



# Dark County Evangelism

# The Regions Beyond

#### By PASTOR ROBERT FARLEY

Limited time! This phrase that sells automobiles and appliances is applicable to Christians in this bicentennial year. We have limited time, not in the sense of a fixed date for Christ's return, but in the amount of time each of us has for witnessing in his lifetime.

It is possible to be challenged by the task before us, yet lulled by the thought that everyone will have an opportunity to be saved. Possibly this concept of "letting George do it" or letting God do it "in His own way" is a sprung trap causing stagnation to those entrusted with the Water of Life. Conviction gripped William Miller when he read and pondered Ezekiel 3:18. What is our response?

Who does not thrill at the sound of a siren or devour the headlines of tragedy? Who would not rush to warn a neighbor that his house is on fire or that a flood is imminent? Who would not willingly join a search party for a lost human being? Seventh-day Adventists have a unique mission in the world: to give a message of love, of warning, and of eternal consequences to every inhabitant of the world.

This article is written to expose needs common to perhaps every conference in our Atlantic Union and to remind that wherever there are people there is a need to establish churches to the glory of God. Northern New Hampshire, where heretofore there has been little active work by our church, is an example of this need.

Included in this area, which covers approximately 25 percent of the state, are more than fifty towns. The majority of the people in the Berlin area are employed in wood-related industries. Through its national parks, majestic mountains and famous ski resorts, Northern New Hampshire lures thousands of visitors monthly. Skiers, mountain climbers, and other vacationers come and return often but few settle here to give the judgment-hour truth of Christ's present ministry and His soon return.

Responding to this challenge, we in Northern New England Conference are praying and spending time and money to see that the people of Northern New Hampshire will hear of Biblical truths that hundreds of thousands of people around the world love so much.

The primary energizer initially and daily must be the Holy Spirit. Every Christian should have a tremendous sense of self-worth, realizing that, though angels could do the work much better, God has chosen to use human beings in the mission to save the lost. "The work of preaching the gospel has not been committed to angels, but has been entrusted to men. Holy angels have been employed in directing this work, they have in charge the great movements for the salvation of men; but the actual proclamation of the gospel is performed by the servants of Christ upon the earth."—*Triumph of God's Love*, p. 84.

We want to enter this heretofore largely closed door of Northern New Hampshire. To use a little imagery, we enter Northern New Hampshire with a sharp sickle in one hand and seeds in the other with a handkerchief in our pocket. The sickle represents the harvest now here and the seeds, our main work at this time. The handkerchief serves a two-fold purpose: to dry the tears when the neglect of the field is realized and to wipe the brow as the work is begun. Having taken the initial step, we are confronted with the need to organize a master plan and to execute that plan with the help of dedicated people under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The exalting privilege of being a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) combined with the "Spirit in '76" should challenge every Christian to action. "Man can shape circumstances, but circumstances should not be allowed to shape the man. We should seize upon circumstances as instruments by which to work. We are to master them, but should not permit them to master us." —The Ministry of Healing, p. 500.

We are told that "Our watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord."—Evangelism, p. 707.

We are counselled concerning the importance of medical missionary work. Christ spent much time caring for people's physical needs when He entered the dark areas around His hometown. The first organized effort, therefore, other than the important annual Ingathering visitation by the surrounding churches of Woodstock, Maine, and St. Johnsbury, Vermont, was to send a community service bloodpressure van to Berlin, New Hampshire. The van, owned by the Portland, Maine, church and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Libby, made three visits to Berlin during the months of July, August, and September of 1975. The attractive van, with its service and church name neatly lettered, generated much interest and good will in the community and resulted in several Bible studies. In October a Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking was conducted by Elder Edgar Keslake, conference leader, who has long had a burden for Northern New Hampshire, and who oversees the work and energetically participates in health-related programs in this area.

Pastor Farley was invited to serve as the Smoking and Health Chairman of the local unit of the American Cancer Society. Under sponsorship of the Seventh-day Adventist church and the American Cancer Society, the public and Catholic schools participated in an anti-smoking poster contest. This event was held prior to the Five-Day Plan in April and a proclamation by the mayor to declare a nosmoking day in Berlin. A radio interview and spot announcements acquainted the city with the name of this newly-established church and its services. Newspaper interviews and the media became involved and supportive. Dr. J. Wayne McFarland, Associate Health Director of the General Conference, assisted in the April stop-smoking plan and will return in August of 1976, to join with Pastor Farley to present a Better Living Seminar.

A colporteur group-canvas in September of 1975, under the direction of William Nelton, publishing leader in Northern New England, resulted in literature distribution, Bible course enrollments, and invitations to attend the Five-Day Plan.

A church building was purchased late in 1975 for \$5,000 and is presently undergoing renovation by Duane Carlisle, an Adventist builder, who, with his family, moved to the area to assist in the overall project. The building, scheduled for opening in July, is a landmark in the community and will serve not only its intended purpose as a place of worship but also will create a positive impression to the community in this bicentennial year. The building and our church's work will be featured in the NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY TIMES in connection with the official opening of the building. February 21, 1976, was a special day when regular Sabbath services began in a rented hall.

Though driving to church in automobiles instead of horses and buggies, the pioneer feeling is nonetheless alive. A tremendous sense of dependence upon each other is felt and every talent is needed and utilized. We pray that the work will grow to the glory of God. The "Adventure in Faith" offering received from each local church in 1975 is the primary means of financing the project initially. Thus, in a very real sense this is the joint effort of the conference constituents. There are many additional needs, however, that are not covered by the funds allocated from the special offering. Everything from communion supplies to a piano is needed to furnish the church building. One hundred chairs, three folding tables, and an electric stove and refrigerator are among items that could be donated.

It is planned, as funds become available, to begin a daily radio broadcast, and it is hoped that a major evangelistic crusade will follow in 1977.

It is the belief of this writer that the true Seventh-day Adventist missionary in the United States is not necessarily the pastor or evangelist who enters a traditional "dark county," but rather the dedicated layman who responds to the challenge of an unfinished work and goes where he is needed. The laymen go in spite of economic uncertainty and often leave a thriving church or the warm "Adventist blanket" of institutionalism. Be assured that our institutions and their leaders and employees are basic and vitally important for the purpose of training workers for the world field; however, large centers of any kind are discouraged because we need to disperse throughout unentered territories to assure that the whole earth is lightened with the Three Angels' messages. This challenge has sent thousands of people "from home base to front line." Since mission service should not be limited to the crossing of salt water, a vast field of labor remains in thousands of towns across North America.

Families are needed who will settle to work, live, and stay with the people in the dark areas of our Union. The Bible compares the influence of a dedicated human being to salt. To serve its purpose, salt needs to be mingled. Similarly, the Christian witness needs to mingle with the people. A college president once said that we human beings are like electrical current; we need to be grounded in the needs of people.

Without suggesting that there are no needs other than Northern New Hampshire, the fact remains that several dedicated, people-loving families are needed to lighten the communities of the North Country. In the state of New Hampshire, where the memory of the church's beginning is strong, the reality of a finished work must be realized. Small communities present a unique and pleasant experience to the family who desires to do pioneer missionary work. Kind, tenderhearted concern for our fellowman is a high form of evangelism. An urgent S.O.S. is sent out to come and help us and those in other "dark counties." Families with hearts full of love who consider certain sacrifices the framework of duty are needed. There is no such thing as failure in this work unless we fail to do the work given to us. "When we give ourselves wholly to God and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with One who knows no failure." —*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 363.

A master-plan for dark county evangelism should include the following: (1) Choose a geographic area; (2) Invite one or two pastors or laymen and their families to move to the area; (3) Begin immediately recruiting and enlisting people to settle in the area: (4) Plan programs of service to the community with support from the local conference: (5) Become acquainted with the community and involved in worthwhile projects of a humanitarian nature; (6) Find a place to call your church home and have your church listed in the local directory; (7) Organize the territory into subdistricts and assign specific people to be in charge of these areas (i.e., plan to establish branch Sabbath schools); (8) Have a uniform method of reporting and keep accurate records of territory covered and individual names: (9) Encourage colporteur support, college youth teams, and willing people who wish to donate time; (10) Seek to establish some service, other than the church, such as a reconditioning center, a health food, or Christian book store; (11) Preach the Word with a clean heart; (12) Remember that seeds need to be sown before the harvest and that the same laws that govern earthly seed sowing, govern the laws of heaven; (13) Plan for radio and/or television coverage and public evangelism.

In this battle against the enemy, timidity must not tower over the command. The command of Jesus to His disciples to "Go" was based upon the fact that the Source of all authority was giving the orders and that He would be with them always, until the end of the world. Matthew 28:18-20.

We are to expect great things. "It is not the capabilities you now possess or ever will have that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you. We need to have far less confidence in what man can do and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul. He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. He longs to have you expect great things from Him. He longs to give you understanding in temporal as well as in spiritual matters. He can sharpen the intellect. He can give tact and skill. Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 146.

#### **Dark County Evangelism**

The Northern New England Conference has taken bold and creative steps in launching its Dark County Evangelism in the city of Berlin, New Hampshire. Berlin, known as the city that trees built, is one of the largest cities in the State of New Hampshire. It is located on the Northern slopes of the White Mountains, is a winter sports center, and has one of the nation's highest steel ski jump towers. Paper and lumber products are manufactured at the Brown Company Paper Mills. The Granite State Rubber Company manufactures casual footwear in Berlin. The population of New Hampshire is 737,681. The State has an area of 9,304 square miles. The Berlin church will be the first organized Seventh-day Adventist church in the upper one-third portion of the state.

The interests and accomplishments in Berlin are very encouraging. Recently when L. H. Davis, Managing Editor of the GLEANER, visited, the pictures on the following pages were taken of the activities.



















- The director of Dark County Evangelism in Berlin, Pastor Robert Farley, turns the key to open the door to the new church purchased in 1975 and under renovation. Successful contacts have been made with mass media, merchantmen, businessmen, clergy, and other people of concern with rewarding results.
- 2. A panoramic view taken across the city of Berlin which is located on the Androscoggin River several miles to the north of Mt. Washington, the highest point in northeastern North America.
- 3. An historical site, this building was purchased by the Conference for only \$5,000. It has beautiful auditoriums on the first floor, a spacious worship auditorium on the second floor, a basement, and threeroom apartment. The interior is now being remodeled.
- 4. & 5. The Masonic Temple where services are temporarily held. The pastor arrives early along with his assistants to rearrange the meeting hall for Sabbath school and church services.
- 6.-8. The members come early for Sabbath school. Attendance varies from twenty to fifty individuals each week. On this Sabbath, the majority in attendance were non-Seventh-day Adventists.
- & 10. Mr. Barrie Titcomb, a teacher in the Berlin public school system, leads the music for Sabbath school and worships with his family during services.
- 11. & 12. Mrs. Aurora Carlisle directs and teaches the Sabbath school division. Her husband, a former teacher at the Freeport Academy, has moved with his family into the district to assist the pastor. He is a contractor and under his leadership the church is being remodeled.
- Mrs. Donna Farley, the Pastor's wife, plays the piano and teaches the Junior Division.
- 14. Denise Balenger was recently baptized in Burlington, Vermont. Following her baptism she moved to Northern New Hampshire. Brother Carlisle drove some distance to bring her to church. Denise, pictured on the left, was thrilled to meet her aunt, Mrs. Mary June Chabot, who is attending the Berlin services as a result of the Blood Pressure Van Program—one of the community ministries performed by Pastor Farley.
- 15. Patty Pulsifer (left) and her sister, Madaleen Runci (right), who have shown devoted interests in the Berlin church services. Mrs. Runci's husband is an outstanding photographer for the Boston GLOBE.
- Pastor Farley showing some of the literature he uses in his dark county evangelism.















Is there a dark county near you or your church? Select a team, consult your pastor, lay activities leader, youth leader, and with organized plans move in to help win and save aimless, wandering, and perplexed souls.



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## General News . . .

#### Report of the Forty-third Session of the Greater New York Conference

There is something provocative about a name: Especially if it is the name of a church, and more so if the name of that church is simply "Crossroads."

New York City is indeed the "Crossroads" of millions of private lives. This was reflected in the international makeup of the delegates to the fortythird Constituency Session of the Greater New York Conference held May 2, 1976, at 9:00 a.m. The place of meeting was the Crossroads church and L. W. Crooker, Treasurer of the Atlantic Union, opened the meeting with praver. Special music was rendered by three students from Greater New York Academy and the devotional message was delivered by David H. Baasch, Associate Secretary of the General Conference.

The official call was properly read by H. A. Iles, Secretary-Treasurer, who was not up for re-election having accepted a call to serve the Trans-African Division. He advised the Chairman, Donald J. Sandstrom, of the registration of 429 delegates; a quorum was declared; and the Session opened for business. The respective delegations were seated.

The first order of business was to vote Elder F. G. Reid recording secretary of the Session with proper office secretarial help. Six churches were then voted into the sisterhood of churches and their delegates seated.

As the Union President, J. L. Dittberner, assumed the chair, he called for the President's report. A conference president must be a decision-maker, a planner, an organizer, and a leader who sets goals and accomplishes them. Elder Sandstrom reported that at the close of the Triennium the membership of the Greater New York Conference stood at 7,133. It was further reported that this Triennium was the best in the history of the conference in soul winning—2,091. He reported definite progress in the institutional and academic programs of the conference. Six brand new churches voted into the sisterhood of churches was a good barometer of the spiritual growth.

Upon approval of this good report, the Secretary-Treasurer presented his report. His report revealed that the membership at the beginning of this Triennium stood at 6,597. Members added by baptism and profession of faith 2,091. By letter—1,187. Dropped by letter—1,662. Apostasy—930. Death —150. Leaving the membership at the close of the Triennium—7,133.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report indicated that in spite of the plight of New York City that has brought worldwide attention to its precarious financial structure, the total tithe receipts for the Triennium just closed was \$6,460,075.50. After the Auditor's Statement was read and accepted, the Treasurer's report was voted approved.

The Large Committee was selected and its chairman, Elder Dittberner, convened it at once. The Greater New York Corporation was officially called and Elder Iles, the Treasurer, rendered his report. The Session voted to request the Nominating Committee to act for the Corporation and the Corporation was adjourned at the call of the chair.

The Conference President, Elder Sandstrom, gave a moving farewell replete with corsages to Elder and Mrs. Iles who were terminating six and one half years of dedicated service to the Greater New York Conference.

Aaron N. Brogden, Secretary of the Atlantic Union, gave a brief but glowing tribute to the Ileses on behalf of the Union.

The departmental reports had previously been sent out to the delegates. The Directors were called upon for questions and answers that seemed to please the delegates very much.

The Nominating Committee reported the following: "Elder Donald J. Sandstrom was re-elected President. Elder C. E. Schmidt, former Treasurer of the Afro-Mideast Division, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Session voted no changes in the departmental lineup. However, there were changes in the Executive Committee that included a lady, Miss Verda Foster."

The following departmental personnel were voted and accepted by the Constituency: Adventist Book Center Manager---Oscar Santa Cruz: Communications. ASI. Stewardship. Ministerial, and Radio & TV Departments-D. E. Kenvon; Education Department -Leslie L. Lee: Lay Activities. Sabbath School, and Inner City Departments-G. M. Kretschmar; Lav Activities and Sabbath School Department Associate -P. C. Roque; Publishing Department-G. A. Hixon; Trust Services-F. G. Reid: Youth Activities. Temperance, and NSO Departments-P. J. Salhany.

Listed below are the names of the Executive Committee which were voted in by the Constituency: D. J. Sandstrom, Chairman; C. E. Schmidt; Eliezer Barreiro; A. E. Butler; Luis Cadiz; Miss Verda Foster; Jorge Grive; Kenneth Harding; Kenneth Lacey; Ned Maletin; Carlos Mangual; M. Radancevic; F. G. Reid; Arthur Santos; and Nikolaus Satelmajer.

Changes on the Academy Board, Adventist Home, and the Adventist Nursing Home were rather marginal.

Sometimes the business of the church takes time. The answer to "How long" is written in our attitude toward the truth and toward the finished task.

The forty-third Constituency Session drew near to its close. It was obvious to the delegates that much had been accomplished during the reporting period. It was equally apparent that the challenge of the unfinished task for New York has brought this Constituency to that point in time where reporting, planning, and theory must terminate in the sharp cutting edge of united action for a much larger harvest.

> AARON N. BROGDEN Secretary

#### Northern New England Conference Holds Its Twenty-sixth Constituency Session

The delegates to the twenty-sixth Constituency Session of the Northern New England Conference, traveled under steel gray, misting skies to the Brunswick, Maine, church. The 9:00 a.m. service was a study in contrast from the damp, rainy atmosphere outdoors as the delegates sang in unison; "There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today."

J. L. Dittberner, President of the Atlantic Union, thanked God in prayer for His traveling mercies and petitioned Him to grant wisdom and guidance for the Session. Carl P. Anderson, President of the Northern New England Conference, extended a warm and cordial welcome to all present.

A devotional message was ably delivered by J. W. Bothe, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, and a special prayer of commitment concluded the morning devotional program.

The official call was read by Ralph Trecartin, Secretary-Treasurer, who informed the Chairman that 311 delegates were present. As soon as all the delegates were seated, he thereupon declared a quorum and the meeting was open for business. The business of the Session proceeded as structured in a well-prepared agenda.

The Union President, Elder J. L. Dittberner, accepted the chair and the Conference President gave his report. Upon acceptance of the President's report, Elder Anderson assumed the chair as Ralph Trecartin, Secretary-Treasurer, presented his report, the audited Statement was read, and the report was voted and accepted. There followed in this sequence the program: Organization of Large Committee to select the following committees— Nominating Committee; Credentials and Licenses; Constitution and By-Laws; and Resolution and Plans.

All committees were voted to commence functioning by the lunch hour. The departmental reports were presented to the delegates and reflected a Triennium of hard work, efficient application of managerial skills, systematic ordering of operations, and steady progress. Many questions were asked and a healthy discussion ensued.

The delegates re-elected Carl P. Anderson to serve as President. Ralph Trecartin was re-elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Departmental Directors voted to serve another Triennium are: Ricardo Zorilla—Stewardship and Trust Services; John Williamson—Lay Activities, Sabbath School, and Communications Departments; Herbert Wrate—Youth and Education Departments; William Nelton—Publishing Department; Ronald Goodall —Adventist Book Center Manager; Carl P. Anderson—Ministerial, Religious Liberty, Medical, and ASI Departments.

The Executive Committee members presented by the Nominating Committee and voted to serve by delegation are: Carl P. Anderson, Chairman; Ralph Trecartin; P. D. Bakker; Kenneth Burrill; C. Dale Chaffee; Dr. Lothar Guttschuss; Ronald Kowalkowski; Dr. Marian Strickland; Robert Walker; and Herbert Wrate.

The delegates also voted the members comprising the Board of Trustees of the Northern New England Conference, Inc., the Maine Conference Association, Parkview Memorial Hospital, and Ledgeview Memorial Home.

As the Session wound down to its finish, it was voted to refer all unfinished business to the Executive Committee for appropriate action. The twenty-sixth Constituency Session of the Northern New England Conference was now history.

AARON N. BROGDEN Secretary

#### One Lonely Sailor Who Found Love

Loneliness has become one of the most painful human problems in our society. At a very early age our competitive society enforces this acute isolation on us. Marty Martin, associate editor of Christian Century, said, "Never were so many so lonely." Then he added, "You can kill a person with an apartment, as well as with a gun." Everyone today seeks his little cubicle and withdraws into it. Many, unable to cope with the situation, seek to end it all through suicide.

Loneliness can be even more acute in military life. While suicide now ranks as the tenth highest cause of death for all age groups of the United States, it ranks as the fifth highest among young adults. It's the most common cause of death between the ages of 15-19. On college campuses today suicide is second only to accidents as a cause of death.<sup>1</sup>

One important study conducted under Navy auspices at Pensicola indicates that suicide attempts are more common in the military than in civilian life.<sup>2</sup>

A. Morgan Parker in his article, "Hearing the Unheeded Cry," notes that 50 percent of the unsuccessful suicide patients reported that they felt alone and that there was no one who was of help to them. Parker also gives a profile of the suicidal person and says that the typical military attempted suicide victim is young, in the lower military ranks, of protestant faith, probably a low achiever, and married with family problems.

The isolation from fellow church members, the loneliness, the pressures, and the temptations in military life are probably greater today than they ever have been. That's why once every two years a special servicemen's offering is taken. The *Review and Herald*, *Insight*, *These Times*, *Message*, *Listen*, and the *Senior Sabbath School Quarterly*, For God and Country, the Daily Devotional book, the missionary book of the year can be sent as welcomed friends to lonely Adventist servicemen.

\$1,000,000 is needed on June 19 to provide missionary literature to those in active duty for their personal use and for their contacts with fellow servicemen, to provide taped sermons and music for those who are assigned to isolated areas, and to provide our Adventist chaplains in the military with missionary literature for their work.

It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$60 per serviceman on the mailing list over a period of two years. This offering comes once every two years and the funds must provide literature for servicemen during the entire period of two years.

Members gave approximately 23 cents for this offering in 1974. When we consider the amount of inflation since 1974 and realize that 23 cents cannot supply as much literature as it did then, we can see the great need of increasing our giving for this offering.

"Many church members feel that with a no-draft, all-volunteer military force here in the United States today that we have virtually no Adventists in the Armed Forces" says Clark Smith, head of the National Service Organization of the General Conference. "The fact is, that because of economic downturn and with consequent lack of job opportunities for those with little or no job training. other than high school or academy, we have about the same number of Adventists in the military today, as of three to four years ago. Many have joined to get educational opportunities

through the GI Bill after their military service.

"Our servicemen find it just as hard to be faithful in military service today," he continued, " as they did a few years ago when the draft was operating, and today they need to feel the support of their fellow church members."

Do our servicemen appreciate what is being done for them? Listen to a few of these letters:

"I want to thank you for being our lifeline to the church. You have a real mission job even though you are state side. Thank you from all of our family."

A Serviceman in the Army

"I would like to write to you as one lonely sailor who found love and appreciation in my church. As an SDA in the Navy it has proved trying at times, but I found always in the mail new materials to read and lesson study plans to help me and help others understand God and myself and the reason we are here living now."

#### A Convert in the Navy

"For years I have heard of the NSO but prior to this assignment in Turkey I never requested any of its services. Believe me it is really a good feeling to belong to an organization that doesn't forget its members no matter in what isolated corner of the globe they happen to be stationed. Since there is no Adventist church in this area, the literature provided the spiritual uplift so often needed when one is separated from family, friends, and church. In order to get the maximum use from each piece of literature received, I have . . . forwarded all periodicals to others when I've finished reading them. Hopefully the recipient is receiving many blessings, just as I did from reading the material."

#### A Master-sergeant Convert in the Air Force

"I am a serviceman in the US Army. ... I am presently on a tour of Hawaii. On behalf of other servicemen serving here in Hawaii and myself, we want to thank you for your sponsorship to such wonderful magazines. They are such a great help to our Christian growth and to our witnessing to others."

#### A Serviceman in the US Army

Can we provide a little bit of encouragement and inspiration to our young men in the Armed Forces in their lonely hours? Can we perhaps prevent a suicide? Can we be a loving friend? A large offering will answer "YES" to all of these questions.

D. S. WILLIAMS Associate Director Communication General Conference

- 1. Harris C. Faigel, "Suicide Among Young Persons," Clinical Pediatrics, V (March 1966), p. 187.
- 2. Gary J. Tucker and Roger F. Reinhardt, "Suicide Attempts," Research conducted at Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, Pensacola, Florida (August 8, 1966), p. 11.

#### New Primary Treasure to Replace Primary Quarterly

Beginning January 1, 1977, the enlarged (12 pages instead of 8) PRI-MARY TREASURE will have new Sabbath school lessons, new attractive art work, and larger, easier-to-read type.

Forty-eight issues each year will contain the lesson for the week and a "Let's Discover" section to make the lesson practical to the child. Illustrated stories for the children in type they



#### Dear Bicentennial Community Leader:

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) has learned from State Bicentennial Commissions and Bicentennial Communities of their desire for a simultaneous bell-ringing program on July 4. The attached release and supporting material is made available to all those in America who wish to join this co-ordinated effort.

ARBA has established the 2:00 p.m. EDST for the nationwide community bell-ringing activities in accordance with the guidelines enacted by Congress several years ago. The Congressional Resolution determined that 2:00 p.m. on the afternoon of July 4 was the most appropriate hour to ring the bells symbolizing the moment in history in the year 1776 when the Liberty Bell proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Resolution set the date and time as July 4 at 2:00 p.m. EDST and urged civic and community leaders across the nation to take steps to encourage total public participation.

ARBA and State Bicentennial Commissions are taking a supporting role and have worked with communities from Greenville, Alabama, to Ellis Grove, Illinois, and from St. Albans, Vermont, to San Marcos, California, to plan their bell-ringing activities.

It is hoped other communities will co-ordinate their plans for bell ringing with the 2:00 p.m. EDST schedule so that there may be a simultaneous ringing of freedom throughout the land. The time span ranges from 2:00 p.m. in Puerto Rico to 8:00 a.m. in American Samoa, thus making it possible for all Americans to participate in ringing bells at the same time.

Communities should begin immediately to co-ordinate this program with all churches, town halls, fire stations, and radio stations, soliciting support for the bell ringing at the same moment.

> In the Spirit of '76, John W. Warner Administrator

can read will make the student feel that this is "his paper." A special feature called "Parent's Corner" will assist in parent-teacher co-ordination.

The first issue of each quarter will include lesson one and a "lift out" section (on colored paper) containing the remaining lessons of the quarter for use by parents and teachers.

The new, 50 percent enlarged PRI-MARY TREASURE will contain stories on the student's level aimed to reinforce the Sabbath school lesson and also present a missions appeal. Actually, the new PRIMARY TREASURE will contain puzzles, exercises, stories, and lessons in a more up-to-date setting.

The regular Primary Quarterly will not be printed after December, 1976. All church orders for PRIMARY TREASURE should be processed through your church lay activities secretary. Your orders should be sent to your conference Adventist Book Center by the end of August or the first part of September. The newly enlarged, updated PRIMARY TREA-SURE will cost \$8 per yearly subscription.

> A. R. MAZAT Pacific Press Publishing Association

#### "Miracles Still Happen"

They must be happening, because we read about them in Adventist union and division papers all the time. They are constant reminders that God watches over His children today, even as He did in Bible times.

So the General Conference communication department would like to start a weekly column service, on the order of "Health-wise," with the above title. Each week a short summary of a *believable*, documented miracle experience would be given, with a credit line for the Seventh-day Adventist church.

But before we can start such a column we need a backlog of stories. If you know of any authentic miracle stories, published or unpublished, please send them to:

> "Miracles Still Happen" Department of Communication General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW Washington DC 20012

We'll thank you now, and someone may thank you in the Kingdom for sharing your story through the medium of print.

> JAMES R. GALLAGHER Assistant Director

#### **Our Heartfelt Thanks**

It is almost impossible for us to write to each of you as we would like to do. Therefore, we ask you to accept this as our personal THANK YOU for your many expressions of sympathy at the time of Leroy's tragic death. We have sincerely appreciated every contact.

Our home was "a little bit of heaven" for thirty years. We do not know why the enemy was permitted to destroy it, but we do know our loved one is now beyond the tempter's power. It is up to us to be faithful so we may be reunited with him, Sharilyn and Steve when Jesus comes. We solicit your continued prayers that our courage may be strong and our faith unwavering.

We have not finalized on any future plans. We just want to do the Lord's will and our part in hastening His return. We are homesick for heaven.

We pray you may accept the challenge with us of being ready to go home with Jesus when He comes. We are praying especially for the children and young people who were so dear to the heart of our loved one.

> Mrs. E. Leroy and Marilyn Taylor

#### Bicentennial to Be Commemorated by Pitcairn Island Stamps

A set of four commemorative stamps will be issued by Pitcairn Island to commemorate the United States Bicentennial. First-day covers on a special cacheted cover will be available from the Voice of Prophecy Stamp Project.

Shown on the stamps are: 5 cents, Fletcher Christian; 10 cents, H.M.S. Bounty; 30 cents, George Washington; and 50 cents, Mayflower. The cacheted cover also shows these leaders and ships that are important in the history of Pitcairn and the United States, respectively.

A limited number of the special cacheted envelopes are available. Each cover will include all four stamps and will be canceled on the first day of issue by the Pitcairn Island post office. Because of irregular mail service from the island, up to four months may be required for delivery to United States addresses. Orders must be received by June 25, 1976, to assure their being filled.

Cost for each cover is \$2.50. Handling charge is 25 cents per total order. Orders should be sent to: Bicentennial Cover, Voice of Prophecy Stamp Project, Box 55, Los Angeles, California 90053.

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### Bermuda

#### General Conference Leader Holds Portuguese Meetings

Elder Leo Ranzolin, Associate Youth Director of the General Conference, recently conducted a week of Spiritual Emphasis at the Warwick church in the Portuguese language to meet a specific and important need among Bermuda's Portuguese population. Elder Ranzolin, a native of Brazil, speaks three languages and gave a real lift to both believers and non-believers who attended the series. His enthusiasm was contagious and his dedication apparent; a combination that warmed the hearts and challenged the experience of all. Approximately a third of those attending were not members of the Adventist church.

Elder Ranzolin was building on a good work among the Portuguese that



Elder Leo Ranzolin preaches the Word as Da-Ponte brothers listen (seated left and right), Joe and Durval.

has been developed in recent months in a special way by the DaPonte brothers, Joe and Durval. Weekly Friday night meetings are held for the Portuguese in their own language by the DaPontes.

When I think of the devotion of these young men, my mind runs to the

### Atlantic Union College

#### Atlantic Union College Has New Academic Dean

Dr. Larry Lewis has accepted the invitation of the Atlantic Union College Board to serve as academic dean. Dr. Lewis is presently a teaching professor in the Walla Walla College department of Theology and re-



cently completed his Ph.D. in Psychology of Religion and Pastoral Care and Counseling at Boston University. He holds M.A. and B.D. (now M. Div.) degrees from the Seminary at Andrews University. Previous to his teaching at Walla Walla, Dr. Lewis served as a pastor in the Montana Conference and Bible Teacher/Counselor at Mt. Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Montana. Dr. Lewis, his wife Jeanne, and their four children, Lori, Kent, Sharon, and Brand, will be moving to the campus in early July. Jeanne, now an Instructor of Education, Psychology, and Home Economics at Walla Walla, will be teaching in AUC's Home Economics and Education Departments and will be in charge of the College Placement Service.

Elder Ranzolin interviews a young man dur-

thought that, "There is no limit to

the usefulness of one who by putting

self aside, makes room for the working

of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and

lives a life wholly consecrated to God."

Communication Director

A. C. MOTE

-The Desire of Ages, pp. 250-51.

Woud you be useful?

ing the Portuguese series,

Dr. Lewis is replacing Dr. Eugene Gascay who will be moving to Pacific Union College after serving AUC for ten years as education department chairman and as academic dean.

#### Honor Society Meets at Atlantic Union College

The Zeta Omega Honor Society of Atlantic Union College held its second reception on April 25, 1976. Zeta Omega is one of the nearly 200 chapters of Alpha Mu Gamma, national foreign language honor society. AUC held its chapter installment and its first initiation in the spring of 1969 when ten students, three faculty, and one honorary member were received into membership.

Presiding at the ceremony was Dr. Marco Arenas, vice-president for the



Photo by Ed Hopfmann

Guests of honor at the Zeta Omega Honor Society meeting at AUC were, seated from left: Dr. and Mrs. St. Ivanyi and Dr. Marco Arenas, vice-president for the New England Region of Alpha Mu Gamma. Standing are Myrna Costa, secretary-treasurer of Zeta Omega, and Mrs. Lourdes Gudmundsson, chairman of the Modern Language department at AUC.

New England Region of Alpha Mu Gamma. Professor Arenas, assisted by Mrs. Lourdes M. Gudmundsson, Zeta Omega sponsor, welcomed eleven full members, one associate, and three faculty members into the Society.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Reverend Alexander St. Ivanyi as Zeta Omega's honorary member. Dr. St. Ivanyi, notable theologian and historian, holds degrees from Harvard University and Meadville Theological Seminary of the University of Chicago and has authored twenty-two books. In his native Hungary he held various positions of leadership, including those of Bishop, Vicar, and President of the Unitarian church and member of the Hungarian Parliament. Since 1947 he and his wife, Olga, have resided in Massachusetts where most recently he served as minister of the famous "Bulfinch" church in Lancaster. Dr. St. Ivanyi has also been the recipient of an official citation in gratitude for his activities in providing food and shelter for American and British soldiers and civilians in Hungary during the Second World War.

After a buffet of typical Mexican dishes, the history of Alpha Mu Gamma and the meaning and significance of its symbols were read. Dr. Marco Arenas then addressed the new initiates charging them to uphold the ideals of the Society, namely: enlightenment, friendship, and sympathetic understanding of other peoples.

Officers of Zeta Omega for the 1976-77 year are Leonard Cann, president, and Myrna Costa, secretary-treasurer. Promoted



Mr. David Knott (left) of the English department and Dr. Sharlene Tessler (right) of the home economics department were promoted to full professors at a recent board meeting. For Dr. Tessler, the promotion comes on the heels of the successful defense of her dissertation at Boston College. Her paper, entitled "Selected Profiles of Women College Presidents Reflecting Their Emerging Role in Higher Education," was the last of the requirements for a Ph.D. degree. Professor David Knott is currently finishing his dissertation for a Doctorate in English at Syracuse University. AUC offers its heartiest congratulations to these two widely respected teachers.

#### Graduation Held in New Field House

Over 1,200 visitors and guests attended Commencement services held this year in AUC's new field house. Guest speaker was Dr. James J. Londis, pastor of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland. Over 115 graduates, the largest graduating class in AUC's history, marched for the 89th annual commencement. Londis's address stressed the importance of courage in making "new beginnings" and finding fresh, creative approaches to serve a rapidly changing society. Dr. Londis graduated from AUC in 1960 and has since earned an M.A. degree in Systematic Theology from Andrews University and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Boston University. He most recently served as an Assistant Professor of Religion at AUC from 1964 to 1975.

The Baccalaureate speaker was Dr. Richard L. Neil, a practicing physician in Harrisville, New York. A graduate of Loma Linda, Dr. Neil has been active in the work of the church throughout the Atlantic Union Conference. Dr. Neil proposed that those graduating without dedicating their talents to God's work are "talented slaves."

Speaking at the Friday night Consecration service was AUC professor of English Dr. R. Lynn Sauls. Using "doors" as a metaphor, Dr. Sauls proposed that college allows students experience in opening and closing doors of opportunity and growth and he encouraged them to close the doors gently and to let Him in who stands at the greatest door, the door to the heart. An SMC graduate, Dr. Sauls was awarded a Doctorate in English from the University of Iowa in 1972 and has served in the AUC English department since 1969.

#### **Sbacchi Authors Article**

Dr. Alberto Sbacchi, Associate Professor of History at Atlantic Union College, has written an article describing the historical background of the pioneer efforts of the Seventh-day Adventist mission program in Solusi, Rhodesia. The article will be published this year by the *Adventist Heritage* magazine.

In his article, Dr. Sbacchi explains in detail the founding of Solusi Mis-

sion. A considerable controversy developed in the Seventh-day Adventist church over whether or not the church should accept the 12,000 acres of land on which the mission was placed. The land was donated to the church by Cecil Rhodes, Prime Minister of South Africa and owner of the British South African Company (BSAC). Conservative Adventists did not wish to accept a gift of land from a government, because they believed that such action would indicate disregard for the SDA principles of separation between church and state. Liberal Adventists contended that the BSAC was not a government, but a private company. However, historical sources demonstrate that the BSAC was indeed a government de facto for conquered African territory and that this "government" was designed to further Rhodes's political motives. Ellen G. White provided a solution for this controversy when she stated that the church should accept the land because God had impressed Cecil Rhodes to present the land as a gift to SDA's to increase the spreading of the gospel in Africa.

The first years of the Solusi Mission were not easy ones. A proper missionary plan had not yet been put into effect. The British government had taken the land that was donated to the church from the Matabele tribe, and in 1896 this tribe revolted. Miraculously, the SDA mission station was the only one of two mission compounds that were left unharmed during the war. The reason for this miracle is that the government had built a military fort on the mission compound; as a result, the Matabeles did not dare to engage an attack.

After the Matabele war ended, local conditions placed the mission in an advantageous position. A large famine devastated the land in this portion of Africa. To escape the horrors of hunger, many Africans sold themselves into slavery or killed and ate their children. During this tragic period, thirty orphans were gathered by the SDA Solusi Mission. They were the Mission's first group of students and became teachers and leaders in South Africa.

Dr. Sbacchi says that the work of the SDA mission at Solusi produced a number of positive results. It became a base for the extension of a number of other mission stations throughout Africa. Furthermore, the Solusi Mission's educational program produced Nobel Prize winner Albert Luthuli, author of the book, *Let My People Go.* Dr. Sbacchi maintains that the most important aspect about the Solusi Mission is that while Christianity in Africa was often used to keep the African "in his place," the purpose of the SDA mission at Solusi was for the educational and spiritual advancement of the African people.

#### Hauck Heads for Lebanon

Mr. Elmer Hauck, controller, has accepted a call to be the assistant treasurer of the Afro-Mideast Division of Seventhday Adventists, with offices in Beirut, Lebanon. Before leaving the states, he and his family will



attend the Mission Institute for five weeks at Andrews University. Should the civil war in Beirut make it impossible for the Haucks to safely begin work, they will be housed temporarily in Cyprus.

Taking Hauck's place at AUC will be Mr. Mark Schultz who is presently working on a degree in accounting. Schultz comes to AUC with both pastoral and teaching experience, and will assume accounting responsibilities in mid-June.

#### New Assistant in Development at AUC



The AUC Executive Board of Trustees recently authorized Mr. Orey Gadway of Sterling, Massachusetts, to assist the president in a Development and Fund-raising capacity. Mr. Gadway will give special attention

to additional funds for the new field house and to other college development projects. A member of AUC's Committee of 100, Mr. Gadway attended AUC before establishing himself as a successful area realtor and businessman. He was employed by South Lancaster Academy from 1968 to 1974, teaching in the health and physical education areas.

## Greater New York

#### Jackson Heights Church School Celebrates Brotherhood Week

The Seventh-day Adventist School of Jackson Heights is a microcosm of the world. Our pupils, whose parents come from eighteen different countries, add a charming ethnic flavor to all activities. Hence, Brotherhood Week posed a perfect opportunity for us to capture this "flavor" and use it for valuable learning experiences.

Three chapel programs highlighted the special week. Using a film, a record with folk music, several instruments, and other items from his native country, on Monday, Voya Vitorovich told of life in Yugoslavia when he was a boy. Diana Vitorovich modeled a Yugoslavian costume exquisitely embroidered with gold and pointed, upturned, sandal-like shoes used in folk dancing. With Mr. Vitorovich playing the one-stringed gusle, and Mrs. Vitorovich singing, the pupils were treated to a Yugoslavian hymn.



Diana Vitorovich (center) in Yugoslavian costume holds the gusle as pupils examine it. The pupils are (I to r): Bonnie Taylor, Cynthia Torres, Manuel Im, and Robert Mims.



The Saturday evening lineup of pupils in international costumes shows grades five through eight in the center section, grades one and two on the left, and grades three and four on the right.

On Wednesday, Elder Lee Paschal, Director of Communications for the Northeastern Conference, spoke to the pupils about the "Peanut Man," George Washington Carver. Then, a film on other important Negro heroes that history books often ignore, showed the assembly that black people have contributed much not only to American culture but also to world culture.

The last assembly program came on Friday. "Taro, the Japanese Boy," showed of a different way of life in the Orient. In the classrooms, other films were shown throughout the week about people in Guatemala, Puerto Rico, and parts of Europe.

The zenith of Brotherhood Week came, however, on Saturday evening. After many hours of practice, pupils presented an international program, "Come Over to My House," which included costumes and songs from the Orient, Yugoslavia, Russia, Latin America, Germany, the West Indies, and Black America. The final number, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," with pupils joining hands to represent the theme of brotherly love, epitomized the principle pupils were taught every day throughout the week: in spite of different cultures, backgrounds, and races, as God's children, we must learn to love each other and to live together on earth.

> AILSA DEITEMEYER Principal

#### **Guatemala Relief**

Two shipments of clothing and supplies were sent to earthquake victims in Guatemala from the East Coast Depot of SAWS located in Woodside, New York. The first shipment to Guatemala was air freighted from New York three days after the earthquake struck. Workers at the warehouse and volunteers from several churches worked late into the night to load up the trucks to be taken to Kennedy Airport. Shown here, William Ratzel (center), manager of the depot, smiles with relief after the last 125-pound bale is loaded onto the truck. Rudy Horton (left) and Oscar



Salenas (right), who also work at the depot, look on.

The supplies sent included goodquality clothing, various types of blankets, and medical supplies. Reports back from Guatemala indicate that the clothing sent by SAWS was of the best quality and in the best order of any of the sources. This initial relief totaled more than \$250,000 in goods and shipping costs.

> ANN VITOROVICH Communication Director Jackson Heights Church

#### Spanish Youth Rally

The weekend of May 7 and 8 was the date for a special youth rally in the Spanish-speaking churches of Greater New York. Elder L. S. Ranzolin, associate youth leader from the General Conference, was the guest speaker.

The opening service of the rally was held Friday night in the Intervale church. Lester Ortiz led out in a song service. Pastor and Mrs. Jose Taina played the organ and piano and pastor Taina sang a vocal solo.

Conference youth leader, Elder P. J. Salhany, and church pastor, Elder Pedro De Jesus, introduced Elder Ranzolin. He also spoke during the Sabbath morning worship service in Intervale church.

The youth rally expanded on Sabbath and included the Union Square church. Elder Salhany spoke during the morning worship service. Church pastor Elder H. Bustos and local people provided music and other parts of the



Elder L. S. Ranzolin (left) was the guest speaker for the Spanish youth rally that took place in the Intervale and Union Square churches. Seated behind him is Conference youth leader Elder P. J. Salhany and Intervale youth leader Ismael Rodriguez.



Pastor Jose Taina provided part of the special music during the Spanish youth rally.

program. In the afternoon three hundred Spanish young people gathered for the final part of the rally. Pastor Oscar Santa Cruz led out in the musical part of the program and Elder Ranzolin again challenged the youth to live useful lives for Christ. The Royal Singers and Greater New York Academy provided musical numbers. The day ended with the film "Johnny Lingo."

Greater New York Conference Session Highlights



Elder D. H. Baasch (standing, right) gave the devotional message during the Greater New York Conference session. Elder Jorge Grive translated into Spanish. Elder D. J. Sandstrom (left) and Elder J. L. Dittberner (right) are seated.



Elder and Mrs. H. A. Iles (left) were honored by Elder D. J. Sandstrom and Elder A. N. Brogden during the Conference session. Two days after the session the lleses left for Africa to take up work there. Antonio Reyes (right) translated during that part of the program.



During the Conference session Elder and Mrs. Adam Layman (left), who are retiring, were presented a picture in memory of their years of service in Community Services in Greater New York. Elder G. M. Kretschmar, conference lay activities leader, made the presentation.



A musical trio from Greater New York Academy sang during the Conference session. Seated on the platform (left to right), Elder Jorge Grive, Elder H. A. Iles, Elder D. J. Sandstrom, Elder J. L. Dittberner.



## New York

#### **USA News**

Activities at Union Springs Academy are many. A perfect snowfall brought out the creativity of some of the students, by sculpturing Snoopy and his doghouse, school bell, et cetera. The students are very artistic making their own posters for their benefits and helping the academy alumni with their backdrop for Alumni Weekend.

The students are also busy with their touring choir, tumbling, band, and seminar trips this year. Soon school will be over and a seminar group is planning to go out this summer visiting churches as they did last year under the direction of Gene Thomas.



Elder Jere Patzer, Pennsylvania Conference youth leader, guest speaker for the annual spring Week of Prayer at Union Springs Academy. He is the son of recent former New York Conference president A. J. Patzer.

Dr. Lynn Sauls, from Atlantic Union College English department spent the day with the students in an English Workshop.

Graduation is just around the corner, May 28-30. The seniors attended Atlantic Union College Days in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and toured Boston and other historical places in that vicinity. Lori Strong, senior, was awarded two second place prizes in the Atlantic Union College writing contest. One was in poetry, and the other in narrative.

Earth-moving equipment started humming again last week, and some of the students have been out picking rocks on the recreational field. We sincerely hope to have the field ready



Prayer bands meeting in connection with the spring Week of Prayer.



Dr. Lynn Sauls from Atlantic Union College English department, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, holding a workshop with Union Springs Academy students.



Mr. Joseph Hamilton, Union Springs Academy physical education instructor (in wheel), receiving special helps and hints from Nissen Company gymnastic adviser.



"Snoopy" and his doghouse carved from snow by Union Springs Academy students.

and going for activity in the very near future if the weather co-operates and all goes well.

Elder Jere Patzer, of the Pennsylvania Conference youth department, conducted the spring Week of Prayer. All of the meetings were soul-searching and thought-provoking. Some took their stand for the Lord for the first time while many renewed their dedication.

Nissen Gymnastic Company had one of the Saturday night lyceum programs. Mr. Joseph Hamilton, physical education teacher, appears in the picture with the instructors from Nissen. Some of the students participated as well as the instructor. Many delightful lyceum and benefit programs have been held this year. A big thank you to those who came out and supported all these events.

> CAROL HOFFMAN Communication Secretary

#### MISSING

The following individuals are "missing." Anyone who can supply us with an address or any information as to their whereabouts, please send such information to:

New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists P.O. Box 67, Onondaga Branch Syracuse, New York 13215

> Floyd Curtis Harry Webb Curtis Mrs. Ann Love Mrs. Emily Mortindale Mr. Eugene Spencer Mrs. Rua Wellard

> > ROY A.WESSON Secretary-Treasurer New York Conference

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# **New York Conference Camp Meeting**

UNION SPRINGS, NEW YORK

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J Evans Faith for Today

Elder Duncan Eva, Vice-president, General Conference, and Elder D. A. Roth, Associate Secretary, General Conference, will be with us.

Elder J. W. L. Evans, Faith for Today Station Relations Director, will also assist in the camp meeting program.

To top off the spiritual feast, Elder H. M. S. Richards, Jr., Del Delker, and Calvin Taylor from the Voice of Prophecy will be with us.



Del Delker





H. Richards, Jr.



C. Taylor

### Northeastern\_

#### Bronx Youth Week of Prayer Brings Inspiration

As blistered plants look forward to the energizing advent of spring, so has the church anticipated the annual spring Week of Prayer. This spring was no exception as the youth of the Washington Avenue Bronx church planned a spirit-filled Week of Prayer. This event was possibly even more spiritually rewarding than many would anticipate.

Pastor Robert Lister of the Jamaica church was chosen to be the one to convey the spoken word to the 600member congregation. His opening sermon on Sabbath not only brought more awareness of God's goodness but also brought the realization that Jesus prayed for us that we might not be consumed by Satanic forces. In presenting his subject "The Devil's Pancake," Pastor Lister reminded the congregation that the devil would desire to sift the Christians like wheat.

Throughout the series, each night provided a new feature as the prayer scroll and several individual prayer requests were presented before the Lord. Despite illness, which necessitated the emergence of substitute



Pastor Lister spoke during the Week of Prayer.



Prayer scroll was unfolded while William Fonville prayed. Zen Brett, standing far left, youth leader Beverly Johnson at right, and Audrey Nichols at the piano.

preachers, Shawn Todd and Bill Morgan of the Jamaica church and Pastor Willis Reed of the Gordon Heights church ou Sunday, Monday, and Tucsday nights, Pastor Lister was able to conclude his visit on Friday evening with the thought that youth are homeward bound.

Jerome James, church pastor, brought the week's celebration to a close on Sabbath as he pointed out that the sin of pride is not only debasing but destructive to the church and robs the individual of close communion with God.

The overflow congregation, which resulted from the temporary merging of the youth and adult congregations, brought many blessings even if some slight discomfort may have been experienced due to lack of space.

In her first year as MV leader, Beverly Johnson, along with her council, should be commended for the painstaking and efficient manner in which the week of spiritual emphasis was executed. Many eyes were opened, many wounds healed, and many lips received new songs as many found a deeper revelation of Jesus Christ.

Raymond McKinnon was musical director with Audrey Nichols as pianist. Various musical talents were unearthed as each night provided many musical features.

The church has extended an invitation to Pastor and Mrs. Lister to come again.

> J. B. BROWN Communication Secretary

#### Bronx-Washington Avenue Church Shows Progress

Despite many recurring problems and the ever-present financial crisis, the Washington Avenue Bronx church is preparing for a massive assault on the forces of darkness for 1976.

The emphasis on cohesiveness has already begun to generate results as each department of the church presented an outline of its aims and objectives at the beginning of the year. These objectives are reviewed each month at the board meetings and business meetings.

The community services department, led by Mrs. Mavis Blair, has planned many stimulating activities to provide not only relief to the distressed but also provide preventive measures which will inevitably prolong life and improve individual spirituality.

The lay activities department has developed a strong missionary outreach program which, if properly executed, will bring success. The Sabbath school department should not only bring in more souls as a result of Branch Sabbath Schools but also add a massive thrust to overall evangelism. Mission funds have been given added emphasis and overall improvement has been shown by the various divisions of the Sabbath school. The last thirteenth Sabbath offering witnessed an appreci-



Kindergarten Division helps promote Investment. Beatrice Smith is division leader.



Primary Division presents 13th Sabbath program. Etta Marshall is division leader.

able increase over the past quarter. The Investment offering is gaining much strength under the promotion of Mrs. Alice Solomon. The stewardship department, under the leadership of Richard Streeter, is gaining impetus as each week the committee meets and develops strategy for the advancement of the work involving all elements of the church.

The music department continues to show improvement and provide inspiration. The youth and pathfinder departments continue to hold a prominent place in the church organization. The physical structure of the plant is constantly being refurbished and plans are currently being laid for further extensive repairs to the interior.

The youth church under the leadership of youth elders Mungin and Streeter, has experienced stability and spiritual growth. Plans laid for church growth will enhance and deepen our spiritual connection with God and will hasten the completion of the gospel.

> J. B. BROWN Communication Secretary

#### **Favorite Son Returns**

Gordon Heights church first Deacon and Deaconess Day, Sabbath, February 28, was family reunion day also for Raymond Saunders, New Rochelle church pastor. Pastor Saunders helped to build the Gordon Heights church over five years ago.

Accompanied by his wife Ruth and children Darlene, Deidre, Nathaniel, Mark, and Mike, Pastor Saunders was able to look at the proud, smiling faces of his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders, Sr.; his father- and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin; his brother, Shirley Saunders,



James Spence, Sabbath school superintendent, greets Pastor Raymond Saunders on Deacons and Deaconesses Day at Gordon Heights church.

and a host of other family members. Pastor Saunders was home.

His message—"Is There Any Word?" —taken from Malachi, first chapter, had everyone talking about Jesus throughout the fellowship luncheon and the Power Hour which followed.

Roll call came during the Power Hour and the following churches answered: Corona, Bethesda, Ebenezer, Lebanon, New Rochelle, and Faith Baptist.

May we all be determined to serve the Master until we inhabit the earth made new.

> JAMES S. SPENCE Press Secretary

#### Action in New Haven Area

The Mount Zion Church, Hamden, Connecticut, is the center of action in the New Haven area. Under the leadership of Elder Sebert Anderson, Mount Zion has had a spiritual awakening within the church and its community.

Samuel Franklin and Robert Storey have organized some of the members who contribute funds for the needy. Each Sabbath following the worship hour these brothers and sisters make their contributions. On the second Sunday of March over twenty-five food baskets were distributed among needy church members and the community.

Ralph Peay, youth director, Northeastern Conference, conducted an inspiring Week of Prayer, March 20-27, assisted by Sebert Anderson, pastor, and Donna Brandon, newly elected MV leader. Following each night's meetings informal rap sessions were held. Counsel and good Christian advice were given by Elder Peay.

The community service department, under the leadership of Murial Taylor, will be offering free sewing classes at Mount Zion's Community Service Center, 256 Shelton Avenue, every third and fourth Sunday each month. Classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Center will give clothing away also, Monday through Wednesday each month.

The lay activities department, under the leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Sims, is conducting the Twentieth Century Bible Course at the Community Service Center. The course began March 29 and will be held each subsequent Monday evening from 7:30 to 8:30. Some of the instructors are Sebert Anderson, Samuel Franklin, and Sylvester Wright.

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It is refreshing to see young people like Wayne Jones, Philip Moore, Paul Blackmon, Melonie Williams, and Sheila Moore visiting the sick and lonely each Sabbath afternoon. Several other prayer bands meet and pray for the church and the community before making their weekly visitations.

Mount Zion members have made commitments to the spreading of the Third Angel's Message and the hastening of the Second Coming of Christ through the services to God and our Community.

> AUBREY E. TOMPKINS Press Secretary

### A Snapshot Of How Life Looks To A Blind Child!



Special Church Offering Sabbath, July 10,



#### Pine Tree Academy Alumni

Includes the *new* Pine Tree Academy

- PLACE: P.T.A. Library on Campgrounds
- TIME: 1:15 p.m., Sunday, June 20, 1976
- WHO COMES? Students and teachers of our present school and former P.T.A.

As we reminisce and merge with these fine young folks, we will catch their enthusiasm and enjoy our beloved academy. They need our help! And we need theirs!

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## Southern New England

### Servicemen's Literature Offering June 19, 1976

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Presently, the General Conference policy through the youth department's National Service Organization provides literature—Review and Herald, Insight, Listen, Message, These Times, and Senior Sabbath School Quarterly to all Seventh-day Adventist youth in the Armed Forces. Subsidies are given to help them obtain books and records from the ABC's and upon request \$10 worth of missionary literature is supplied to each serviceman.

There are 800 SDA youth on the current mailing list, and we know there are many more who are not getting the literature. Today, the job market and educational costs are causing our SDA youth to think seriously of joining a branch of the Armed Forces. They receive pay and education. Many fellows and girls are joining, then running into serious problems. The Youth Director and Chap-



THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA June 6 – July 4

MFI CONVENTION THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA June 18 – 20

We need a lot of skilled and unskilled personnel on the above project, and would like to encourage all of you to help us on this project, even if you can only come a few days. We would also like to urge ALL of you to attend our first MFI Convention as we are planning a tremendous spiritual weekend for you. Please let us know immediately the dates you will be attending the project and/or MFI Convention. For more information contact Maranatha Flights International. Box A, Berrien Springs, Mich. 49103 (616) 471-3961.

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lains are there to give help. Our Youth need your prayers and those in the service need our truth-filled literature to endeavor to keep them close to the church and its activities. The servicemen await the literature each month. Please don't disappoint them. June 19 is the date; \$100,000 is the North American goal. Give liberally to our servicemen's offering. C. C. CASE Youth Director

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H. M. S. Richards Voice of Prophecy Speaker



N. R. Dower Ministerial Secretary

# One Last Call

## Come to the Southern New England Camp Meeting June 18 through 26

The 1976 Camp Meeting will be held June 18 to 26 at the South Lancaster campgrounds and promises to be another spiritual feast. If you have been wondering whether you should come or not, do not procrastinate any longer. Plan to come and attend as many of the meetings as possible.

There will be many interesting features. Committees are working hard to plan programs that will be of lasting value to those in attendance. Well-known denominational leaders are scheduled to speak throughout the week. Old friends will be there to encourage one another. The important thing is for you to be there to receive the blessings in store for all who come.

Camp meeting is traditional for Adventists through and through. It reaches back to the William Miller days and from that time until now has been a blessing to God's people. See you at Camp Meeting.



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## DAILY PROGRAM

Opening Meeting, June 18, 7:30 p.m.-C. L. Brooks/Youth Meeting-Pioneer Valley Academy

TIME	SABBATH June 19	SUNDAY June 20	MONDAY June 21	TUESDAY June 22	WEDNESDAY June 23	THURSDAY June 24	FRIDAY June 25	SABBATH June 26	
6:45- 7:30	D. Burgeson	L. Kretz	A. Schnell	J. L. Dittberner	W. Dudgeon	W. Willey	M. Thames	A. Brogden	
<b>8</b> :30- <b>9</b> :30	9:00-10:30 9:00-10:00 BOOK SALE FAMILY DEVOTIONS & MINISTERIAL MEETINGS Sabbath School Spanish Bldg								
10:15-11:30	10:45-12:00 J. B. Youngberg	Dr. W. Ost	D. Johnson	Duncan- Paulsons	N. R. Dower	N. R. Dower	D. Johnson	10:45-12:00 N. R. Dower	
10:15-11:30 Youth	D. McCune	Bicentennial Activities	D. Taylor	W. Willey	R. Tibbits	C. Case	J. Knobloch	J. B. Youngberg	
2:00- 3:00	2:30-4:00	2:30-4:00	J. B. Youngberg	J. B. Youngberg	J. B. Youngberg	J. B. Youngberg	J. B. Youngberg	2:30-4:00 President's	
4:00- 5:00	Evangelism M. Finley	Happy Birthday America	Study Hour Classes	Study Hour Classes	Study Hour Classes	Study Hour Classes	Study Hour Classes	Hour	
<b>7:30- 9:</b> 30	C. L. Brooks	H. M. S. Richards, Sr.	C. L. Brooks	C. L. Brooks	Duncan- Paulsons	N. R. Dower	7:15 Ordination 8:00 N. R. Dower	N. R. Dower	
7:30- 9:30 Youth	This Is My Country	C. L. Brooks	AUC Vanguards	J. B. & M. Youngberg	Greater Boston Academy	J. B. & M. Youngberg	South Lancaster Academy	New Life Singers	

Spanish Services listed in separate Schedule at Reception Desk

#### WELCOME TO SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND 1976 CAMP MEETING



#### Moore Accepts New Position



T. O. Moore, administrator of the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts, is putting his affairs in order preparatory to acceptance of a newly created position with the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Ad-

ventists, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, leaving the hospital, where he has worked for nearly twenty years.

Moore leaves to direct the formation of the new Northeast Adventist Health Services (NAHS), where he will be filling the position of executive director. The NAHS is designed to furnish management and administrative services to all of the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) health-care institutions (hospitals and nursing homes) in the area of New England and the state of New York. Moore's is a heavy responsibility which encompasses the design of systems to accomplish objectives such as pooled purchasing, shared services, personnel recruitment, interpretation of governmental regulation, and professional consultation to member institutions.

He will endeavor to strengthen, through evaluation and co-ordination, the goals, objectives, and programs unique to the Seventh-day Adventist health ministry among the established institutions, and will also assist in launching new programs and new facilities to accomplish these goals.

Having been employed in various capacities at NEMH for a number of years, Moore left the hospital, but returned in 1957 to very capably carry the positions of patients' business manager, personnel director, purchasing agent, assistant administrator, associate administrator, and, presently, administrator.

During his administration he has guided the hospital through the completion of its \$101/2-million major rebuilding program and the current complicated governmental regulations, and has established new programs. projects, and services for successful and effective health-care in the area served by the hospital. He has strongly advocated a community outreach of health services and education to promote health maintenance and keep persons out of the hospital. As a result, the hospital (and its influence) enjoys the admiration of the community.

Moore earned his B.S. degree at Northeastern University, Boston, and his M.B.A. degree at Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. He is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators, and an active member of numerous local, regional, and national Boards of Trustees, in both the fields of health-care and education. His active role in the day-to-day operation of NEMH and membership on the many committees and Boards will be sorely missed. He will continue to have contact with the hospital and the area through his larger scope of responsibilities as executive director of the NAHS. The new position will be effective June 1, 1976.

#### New Administrator Appointed for New England Memorial Hospital

E. L. Wall, formerly associate administrator of the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Massachusetts, was introduced by J. L. Dittberner, chairman of the Board of Trustees, as the unanimous



choice of the Board to be the new administrator of the hospital.

Wall assumes his new position with good qualifications, having served at NEMH since 1967 as co-ordinator of unit management, then as associate administrator since 1970. He exercised

Mr. Wall is a native of Louisiana. where he attended high school in Springfield, and majored in business administration at Southeastern Louisiana College. During World War II he served as personnel officer with the Third Armored Division. In 1963 he left a private business to accept the appointment as administrator of the Geer Memorial Hospital. Canaan. Connecticut, then in mid 1965 administrator of the new Bates Memorial Hospital, Yonkers, New York, This hospital was subsequently taken over by the State as a Drug Control Center, and Wall was then invited to join NEMH (1967).

Boating is his favorite relaxation and hobby. He built a cabin cruiser, which his wife Nancy and their family enjoy each summer. Nancy is the supervisor in the hematology laboratory; son Rick is employed in respiratory therapy (and his wife Debbie works in medical records—they're proud parents of Natasha); son Terry works in the X-ray department; Kevin is a student at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster; and Lisa is a senior at Greater Boston Academy.

In making the announcement, Dittberner lauded the accomplishments of T. O. Moore, immediate past administrator, and expressed his appreciation that the hospital already has an administrative person with the qualifications necessary for the post of chief Administrator. Wall's appointment will lend continuity to existing and new programs already being planned.

A new associate administrator will be selected in the near future.

#### New Cardiac Monitor-Defibrillator in Emergency Room at NEMH

The Emergency Room at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, recently acquired a new cardiac monitor-defibrillator, which is the most sophisticated model on today's market.

The new device will not only monitor the rate of heartbeat and defibrillate the heart but also will record the rhythm and cardio-vert an irregular heartbeat back to normal. The monitor-defibrillator also has an automatic alarm system which is activated whenever any drastic rate change occurs. This drastic change is also recorded automatically and is available for study indefinitely.

The unit which is being replaced will be kept in the emergency room as a back-up and will also serve as a portable which can be used elsewhere in the hospital.

According to David Faber, M.D., Chief of the emergency room staff, the new monitor-defibrillator will make the emergency room an accessory to the coronary care unit.

In explaining the capabilities of the equipment, Dr. Faber pointed out the timing regulator for defibrillation. "The shock must be administered to a patient at a specific moment when the rhythm is at peak. The new defibrillator times the shock delivery automatically," he said.

All emergency room personnel were trained to use the new machine prior to its arrival. Their instruction included a schedule for checking the machine three times daily (at the beginning of each shift) to be sure it is always ready for immediate use. It will be used on all heart attack or suspected heart attack patients as the most accurate "tool" available for diagnosing and administering emergency treatment.

The monitor-defibrillator was purchased by the hospital and the medical staff, with the staff contributing over one-third of the purchase price.

The emergency room at NEMH, which serviced more than 28,000 patients during 1975, is fully staffed twenty-four hours a day with at least one physician on duty at all times and double coverage during peak hours



Dorothy Black, R.N., and David Faber, M.D., make a periodic check of the new cardiac monitor-defibrillator in the emergency room at the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham.

(most Wednesdays, holidays, weekends, et cetera). During the summer months there will be double coverage from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. everyday as summer is a time when outdoor accidents, especially for children, are at a peak. There is also a shortage of physicians during the summer months due to vacations and people must use hospital emergency rooms as an alternative.



Barber - Ford

Daryl Anne Barber, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Barber of Topsham, Maine, became the bride of Danny Bryan Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Ford of Greenwich, New York, at a 3:00 p.m. ceremony on November 9, 1975, at the Brunswick Seventh-day Adventist church. Pastor Paul Kline, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony.

Both the bride and groom attended Atlantic Union College. Following a wedding trip to Canada, they have made their home in Cambridge, New York. Danny is employed by his father in farming and Daryl is working as a registered nurse.

[Wedding notice just received.—EDITOR]

#### Bohnert - Runnals

Melody Anne Bohnert, daughter of Harold and Elizabeth Bohnert, Morris, Pennsylvania, and Edward Richard Runnals, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Runnals, Wilmington, Massachusetts, were united in marriage December 31, 1975.

The ceremony was conducted in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roupp, Liberty, Pennsylvania, with Pastor George Niles, officiating.

Melody is a graduate of Union Springs Academy, New York, and Edward attended Southern Missionary College, Collegedale, Tennessee.

[Wedding notice just received—Editor]

#### Costa - Johnson

Sharon Costa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Costa of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and Malcolm Johnson, son of Elder and Mrs. W. H. Johnson of Lincoln, Rhode Island, were united in marriage on December 21, 1975, in the Taunton church. The falling snow added its beauty to the beautiful ceremony as the couple pledged their love one for the other. Many friends and loved ones came from near and far to witness the establishment of this Christian home.

Following the service, which was conducted by the groom's father, Sharon and Malcolm left for a wedding trip to Maine.

As this new home has been established, it is our prayer that it will be a blessing to all whose lives it will touch.

W. J. JOHNSON, Pastor [Wedding notice just received—Editor]

#### Douglas - Smead

Terrill Douglas, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Douglas of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Donald Smead, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smead of Putney, Vermont, were united in marriage on August 17, 1975, in the Berkshire Hills church with Elder Robert Farley performing the ceremony.

Terrill is a graduate of Pioneer Valley Academy and the nursing program at Atlantic Union College. She is now working as an R.N. at Worcester Memorial Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Donald, also a graduate of Pioneer Valley Academy, is now a senior at Atlantic Union College, graduating with a B.S. degree in physical education. They are living in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

#### Goodwin - Dingman

Susan Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodwin, of Burlington, Massachusetts, and Harold Dingman, of Sutton, Quebec, were united in marriage at the New England Memorial Church, Stoneham, Massachusetts, on June 15, 1975, by Elder Arnold Swanson.

A reception, attended by a large number of family and friends, was held at the Greater Boston Academy gymnasium following the ceremony.

Susan and Harold were students at Atlantic Union College during the 1975-76 school year, where both were members of the Senior class. Following their graduation in May, 1976, they will enter denominational work in the Quebec Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Harold is an Elementary Education major and will begin teaching immediately upon graduation. Susan graduated with majors in Nursing and in French.

[Wedding notice just received-Editor]

CHURCHILL—Mrs. Minnie A. Churchill, 81, a member of the Woodstock church for many years, passed away February 25, 1976, at the North Conway, New Hampshire, hospital.

Sister Churchill was born in Greenwood, Maine, on September 13, 1894, and lived in this area all her life. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, and 21 grandchildren.

Sister Churchill awaits the call of the Life-giver on the great resurrection morning.

W. W. MENSHAUSEN

CLIFF—Mrs. Charlotte Cliff of 30 South Stevens Street feel asleep in Jesus February 22, 1976, at her home in Boston. She was a faithful member of the Bradford church for many years, and was loved by all the members.

She is survived by a son with whom she made her home in her last years, Mr. Melvin Peabody of Boston,

The funeral was held from Dole and Childs Funeral Home in Haverhill. Burial was in the Main Street Cemetery, Rowley, Massachusetts, where she awaits the call of her Life-giver.

MRS. ALICE HUEBNER, Press Secretary

SILVA—Albert Manuel Silva, 82, of 26 County Road, Mansfield, Massachusetts, died July 9, 1975, at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro. He was the husband of Mrs. Mary (Rugg) Silva. Born in Cape Verde Island, Portugal, he came to the United States in 1919 aboard a whaling ship. He had resided in Mansfield for the past 55 years where he was an employee of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company.

He joined the Foxboro church on January 6, 1951, and was a kind, loving, devoted Christian who was well admired by his neighbors and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his grandson, Reece Edwards, of Brighton, and a great-grandson in Dorchester.

Funeral services were held at the Foxboro church on July 11, with committal and interment in Spring Brook Cemetery in Mansfield where he awaits the call of Jesus at the resurrection.

PAUL B. PETERSON, Pastor [Obituary notice just received—Editor]

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#### Sunset Table

#### Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Bangor, Maine	8:16	8:21	8:23	8:24
Portland, Maine	8:18	8:22	8:25	8:25
Boston, Mass.	8:17	8:21	8:24	8:24
So. Lancaster, Mass.	8:19	8:24	8:26	8:26
Pittsfield, Mass.	8:26	8:30	8:33	8:33
Hartford, Conn.	8:21	8:25	8:28	8:28
New York, N.Y.	8:23	8:27	8:30	8:30
Utica, N.Y.	8:36	8:40	8:43	8:43
Syracuse, N.Y.	8:39	8:44	8:46	8:47
Rochester, N.Y.	8:46	8:50	8:53	8:53
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:50	8:54	8:57	8:57
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	7:23	7:26	7:28	7:28

Add one minute for each thirteen miles west. Subtractone minute for each thirteen miles east.

#### I REMEMBER MY FATHER'S PRAYERS

By J. L. DITTBERNER, President Atlantic Union Conference



On my way out to meetings on the West Coast, it was my privilege to visit my ninety-year-old Mother on this recent Mother's Day. It also gave me occasion to stop by the home farm where I was raised. Memories take one back to many pleasant experiences. Since Father's Day was approaching, I thought of my Dad and his Christian influence on the family as well as the neighbors and the church. He was an

honest, hard-working man. He had the respect of his neighbors and church members. My Dad was a *real* Christian and exhibited the beautiful patient faith of one who trusts God. One thing that stands out in my mental memory book in large print are my father's prayers. I think back to one of my visits home when both parents were still active, although well into their retirement. . . .

It was one of those gorgeous Minnesota autumn mornings. The sky was clear, and the early morning sun was shining brightly through the kitchen window of my parents' farm home. We had finished a good breakfast of oatmeal, home-canned raspberries, and some of Mother's good coffee cake with a crisp crust and plenty of raisins.

My father left the table and came back with the morning devotional booklet. He handed it to me, and I read about God's care for His people with the assurance that He "never slumbers or sleeps" but is always aware of our needs and is listening for our call. Then we knelt around the kitchen table and my father prayed. He was just a little slower getting to his knees, as eighty-three years had stiffened the joints a bit. As he prayed, his voice was not as loud as it used to be, but it was firm and confident. He thanked God for His goodness, for temporal blessings, including home, the night's rest, food, and clothing. He gave thanks for the "truth" and for being called into this "marvelous light." Then he prayed for others. By name he mentioned one of the sisters in the church who was ill, and another family of friends was included. He prayed for sister Emma, Marie, and then asked that the Lord would give "mamo dear" a good day. The Lord's work was mentioned as well as the conference leadership and the pastor of his church. Then he included the General Conference president, all the ministers, and those who travel. An appeal to God was made that "we may all do our little part to help finish the work." His prayer closed as he committed himself and all members of the family into God's keeping for the day.

This is the way every day began in my parents' home for as long as I can remember. During the years of youth, family devotions may seem only a routine spiritual exercise. But when you think of it, there is much comfort and assurance in giving yourself into God's hands for His protection and direction during the day. There is also a great deal of encouragement in knowing that others are praying for you and God's work. In writing to the church in Colosse, the apostle Paul said: "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, praving always for you," Colossians 1:3. It should be a comfort to everyone in the Atlantic Union to know that someone is praying for you. Your pastor and conference leaders pray for you. Fellow church members are praying for you. So take courage and press op

It wasn't only at morning and evening worship that I heard my father pray. He prayed at the table thanking God for the food; as local elder in the church, he prayed for the congregation; he prayed for the sick when visiting the hospital and for those in need. Then if there was an emergency, he prayed for divine help. If a storm was brewing and the crops were threatened, Dad would call the family around the kitchen table and pray for protection. He would tell the Lord that the family had been faithful in their tithes and offerings and would remind the Lord of His promise to "rebuke the devourer." The Lord heard his prayers—we never lost a crop!

He didn't pray only with the family around the kitchen table. I remember going out into the woods early one morning to bring in the cows for milking. I was going to surprise Dad and beat him to this morning task. But he was already out there. I saw him from a distance kneeling on the dew-soaked grass, having his morning talk with God. Quietly I slipped back to the house. He didn't know I was there to see him pray—but I remember; yes, I remember my father's prayers.