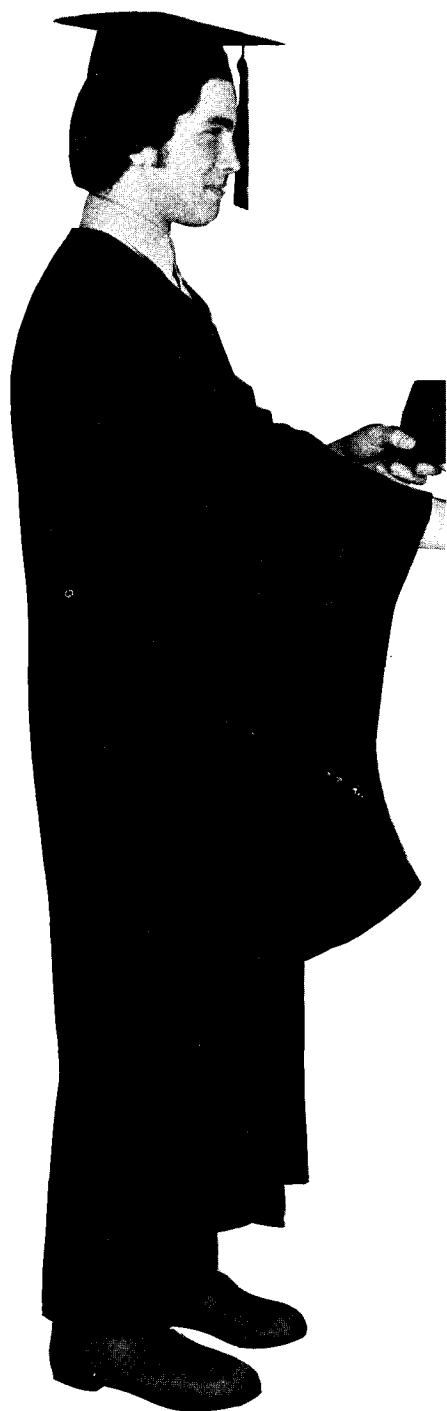
Don Cantrell, Business Manager and Energy Conservation Committee Chairman at Atlantic Union College.

business manager and committee chairman, the group's function is to help reduce energy costs by making energy use more efficient. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the college officers for implementation. "One of our first assignments," says Cantrell, "is to detect the major heat-loss areas on campus, even if it requires our renting an infra-red camera. Once we've located the problem areas, we can offer, we hope, some worthwhile solutions."

AUC Professor Appointed to State Health Council

Citing her "familiarity with health issues by virtue of her education and professional work" and the fact that she has "proven to be a very articulate spokeswoman for the consumer, particularly in health-related matters", Lt. Governor Thomas P. O'Neill administered the oath of office January 13 to AUC Associate Professor of Education and Behavioral Science Dr. Susan M. Willoughby as a member of the Massachusetts Public Health Council. The Public Health Council is the policy-making body of the Department of Health, with responsibility to make and announce rules and regulations for all phases of health protection and to consider plans and appointments within the Department, including its

A college diploma is worth the investment.



But it sure is tough when the cash runs out.

The fact is that we have a number of very bright, promising young people who are on their own when it comes to paying the bills.

Despite all our attempts to keep costs down and to furnish supplemental financial aid to our kids, some just can't raise the money to finish their programs.

And that's a shame because many might have gone on to become powerful supporters of the church's work.

There's not much you can do. By yourself, that is. But if you, and others like you, make it a point to double your usual offering on February 21, we could see more of our most promising young people through to graduation.

Invest in Adventist young people. They'll help finish God's work.

Remember the Atlantic Union College Scholarship Offering, February 21.



seven hospitals. Dr. Willoughby was named to the Council on December 15 by Governor Michael Dukakis and will serve until September, 1978.

Dr. Willoughby has served as a member of the Massachusetts Consumer Council, as chairman of its Health Task Force, as a member of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, and as chairman of the Laurel-Clayton Drug Education Prevention Program.

Born in Montserrat, West Indies, Dr. Willoughby holds an Ed.D. degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, an M.A. degree from Clark University, and a B.A. in Chemistry from Atlantic Union College. In addition to her teaching responsibilities at AUC, Dr. Willoughby is also supervising in the college's elementary and high school teacher training program.

AUC Alumni Association Activities

The Atlantic Union College Alumni Association announces its fund-raising plan for the remainder of the school year and into the summer. First of these will be the presentation of an outstanding film on February 28, 1976, at Machlan Auditorium. In March the community will be invited to participate in an auction to be held in the college gymnasium. A "Phonothon," in which every AUC alumnus will be telephoned by a member of the Association in an effort to enlist donations, will occur some time in the summer. The funds received will benefit Atlantic Union College and worthy students enrolled at the college.

College Days Manuscripts Solicited

Details regarding the 1976 AUC College Days Writing Contest were announced recently by members of the AUC English Department. Each year, awards are presented at the College Days Chapel program for narrative, essay, and poetry entries which display "Freshness of ideas, creativeness in writing style and in the handling of material, and interest appeal from title to final word." This year's awards will be presented during the chapel program on Monday, April 12.

The contest is open to any academy senior or any Seventh-day Adventist high school senior of the Atlantic

Union. The award of \$150 in cash will be distributed to category finalists with a minimum of \$50 going to a finalist, if merited, in each area. Prize sponsors this year are the Eusey Press, the GLEANER, and employees of the College Press.

All manuscripts should be sent to College Days Writing Contest, Department of English, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts 01561, and should meet the following requirements:

- A. all manuscripts should be typed, doubled-spaced on one side of the page only
- B. the name of the author or school is not to appear on the manuscript itself and
- C. a cover page (giving title, type of entry, author, instructor, and the school represented) is to be stapled to the front of the manuscript. All manuscripts are to be mailed by April 1, 1976.

Specifications for the various categories are as follows:

A. The Narrative

A story (500-1000 words) which, through situation, details, characterization, and pertinent dialogue, catches some human interest point or meaning within the story itself.

B. The Essay

A personalized development (500-1000 words) of an idea, viewpoint, or timely subject which is slanted to reader interest and which conveys at least an underlying significance or purpose.

C. The Poem

A poem of any form—conventional verse, blank verse, free verse—not to exceed twenty lines.

Last year's award winners were Karen Baker (South Lancaster Academy) for the Narrative, William Knott (South

Lancaster Academy) and Eileen Curran (Pioneer Valley Academy) for the Poetry. All who submitted Essay-type manuscripts were given a copy of *Contours*, the campus literary magazine.

College Days Invitations Ready

Invitations to the April 11 and 12 College Days program at Atlantic Union College will be mailed to prospective freshmen as their names become available, announced Kurt Ganter, AUC public relations director. "We've spent the last few weeks going over our prospective student lists and we'll mail out the invitations as soon as they come off the press. The problem now is to get invitations to the Adventist young people in the high schools. The Atlantic Union pastors have sent in over 100 names of high school Adventists; now we're inviting every Adventist in the union to help us by writing the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and year of graduation for Adventist high school students they know of on a postcard and mailing the card to the Public Relations office. If the constituents know of young people who are not Adventists, but who would be willing to live by denominational principles, we'd be happy to have them join us."

College Days is a two-day program designed to familiarize college-age students with Atlantic Union College, its faculty and staff, its facilities, work opportunities, financial assistance programs, and its academic offerings. Expenses for the orientation program are absorbed by the college. "In the unfortunate event that we do not hear of a graduating high school student in time to send an invitation, we urge them to contact their local pastor or SDA academy for transportation and join us anyway," says Ganter.

New York

Utica Welcomes Korea

The Orient meets the Occident! This was the privileged experience on a recent Sabbath in October at the Utica, New York, church.

Several Korean families enjoyed a reunion including three psychiatrists; a Doctor of Pharmacy visiting from Reading, Pennsylvania; and a Seventh-day Adventist minister from Los Angeles, California. Three of the pro-



Korean professionals who have settled in the Utica, New York, region recently enjoyed a family reunion in the Utica church. Among the distinguished group are three psychiatrists, a doctor of pharmacy, and a Seventh-day Adventist minister. Front row (left to right): Dr. Timoch Chung, Mrs. Jean Chung, Charles Chung, Elizabeth Chung, Mrs. Naomi Parke, Mrs. Esther Chung, Vickie Chung, Andy Chung, Elder D. S. Chung, (Los Angeles, California) Mrs. B. A. Chung, Mark Sohn, and Dr. Jongsoo Sohn. Back row (left to right): Dr. Robert T. Chung, Dr. Shin Ho Parke, Eundoo Parke, Eunoh Parke, Eunyoung Sohn, Mrs. Shirley Sohn, and Eunmee Sohn.

professionals have made their home in the Utica region and are contributing their dedicated, God-given talents to the blessing and benevolence of the Utica, New York, church.

The local church is fortunate indeed to have these consecrated Korean families in their fellowship. Their faithful witness to God's present truth for this hour is producing results. The new Korean members are avid in their Christian witness, and apparently enjoy this scenic sector of the Empire State.

The professionals are working in close collaboration with the pastor, G. B. Edgerton, in various health and medical community services thus creating a favorable and positive influence in which the church can flourish and grow.

H. A. UHL
Communication Secretary

New Adventist Community Service

A new community service was offered the public of the greater Syracuse, New York, area by the Seventh-day Adventist church, 2511 West Genesee Street, called the "Century 21 Institute for Better Living" beginning Tuesday, December 9, 1975.

The Institute is an extension of the Wa-rite weight reduction seminar currently being conducted by the denomination and the monthly Five-Day Plan Anti-Smoking clinics.

The "Century 21 Institute for Better Living" includes weigh-ins each evening for those desiring a weight-loss program; group discussions on topics presented; lectures for a medical doctor-minster team each Tuesday evening; and audio-visual aids such as overhead projections to illustrate the speaker's presentations.

Leading out in the series will be D. M. Cady, M.D., surgeon, and F. R. Scott, M.A., local Adventist pastor, who has lectured for Better Living programs since 1946. Some of the topics in sequence include: "Strategy for Stress Control," "How to Get Along with Your Family," "How to Be Positively Electrifying," "How to Cope with Fear, Worry, and Resentment," "Sex, Saints, and Sinners," "A Simple Solution for Drowning Your Troubles" and others. The doctor will emphasize the physical aspects of better living and the minister, the psychological-spiritual phases.

In explaining the new community service series, Scott explained, "When you are living the full life, your body vibrates with energy and a sense of well-being . . . you know why you are

here and where you are going. But it's not always that way. Probably all of us have moments like these but too often it seems we merely flit our lives away. For so many, it's bone weary fatigue that saps our strength, tightness in the stomach, headaches or a quick temper. To relieve the pressure, we turn to cigarettes, alcohol, pills, food, social activity, only to find out that it doesn't work. To help the residents of Onondaga County find real meaning, purpose, and significance to life, we offer this new "Century 21 Institute for Better Living."

A charge of \$5 will be made for the 336-page Century 21 syllabus including cover. Participants will fill in the spaces of color-illustrated lessons of each successive program. It is not necessary to purchase a syllabus to attend. Mrs. Richard D. Hartman is co-ordinator of the institute.

H. A. UHL
Communication Director

Prominent Citizen Honored

Michael Macaluso was honored on Community Relations Day Sabbath in the Rochester Bay Knoll church. Macaluso was presented with an engraved plaque by Richard Jewett, pastor, in recognition of his leadership in Citizens for a Decent Community.

The ceremony honoring Macaluso was part of the Sabbath School Visitors Day and Community Relations Day programs celebrated in Seventh-day Adventist churches worldwide. The Sabbath services stressed the responsibility church members have toward participation in local community projects.

Prior to the regular church service, Sabbath school superintendent Frances



Richard Jewett, pastor (left), presenting bronze award plaque to Michael Macaluso in appreciation for his distinguished services as leader of Citizens For a Decent Community.

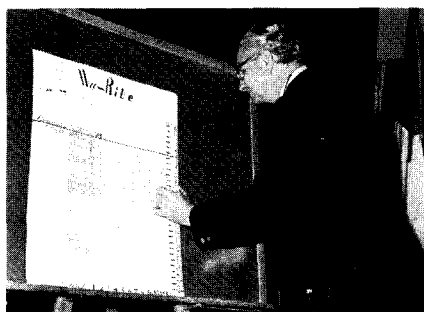
Allen presented a program welcoming those joining the members on Visitors Day. Pastor Jewett's appeal for America to reform presented the same question Elijah asked on Mount Carmel as recorded in I Kings 18:21, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" He praised Macaluso for his courageous fight against pornography in the Rochester, New York, area saying, "Michael Macaluso will still fight and not bow the knee to Baal."

The many in attendance were challenged by Pastor Jewett's last question: "Who will take the message from the King of the universe to the king of the land if we do not?"

Mr. and Mrs. Macaluso, along with several of their eleven children and two associates in Citizens for a Decent Community, Vice Chairman Jerry Trower, and Richard Genca, joined members of the congregation in a luncheon following the services.

DOROTHY HILLIER
Communication Secretary
Bay Knoll Church

Wa-rite Program in Syracuse



F. R. Scott, pastor of the Syracuse, New York, church, records the number of pounds lost by those with excessive avoirdupois during the twelve-week Wa-rite weight-reduction institute, which concluded in December of 1975. The total equaled over a quarter-of-a-ton. To celebrate the occasion an elegant banquet was served. The nourishing, delicious, and satisfying 500-calorie meal demonstrated what can be done with a little planning and imagination. Participants in the Wa-rite program were invited to attend the subsequent Community Services feature, the Century 21 Integrated Health Seminar. Over 50 per cent non-Adventists enrolled in the weight-reduction series.

H. A. UHL
Communication Secretary

Vanguard Evangelism

Elder L. J. Tessier, former district pastor of Binghamton, New York, has accepted the invitation of the New York Conference Committee to blaze an evangelistic trail in the southwest sector of the conference and establish a new church congregation in the Dunkirk-Fredonia, New York, region.

This challenging and exciting evangelistic adventure needs your prayerful support. The area to be evangelized includes a fifteen-mile radius from Fredonia.

Demonstrate your co-operation, endorsement, and concern in this endeavor by sending the names and addresses of friends and relatives who reside in this location to: Elder L. J. Tessier, 44 East Pine Street, Dunkirk, New York 14048.

Octogenarians Celebrate

Twin sisters, Ethel Porter and Mrs. Edna Spohn, recently celebrated their eightieth birthdays in the southern tier city of Olean, New York.

For the past twenty-two and a half years they have operated a senior citizens nursing care center in their home. Many elderly residents of Olean are indebted to these consecrated Adventist twin sisters for their return to health and private life. Tender, loving Christian care has been their motto through the ensuing years in caring for the feeble, the ill, and aged.

The twins were born in Duke Center, Pennsylvania, November 14, 1895, two of nine children of W. F. and Mary MacKinnon Porter, and are the only survivors of the family. They attended Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, and commenced their training for the nursing profes-



Miss Ethel Porter (left) and Mrs. Edna Porter Spohn.

sion. Here the twins first parted ways as Edna Porter Spohn, her training incomplete, became the wife of Doctor Eugene L. Spohn, residing in California.

Ethel Porter continued to pursue her education career at Washington Sanitarium and Hospital, Washington, D.C. Here she studied nursing under a notable towering, medical-missionary giant, Doctor Harry W. Miller, life-long missionary to China. As a result, Ethel Porter also went to China, but with the onset of war had to vacate her first station and go to the Adventist hospital at Sonjo in northwest China on the Tibetan border. However, after the lapse of a year, the missionaries were ordered to leave. Without suitable transportation facilities—no horses, planes, trains—getting out of northern China was an ordeal. Eventually, Ethel was able to depart by auto and arrived in the city of Manila, Philippines, and labored there in an Adventist mission.

While in China, Ethel Porter had the distinct honor of being the personal nurse to the distinguished Madame Chiang Kai-shek for five years.

Edna Porter Spohn, aware of the adverse conditions in China, anxiously awaited news of the welfare of her twin sister and they were reunited in 1935. They returned to Olean, New York, in 1943, purchased a commodious residence and converted it into a nursing home.

Ethel Porter has served many years faithfully and diligently as secretary-treasurer of the Olean Adventist church. The twins are totally committed to the spiritual principle of being stewards of Christ, managing and supervising with utmost integrity and fidelity the blessings and endowments of heaven in the form of time, talents, body temple, and treasure bestowed upon them in sacred trust by God. Their lives have amply and vividly demonstrated their plenary love and devotion to heaven's message, mission, and movement.

H. A. UHL
Communication Director

Five-Day Plan on TV

The internationally famous Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was televised in the Syracuse, New York, area January 11-16. It utilized the films provided by the General Conference temperance department featuring Dr.

J. Wayne McFarland and E. J. Folkenberg. The health series made a considerable impact upon this central New York metropolitan area.

Heretofore, anti-smoking clinics have been held live at the West Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York, church, but because of popular demand the successful plan was placed on television.

During 1975 the local Syracuse church sponsored a monthly Five-Day Plan utilizing the talents of local laymen and physicians. Nearly 500 persons enrolled throughout the year and over half of them successfully overcame tobacco. A similar program is planned for the historic year 1976 including cooking and nutrition schools, the Century 21 integrated health institute, and the Wa-rite Sta-rite weight reduction program.

F. R. Scott, pastor of the Syracuse church, and co-ordinator of the Five-Day Plan, commented as follows on the television series: "Many feel the new year, with its good opportunity for resolutions, changes and improvements in living patterns, is a good time to begin this series. In keeping with the newness of 1976, America's historic year, arrangements were made with Channel TV 3 to broadcast this health-improving, better-living sequence as a free public service feature. Modern medical science has named tobacco as the villain responsible for many crippling and fatal illnesses such as lung cancer, and the opportunity to show area residents a proven, powerful, and effective method to kick the nicotine habit is in keeping with the

sterling qualities of America's heritage and tradition."

In conjunction with the anti-smoking televised series, a live Five-Day Plan, the first in '76, was launched on Friday night, January 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Syracuse church.

Several have already linked them-

selves to God's remnant church as the result of the impact made upon them through the church's health approach. The Better Living program has proven to be an effective evangelistic arm of God's people.

H. A. UHL

Communication Director

Northeastern

Helene Harris Leaves for Zambia

Miss Helene Harris was guest of honor at a recent farewell party held at Bethel elementary school in Brooklyn, New York. Members of the Bethel church, teachers from Bethel elementary school, and from other church schools in the New York area bade Miss Harris farewell and wished for her Godspeed as she left for Zambia, Africa, in January.

Miss Harris, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, received her formal education in Jamaica, graduating from West Indies College with a B.A. degree in Elementary Education. She came to the United States ten years ago and attended Atlantic Union College for two and one half years, and received a B.S. in Home Economics and Education.

She has taught at Bethel school for seven years. During this time she attended night classes at Hunter College in New York City, earning a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Miss Harris, described by Bethel's pastor, W. C. Jones, as an active and dedicated church member, accepted an

offer from the General Conference to go to Zambia where she will teach at the Rasunga secondary school. She will be the only black teacher at this school of over 800 students.

CHARLES STEPHENS

*Assistant Communication Secretary
Bethel Church*



Otis Searcy, fund-raising campaign chairman, stands with Mrs. Gwendolyn Elcock, afternoon chairperson (left), and Mrs. Henrietta Jackson, guest speaker (right).

Granville Evangelism



A highly successful public evangelistic crusade concluded in the Granville, New York, church last November. R. C. Goransson, New York Conference evangelist, and T. J. Modell, pastor of the Glens Falls, New York, district, joined talents in conducting the campaign. There were fifteen accessions into God's remnant church—fourteen by baptism and one on profession of faith. The happy group is pictured above.



Miss Harris (second from left) receives farewell gift from Benito Hodge, principal of Bethel elementary school, as Pastor W. C. Jones and Home and School leader, Mrs. A. Kent, look on.

Sanctuary Lights Dedication

On Sabbath, December 27, 1975, the sanctuary lights in the New Rochelle, New York, church were dedicated. The entire day's activities, spent in celebration of this accomplishment, were under the direction of Otis Searcy who engineered the fund-raising campaign.

Elder Thaddeus Wilson, Sr., retired minister, was speaker at the morning worship service. Elder Wilson's sermon was taken from Matthew 4:14-16, with emphasis on "Ye are the light of the world."

During the service, as Pastor Raymond Saunders, church minister, re-

peated the words used by God during creation: "Let there be light and there was light," the lights were switched on and it was as though a new sanctuary was placed before us.

Continuing the daylong celebration, at 3:00 p.m. a program, "Festival of Lights," was presented. Mrs. Henrietta Jackson was guest speaker. Elder L. A. Paschal, communication director of Northeastern Conference, gave the invocation; Mrs. Gwendolyn Elcock was mistress of ceremonies; Ms. Valrie Bennett introduced the speaker; and musical selections were given by Mrs. Mozelle Bell and Miss Mary Morgan, accompanied by Mrs. Daisy Thomas, and the Elite Ensemble—a men's quartet from the Mt. Vernon, New York, church.

WESLEY EARLE
Public Relations Secretary

"Family Circle" Program

The "Family Circle"—a group of concerned parents in the Washington Avenue, Bronx, church—recently conducted a drive to raise funds for Christian education. At this function Miss Denise Solomon was crowned Miss Calendar Girl 1975.

J. B. BROWN
Communication Secretary

Oversight

In the December 23 issue of the GLEANER, the writer of an article entitled Annual Choir Festival omitted, among the choirs listed, the Lindennaires, the youth choir from Linden Boulevard church.

Sorry for the oversight.

Bronx Outstanding Christian Parent



Mrs. Mavis Blair, an outstanding Christian parent of the Bronx, was presented a check from the "Family Circle" by local elder Nathan Mungin, on behalf of the club president, Joseph Cummings. Deacon Roberts looks on.

250 persons, not including the balcony or choir loft which looks toward the rostrum area, behind which are located three rooms suitable for office space, Sabbath school rooms, or community service activities.

The building stands near the main flow of traffic. Near the church is a public school with parking facilities which may be used after school hours.

Though generally agreed that an older structure is not always ideal, the financial factor and positive considerations led the Conference Committee to vote to purchase the building which will become the headquarters for the heralding of the Three Angels' Messages in Northern New Hampshire.

A portion of the Adventures In Faith offering allocated to the opening of our work in this part of the state will furnish the \$5,000 purchase price and some toward renovation. It is estimated that \$15,000 above the cost of the building should cover most of the renovation-related expenses at this time. Some of the areas of expense include a new roof, interior and exterior painting, a second bathroom which the city requires, new hot water heaters, possibly a new furnace, new steps, pews or chairs, pulpit, sign, and certain kitchen facilities suitable for public health-related programs. Much of the work will involve scraping and painting. There are several people who have offered to help. This assistance will be greatly appreciated and could save several thousand dollars.

A special word of thanks to each person who has assisted through the Adventures in Faith offering which has spearheaded the opening of our work, in the financial sense, in the "North Country." For the many who pray for the Holy Spirit's leading in this venture, thanks are also extended. Knowing of your interest and support is most encouraging.

Most of us are challenged by a definite need, whether it's our neighbor next door or Elder Pierson's call for special help to raise up churches in India or the great need in the Kasai province of Zaire. These "Operation Extra Life" projects, in addition to our regular giving, are serving as reminders and rallying points of an unfinished task. The financial heartbeat of our denomination is centered in our belief that the gospel must go to all the world. We are motivated out of love for Christ and a realization that God's

Northern New England

Progress of Our Work in Northern New Hampshire

"I understand you're looking for a church building in Berlin," the voice said over the telephone. The voice that Tuesday evening belonged to a pastor in Maine who had recently purchased the former Methodist church building in Berlin, New Hampshire, on the corner of Mount Forist and First Avenue. The pastor and his associate had planned to establish a church in Berlin but because of some misunderstandings they gave up their plan.

Since it is our desire as well to establish a church in Berlin, a city of over 15,000 people, I told him, "Yes, we are interested." My heartbeat accelerated as I believed that God had possibly arranged for us to have a church building in Berlin. "Could you

tell me the price of your building?" I asked. "Not over \$5,000," came the reply.

The Methodists have merged with the Congregationalists in this city and the Methodist Church has been vacant during the past few years, its silence interrupted by the shouts of an auctioneer whose most noteworthy sale was the oak pews. People have tried to buy the building for such purposes as a dance studio and a warehouse, but the City has turned down any variance for the building to be used other than the purposes for which it was built.

The wooden building, constructed in 1894, has a lower auditorium with a kitchen capable of seating approximately 125 persons. An oak staircase leads to the main auditorium which has a seating capacity of approximately

plan for the spreading of the Good News includes us—our commitment, our resources, our time.

There is a challenge before us to present Jesus Christ and His last message to the people of Northern New Hampshire. Your continued assistance is needed.

Hopefully, early in the new year, we will commence a daily radio broadcast. We have some solid friends and a good number who are presently studying our message. Plans are being studied for a major evangelistic outreach. We have a respectable standing among those who know of our health ministry. The New England Youth Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse will be coming for a program to acknowledge the power of God and to be of special witness to the community.

Realizing the needs of your own area, you may be one who would like to dedicate a special offering to the church renovation project, the daily radio broadcast, or the upcoming evangelistic meetings. Your gift may be sent to Elder Ralph Trecartin, treasurer, Northern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Post Office Box 1340, Portland, Maine 04104. I would be happy to correspond personally with you concerning your questions or suggestions regarding our project here.

When asked what he told the people at the door, one colporteur said, "We're moving in."

Thank you for your time and for the privilege of association with you in this adventure with God.

ROBERT H. FARLEY
Pastor

Revelation Lectures in Waterville

It was on a happy note that the Revelation Lectures in Waterville, Maine, ended Saturday evening, November 22, because of the wonderful way the Lord blessed these meetings. It was evident right from the start that God was to use this Lecture Series in a special way and each of the seven who were baptized and the one profession of faith, had a wonderful story of praise to tell.

Mrs. Grace Beebe and Ronald Carr were the first to take their stand as a result of the faithful witness of loved ones. They were followed by Raymond



Pastor Clinton Adams as he preached night after night.



Pastor Norman Deakin baptizing Mrs. Grace Beebe.



Norman Deakin baptizing Ronald Carr.

Gill, a ninth-grade student of River-view Memorial School in Norridgewock. He fulfilled his heart's desire by going into the watery grave of baptism and dedicating his life to Christ.

Jeanette Kittrell came to the first meeting with a challenge in her heart. She told Pastor Clinton Adams, "Prove to me that God exists and I'll be a more devoted follower than you." It wasn't long after this that any doubt she might have had was wiped away by the Lord. Just before she entered the baptismal tank, with tears of joy running down her cheeks, Jeanette said, "No one can tell me now there is no God, because at last I have found Him and I know He does exist."

Jeanette wanted her life to stand as a testimony and warning to others about the harm in secular education.

Before she went away to college Jeanette was a believing Christian, but the teaching in college had changed her into an Atheist. It was with these beliefs that she attended that first meeting, and the Spirit of the Lord brought a tremendous change into her life. So great and sudden was the change that her friends are now interested in learning more about what Jeanette has found and Jeanette is just as willing to let them know about our wonderful Lord. She is now bringing her friends to church.

Mrs. Evelyn Crane, accompanied by her son, Dr. John Crane, had brought Clifton and Gail Colford to the meetings after having spent many wonderful hours talking to them about Jesus Christ. Night after night they attended and the Lord seemed to be speaking to Evelyn Crane, telling her that she should be rebaptized as a personal testimony to the Colfords. It was shortly after her rebaptism that the Colfords followed, going together into the watery grave.

Mrs. Hazel Jacques was received into church membership on profession of faith. She remembers not too long ago when she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized by immersion into a local church, but having heard the Truths presented night after night she knew she must change her membership and join God's remnant church.

Time and space do not allow a complete story, for there are many more in the fifteen follow-up interests, and the Lord will continue to bless in our Revelation Seminar follow-up program.

Yes, it was on a happy note that the Revelation Lectures ended in Waterville, and I am sure it is one that Clinton and Ruth Adams will never forget either. It was in Waterville,



Front Row (Left to Right): Hazel Jacques, Jeanette Kittrell, Gail and Clifton Colford. Back Row (Left to Right): Pastors Sellers, Adams, Deakin.

after the closing night, that their son, Joseph Melvin Adams, came into this world, unmindful of the great concern he caused as Ruth and Judy Sellers sang night after night. The Lord truly blessed all in these meetings, and the Waterville Church members would like to express their appreciation to those churches that loaned their pastors so that this Lecture Series could be a success and precious souls be led to the Light of God's Truth. Mindful of the gifts of the Spirit, without your "Charity" this would not have been possible.

May the Lord bless all concerned who had a part in this program by their labor and support, and may the Lord continue to bless these new members and those still studying this wonderful saving message is our heartfelt prayer.

NORMAN E. DEAKIN
Pastor

Revelation Series in Rumford, Maine

Five persons were recently baptized in the Revelation Series held in Rumford, Maine, by Pastor Dennis Sellers. The meetings which were held nightly in the Rumford Municipal Building were well attended, not only by church members, but also by many from the small community.

Each lecture was fully illustrated on a large nine-by-twelve screen in order that the people could see as well as hear each presentation. One of the highlights of the meetings was the music. Several numbers were sung each night by the Revelation Lecture Team consisting of Dennis and Judy Sellers and Clinton and Ruth Adams.

During the last week of the Revelation Lecture Series the meetings were

conducted in the Dixfield church. It was a thrill to see each evening a beautiful baptism in the recently purchased portable baptistry. The baptism each night served the purpose of making a strong appeal to those who were yet undecided and who were struggling to make a decision to join God's remnant church.

At this time several are still studying and a future baptism is anticipated. Your prayers are solicited on behalf of these and also for those who have taken their stand and are continuing their personal spiritual growth in Christ.

DENNIS SELLERS
Pastor



Those in attendance at the literature evangelist rally on December 14 in Portland, Maine.

Literature Evangelists Reach New Record

We want to express our appreciation to the literature evangelists, and William Nelson, our publishing secretary, for outstanding accomplishments during 1975. All previous records of dollar deliveries were accomplished. The year 1975 was the first time in our history that we have gone over the \$100,000 mark in deliveries.

This was not accomplished with ease. It took lots of prayer, perseverance, dedication, and hard work. And it was accomplished during a time of much unemployment and uncertainties in the economic world. This is what makes these accomplishments so much greater. Along with this, I believe that Northern New England is the only conference that has shown a gain in total deliveries in the Union.

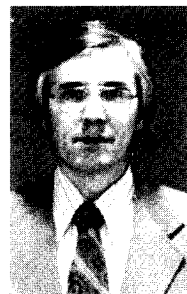
Plans are being made for a greater advance in our literature for 1976, and we will make these announcements in a later article in the GLEANER.

We had a "year-end" rally of the literature evangelists and their families

at the conference office on Sunday, December 14. All received a real spiritual blessing and set their objectives for more souls and sales for 1976.

CARL P. ANDERSON
President

W. L. Budd, M.D. Certified by American Board of Internal Medicine



William L. Budd, M.D., has recently passed his certifying examination of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Budd graduated from Atlantic Union College in 1957, and completed his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1961. After completing his internship and residency program at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, he and his family moved to Brunswick, Maine, to set up his medical practice in 1965.

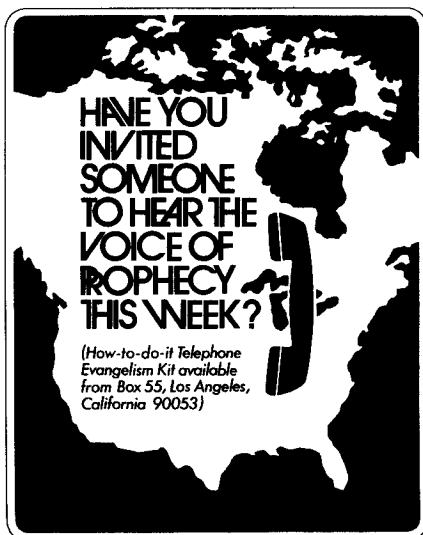
He and his wife, Marlene, have four children—Kevin, 18; Bryan, 16; Keith, 11; and Sondra, 10.

Dr. Budd is currently chief of staff at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, and on the active staff of Regional Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, as well as continuing a full-time practice in internal medicine.

RICHARD RAWSON
Parkview Memorial Hospital



Pictured above are four of the five persons recently baptized in Rumford, Maine. Left to right—Joyce Turbide, Priscilla Richards, Hilary Schanck, and Michael Robbins.



Southern New England

Cape Cod Bike Trip

Outdoor activities are fun and the youth department sponsored bicycle trip was no exception.

Robert Ford of the Amesbury district was present with many of the Haverhill Pathfinders and other young people to take the five-day bicycle ride on Cape Cod. Mr. Ford directed the trip with help from Mrs. Charlotte Boutin. Mrs. Carol Smith was cook and Richard Russell was counselor and trouble shooter, driving the emergency vehicle behind the riders.

Eighteen riders left the Sagamore Bridge at the entrance to Cape Cod and five days later had ridden over 100 miles on the Cape. Base camp was set up at Dennison State Park and each evening the bikes and riders were picked up and taken to the camp. Each morning they were taken out to the point of departure and another day began.



Robert Ford, 70 years young, inspects the bicycles before they begin the ride.



Bicyclists are ready and anxious to go.

The riders saw the older villages on the Cape, the fish hatchery, and the National Seashore museum, and rode on many nature trails.

By the end of the week they were all tired and ready to go home, only to plan for another ride next summer. Make your plans now for the summer of 1976. Watch for the announcement of the 1976 summer bike ride.

CHARLES C. CASE
Youth Director

Congressman Visits Browning Elementary School

During the first week in January, Congressman Robert Drinan, who represents Lancaster in the United States Congress, was invited to speak to grades six, seven and eight at Browning Elementary School. Congressman Drinan, who is a Jesuit priest and former Dean of the Boston College Law School, spoke on his efforts to aid humanity, especially the underprivileged in the United States and in the developing nations. He praised Seventh-day Adventists for their fine educational system. During the question-and-answer period, he stated that he felt the problems of Northern Ireland could be solved if protestants would grant the Catholic minority



Photo by Jeff Johnston

Dwight Mayberry, Browning Elementary School principal, presenting Congressman Drinan with a copy of the book "Education".

more political freedom. He also indicated that he does not favor the complete repeal of the Sunday Blue Laws. At the end of the program, Dwight Mayberry, principal of Browning, presented the congressman with a copy of the book *Education*.

Baptism Held in Connecticut



In October, 1975, the ten persons pictured above were baptized by Elder Aleksandar Davidovic, pastor of the Hartford and Meriden, Connecticut, Spanish churches.



New England Memorial Hospital

Three New Year's Babies at New England Memorial Hospital

The New Year arrived with a real flurry at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham—a flurry of new babies, that is!

The maternity unit is boasting three New Year's babies, the first of whom, Jennifer Amy Hovestadt, was born January 1, 1976, at 1:00 a.m. She is the daughter (first child) of Mr. and

Mrs. Bernard E. Hovestadt of Rockland, Massachusetts.

At 12:45 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Gary S. Huber, Melrose, welcomed their son (to be named); and at 6:45 p.m., Ronald Redden Keech, Jr., first child of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Keech, Wilmington, made his arrival.

This flurry of activity in the obstetrical department is not new as 1975 was a busy year—with 520 births, 154 of which occurred during the last



Mrs. Ronald Keech (Grace Rinaldi), 3 Ohney Street, Wilmington, holds her brand new son, Ronald Redden Keech, Jr. Baby Ronald was one of three New Year's babies born January 1, 1976, in the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham. He was born at 6:45 p.m., weighing 9 pounds 14 ounces. He is the Keeches' first child. Grandparents are Paul J. Rinaldi, 28 Lowell Road, North Reading, and Mr. and Mrs. Redden W. Keech of Jacksonville, Florida.

quarter of the year. This was a 37 per cent increase over 1974.

The NEMH obstetrics department is well-known in the area for its Family-Centered Maternity Care and for its childbirth education and childcare programs.

New England Memorial Hospital Holds North Reading Towne-Hospital Forum

A group of over one hundred business, professional, and civic leaders from North Reading filled the banquet hall at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, for the North Reading Towne-Hospital Forum and buffet dinner, Sunday, January 11, 1976.



Alfred J. Yebba (right) presents the NEMH Community Service Award to Francis N. Ham as Mrs. Ham looks on.

"Never before in the history of NEMH have so many North Reading leaders met with hospital officials to discuss vital topics regarding the relationship of the hospital to the communities it serves," said Edward L. Wall, associate administrator of NEMH.

According to Alfred Yebba, vice-chairman of the Civic Advisory Board (CAB), "The Towne-Hospital Forum with North Reading was the fifth in a series of forums held to provide a sounding board of ideas and views on hospital services and how NEMH can best continue to meet the health-care needs of the community."

Six panel members (representing both NEMH and North Reading) presented material for the interest of and discussion by the audience regarding a variety of medically related issues. Immediately following the discussion a buffet dinner, prepared by the hospital's dietary department, was served.

Forum organizers (NEMH and its Civic Advisory Board) lauded the forum as an "outstanding success" in bringing the hospital and the communities it serves closer together. Many people do not realize that 25 per cent of NEMH's patients come from Stoneham and 75 per cent come from the surrounding communities; therefore, the challenge of communicating with persons and the leadership residing outside of Stoneham.

One of the main highlights of the banquet-forum was the presentation of NEMH's Community Service Award to Francis N. Ham, North Reading, lifelong youth leader in North Reading.

After presenting highlights of Ham's service to the community, Alfred J. Yebba, vice-chairman of the CAB, read the inscription on the plaque: "COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, in recognition of your unselfish service to others as a lifetime leader in scouting, for active involvement in community programs, and for your inspiration by example to youth and adults alike."

Recognition was also given to Miss Patricia DuVally, North Reading, a second-year law student at Boston College. Miss DuVally, blind since the age of two, graduated magna cum laude from Brandeis University and is the first blind female student admitted to an east coast law school. She was presented with a NEMH 75th Anniversary Plate, as a memento of the occasion, by CAB program co-chairman Donald Leavitt, Stoneham.



Miss Patricia DuVally (center) holds the NEMH 75th Anniversary plate presented to her by Donald Leavitt (left). With them are Patricia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. DuVally.

Those participating on the panel were Charles V. Statuti, North Reading, NEMH CAB member, moderator; Colin E. Cameron, chairman, North Reading Board of Health; Edward L. Wall, associate administrator, NEMH; John M. Lew, director of development and public relations, NEMH; Bonnie Beers, R.N., director of nursing service, NEMH; Harold W. Knox, director of social service, NEMH; and Robert Stotz, director of health education, NEMH.

Others taking part in the dinner program included Kenneth Goddard, North Reading, CAB, master of ceremonies; Pastor Harold B. Fohlin, Union Congregational church, North Reading, invocation; and Pastor Charles R. Kinsella, St. Theresa's church, North Reading, benediction.

Hospital Chaplain Receives Bible from Massachusetts Bible Society



Walter E. Kloss, senior chaplain at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, receives a symbolic revised standard version copy of the Bible from Carl S. Stricklin, executive director of the Massachusetts Bible Society. The Society has provided r.s.v. copies of the Scriptures to the hospital. The 167 year old society distributes over 400,000 copies of Bibles and Scriptures in 50 different languages each year.

Dateline '76 . . .

NEW YORK CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY

February 21, 1976

Elmira, New York, S.D.A. Church
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- 9:15 a.m. Sabbath School—Elmira MV Society
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service—R. Dale McCune, President of Atlantic Union College
- 2:00 p.m. Singspiration—Groups from local churches, USA, and AUC
- 3:15 p.m. Message—C. W. Skantz, New York Conference President
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WINTER AND SPRING SCHEDULE

Dates	Project
February and March	School Administration Building, Sierra Leone, West Africa
*February 29 - March 12	Church at Thousand Oaks, California
*March 28 - April 9	Church at Houma, Louisiana
April 18 - April 30	Layman's foundation for Administration Building, Laurelbrook School, Dayton, Tennessee
*June 14 - July 2	Church at Kona, Hawaii
*Pending final approval	

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Weddings

Conable - Cady

Cheryl Conable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Conable of Corning, New York, and Herbert Cady, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cady, Sr., of Elmira, New York, were united in marriage in the Elmira Church on June 8, 1975, with Elder D. C. Burgeson officiating. They are making their home in Corning, New York.

[Wedding notice just received.—EDITOR.]

Plumley - Hall

Joyce Plumley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart L. Plumley of Painted Post, New York, and Terry Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hall of Coopers Plain, New York, were joined in holy matrimony on the first day of June, 1975, in the Elmira church by Elder D. C. Burgeson. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are now making their home in Corning, New York.

[Wedding notice just received.—EDITOR.]

Simkin - Reynolds

Sharon Evangeline Simkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Simkin, of Elmira, New York, and James Robert Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Reynolds of Lowman, New York, were united in marriage on June 15, 1975, in the Elmira church, with Elder D. C. Burgeson performing the ceremony. Sharon and James both attended Andrews University, James for two years; Sharon for three. Sharon graduated on June 8, 1975. After a trip to the Catskills, the couple have established their home in Buffalo, New York, where James is furthering his education in electrical engineering at the State University and Sharon is the principal of the Norwood Church School.

[Wedding notice just received.—EDITOR.]

Obituaries

FETZER—Katie Fetzer was born in what is now Yugoslavia on June 19, 1892, and passed away December 26, 1975, at Ventura Estates Retirement Home in Newbury Park, California.

Always religiously inclined she, as a child, was a devout Christian Baptist. In

1908, when she was sixteen years of age, she attended meetings in Berlin, Germany, conducted by an American evangelist. At that time she became a Seventh-day Adventist and remained faithful to her beliefs until her death. Her father passed away when Katie was only twelve. In 1910 she came to America and settled in the New York City area. She was one of the organizers of the German Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist church. Everyone who knew her testifies that she was a devout Christian all of her life.

Left to mourn her loss is one brother, Conrad, of Brooklyn and her sister, Mrs. Charles Chonkich of New York City. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer in Griffin Brothers Chapel in Thousand Oaks, California, and burial took place in Thousand Oaks.

W. A. FAGAL

LODGE—Mrs. Mary Lodge was born in West Winfield, New York, on April 15, 1910, and died in Fulton, New York, on January 9, 1976, following a heart attack. Sister Lodge had joined the Dexterville, New York, church with her husband on November 6, 1971, after attending meetings held by Gordon Blandford. She was a faithful and active member and had in recent weeks found great joy in helping with Community Services work.

She leaves to await reunion at the resurrection her husband, Clifford Lodge; her daughter, Mrs. Marion (Vivian) Roberts, of Mexico, New York; her son, Norman of Fulton, New York; seven grandchildren; one sister; and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Harter-Olmstead Funeral Home in Mexico, New York, on January 12, 1976. Interment will be in the spring in the Daysville Cemetery, Town of Richland, New York.

M. J. LAY

TIBBITS—Harold F. Tibbits, born June 10, 1908, in New York, died November 22, 1975, in Glendale, California. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Melissa Rouhe; one sister, Kathleen Vitil; one brother, Dick.

WELCH—Mrs. Alice Harriet Wilbur Welch was born in Richmond, Massachusetts, on February 22, 1905, the youngest of the nine children born to Aaron K. and Jennie Stockwell Wilbur. She was educated at schools in Richmond, Hancock Shaker Village, and Pittsfield.

On November 8, 1922, she was married to Arthur Walter Platt and to this union were born two children, Evelyn Louise and Barbara Marion.

After the death of her husband in 1924, she married Clarence William Welch on June 6, 1929. To this union was born one child, Melvin Ronald.

Following Mr. Welch's death in 1955, she worked as a practical nurse and enjoyed caring for elderly patients in their homes.

In April of 1940 she became a member of the Pittsfield church and was a faithful attendant as long as her health permitted. For some years she held the church office of assistant treasurer, and also corresponded with the shut-ins and

members not able to attend church regularly.

Mrs. Welch passed away on December 28, 1975, following a brief illness.

She is survived by her two daughters, Miss Evelyn Platt of Takoma Park, Maryland, and Mrs. Barbara Schwab of Lee, Massachusetts; her son, M. Ronald Welch of Housatonic, Massachusetts; her brother, Clarence A. Wilbur of Pittsfield; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, five nieces, and a nephew.

PASTOR A. T. BIDWELL

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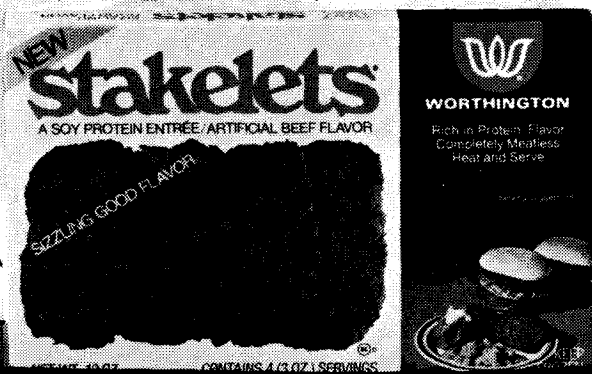
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Portland, Me.	4:58	5:07	5:15	5:24
Boston, Mass.	5:04	5:12	5:20	5:29
So. Lancaster, Mass.	5:06	5:15	5:23	5:31
Pittsfield, Mass.	5:12	5:21	5:29	5:38
Hartford, Conn.	5:11	5:20	5:28	5:36
New York, N.Y.	5:19	5:27	5:34	5:42
Utica, N.Y.	5:19	5:28	5:36	5:45
Syracuse, N.Y.	5:23	5:32	5:40	5:49
Rochester, N.Y.	5:28	5:37	5:45	5:54
Buffalo, N.Y.	5:34	5:43	5:51	6:00
Hamilton, Bda.	5:56	6:02	6:07	6:13

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Atlantic Union Conference



On a recent trip to attend board meetings on the West Coast, our plane made a forty-five minute stop at O'Hare Field in Chicago. It so happened that Elder Emmerson, treasurer of the General Conference, was also on this plane. We decided to leave the plane and walk about the terminal for a few minutes. After buying a newspaper and then walking down one of the crowded corridors, we met several other men from the General Conference who were changing to another plane, as they were bound for a meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Among this group was Elder Pierson, the president of the General Conference. There was a matter that I wished to discuss with him, so he very graciously stepped aside from the group, giving me his full attention. Now, he is a very busy man; and it isn't too often that one has an opportunity to visit with him. After receiving some words of counsel from him, I began telling of the progress and plans for the work in the Atlantic Union. Time must have passed rather quickly, as I soon noticed the men in his group had left to board their plane. We said a quick farewell, and I looked for Elder Emmerson to go back to our plane. He was nowhere in sight. Then I looked at my watch, and it was the very time our plane was scheduled to leave! And to make matters worse, I had forgotten which gate our plane was at. Quickly I checked the departure board and discovered that ours was the very next gate. Well, you can know that I made a dash for the corridor leading to the plane. When I boarded, out of breath, the stewardess said: "So, you did decide to come back and go along with us." Well now, I had decided long before that I was going on that plane. But I almost missed it because I became involved in something else which incidentally was also of great interest and importance. As I was fastening my seatbelt and the plane was being backed away from the terminal, I had a few thoughts of how disappointed and frustrated I would have been if the plane had gone without me with my luggage aboard, including my hat and coat. And then the next thought was one of thanksgiving that I did make it on time.

I guess it wouldn't have been all that big a deal if I had missed that plane, as there would have been another; but I would have suffered unnecessary inconvenience through thoughtlessness and inattention on my part. But, how many people are going to miss the trip through the sky to the city of God because they are too

involved in things of interest and will not be ready. The startling thing about the final trip is that there will not be another "plane" coming along if we miss the first trip when Christ comes for His people.

We all intend to go, I'm sure; but are we ready? The business of just living and making a living in these frustrating days surely occupies much of our time. Then if we permit ourselves to get involved in unnecessary activities to where we do not take time for spiritual and devotional exercises, it is just possible that we miss the trip—and there won't be another!

Jesus, in speaking about His coming said:

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth (Luke 21:34,35).

Seventh-day Adventists are not apt to be carried away with drunkenness in the common sense of the word. But it is possible to be intoxicated with things other than alcohol. The mind can be so filled with things of the world that it becomes insensitive to spiritual values and "the day come upon you unawares." The cares of this life must not take precedence in our daily program. The counsel of our Lord was to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33).

In a spiritual sense we ought now to be on the "glory plane," so to speak, with our seatbelts securely fastened and confident that we are on the way to the holy city. If you are not in a ready situation but fully intend to be someday, don't wait too long! For someday "He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." You had better get on the "glory plane" now, and don't wait to be the last man on—it's too risky.

There was another part of this experience that to me was rather touching and tender. As I was making my way to my seat and the plane door was closing, Elder Emmerson said: "I was worried about you and was just about to ask the stewardess to hold the door open while I went for you." It was a real good feeling to know that someone was concerned about me. It ought to be an encouragement for each of us to know that angels in heaven as well as friends on earth are concerned about us and our eternal salvation. May our response be in harmony with their concern. Also, it seems each of us ought to have a concern for others. We ought to do everything possible to see that friends and others are on the "glory plane" and keep working and praying until the last man is aboard.